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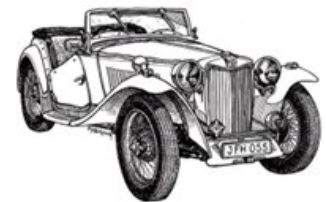


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- **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
  - [Club Summer Picnic Day](#)
- **July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
  - [Ottawa All British Car Day](#)
- **July 17, 2022**
  - [Brits-In-The-Park Annual Gathering](#)
- **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
  - [OMGC Barbeque](#)
  - [July Monthly Meeting](#) will be held at the barbeque
- **August 7, 2022**
  - [OMGC Summer Drive to Athens](#)
- **August 18, 2022**
  - [Monthly Meeting at Big Bite Bistro](#)
- **August 20, 2022**
  - [OMGC Drive In Movie Night](#)



## OMGC Executive Team and their MGs

	<b>Mike Westland</b> OMGC President <a href="mailto:president@omgc.info">president@omgc.info</a> Member Since 2010	1974 MGB 1970 MGB0-GT 1967 MGB-GT-Special	Acts as CEO of the Club. Presides over all meetings. Ensures relationships are maintained with other clubs, national and international MG Registers, groups, and resources.
	<b>J-P Lacroix</b> Vice-President <a href="mailto:vicepresident@omgc.info">vicepresident@omgc.info</a>	1969 MGB-GT 1969 MG Midget	Assumes responsibilities of the President in his/her absence. Arranges monthly meeting locations. Posts driving routes on the website.
	<b>Len Fortin</b> Webmaster <a href="mailto:webbie@omgc.info">webbie@omgc.info</a> Member Since 1990	1960 MGA 1977 MGB 1973 MGB	Maintains the website and ensures the Club calendar is up to date. Dispatches broadcasts as necessary, in conjunction with the Comms Director.
	<b>Trish Adams</b> Club Regalia <a href="mailto:regalia@omgc.info">regalia@omgc.info</a> Member Since 2008	1970 MGB 1973 MGB-GT	Manages the sale, ordering and delivery of Club regalia items.
	<b>Jeff Cohen</b> Treasurer <a href="mailto:treasurer@omgc.info">treasurer@omgc.info</a> Member Since 2014	1970 MGB 1977 MG Midget	Manages/maintains the Club's financial records. Posts quarterly reports on the website.
	<b>Julie Westland</b> Membership <a href="mailto:membership@omgc.info">membership@omgc.info</a> Member Since 2010	1974 MGB 1970 MGB0-GT 1967 MGB-GT-Special	Manages/maintains the Club's Membership database. Provides new members with welcome/orientation package. Coordinates distribution of Club calendar to renewing and new members.
	<b>Mike Price</b> Technical Director <a href="mailto:technical@omgc.info">technical@omgc.info</a> Member Since 1987	1969 MGC-GT and a 1974 MGB	Coordinates meetings/sessions with facilities and capable members to address MG issues of a technical nature. Liaises with related businesses/skilled resources.

## Year 2022 Planned Club Events

Len Fortin supplied us with the following highlights for 2022. For further information about any of these events, consult the club's website at <http://www.omgc.info/>

### Ottawa MG Club Event Calendar 2022

#### July 2022

- 9 OMGC Picnic - Brian Swan & Sheila Silver
- 16 ABCD Ottawa - Mike Solonyanko (OVTC)
- 29 Glengarry Highland Games/Car Show
- 30 OMGC BBQ - JP Lacroix & Diane Bonin

#### August 2022

- 7 OMGC Summer Drive To Athens - Daryl & Dorothy Wade
- 14 Boot'n'Bonnet All British Car Day - BnBABCC
- 20 OMGC Drive-In Movie - Trish Adams

#### September 2022

- 9/11 British Invasion Stowe, - VT British Invasion Inc
- 16/18 Discover Waupoos Weekend - Martin Handforth
- 18 Bronte Creek Car Show TTC
- 25 Merrickville European Classic Car Show - Trish Adams/Barry Phillips

#### October 2022

- 2 OMGC Fall Colour Run - Jordan Jones & Sarah Arscott

#### November 2022

- 27 OMGC All British Car Club Trivia Challenge - Trish Adams

#### December 2022

- 3 OMGC Christmas Party at Britannia Yacht Club - JP Lacroix & BYC



## Other Local Events

### August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Weather Permitting)

- **Barrhaven 4th Annual Classic Car Show**

Location: Clarke Fields, 93 Houlahan St, Barrhaven, ON K2J 3Y7

\$10 per Show Car, Dash Plaques for first 150 vehicles

Food Trucks, Vendors & Live Music - Complete our Car Quiz for a chance to win a prize.

50/50 Draw - Kids Fun Area

For more info contact Keith @ 613-825-4736 or email [r.k.goebel@outlook.com](mailto:r.k.goebel@outlook.com)

Check Facebook for updates: Barrhaven-Classic-Car-Show - Proceeds to CHEO Foundation

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.**

- **Merrickville Classic Car Show (Not to be confused with Merrickville European in September)**

At the Fairgrounds – 106 Read St., Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Show car adm: \$10 - Public FREE

Music, food, door prizes, 50/50 draw, group parking

Email Doug: [classic@magma.ca](mailto:classic@magma.ca)

Website info at: [www.antique-shows.ca](http://www.antique-shows.ca)

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**Every Monday Starting May 23, 2022 - 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.**

- **Cruise Night – Sponsored by Hagerty Business Insurance**

Antrim Truck Stop, 580 White Lake Rd, Arnprior, ON K7S 3G9

50/50 draw—Door Prizes.

All proceeds to Seniors at Home - Restaurant open—Restrooms available

For more info, please contact Brian at 613-355-5878 or e-mail [grandpagunn@gmail.com](mailto:grandpagunn@gmail.com)

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**Every Wednesday Starting May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, until September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 5:30 P.M. to Dusk**

- **Carleton Place Cruise Night**

Independent Grocer/Canadian Tire Parking Lot, 455 McNeely Avenue, Carleton Place, Ontario.

Classic Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles – All Welcome

50/50 Draw, Music, Door Prizes, FUN.

For Info, contact Jeff Shoots at 613-222-3778 or [my68lark@rogers.com](mailto:my68lark@rogers.com)

Check Facebook for updates: CarletonPlaceCruiseNight

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**Every Thursday Starting May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, until Fall – 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

- **Smith Falls Cruise In**

Settlers Ridge Mall, 275 Brockville Street (County Rd 29), Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4Z6

Door Prizes – 50/50 Draw

Contact: Greg Aspek at [gregoryaspek@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryaspek@gmail.com) or 613-430-0023.

Check Facebook for updates: [Smiths Falls Cruise In](#)

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**Every Friday Starting May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. until Dusk**

- **Kemptville Cruise Nights (Hwy43 Club)**

Food Basics Parking Lot – 2615 County Rd 43, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0

For more info contact Mike Lecuyer: Phone 613-774-5415 or email

[Mike@Hwy43CarClub.com](mailto:Mike@Hwy43CarClub.com)

You can also contact Kevan Whittaker: Phone 613-258-7538 or email

[Kevan@Hwy43CarClub.com](mailto:Kevan@Hwy43CarClub.com)

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## OMGC Members at Doors Open Ottawa event at Earnscliffe House

By Katie Wood, Member OMGC

You couldn't have asked for a better day, sunny but not too hot, nor a better venue. Earnscliffe House, the last home of Sir John A. Macdonald, has stood on Sussex Drive since 1855. It stands amongst tall trees and fine gardens, commanding perfect views of the Ottawa river and the wooded hills beyond. This lovely house is one of Ottawa's historic treasures, and since the 1930's, it has been the residence of the British High Commissioner. On Saturday 4th June, Earnscliffe was opened to the public as part of the ever popular Open Doors Ottawa event, and throughout the day thousands of people queued to see it. This was a special occasion as it coincided with the weekend of celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the British High Commission threw a party, which made it even more memorable.



British car clubs in the area were asked to participate so that the otherwise small empty parking lot, running alongside the entrance to Earnscliffe House, could be filled with mainly vintage British cars, giving people waiting in line something interesting to look at. The Ottawa MG, Triumph, Lotus and Jaguar clubs all responded, bringing cars which covered the whole of the Queen's 70 year reign. The oldest cars were two MG TD's and a TF, with MG Midget and MGB GT V8, joining Triumph TR4 and Lotus Elan, and more recent Jaguar marks. The lineup was brought up to date with the hybrid Range Rover, and Jaguar's all electric SUV.



Most of the British car owners probably weren't sure how the day would progress, but it started brilliantly with a private tour of the house and refreshments in the gardens. By 10am owners were standing by their cars waiting to see what would happen. What I don't think we expected was the parking lot party which unfolded during the day. Music from a live band in the grounds of Earnscliffe drifted across to us, and as people began to emerge after their visit, our lineup was suddenly inundated with curious, enthusiastic visitors, many with memories of British sports cars once owned by their parents, or former owners regretting they had sold them. Being close to such a lineup of vintage sports cars was a new experience for many visitors, and the usual reaction was "Oh wow! What is it? How old is it? Did you actually drive it here?" "Isn't it hard to get spares?", followed by paparazzi-like photography of the car, or more usually loved ones, posing by it.



It was the children who were most curious, and during the day, the owners, where possible, let countless wide-eyed kids sit behind the wheel for a memorable photograph. They were not alone – equally wide-eyed and smiling Dads asked if they could also sit inside. Not to be outdone, ladies dressed for the occasion in summer dresses and hats fit for a Royal Garden Party, took their place behind the wheel, iPhone cameras clicking. Young people – tomorrow's generation of vintage car owners – were amazed and delighted to be

allowed so close to them. For many it was a completely new experience.

Queueing for lunch in Earnscliffe's grounds meant some people, including MG owners, passed the time dancing in the lineup to the British rock music of the band. Returning to your beloved MG on a fine summer day, eating fish and chips to the accompaniment of live music, surrounded by happy Ottawans, glad to be out after Covid lockdown, was priceless!

At 4pm, it was all over, but there were lasting legacies of the day; the pleasure of giving so many people an unexpected new experience of what we in the MG Club, and those of the other clubs perhaps take for granted: that simple joy of a car built and maintained for fun and shared with our friends. There was also the friendships we renewed with other clubs, and the suggestion that we should get together in small groups and go out on short runs together.



The Queen had said she hoped her Jubilee would bring many happy memories, and from along the row of British cars, we can say that was definitely true.





## John Twist – Technical Session

By Peter Sanderson

Thank you, Jennifer Steeves, for all the wonderful pictures you submitted.

For those members who attended this session, please feel free to submit an article letting us know what you learned and what you will put into practice. Also tell us what you thought of the session overall.

For me, I went home and did the complete tune up from start to finish. I had attempted that last year and at the start of this year but following John's recommended steps in sequence and taking care to be consistent really helped. My MG is purring like a kitten. One thing I learned about was a speed wrench. I purchased one from Amazon and put it to use removing my plugs.



Look at some of the pictures submitted...





## VARAC Historic Grand Prix at Mosport 2022

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## MG 2022

Thank you, Jennifer Steeves, for all the wonderful pictures you submitted.

For those members who attended MG 2022, please feel free to submit an article letting us know your experiences. Tell new members what it is like to attend such an event.



SEND YOUR ARTICLE TO  
[newsletter@omgc.info](mailto:newsletter@omgc.info)



## NAMGBR MG2022 Convention Report

By: Todd Steeves, OMGC Representative for NAMGBR

Hello fellow MG enthusiasts, during the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> the annual NAMGBR convention was held in Peterborough, Ontario. This marked the 30th anniversary of NAMGBR and the return to Peterborough where the very first convention was held and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MG. The theme this year was "The Next Generation" and was hosted by the MG Car Club of Toronto.

The event was attended by fellow MG owners from Canada and the US from places as far away as BC, Alberta, Arizona, and Florida. A good number of attendees were there 30 years ago including our own club members Mary Atwell, Deb and Len Fortin, Mike Price and Dennis Campbell. Overall, approximately 37 of our Club members were in attendance.



There were many beautiful cars representing all the MG types of the NAMGBR family from 1962 MGB's to the post Abingdon RV8 and MGF/TF's, over 200 cars. I am pleased to say that the Ottawa MG Club made a very successful showing at the Wednesdays car show bringing home 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in several classes.

I would like to congratulate the following members.

- Jen Steeves 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 1, 1962-1965 MGB Pull handle
- Martin Handforth 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Class 2, 1965-1967 MGB
- Andrew Penny 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 3, 1968-1969 MGB Chrome Grill
- Trish Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Class 4, 1970-1972 MGB Recessed Grill
- Todd Steeves 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Class 7, 1977-1978 early MGB
- Geoffrey Dix 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 10, 1965-1971 MGB GT Chrome Bumper, non vented dash
- Paul MacDonald 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 15, Midget/Sprite 1961 -1974 Chrome Bumper, Square Body
- Jordan Jones 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 20, Modern MG post Abingdon with his RV8

Other awards captured by our Club members were.

- Len Fortin for valve cover races
- Andrew and Monica Penny 1<sup>st</sup> place Funkhana
- Tony Edge and Bonnie Porteous 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Funkhana

Right from the registration and meet and greet on Sunday until the final pancake breakfast hosted by the Calgary MG Club the hours were filled with many different events including a Funkhana put on by the Ottawa MG Club, Technical sessions, scenic drives to popular local attractions, a boat cruise through the famous Peterborough lift lock as well as non car related sessions and of course meeting up with old friends and making some new ones.

A huge thank you to Len and Deb Fortin and his team of volunteers for running this year's Funkhana. So where to next? The home of bucking broncos and covered wagon races, Calgary Alberta, that's where. The Calgary MG Car Club will be hosting MG2023 next year from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of July Immediately after the Calgary stampede. Registration opens December 1<sup>st</sup>. So, grab a cowboy hat, let out a yeeha and let's get our ponies ready to ride.



Watch this link for details of this upcoming event. <https://mg2023.regfox.com/register>



## John Twist Garage Tour

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For those members who attended the garage tour, please feel free to submit an article letting us know your experiences.



## Member's Profiles Wanted

The Dashpot survey earlier this year, the Member's Profile ranked very high on the list of interesting reads. We are now looking for Member's Profiles for our up-and-coming Dashpot editions. You too can experience the fame and glory of being featured in the Dashpot, simply download the Member's Profile Questions, and send it completed with a profile picture (if possible) and a few pictures of your car(s) to [peter.sanderson@outlook.com](mailto:peter.sanderson@outlook.com).

[Click here to download the Profile](#)

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