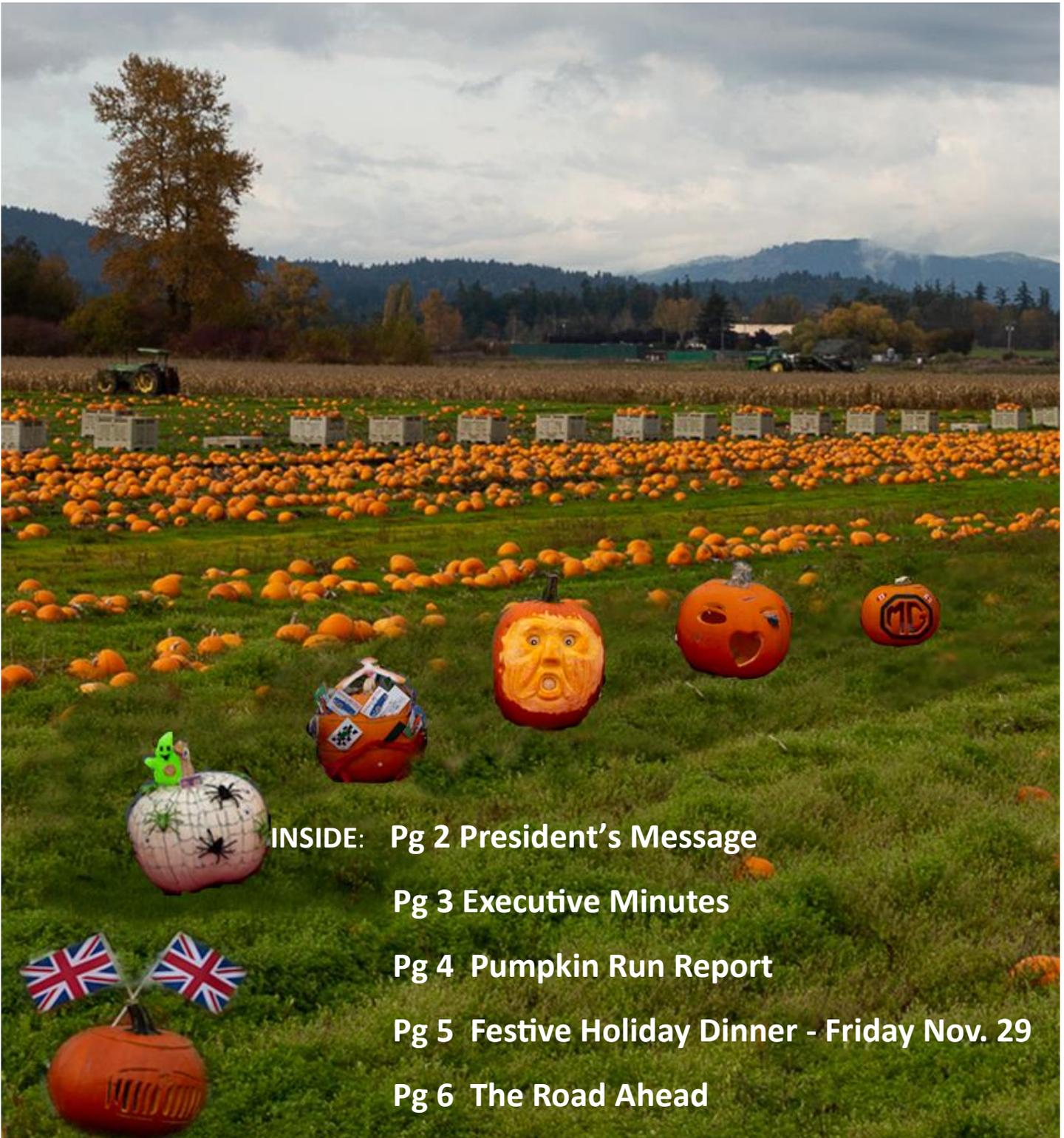


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Editor's Desk:

The year is coming to a close and there are two very important events coming up, the Annual Dinner in Nov., and the AGM. In Dec. Malcolm asked me to please post the Minutes of the Nov. Executive Meeting. We will try and keep you posted on the happenings in this way, as far as possible. Page 5 (the Dinner) and Page 6 (the Road Ahead), list all the Events in November.

In the last edition of the Octagon, I erroneously reported an incorrect date for the Festive Holiday Dinner. It will actually be held on the Friday, the 29th of November. (see Page 5) Please correct your Calendars.

Thank you to Armande Morton, Malcolm Ives, and Eleanor Elston for their contributions to the magazine. And to Malcolm Baster who continues to do a great job keeping the club alive with regular lunches and events North of the Hat!

Please send me articles to write up—they have to be original as I cannot post anything that may be copyrighted. Car events, trips, wants and for sales.

Enjoy your Hallowe'en and hoping to see you at the November Events and Annual Dinner.

Patricia

President's Message:

We had a great Pumpkin Run put on by the Morton's ... Thank you both!!

A pumpkin judging at the start of the run was a tough choice, well carved and decorated VMGC pumpkins at the Sysco parking lot in Langford. Then an interesting drive to the Zanzibar Café in Brentwood Bay. Great food, company and conversation. For the over the Malahat VMGC members they had a Sunday Brunch at the Dog House in Duncan .. Always good food and company.

What came across my desk this morning was this link of a reporter let into, what seems like, a press preview of an indoor classic car show in the USA (very fancy looking cars) then this happened to those cars (click on the link below)!!

"Yes, this reporter seems bound and determined to get fired from his job:

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article236517713.html>

That having happened down in the US, I'm surprised that one of the owners of those classic cars didn't shoot him for climbing on top of it"

Apparently the TV station has had a lot of feed back. Gee I wonder why!!!

I'm pleased to report that we have been working on the communication between members via the internet—well, mainly Pat and Marc have - Thank you both. Please stay tuned we are nearly there.

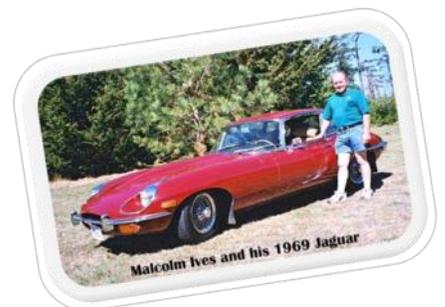
Holiday festivities are almost upon us. The Dinner is happening at the Six Mile Pub. More about that in this newsletter. Our Charity this year (as in the past) is the Mustard Seed Food Bank, by way of a cash (Cheques preferred) donation. Any cheque above \$25.00 qualifies for a tax receipt.

The AGM is coming up soon. It is a snapshot of where we are and what direction the executive has guided the Club for this year, with elections to see who will guide us thru the coming year. For my part of the team it has been a job that has a lot of help and guidance from every one, so it seems relatively easy. Please consider what you can do.

Thank you all for your participation as members and for the things that you all do to contribute to the Club, without which, there would be no Club.

Well I think that's it from me, other than to add I am still picking strawberries off my deck and its already Oct. 23rd!!

What a great place to live!
Malcolm Ives



MINUTES of the EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2019

The VMGC Executive Meeting was held at the home of Derrick and Pat Sparks, Saanich, BC.

Present: Malcolm Ives, Gail Adams, Russ Cape, Stu Moore, Derrick Sparks and Patricia Sparks

Absent: Randy Slade, Dave Shephard

President, Malcolm Ives, opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., by thanking all those present, and thanking Derrick and Pat for the use of their home. Malcolm also advised the Executive that he will be collecting the Old Club Records from the home of Hugh Carroll. Pat Sparks will take the Minutes of the Meeting

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Russ Cape reported that as of Oct 16, 2019 we had

Total receipts	\$3198.13
Total expenses	\$1398.84
Total Cash in bank	\$8087.13

Membership: Stu Moore reported that the Membership remains the same:

2019 - 64 Members at present

Stu and Pat will be looking at sending out a letter and/or a newsletter to the past membership

Derrick reported that we have had a good year with some exciting events:

9 Club Events = Avg of 14 members/event.

3 Events to Other Club Events or Shows

The events have been held both North of the Malahat, South of the Malahat and in the Sooke/West Coast Road area.

There will be an event Sat the 19th, and 3 Events in November including the Festive Holiday Dinner on Friday, Nov 29 at the 6 Mile Pub.

Vice President's Report:

Gail will be arranging to have a World-Renowned Speaker early in the New Year.

For the Dec. 9th Meeting, she has asked Pat if she will put on a Power Point Presentation of all the Events held this year. Pat will be sending out a request for photos of events she did not attend.

Gail will have the President's Cup engraved for the years 2018 and 2019 with Hugh Carroll's name.

Moved/ Stu Moore, Seconded/Derrick Sparks.

That the funds to pay for the engraving of the cup, and other awards needing engraved, to be paid out of club funds. Carried

AGM - Malcolm to check with Jim Mills to see if he is willing accept nominations, and look after the voting at the AGM.

Nominations needed for all Directors on the Executive.

Directors: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Motorsports and Events

Appointed positions: Communications and Historian

All Awards handed out at the end of 2018, are to be returned.

Piston Broke Award

Restoration Award

Citizenship Award

Mike Manning Award

For the Holiday Dinner Friday Nov, 29. There will be a Gift Exchange - we are asked to Bring a Gift – and get one in Exchange.

For the Charitable Donation – Recommended that donations by cheque are best. Amounts \$25.00 or over get a receipt from the food bank – please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No Food please.

Pat Sparks to find out who has the 'Big Basket' prize.

Russ Cape advised that the Club provides between \$75 and \$100 to the recipient of the 'basket' to refill it for the following year's event.

Malcolm Moved to Adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Carried.

THE PUMPKIN RUN - Our Historical—Present - by Armande

Article & Photo's by Armande Morton. Photoshopping by Patricia

Armande Morton is presenting us, this month, with a new way of looking at an event that we, as a club, have done in the dim and distant past. We did not have the lovely blue sky (shown historically), but with deep dark grey clouds and rain, nine brave souls faced the ghouls of the day and undertook to partake in the event. Starting at the Sysco Parking lot, the 'ghoul' lurking in the background, followed us all to our destination where we were met at the restaurant by up-island members, Dave & Evelyn, a great end to a great run. Editor



PRESENT:

On October 19, 2019, a new VMGC Pumpkin Fest Event took place, planned by David and Armande Morton. The criteria was to bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to be voted upon for "Best in Show". The sun came out long enough for the pumpkins to be displayed, then voting ballots were handed with the driving instructions. After a drive through the countryside to Saanich and Café Zanzibar, votes were tabulated and the 'Best in Show' Awards were presented to John Instone and Malcolm Ives.



PAST:

On November 8, 1998, the first VMGC Pumpkin Fest Event was inaugurated by Barbara Wade. The purpose of the run was to drive our LBCs to Shawnigan Lake Rd, view the pumpkins on display as you made your way for lunch at the Jaeger House Restaurant. A People's Choice Award would be presented for the best home-made Halloween mask. Dessert would follow at the home of new members, John & Pat Veale, at their log cabin home in Mill Bay. Halloween Mask winners were Mike & Sheila Skene



Photo: Morton (Archives)



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29th Annual Victoria MG Club Festive Holiday Dinner

When: FRIDAY, November 29th, 2019
Where: 6 Mile Pub, 494 Island Hwy
Time: 6:30 p m
Optional Gift Exchange: \$15.00 minimum value
Cost: \$30 per person—you must pre-order meals by e-mailing Eleanor at Eleanor.Elston@gmail.com before Nov21st.

Rustic 3 Course Menu (pick a first course, then the second course and then the dessert) (\$30 per person)

FIRST COURSE

Carrot-Ginger Soup—carrot ribbons * mint oil

OR

Riverside Salad—fresh Tuscan greens * julienne carrots * beets * pea shoots * white balsamic vinaigrette

SECOND COURSE

Pan Roasted Chicken Breast—quinoa-almond pilaf * grilled vegetables * citrus bierre blanc

OR

Mushroom and Artichoke Lasagna—Portobello mushrooms * tomato-basil sauce * Grana Padano

OR

Grilled Flank Steak—gorgonzola polenta * roasted vegetables * portobello mushroom jus

DESSERT

Vanilla Bean Crème Brulee—espresso tuile

OR

Brioche Bread Pudding—Canadian whiskey crème anglaise

IF you wish to make a Donation to the Mustard Seed Food Bank. Please include in a sealed envelope, a cheque made out to the “Mustard Seed Food Bank”, together with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. All donations of \$25 or more receive a tax receipt.



Saturday, Nov. 02: Burning of the “Guy” at the home of Randy & Heather

Arrive anytime after 3:00 pm, 616 Woodcreek Rd., North Saanich. Bring something to sit on, something to share and something to drink. Chilli, snacks, coffee and tea will be provided. See you there!

Monday, Nov. 04: 7.15 p.m. General Meeting at the Citadel

Tuesday, NOV 05: To celebrate the 1605 Foiling of the Gunpowder Plot against King and the Parliament in England :

Meet 4:00 pm, at the Rose Room in Arbutus Ridge Village, 3600 Ratcliff Rd, Cobble Hill. Please bring along a dessert. Email: spmanor@msn.com by noon Oct 27, if you are planning on attending.

Friday, Nov. 29 : ANNUAL FESTIVE HOLIDAY DINNER AT THE 6 MILE PUB.

Pre-order required: Please email Eleanor.Elston@gmail.com before Nov 21st With your orders. Menu, etc., all on the Info Sheet on Pages 5

AGM—Monday Dec.09: Arrive 7:00 for a 7:15 Meeting. Special Slide Presentation on Events for the Year. Jim Mills will be looking after nominations. If you wish to nominate a member for a position on the Executive, or you would like to be nominated, please contact Jim via email E: 911moji@gmail.com

TECH TIPS - GIVEN the time of year, this WINTER link may be very useful:

https://www.mgtoronto.com/pdf/Tech/winter_storage.pdf

Thanks to the following for their contributions to this month’s newsletter: Malcolm Ives, Armande Morton, Eleanor Elston, Malcolm Baster

Regular Meeting Place:

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Salvation Army Victoria Citadel (4030 Douglas Street) at 7:15 PM .

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