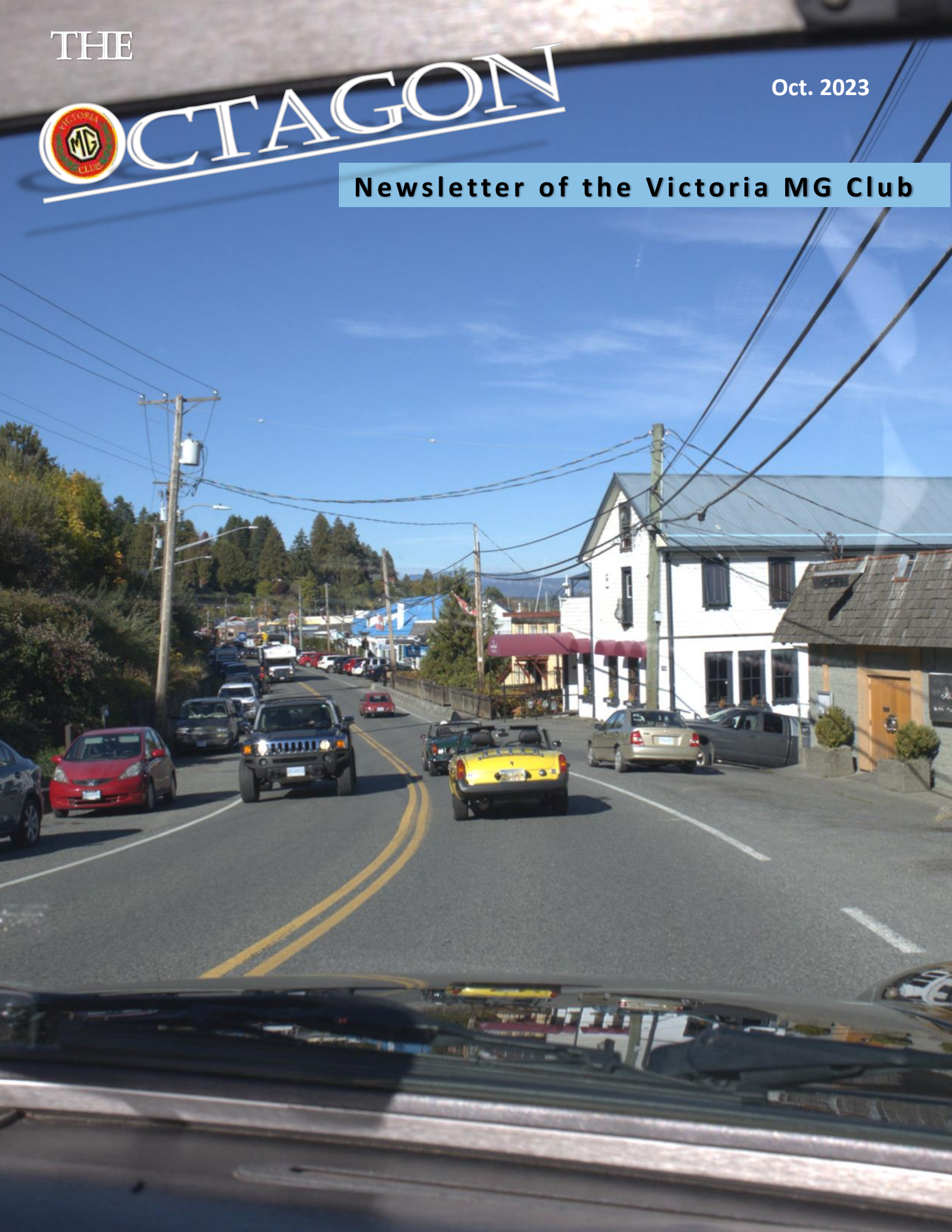


THE

# OCTAGON

Oct. 2023

Newsletter of the Victoria MG Club





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**PLEASE— Mark events on your Calendars**

Cover Photo: "On our way into Cowichan Bay" Photo Patricia

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wow - no new members this month BUT dues for 2024 have already been coming in.  
Thank you to all.

**Thanks to the following for their contributions to this month's newsletter  
Ken Lockley, Malcolm Ives, Stu Moore, Jenny Cape  
Malcolm Baster, Shane Davis**

Extraction from the Societies Act Constitution of  
**THE VICTORIA MG CLUB"**

The purpose of the society is:

- To promote the enjoyment of MG cars:
  - To encourage the preservation, maintenance and use of MG cars and:
  - To conduct gatherings of a sporting or social nature for enthusiasts of the MG marque
  - To encourage involvement of British and other marques in the Club

## EXECUTIVE

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### NOTM Ice Cream Runs

*(North of the Malahat)*

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## OCTAGON DEADLINE:

### Submissions:

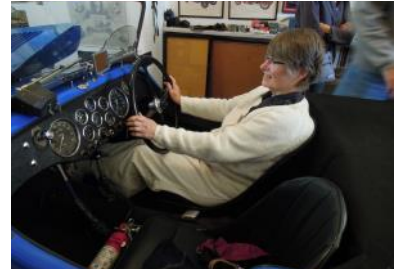
Please submit as you can.

**Ads:** 2 month maximum unless renewed.

NO PDF's please - they are not that easy to process.

Please use a Word type program or email.

## Editor's Notes:



Hi all,

Hopefully you will enjoy the magazine. Sorry it is so full of photos, but I just can't help myself with all the lovely pictures I receive.

Ken Lockley certainly outdid himself last month with no less than two runs for us to take part in.

Actually, we had one run in September then the next in October. But the one in October was at the beginning of the month, which in actual fact made the two runs close together. Both days were wonderful—so good to get out with fellow MG members, and to such interesting places.

The run to the Cowichan Museum was a real treat. They have just completed their long—and costly—renovations. The entire dock has been renewed (that, in itself, is amazing). I have been out to the museum a few times over the years, and each and every time I learn something new, see something new, and just wish I had the skills that these gentlemen and no doubt, ladies too, have.

Some of the canoes had the newer Kevlar covering, rather than the traditional canvas. Interesting. This certainly makes them much lighter to carry.

Talking about cars, we had very good turnout of 27 members, which is outstanding—plus we were treated (if we had the time) to a second venue to see the home and models belonging to Shane. The photos tell the tale.

The Christmas Dinner is booked for the afternoon of December 10th. Please phone Stu and let him know if you are coming asap. The restaurant is booked for 40, but we have to be sure that we will get that number or more, otherwise it costs the club. So numbers sooner than later please. This is always a fun event.

Thank you once again to all who send me articles / photographs, etc. Much appreciated—without your help there would be no magazine.

Cheers, Patricia Sparks  
Editor.

ps: As this is the 100th Anniversary of the MG—and we are the MG Club—we encourage questions/ answers or an article on the MG (any model). A wonderful way to remember little (or big) events that helped to create the MG Car (maybe your car) that we still love today .....

**Please see page 13 for the information on the 'ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER'**





## *The Driver's View!*

**VMGC Presidents Message: October 2023**

As a club we have had a busy summer with lots of things going on, great runs, even better road trip to Calgary for the NAMGR, good food and libations. And now it's time to settle into our winter club activities, our events team has lots of things planned. All it will take is for you to come and enjoy the events and bring you ideas for future events, and more importantly, as an excuse to drive our cars.!

One of our major events is the annual Christmas party, which is always well attended.

Also, we will be planning for our club's Annual General Meeting, (stay tuned), of which I urge everyone to attend, as this is the time when you can volunteer your time to contribute to our great club, all of the Executive team members are up for re-election.

However this can be your chance to volunteer to make a great difference and contribution to the Victoria MG club. I would urge you to contact the person in the position that you would like to have in our club, and get the scoop on what it is about!

Drive Safe, and

“Try to make every drive  
the perfect drive”

*Malcolm*



## UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — JAN 15, 2024

This notice is to advise you of the all important Annual General Meeting, to be held on January 15, 2024, via Zoom, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Reports at the meeting:  
 Officers and Committee Reports  
 Election of New Officers for 2024

Below is a table of positions which have to be filled at the next Annual General Meeting.

If you would like to run for one of these positions, or would like to be re-elected with the position you already have, or would like to nominate someone for a position, please advise our Secretary:

**Maurice Emery - Email: [secretary@victoriamgclub.ca](mailto:secretary@victoriamgclub.ca)**

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS	APPOINTED POSITIONSS
PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER	DIRECTOR OF EVENTS DIRECTOR OF MOTORSPORTS DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP	NEWSLETTER WEBMASTER HISTORIAN

Notice to all Officers and Directors: **Please get your reports in to the Secretary, Maurice Emery E: [keokiemery@gmail.com](mailto:keokiemery@gmail.com)** as soon as possible - but not later than Dec, 15, so that he can assemble them into a document for distribution before the January meeting.

The AGM is also the time, when awards are handed out.

**The Mike Manning Award -**

Our most prestigious and meaningful trophy awarded annually to a club member is the Mike Manning Memorial Award. This beautiful black walnut plaque was established by the club to be awarded annually to the member who best epitomizes the spirit of MG which Mike quietly displayed throughout his association with the marque.

Mike Manning was a Victoria businessman who drove his MG as daily transportation, preferring to make his daily driving exciting rather than comfortably boring. In 1962, when he saw the first pictures of the all-new MGB, Mike was so disappointed that he raced his five year old MGA down to Plimley's and immediately traded it in on an MGA Mk II roadster, possibly the last of that model sold in Victoria. A decade and a half later, when I came to know Mike, he was still driving this beautifully maintained silver-grey car, almost always with the top down. At this time he had the car completely restored by Roger Trudeau. The MGA was in such good condition that it was difficult to believe that it was driven almost daily. Mike contended that if relatives visited and he needed larger transportation, he could always rent something with a back seat. Mike was also one of the original members of the Victoria MG Club. He was a quiet contemplative gentle man who brought logical, well thought out suggestions to help the club through it's infancy, and through all this he continued to simply enjoy his MG and delight in being with others who shared his love of the marque.

## UPCOMING AGM—JAN 15, 2023 Cont:.....

### **Piston-Broke Award -**

The Piston-Broke Award is presented to the Member who has, over the past year, had the honour of having big trouble with his/her car while out and about, driving it around.

If you know of someone who has had trouble and you believe, truly qualifies for the award, please send it along to Gayle. Gayle and her committee will select the winner.

**IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER, or MEMBERS, who may qualify for one (maybe even both) of the above awards, please send the details to the Vice President, Gayle Adams. The committee will decide on the winners.**

**IF YOU RECEIVED AN AWARD LAST YEAR PLEASE ADVISE GAYLE ADAMS or ONE OF THE DIRECTORS, and they will arrange to pick it up from you. Thank you.**

**p.s. The Executive is listed on the right hand side of the INDEX PAGE!**

Regards,  
Patricia Sparks  
Editor

**p.s. Ken Lockley has indicated that he will not be allowing his name to come forward for re-election as EVENTS CHAIRMAN.**  
(We will be sad to see Ken leave this position, but he will still be active in club activities)





# Enrico Winery—VMGC Participation



September the 17th dawned and the VMGC participants from the Greater Victoria area gathered together at the Sysco Parking lot to travel up to



Enrico Winery, which is situated on Telegraph Road, Cowichan. We were



met there by the members who live North of the Malahat, coming from Mill Bay, Maple Bay, Qualicum—to name a few spots. The weather was a little iffy to start off with, but it was warm, and so to say, very pleasant. The featured marque this year, was the TR—there were not that many there, but they sure put on a good display. The MG's were all situated closer to the vines, while the other marques took up the center field. A lovely arrangement.





# VMGC still celebrating 100 Yrs of all things MG

## Enrico and run to Lake Cowichan



Malcolm Baster



P Sparks



Jenny Cape



Jenny Cape



Malcolm Baster



P Sparks



## Report from Ken Lockley - Events Chair

**OCT. 1/23 EVENT:** Lois and I were a little late arriving at the Sysco arranged parking for the start of our Cowichan Bay Run. All ready eight cars ready to roll, so we knew we were in for a good turnout of members for this Oct.1 event.

The Museum had roped off a parking area for us right in front of the museum which attracted a lot of attention. Our guide for the tour was Mike Owen's older brother, Tony, and by 11 am we started our tour.

Now at this point we had 27 members for lunch with an inflexible booking for 18, so the remaining 9 found a meal nearby.

After lunch we were invited to Shane Davis's home to see his car collection, from a full size to miniature. He has an HRG, (we believe it is a 1938 model) one of the very few in Canada. Also a 1949 Rolls Royce, which belonged to his father, both cars in beautiful condition. Later he took us into his home to show us his collection of miniature's and his "slot car racing track" at which we all had a turn. They were certainly much faster than trains!

It was unfortunate that Russ and Genny had trouble with their MGA heading home. The heater valve started leaking and it's right above the distributor.

Fortunately Malcom and Randy were able to stop and help get the car going.

Russ and Genny got the car home okay, otherwise it was a great day . KL.

ps. Ken Lockley received a nice note from Don Feil at the Maritime Museum in Cowichan, he wrote:

"Thanks for bringing your group to Cowichan Bay. I hope we can do it again next year"

It was a super day—and yes, we did enjoy ourselves and the weather was fantastic. Big Kudu's to Ken Lockley for arranging all of this for us. *(Patricia)*

**HRG Engineering Company** also known as **HRG**, was a British car manufacturer based in Tolworth, Surrey. It was founded in 1936 by Major Edward Halford, Guy Robins and Henry Ronald Godfrey, it's name was created from the first letter of their surnames. Cars were produced under the **HRG** name from 1935 to 1956. Editor

# OCT 1st ROAD TRIP TO VISIT THE COWICHAN BAY MARITIME CENTRE



Arrival at the Cowichan Bay Boat Museum Jenny Cape



Margo checking out the Boat Crew P Sparks



Beautifully finished Wooden Canoe M Baster



Hanging above, Canoe finished with Kevlar M Baster



In the Workshop, Tools to cherish M Baster



27' Cutter—Rowboat—Used by the Club fairly frequently. J Cape



Tony Owen (Mike's brother) who volunteers his time PS



At the end of the new dock! Members enjoying the sunshine MB





Lunch at the Rock Cod Fish & Chip Restaurant (9 members) PS



Lunch at The Vine Restaurant (18 members) M Baster



Painting of the HRG Racecar P Sparks



Shane with the VMGC 100 M Baster



Line up in the Driveway! M Baster



1938 HRG Racecar—  
Check out the instru- P Sparks



Beautiful example of a Rolls Royce—with a previously  
owned 1953 R-Type Continental showing (From Shane)



1938 HRG Racecar—  
Original vehicle (FROM Shane)

**AN EXTRA TREAT  
THAT WE WERE  
UNAWARE OF!!!  
THANKS TO THOSE  
MEMBERS THAT  
HELPED  
FIND SHANE!!!!**



M Baster

**FOR OUR FINAL SUR-  
PRISE AND EXPER-  
INECE, A SUPER SLOT-  
CAR RACING CIRCUIT  
.....  
COMPLETE WITH AN  
MG.  
FOR OUR MEMBERS  
TO RACE WITH.**





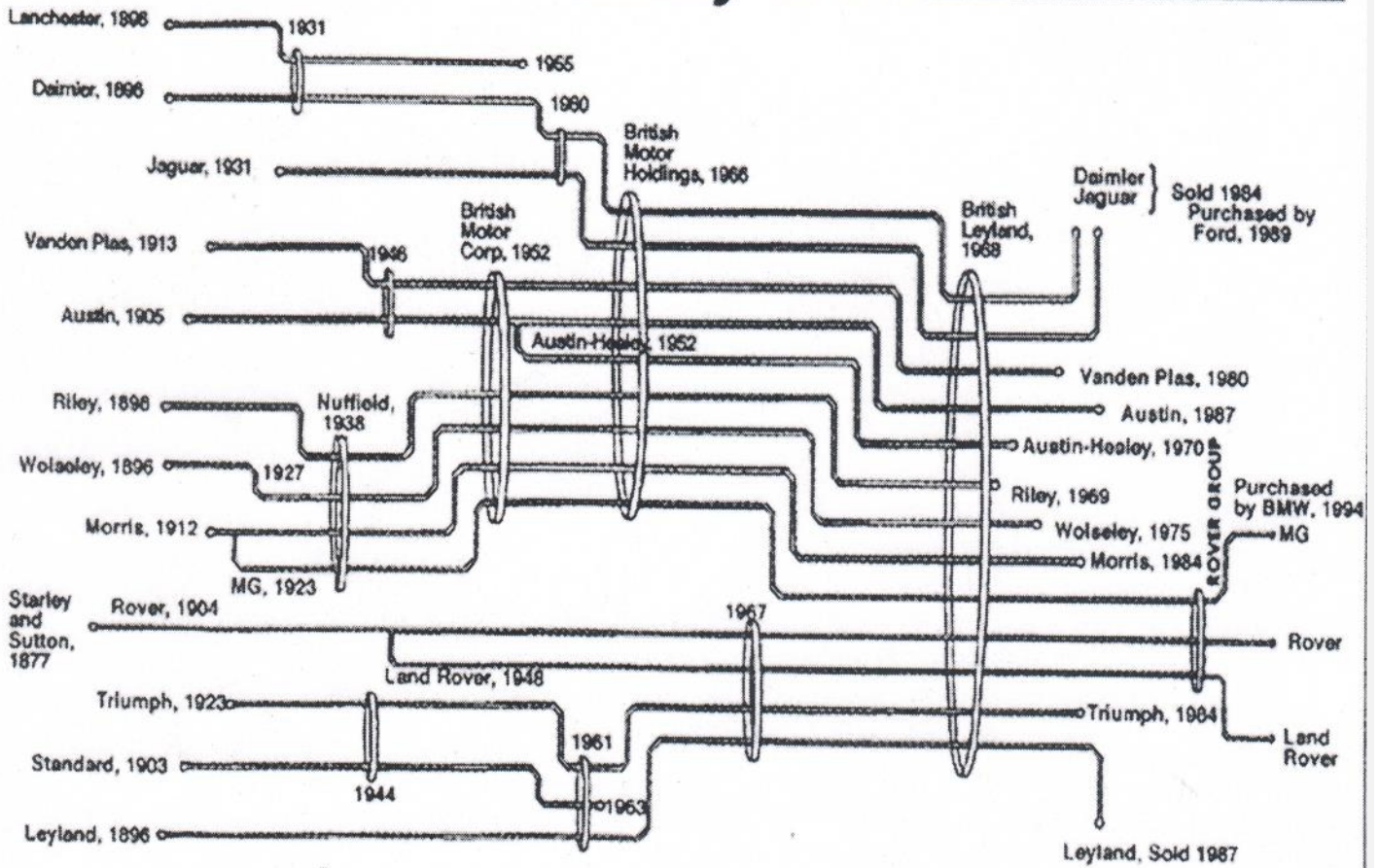
# OF HISTORICAL INTEREST!



**An Interesting British Car “Family Tree”**  
**The graph shows that the MG Marque, was ‘born’ in 1923**  
**Found in our files, saved From the MG ‘A’nnouncer , March 1994**  
**Editor .....**

## The British Car Family Tree

From the MG 'A'nnouncer, March 1994





## Merry Christmas VMGC Members

The Club Christmas party - **Sunday Dec 10 - Noon to 4:00 pm**

**Six Mile Pub** in the River View Room

*(same as last year)*

**2-COURSE TURKEY \$34** Applicable Taxes and Tip Not Included in Price. Paid for by you at the 6 Mile, no money needed by the club.,

### **ENTREE:**

(1) **TURKEY + BACON ROULADE ( GF )** turkey stuffing \* egg \* three cheese baked potato casserole \* brussel sprouts \* green beans \* cranberry + beetroot sauce \* turkey gravy. Turkey: Vancouver Island, BC

(2) **VEGAN MUSHROOM LOAF ( GF ) ( VEGAN )** portobello mushroom \* brown rice \* brussel sprouts \* green beans \* sweet potato mash \* mushroom gravy.

Mushroom: Lower Mainland, BC

### **DESSERT:**

(1) **Pumpkin Mousse ( GF ) ( VEGAN )**

(2) **Pecan \* pumpkin seed \* coconut cream.** Pumpkin: Vancouver Island, BC

( GF ): Great Food that is Gluten Free

### **GIFT EXCHANGE:**

For those wishing to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift with a suggested value of 10 to 15 dollars. When you drop off your gift a ticket will be given to you for the draw.

You will also receive a ticket for THE gift basket which will be provided to all so don't forget to pick up that ticket when you first get there.

The gift and basket draw will be held after the meal.

**\*We are also taking cheque/monetary donations for the  
Mustard Seed Food Bank"**

**"If you enclose your name & address, you will receive a tax receipt for amounts of \$25:00 or more"** Please supply an email address, or, a stamped self-addressed envelope.



## FALL EVENTS

- Nov.5/23 Club celebration of "Guy Fawkes" 4PM– 7:30 PM at Heather and Randy's Home .  
**Pot Luck dinner**—Please bring your own BBQ items. A group drive to Randy's will be organized
- Dec/10 **Noon—4:00 p.m. Club Christmas Luncheon .** 6 Mile Pub
- JAN 1/24 **Annual New year's Day Burn**

### **NOTICE RE ICE CREAM (now HOT CHOCOLATE) RUNS—Mill Bay Area (North of the Malahat.**

As the winds and dark days of winter creep ever closer, we will make our seasonal switch from Ice Cream Runs to Hot Chocolate Runs



Accordingly, and starting on **October 25th**, we will meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the Mill Bay Tim Hortons at 3:00 PM. The address: 825 Deloume Road, Mill Bay. Malcolm Baster

#### **Hi all VMGC Members:**

If I could make a 'Bell' Ring in this area, I would. But—the next best thing is: .. An Announcement!  
KEN LOCKLEY has informed the Executive that the LAST RUN he will be organizing for our club will be:

### **THE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BURN**

After which time Ken is retiring!

So:

**We are in need of a member who is willing to help the Club  
By taking on this very important, and satisfying role.**

If you are willing to help—please let the club know as soon as possible. I am sure that Ken would love to hear from you. He can be reached by email at: [events@victoriامجclub.ca](mailto:events@victoriامجclub.ca)

Or you can email one of the Executive Members. All addresses are on the right hand side of the INDEX PAGE (PAGE 2) Thank you .






# REGALIA


**PLEASE CONTACT STU MOORE FOR ALL YOUR REGALIA NEEDS**


**Email Stu:** [membership@victoriامجclub.ca](mailto:membership@victoriامجclub.ca)


Stu has contacted a company that can EMBROIDER the badges onto shirts



Ball Caps	<b>Made to Order</b>	\$ 25.00	
Please order through: Teamworks Promotions, 784 Spruce Ave, Victoria Ph: 250 380-9535			

Grille Badges (Victoria MG Club)	17	\$ 15.00	 
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Name Badges	<b>Made to Order</b>	\$ 7.50	
Choose Pin or Magnetic style to 'pin on with'			

Jacket Badges (Cloth, Iron on Badges)	14	\$10.00	
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M.G. Mugs	3	\$ 15.00	
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100 Year Grille Badge	1	\$ 22.00	 
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**NAME BADGES ARE VERY HELPFUL AT CLUB EVENTS**

**PAYING BY E-TRANSFER:**

You now have this option.

E-Transfer your \$25.00 directly to:

**treasurer@victoriangclub.ca**

We have auto deposit for the club account - no password required

**PAYING BY CHEQUE:**

\$25.00, made out to the **VICTORIA MG CLUB**

Please fill out the following form and mail it, together with your cheque

to: **VMGC, c/o R. Draeseke,**

**405—105 Gorge Rd East V9A 6Z3 Victoria, B.C.**

**IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES PLEASE EMAIL**

**membership@victoriangclub.ca Thanks a million. (Follow the Application Form on this page.)**

**Victoria MG Club Membership Renewal and Application Form**

**PAYING BY CHEQUE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Partner e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Use Vehicle(s): \_\_\_\_\_

We have an on-line membership list which is NOT TO BE USED for solicitation, or distributed to non-members. It is meant for communication by Club Members only. So, by applying for, or renewing membership in the VMGC, I agree that I will not use other members' personal information for any commercial purpose. Please accept my/our membership application/renewal



**Always happy to oblige, Stu is at the ready if you want to sign up and become a member!!**

New Memberships are always welcome!

The runs are happening!!

Keep well,

Stay Safe

Stu:- membership@victoriangclub.ca

***Welcome to all the new members that have***

***just joined - and to those that have***

***renewed their memberships -***

***Thank you!***