

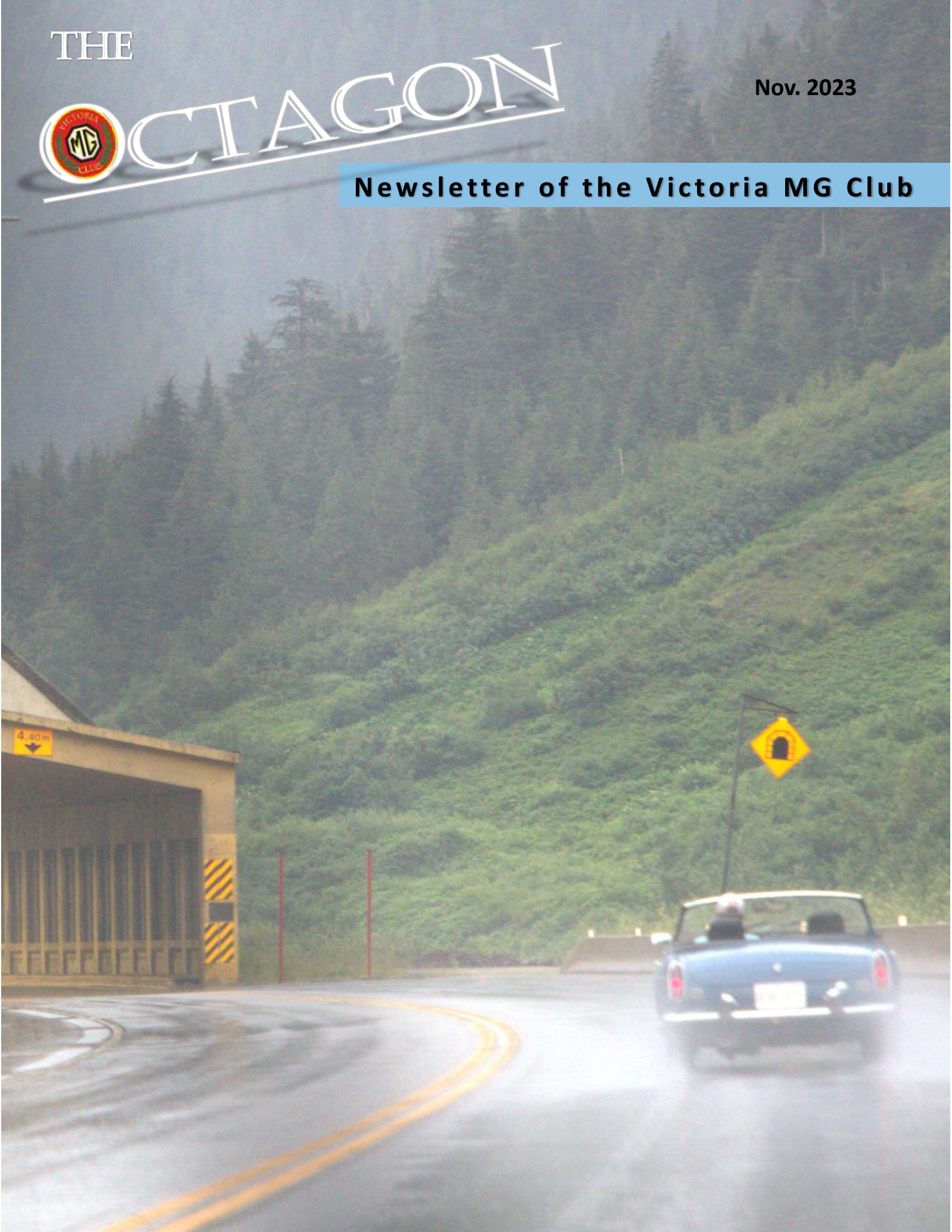
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Newsletter of the Victoria MG Club



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PLEASE— Mark events on your Calendars

Cover Photo: "Stu navigating through the heavy rainstorm" Photo Patricia

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lorne Mitchell, Mike & Katy Falkiner, Phil Wilkins & Deb Ballak

**Thanks to the following for their contributions to this month's newsletter
Ken Lockley, Malcolm Ives, Stu Moore, Malcolm Baster, Maurice Emery
Randy Slade & Heather McCallum, Penny Cox**

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

The purpose of the society is:

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

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OCTAGON DEADLINE:

Submissions:

Please submit as you can.

Ads: 2 month maximum unless re-newed.

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

Please use a Word type program or email.



Editor's Notes:



Hi all,

Wow I understand from Stu that we have a great response to our Christmas Dinner this year. Fantastic, see you all there! We should have a great time.

It is hard to believe that this is already the NOVEMBER ISSUE of the magazine. The year has gone by very quickly, and we are only half-way through acknowledging the 100th Anniversary of the MGB. June 2023 to June 2024 and we have had a number of new members join. Welcome to all.

If there is anyone out there that would like to dip their expertise into helping with the Octagon Magazine, I would truly appreciate hearing from you. I know that there are other members who would also like some help and with the AGM coming up perhaps some of those spaces will be filled. One thing I do know for sure is, those that help within the club really enjoy what they do. It is one of the best ways to get to know your fellow members, and feel good about it at the same time.

What about it? How can you help?

Question from me? Would you like a "Letters to the Editor" page?

As this is the **100th Anniversary of the MG**—and we are an MG Club—I would like to 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

Write something about your MG—where you 'found' it? Why you love driving it. What was the craziest thing you ever did with it or in it, or? Is it possible to use at the most improbable times?

Below are a couple of photos that I took, the very first time new members Tim & Mary Marks, joined us on an MG Run from Hamsterly Beach all the way to the Lego Show at the Sidney Museum. *Patricia, Ed.*



"How to take 'Fido' with you on an MG Run!"



The Driver's View!

VMGC Presidents Message: November, 2023

Well, it would appear that Fall is here, clocks have been set back an hour and some of our cars are put away for the winter. There are some club events on the horizon for the winter months.

Remember to keep your car insured even if you are not going to drive it, storage insurance is not expensive and believe it or not, losses do occur. From rodents dining out on your nicely wrapped up cars to total losses from fires to vandalism and losses in 'safe' parking facilities.

Recently Trish and I travelled by Via Rail with two other couples, from Jasper to Prince George and on to Prince Rupert. Stayed over night at each of the aforementioned station stops. Day only service was fantastic with only 11 people out and 17 on the return. It was a very relaxing vacation and spectacular scenery. Perhaps after the model railway set ups that our club arranged this past summer, we may have caught the "CNR Via Rail " bug!

On the car front I have noticed locally that most paint and body repair shops are very busy with long wait times. There are still some good deals re: Brit. Sports cars but they take some effort to find.

We are getting close to our AGM and this is a time that you can become one of the Executive members. All you have to do is to get someone in the club to nominate you at the AGM. All positions are available and run for a one year term. If you need any information on these positions Derrick Sparks has volunteered to answer any questions that you may have.

As many of you may know, we are governed by the BC Societies Act and we need to nominate the Club's Officers for the next year, and file an Annual Report. So we need all the 'ducks in a row' so to speak, before the end of December.

Be Safe and Drive safe
Make every drive as perfect as you can

Malcolm

VICTORIA MONDAY, MG CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, 2023 Nov 16

Meeting held via Zoom

Called to order by Malcolm at: 7:45pm

Executives present: Malcolm Ives, Gayle Adams, Rob Draeseke, Pat Sparks, Maurice Emery, Stu Moore.

Others Present: Rick Williams, Derrick Sparks, Phil Wilkins, Dafydd Foster, Randy Slade, Malcolm Baster, Susan Fraser

Meeting called to order. 13 members present.

Updates:

NEWSLETTER: Newsletter will be sending out this month in a few days. Nice pictures of Guy Fawkes.

MEMBERSHIP: Stu reports 4 honorary members and a few who have paid dues for 2024. Encouraging us to renew our memberships.

VICE PRESIDENT: No updates .

TREASURER: Rob reports \$8,381.86 in account. Annual report needs to be filed by year's end. Suggests AGM in December.

EVENTS: Ken put in details for January (Jan 1st). Maybe something between Jan 1st and Feb. Valentine's Day on Sunday before. Reminder on the plans for the Christmas Party. 40 people attending. To be held Sunday, December 10th at Six Mile Pub in the same room as last year. Malcolm Baster says the ice cream run is now switched to Tim Horton's Hot Chocolate Run, Wednesday 29th, 3 pm. Pat says will be in Newsletter.

MOTORSPORTS: Trailer in Randy's yard containing cones. It is degrading. May need to think about long-term, keep cones, dispose of trailer discussion needs to happen. Will discuss next Exec

MEMBERSHIP: One new member, Phil Wilkins and Deb Ballak. Mike and Kathy Falkiner bringing 2 MGs - he needs storage for 2 cars for 1-2 months. 9 people total signed up so far.

SECRETARY: No new updates. Will investigate Zoom issues and send instructions for any Zoom updates. Stu suggests we start 30 minutes early to allow for extra time to connect.

PRESIDENT: Club is financially in good shape. We are looking for a change in executive positions for other members. Have a small cross-section tonight but can discuss at Annual General Membership Meeting. Will be asking members to step up. Will need to have AGM before end of year.

Pat put up a motion to move AGM to December. Randy suggests that we hold it following regular meetings in mid-December. 7 YAY, 0 NO, no abstentions.

Wants and For Sales: Phil looking for an MGB between 5-10K. Dafydd saw a 1972 MGB on Marketplace.

Other business:

Susan says to take MG TC off her car list, sold it to someone local and may be some potential new members.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 pm

UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — DEC 11, 2023

This notice is to advise you of the all important Annual General Meeting, to be held on December 11, 2023, 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

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

Notice to all Officers and Directors:

Please get your reports in to the Secretary, as soon as possible - **but not later than NOV. 20,** so that he can assemble them into a document for distribution before the December 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 gentleman 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.

Piston-Broke Award: Continued on next page

UPCOMING AGM—DEC 11, 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)



IMPORTANT NOTE FROM KEN LOCKLEY

KEEPING YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM STRONG:

Hi everyone:

As you read in the last club newsletter, I am retiring from the events section of our club.

I joined the club three years ago and a year later joined the Events Team. It's been a rewarding experience, meeting many members, and joining in with monthly outings. Whether it's a Car Show or a Museum, it's all been good. I only wish that my hearing handicap would allow me to enjoy more of the social aspect of these events. I have ideas for more events into 2024 which I will be passing on to Gayle and Stew, also some records of past events that could easily be re visited. The events are an important part of our club and the team approach works very well and so I encourage you to put your name forward for the events position for the up coming 2024 year. It's great way to get to know more members and use your "Car".

Ken Lockley

November 2023



Another great Guy Fawkes evening at the home of Randy and Heather , on their property at the end of the Peninsula.

Randy and Heather were , once again, perfect hosts. The firepit, which is located in a very safe spot, was ready and the ‘Guy’ was waiting in the garage. Heather made him from old clothing and newspaper. He did not take long to succumb to the flames, but certainly made a good spectacle.

A meeting place was arranged for the members and their cars to gather at Elk Lake, they then drove out to the North end of the Peninsula.

A good time was had by all, good food, good company and a beautiful dark night with no wind or rain. Perfect evening

THANK YOU RANDY & HEATHER FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT

Guy Fawks Night - November the 5th, 1605

Remember, remember, the 5th of November—rings out loud and clear , especially in England in memory of Guy Fawkes Day.

The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 is one of the most daring plots in history. It is synonymous with the name Guy Fawkes, and it was an attempt by radical Catholics to assassinate King James 1 , and to destroy parliament in one devastating explosion.

Fawkes was chosen to set the explosive gunpowder as he was an explosive expert from his Military Days. It was also up to him to ignite the fuse that would blow up the parliament buildings. The plot included his cousins Catesby and Wintour, Wintour's brother Robert, his servant Thomas Bates, Fawkes childhood classmates Christopher and John Wright and their brother-in-law Thomas Percy, Everard Digby, Ambrose Rookwood and Robert Keyes.

Fawkes was captured when after an anonymous note was sent to the Parliament. He confessed to wanting to blow the Scottish King and all his Scottish Lords, back to Scotland. On January 31, 1606, Fawkes and his remaining co-conspirators were dragged through the streets of London by a horse and then hung, drawn and quartered.

From the *Historic Royal Palaces*: <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/history-and-stories/guy-fawkes-and-the-gunpowder-plot/#gs.0yukvm>



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CHECKING YOUR MG COOLING SYSTEM (Found in Derrick's files)

Now is the time to do a 'once over' on the cooling system of your MG. What does this involve?

Check the water pump, heater valve, belts and hoses. Any perished or cracked rubber components should be replaced. Things like the fan belt and the radiator & heater hoses should be replaced every 5 years. This will usually prevent a failure while driving. Since the heater valve is known for its short life span, we recommend carrying a spare in the trunk. Check the water pump for play in the shaft and bearings. This is easily done. With the engine off and the key removed, grasp the water pump pulley. Try to wiggle it up and down. Any appreciable 'free play' indicates that the water pump bearings are on their way out. Bad bearings will quickly damage the water seal inside the pump. This results in coolant loss and overheating. With the drop in price of brand new replacement pumps in recent years, it does not make sense to attempt the rebuilding of your old pump. Scrap it and install a new water pump!

Coolant (water) Temperature Gauge and Instrument Voltage Stabilizer

Paying close attention to the temperature gauge while driving your MG is most important. Many MG owners have suffered from cracked cylinder heads and other engine damage by neglecting high engine temperatures. Something as simple as a burst radiator hose or leaking heater valve can make your car overheat on a hot summer day! Most MGB's should run with the temperature gauge reading somewhere between half and two-thirds full scale. This corresponds to an engine temperature of 160-195 degrees F. Temperatures much higher than this will approach 'boil over' and engine overheating.

Temperature Gauge Readings and What They Mean

As mentioned above, the temperature gauge should register somewhere around the midpoint of the scale. Higher or lower readings can spell trouble. Obviously, if your temperature gauge reading starts to skyrocket, immediate action should be taken. Shut down the engine immediately. This is necessary to minimize any overheating damage. A few seconds of running in an overheated condition can make the difference between a cracked cylinder head or not. Temperature readings that continuously run at 195 + degrees, indicate the need for cooling system attention. There are a multitude of reasons for moderately high engine temperatures. They are not limited to, but may include any of the following:

- Plugged radiator
- Sediment buildup in engine block or head
- Retarded ignition timing
- Excessively lean fuel mixtures
- Excessive charging system voltage causing incorrect gauge reading
- Failed temperature transmitter
- Broken fan belt
- Weak coolant mixture
- Failed radiator cap

Low Engine Temperature Readings

If the engine temperature suddenly reads low, this can be a very dangerous situation. A low temperature gauge reading can indicate serious engine overheating. A blown rad hose or other coolant leak most often causes this. If the level of antifreeze (coolant) falls below the temperature transmitter (located in the cylinder head), the temperature reading will fail dramatically. The temperature sender will not read air temperature or steam temperature properly. To get a true reading, the sender must be immersed in the coolant. Since the sender is located high up on the engine, even a moderate loss of coolant will quickly leave the sender "high and dry". Therefore, a substantial drop in the temperature gauge reading must always be taken very seriously and dealt with accordingly.

CLUB NOTICES

A note from Penny Cox. Penny is the daughter of the late Peter Lee, a staunch member of the club for many years. Penny has now returned to the club and owns the beautiful blue MGA, which was owned and restored by her dad, Peter. Penny has been caring for her 26 yr old daughter who has been battling with bone cancer for the past 5 years. Unfortunately, she wrote, "my little girl who has been on palliative care at my home, passed away on October 28th"

Penny has offered the two links to CFAX and/or Instagram if anyone wishes to view. Emily, her daughter, helped a lot of others who have bone cancer..

[https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/mobile/video?](https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/mobile/video?clipId=2307148&fbclid=IwAR3hI5sluedEDody6fzFuF8CCMJ2HRMaEeYEBzaE11KIFAwxohrRI_5xz-Q)

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<https://instagram.com/emilysjourneyxo?igshid=ZzVsM3hub2ZqcWoz>

VEHICLES & RELATED ITEMS FOR SALE:

MGB Custom made matching Trailer - \$3000 The rear section of a 1969 MGB convertible was fashioned into a trailer to complement the car. It has a connector for towing, electrically wired for indicators, rear and reversing lights, luggage rack for extra storage and it also has wire wheels.

(As I understand it, the Car and a Hard Top may also be offered for sale. Can you imagine how good it would be to travel across Canada with this great combo!) **CONTACT** E: lordtornsocks@hotmail.com



UPCOMING out of town EVENTS

THE NAMGAR EVENT IN 2024, will be held the week of:

July 15 - 19, 2024 GT – 49, Welches, Oregon, U.S.A.

ALL MG's are welcome to attend. The featured marque, of course, is the MGA - other marques will be displayed in their own groupings.

This is such a beautiful area of the country you don't want to miss it. There is no time like the present to start planning for next year's GT.

The updated details will be available to you when we receive them.

Patricia, Ed.



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 Coffee/Tea/Drinks and Applicable Taxes and Tip Not Included in the Price. Please pay by you at the 6 Mile Pub. (No money needed by the club.)

ENTREE:

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

OR

VEGAN MUSHROOM LOAF (GF) (VEGAN)

portobello mushroom * brown rice * brussel sprouts * green beans * sweet potato mash * mushroom
gravy
Mushroom: Lower Mainland, BC

DESSERT:

PUMPKIN MOUSSE (GF) (VEGAN)

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 (plus email address), you will receive a tax receipt for amounts of \$25:00 or more" Please supply an email address, or, if you prefer a paper receipt enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.



THE ROAD AHEAD

WINTER EVENTS 2023 & 2024 CALENDER

- Dec10/23 Club Christmas Luncheon (in Octagon)) Call Stu Moore— which will be held at 6 Mile Pub on December 10/23 at 12:00 PM.
You will have received email from Stu and if you are planning on going please contact Stu, directly.
- Dec 11/23** Monthly Club Meeting and AGM will commence at 7:30 p m. You will receive the meeting link a few days prior. The meeting will open at 7:00 pm to allow members to sign in.
ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO JOIN THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.
- Jan. 1/ 24 Annual New Year's Day Burn, is being planned. Lunch after the run at the 1550 PUB On Cedar Hill X Rd. Lots of parking available . Ken will retire after this run. Stu will need help!!!
- Your events team have organized the above with the hope that you'll support the club by joining in these events!!!
Ken Lockley , Gayle Adams and Stu Moore.

NOTICE 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, 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 New Year's Day Burn.

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@victoriamgclub.ca


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



REGALIA


PLEASE CONTACT STU MOORE FOR ALL YOUR REGALIA NEEDS


Email Stu: membership@victoriامجclub.ca


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



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

Grille Badges (Victoria MG Club)	16	\$ 15.00	 
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Name Badges	Made to Order	\$ 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	0	\$ 22.00	 
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NAME BADGES ARE VERY HELPFUL AT CLUB EVENTS

Stu Reminds everyone that dues are still \$25:00 and he is accepting renewals for 2024

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!