

THE

OCTAGON

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Newsletter of the Victoria MG Club



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Cover Photo by Derrick Sparks: :: 1976 Rubber Bumper MGB - Owners Garth & Heather Axelson

WELCOME BACK MEMBERS

No new members, but thank you to all the members who have renewed

Thanks to the following for their contributions to this month's newsletter

Malcolm Ives, Ken Lockley, Malcolm Baster

Tim Marks, Armande Morton, Maurice Emery, Ken Lockley, Derrick Sparks, Garth & Heather Axelson, and those advertising in the Wants and For Sales

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,

Well another month has gone by and we are already nearing the end of February.

With a quiet January, after our New Year's Day Burn and a lovely lunch at which we actually managed to close a Pub Down - yup it went out of business that same day—I have not yet looked to see what is going to take its place.

February has started off well with a gang-buster drive from the Juan de Fuca Library to the Brewskys Pub in Brentwood Bay. Despite the weather, which promised and gave us some rain, the run was really really good. Fast paced, but still keeping an eye out for any of us that were stragglers. Kudu's to Tim for doing a fine job—the plans for the rest of the year look good and the trips up-island are sure to be well received.

Thank you, once again, to all who contributed to the magazine—including Armande who is now in Australia. That being said, on the next page I have started a 'Letters to the Editor' Page. Please make use of this. Send me your notes, good or bad, they will all be considered.

On Page 14, I have put in an advertisement from a much needed local British Car Parts Dealer, who I believe is in Langley. This ad was emailed to me from Stu.

I have often heard someone asking Derrick or others, where they can obtain parts. We have done the same. The dealers that we use are beginning to 'dry up'. Parts are not as readily available anymore, and those that are, are very expensive. So scrounging is the only way we get to find some of the items that we need, and oftentimes we don't find them.

Please look at this page and let me know if you would like to see some ads from the local suppliers who cater to our hobby.

The Executive did vote a few years ago not to put any commercial advertising into the magazine, but maybe it is time for us to review that decision and we welcome your input.

Please send me your Ideas, a Yes or a No, and if this would be helpful for you. Provide all your feedback, and the Executive will take it from there.

Patricia - Editor : E: newsletter@victoriangclub.ca



NEW!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For some time I have been thinking of starting a Letters to the Editor page, where you can write in to let us know what your thoughts are about a specific topic /article in the magazine / appreciation / or something that you believe might benefit the club.

The Editor reserves the right to publish.

newsletter@victoriamgclub.ca

Received Feb 13/2024

Hello MG Members,
I was out on an adventure and came home too late to join up for the meeting. The run looked interesting so I hope that you had a good turnout.

We are in renting in North Melbourne, and we are surrounded by at least 4 hospitals, a police station, and the Australian Red Cross.

Weather has been 🌞 🌞 🌞 🌞 🌞
hot for me (33-38 degrees) and today we had a thunderstorm at 4:00 p.m. and a bit of rain. Muggy right now at 7:30 pm
(Tuesday 13) which is 12:30 am (after midnight early Tuesday 13) for you.

Greetings to fellow members ... keep well and stay safe ... Armande

As most of you know, Armande and David have now moved to Australia. A whole new and exciting experience for them. Ed!!

Drop a note:

Ask a question

Let us know what you think of
an article

Ideas

This page—or more if needed—is for YOU, the Members
of the VMGC





The Driver's View!

VMGC Presidents Message: February, 2024

It's hard to believe that we are heading into March already!

We have had a good start to the VMGC year. ... New Year "Burn" Done and Valentines day run now completed, next will be the St. Patrick day run with I believe Green Beer?

Our new events chair Tim Marks who was asked by last yrs chair's (Ken Lockley) to take the position of events chair has started off with some great runs and great event plans for the year. We are getting some impressive turn outs for the events.

Thanks Tim and keep up the good work.

So if you have been holding back, come along and see how this part of the club is doing plus have some great drives, in perhaps local area's that you have not been to before.

One of the things that does a daily visit to my in box is the Bring A Trailer Web Site list of cars that are being sold on their site by auction. They facilitate the sale of a lot of cars, its a glimpse into the rarefied upper end of the collector car world, and also so really good deals on the more popular collector cars as well, I noticed that on their web site you can set it to look at cars that are being sold from within Canada, which makes the whole thing easier in so much that you can perhaps see the car or at least buy a car that is already registered in Canada. And avoid the importation hoops and jumps so to speak.

Be safe and "make every drive the perfect drive".

Malcolm



VICTORIA MG CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, 2024 JAN 15

Meeting held via Zoom

Called to order by Malcom at: **7:38 pm**

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

Others Present: Rick, Nick Foster, Carol, Derrick Sparks, Randy Slade, Mary Marks, Lindsay Clark, Lorne Mitchell

Meeting called to order. 15 members present.

Updates:

PRESIDENT: Malcolm thanks those for stepping up. Great things planned for the year. Need some excitement!

NEWSLETTER: Pat is planning to get the newsletter out by end of the week. Malcolm has 2 articles for newsletter. Will include in February newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: 41 members signed up (48%). Good for the first month of the year.

VICE PRESIDENT: 38 people to New Year's Burn. Good event. Will confirm January location for gathering.

TREASURER: Randy reviewed financial sheet. 2023 closed out. Insurance paid up; Society fees are paid. Address and directory have been updated. Current balance is 8,015.17.

EVENTS: Tim says event coming up for Valentine's Day theme. Upcoming events to appear in this month's Octagon. Planning a 2-night northern Vancouver Island adventure around mid-August (Ft McNeil/Gold River).

MOTORSPORTS: Track in Cowichan may be open to other events (good track, lovely facility). Question for Dave.

SECRETARY: No new updates.

Other business: auction, no notification of things to sell.

Wants/Sell-radiator and cowl. MG engine. Someone looking for an MGA project car.

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 p.m.



Meeting Start Time:
5:38 p.m. Hawaiian Time

VICTORIA MG CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, 2024 FEB 12

Meeting held via Zoom

Called to order by Malcom at: 7:33 pm

Present: Malcolm Ives, Gayle Adams, Pat and Derrick Sparks, Lindsay Clark, Dafydd Foster, Glen Ogilvie, Tim Marks, Rob Draeseke, Stu Moore, Phil Winterbottom, Jim Mills, Nick Fitterer,

Randy Slade, Malcolm Baster, Maurice Emery

Meeting called to order. 16 members present. Malcolm welcomed all.

Updates:

SECRETARY: No new updates. Apologies given for last week's internet outage.

MEMBERSHIP: Stu reports 57 paid members for 2024 so far. On par with past years. Will send out another notice.

TREASURER: Finances in good shape. No bills are due, insurance paid up. Balance is 8437.00

NEWSLETTER: Newsletter completed. Newsletter to be sent out tomorrow after minutes received.

VICE PRESIDENT: No updates. Noted that all seemed to have a good time on yesterday's run.

Suggests for next executive meeting to be held March 4th at Gayle's house for coffee. A query of the executives agreed that they could make it. Next meeting so planned!

EVENTS: Good event on Sunday, 11 cars/20 people. Next event is St. Paddy's Day. Will send details in newsletter and a separate mailing. Events mapped out for the remainder of the year. 4 members, expressed interest in the North Island drive. Due to arrangements, dates will change from Mon-Tues- Wed to Wed-Thurs-Fri.

MOTORSPORTS: Dave not present.

PRESIDENT: Malcolm reported great events planned and good turnouts thus far. Asked for possible guest speakers for a Zoom meeting.

Other business: Wants/sells.

Randy on the lookout for a front chrome bumper (69 MG BGT). Malcolm has a number of Pertronix electronic ignition set ups for various 4 cyl. cars at a reasonable price. Gave a good overview of electronic ignitions and some of their advantages.

Discussion about other items (2 MG sweaters) that could be auctioned at Christmas Party and there were several other suggestions.

It was mentioned that the Western Washington All British Field Meet is coming up July 13th , 2024. Malcolm mentioned a great place to find odds and ends for British cars. <https://wwabfm.com>

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

5 RICK WILLIAMS MGA RESTORATION

February 3 /24, visit by Ken L. and Russ C.

Russ Cape and I were invited to Rick's place at 0900 hours February 3, 2024 for coffee and treats. In a true Navel tradition we arrived at 0859 hours. Rick has had a Navel career and is currently working part of the week at the Navigation Simulator based at Work Point. This facility is now an important part of teaching navigation as well as actual ship board experiences .

The MGA is now at home after many months in a workshop near Spectacle Lake run by a friend, Kevin. This facility did all the frame work and alignment of front and rear ends of the car. Kevin passed away recently after a short illness. Just another one of the aspects that adds to the difficulty's a restorer has to deal with.



So with the car back Rick's Portage Inlet home, the car body is intact and currently getting the doors fitted which is so very important. On the next page you will see a clever device that Len Smith has lent to Rick. The angle iron brace keeps the front and back ends of the body in correct alignment while getting the doors fitted.

I am sure this device is a tremendous help when convertibles don't have a roof to stabilize the body front and back.

Rick has been in contact with Stu Palfrey, a well known local body man and the car will shortly be moved to Stu's Glenford Ave location. I understand that after the bodywork is completed, the car will head to a paint shop. Taking one step at a time, Rick will be looking who and when for the painting later this year.



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#5 Rich Williams 's MGA Restoration continued

Our conversation headed towards the finishing aspects with what colour and whether to stick with tradition MGA finishes. Rick is set on a soft camel coloured interior leather and I suspect that interior tone would fit into most any exterior colours. Also of course, who is going to get to do the job and it's going to be expensive whoever gets the job. Parts purchasing is on going with Cecelia at Scarborough Faire being the main source at present. Rick is interested in meeting anyone currently or contemplating doing a MGA restoration as he has a lot of extra parts to find a home for. It looks like 2024 is going to be a big year for the project and I am hoping to connect again with Rick later this year to report on the progress. A very interesting couple of hours.
Ken L.



CARS AND COFFEE AT OAK MARINA PARKING AREA

March 10, 31

April 12, 28

May 5, 19

June 9, 30

July 14, 28

August 11, 25

Sept. 8, 29

Cars and Coffee is an informal gathering of European Cars from Vintage to Modern. Come and go at your pleasure. See you there!!!!!!!

KL.



THE “Valentines” POKER RUN

A good group of 18 members braved the elements to participate in the Poker Run. *(Two members had left the pub before photos were taken).*

Gambling on the weather, our new Events Leader led us on a merry, twisty, turny, wet ride through beautiful country and with fairly fast and I must say, incredible driving through a small area of Colwood, then on through Langford, briefly stopping at the old Western Speedway site. Meanwhile, questions, yet to be answered, were on the other side of the page! Every correct answer = 1 poker card.

Gathering his brood, we once again took off via Munns Road, which—to my surprise, was not too busy. However, despite that the weather was providing us with incredible moisture, there were many cars parked along the roadway, and in the parking lot at Francis King Park, allowing their drivers/passengers to take long hikes in the woods.

We did not take advantage of this (thank goodness), but continued on following the instructions which led us close to, but not at, the Butchart Gardens. However we did drive through the Stone Gateway of Garden Gate Drive and out through the exiting Stone Gateway onto Amwell Drive.

A short drive from there to Wallace Drive and into Brewskys Pub.

Poker Cards were issued to all while the waitresses attended to our hungry needs.



VMGC

St. Patrick's Day

DRIVE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 17 come and join the club drive and celebrate all things green and Irish. Details of the drive will be sent out closer to the event but you can start your preparations anytime now. Each participant, or at minimum, each car will be expected to present an original limerick. If not an original, it could be stolen from any author. It should be remembered we are the MG club, cars originating from a "proper well mannered people". Please don't make us blush, as many limericks might.

We hope to see you all March 17. Details to follow.

Cheers

Tim

Below is the PDF for the GT-49 Convention. Copy & paste into your browser. It describes the surrounds and the main accommodation for the GT-49 event.

THE NAMGAR EVENT WELCHES, OREGON 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 is **MGA** The other MG 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.

There are a few members that are wanting to attend. So if you would like to join in with them for the trip down and back, let Stu know (membership@victoriangclub.ca) as he will be keeping



Copy and Paste the following in your Browser for more information:

NAMGAR EVENT WELCHES, ORGEGON IN 2024





THE ROAD AHEAD

NOTICE HOT CHOCOLATE RUNS — Mill Bay Area — North of the Malahat.

Winter progresses, and we are now happy with our convivial monthly NOTM Hot Chocolate Runs.

But far ahead of us do I see the spring sunshine flickering ever so faintly through the grey skies? I surely do, but until that sun shines bright above us we will continue to gather on the **last Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm at the Mill Bay Tim Hortons for our Hot Chocolate Runs.**

(All VMGC types welcome.) Malcolm Baster E: spmanor@msn.com

Tim has outlined the events schedule for 2024, please list these events on your 2024 Calendar's now, so that you have them noted!!

If you have any ideas, or would like to help, Please give Tim a call. E: events@victoriamgclub.ca

- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Run
- April 7, 14, 21 ? - Soupçon Run
- May 26 - Metchosin Run; Pearson College
- June 2 - Restoration Fair & Swap Meet. Heritage Acres (OECC event)
- June 16 - ? Father's Day Picnic - to be confirmed
- July 14 - Brits on the Beach, Transfer Beach Park, Ladysmith (OECC event)
- July 15-19 - NAMGAR, Oregon
- July 28 - Lower Island Drive
- August 14—16 - Port McNeil and Gold River (See info on next page)
- August 25 - Sheringham Lighthouse Run, 17-Mile House
- September 15 - Enrico's British Car Run
- October 6 - Saltspring Island Run
- November 3 - Saanich Run, Aircraft Museum, Mary's Bleue Moon Cafe
- December - Christmas Party



Tim Marks



MG Club Trip to Port McNeil and Gold River

DATE CHANGE - August 14, 15, 16

(To avoid some restaurant closure on Mondays and Tuesdays)

There are 4 cars expressing interest in the August North Island club run. There is still time to join up!

If you are looking for a little more adventure than a Sunday drive but not sure you want the hassles of going off the island, your club is putting together a little adventure this summer on the island.

The plan is:

Everyone gathers for lunch on the 12th just north of Qualicum Beach (Shady Rest restaurant possibly). Take highway 19A to Campbell River and continue to Port McNeil for the night. (There is a large motel with good parking within a couple blocks walk to craft beer and excellent pizza.)

The next day, early risers can take a lovely, twisty, out and back, road to Port Alice (about 45 minutes each way) for their morning coffee. Regrouping at Port McNeil we will head back to Campbell River and then on to Gold River where we will stay at the motel and restaurant on the hill.

August 14th we will return to Campbell River and make our way home.

The first day is the longest, close to 600 km from Victoria (6hrs).

Day two, a little less than 400km with the side trip to Port Alice or 100km less if you choose not to do the out and back (5hr or 3.5hr).

The last day, 360km back to Victoria, (5hr). Times and kms were taken from google and do not include stops for gas, food, (God forbid, repairs).

I think this should be a worthy undertaking, qualifying as an adventure. The roads to Gold River and Port Alice are exceptionally pleasant, suited to twisty, top down, less traffic, slower driving. The road north of Campbell River is faster two lane, typically with less traffic. Highway 19A is a scenic drive, particularly south of Campbell River along the ocean but sometimes with enough traffic to be less than a perfect drive, still worthwhile though.

For those looking to open it up, returning home from Campbell River highway 19 has minimal traffic and a 110km/hr speed limit on a divided highway to just north of Nanaimo. (North of Campbell River also lends itself to higher speed travel on two lanes with minimal traffic. The local constabulary has their opinion on this that bears consideration.)

All those interested in this club adventure please contact the **events coordinator, Tim Marks**, at

events@victoriangclub.ca

Reservations must be made early in the year, particularly for accommodations at Gold River.

Tim Marks



WANTS

Bruce Taggart E: va7bgt@icloud.com

Need parts for my car ('77 MGB).

Wiring harness,

Soft Top, (with zip-out back window if possible), etc .

Stu Moore E: stu.m@shaw.ca

2000 watt generator suitable for charging an RV.

FOR SALE:

Flexible Lockheed Brake hose. Made in UK.

Two other Brake hoses, for MGA \$20.

MGB Switches \$10

Gerry Nugent 250-478-4762

IF YOU were wanting an MGB V8, which looks like a very special car. One can be obtained from Houston, Texas, USA

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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
FOR SPECIAL “COINS” - PLEASE CONTACT STU — email above


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 (New Style)	17	\$ 15.00	
M.G. Mugs (Old Style) - MG Logo printed one side only	3 only	\$15.00	

100 Year Grille Badge (Ask Stu for price)	2		
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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!

