

THE

November 2024

OCTAGON

Victoria MG Club



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PLEASE— Mark events on your Calendars

Cover Photo: The Martin Mars Bomber (Patricia)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Invite your MG Friends

I have not been made aware on any new members this month.
Good to see our members out and about though—It is also great to see that
MG's are still being used as daily drivers.

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

Malcolm Ives, Malcolm Baster
Tim Marks, Stu Moore, Randy Slade

*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

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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 - once again I am rushing to finish The Octagon. One of these days, in the not to dim and distant future, I am going to have to either ask everyone who sends me info, to please send the photos (which I can render to fit), plus write up a story to go with the photos. This would help me a lot.

There are so many things that you could write about, but please keep in mind that we are an MG Club, and that it should be car related and of interest to the group as a whole. (Editorial privileges prevail).

Seems like our Annual Christmas event is going to be a hoot—yup, wear that Ugly Christmas Sweater—Stu has a contest going on there!! Then of course there are the dinner choices too. If you have not yet done so, contact Stu ASAP - we have to keep him smiling!.

The following came into my inbox a short while ago and it caught my attention.

Certainly food for thought.

This is the biggest tyre cemetery in the world in Kuwait.

This fire is always on and can be seen from outerspace.

“But Irish cows are responsible for climate change.”

This is the biggest tyre cemetery in the world in Kuwait. This fire is always on and can be seen from outerspace. But Irish cows are responsible for climate change.



And so it goes!!!! Yes, we are always told to remember climate change and pay high costs to recycle, but we also have a whole world of countries who do not pull their weight. I guess this means—what can we do with tyres that need to be recycled or ? I heard once that they are recycled in roadbed material—I have also seen them used as flower pots and ornaments. But, there has to be more uses—wonder if they are also in roof shingles???? Ed.

Your input awaits

Lastly, from me, I am not suffering too much now—but I am aware of a change in my memory. (Must have been all that fresh air across Canada!!) So please—try your best to send me ready to insert articles. I don't mind fixing spelling and grammatic errors or rearranging to suit, but if the content is there, it sure helps a lot.

**The following was brought to our attention by NAMGAR Board Chairman, Bruce Mann,
in the Nov/Dec 2024 issue of MGA!**

Our club is a member of NAMGAR ,North American MGA Register - and - NAMGBR, North American MGB Register

At the Sept. 2024 NAMGAR Regional event in Dillard, Georgia, USA, there was a car accident involving two long time MG enthusiasts who were driving to breakfast in an MGB.

They were hit by a van making a turn onto Route 23 on the morning of Sept. 13th. Ralph Ratta, the driver of his MGB, lost his life instantly. The passenger, NAMGAR Communications Manager Greg Poffenbarger, was hospitalized in the Georgia area, but has since been released and is recovering from multiple broken bones with the support of his wife, Mary, in his hometown of Dallas. We wish Greg a speedy recovery.

Our sincere condolences go out to the Ratta family. May Ralph rest in peace.

Enjoy the magazine and as Bruce Mann says ... ‘remember, the road to success is always under construction’.

Patricia, Editor



The Driver's View!

V.M.G.C Presidents note for November 2024

“Well, it certainly has been a gentle introduction to the winter season, goodly amount of rain and wind *and* great driving weather”.

Whenever I go down into the states, I always try to visit Transportation museums, mainly cars; and aircraft at the Smithsonian museums, which seem to be the best exhibits.

Our last club run was to the Sidney Air Museum - arranged by Tim Marks and his team. This facility is absolutely world class. The exhibits run from the very early days of aviation to some of the later high tech exhibits in aviation. They have a fabulous restoration shop and a great team of volunteers to run the place and to do the restoration work. Year over year they make great strides in completion of ongoing restorations and improvements in layout of the exhibits. So, if you missed this year's run I would urge you to make a mental note to join us next time it comes up on the events calendar, we get special attention which is very beneficial.

Our next big event is our annual Christmas party which always gets a big attendance, Stu Moore is our point man on this major event and he has great plans to make this a huge success!

Some of our Executive Team have been in place for a number of years and have expressed a wish to hand over their **responsibilities to another club member**. The executive meets once a month outside of the regular club meetings. It is a great way to give back to the club. Ideally, all of the positions should be renewed annually so if you would like to know more, please talk to one of the Exec Team members and they will explain the various volunteer positions.

On a personal “MGB” note, this damp weather lends itself to rust prevention thoughts. So I will be removing the seats and floor carpets and underlays to clean any loose paint plus surface rust then apply some white POR 15 (all inside shop work) mask and gloves are recommended.

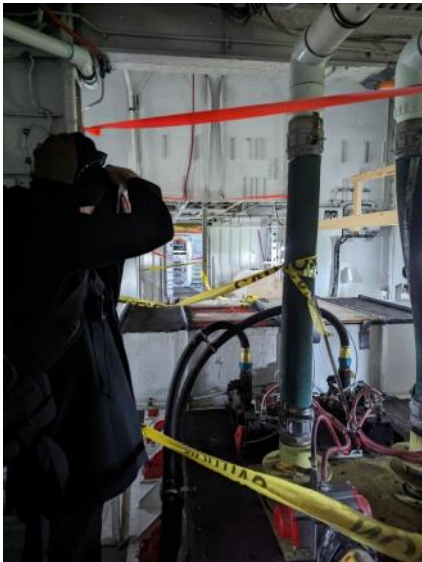
Drive safe and

“Make every drive the perfect drive”

Malcolm

P.s. I looked up **POR 15** online and up came the products and where it can be purchased. Not that expensive considering what the cost of the remedial work would be. Ed.

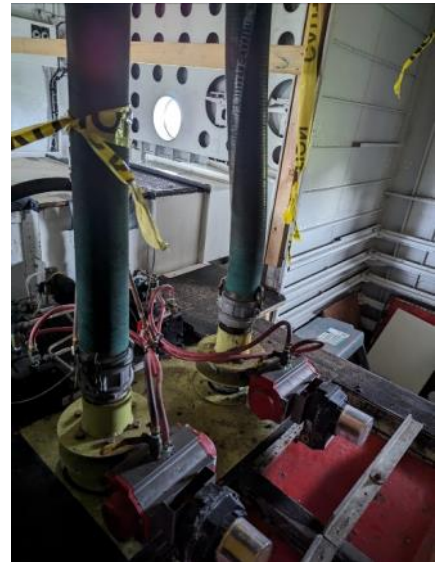
BC AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR



The reason the cockpit was closed



Listening to our knowledgeable guide



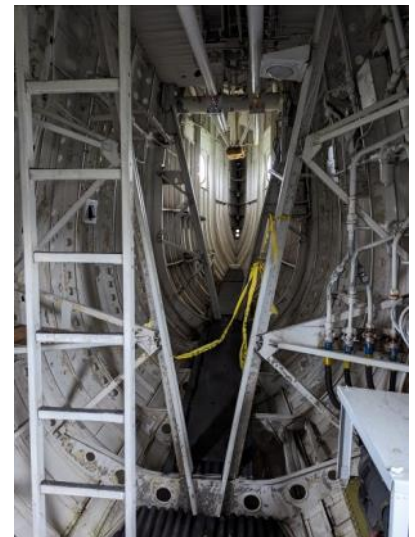
The pipes to the lower area



Look forward from the Upper Area



Our members looked so tiny



The 'TAIL' in the upper area

An excellent day at the Aviation Museum — November 3rd.

The tour of the Aviation Museum turned out to be quite a surprise. Some neat changes have been made and they now have lots of volunteers who are willing to help out—including our own VMGC member, David Shephard.

Due to very soggy soil, we were unable to park beneath the wings of the Martin Mars Water Bomber, but we had a great location nevertheless, with lots of military equipment for a background.

Our tour of the Mars Bomber was excellent thanks to the warm welcome and the volunteer who gave us a great history of the Bomber and was able to answer all our questions as we made our way around the 'plane. To ensure visitor safety there are still preparations to do in order to view the flight deck, but we did get to see most of the interior. One thing for sure, standing below the bomber certainly makes one feel extremely small—an ant comes to mind!

After our tour, we made our way through the museum, enjoying the new exhibits (including a super-sonic jet (photo to the right), and then on to the great restoration area & workshops.

For lunch we made our way to “The Roost” where we had quick service and great food.

Thank you to Tim and the “crew” at the Aviation Museum, for making our stay so interesting.

(Later on some members went across to the Guy Fawkes event at Randy & Heather’s home)



The Super Sonic Jet



Two little Helicopters



Spitfire (approx., 3/4 scale)



Not a Spitfire!!



The Row—10 MG's, 1 wannabe

GUY FAWKS NIGHT

“Remember—Remember
The 5th of November”

For those of us who are of British Heritage, and who have been brought up with certain traditions, you will know the meaning of the tradition of the Burning of the Guy. However, upon reading the true history of this event, I sure would not have wanted to have been one of the felons who were caught in the caper. The punishment was certainly metered out very harshly, with them being hung, drawn and quartered in front of the citizens of the town.

BUT here we are and:-

Thank you to Randy & Heather who were, once again, the hosts of the Guy Fawks ‘celebrations’, which were held on the evening of the 3rd of November. (Two days ahead due to the “5th” falling on a weekday)

Everyone brought something along to share and a very pleasant gathering ensued after the ‘Guy’ was dutifully given his sentence and burned at the stake.

A big Thank You to hosts Randy and Heather for putting on the event and to those who participated.



Ph: Malcolm Baster



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Ph's: Malcolm Baser



CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE 6 MILE PUB : DEC. 15 Noon to 4:00 pm

Hi All

I have not heard from a lot of you yet.....sending out a reminder. If you have already sent me a response, ignore this

I am thinking that the email sent is now out of sight and out of mind. I know the party is not until Dec 15th but I am away Nov 24 to Dec 10.

We have also decided on a **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER** contest. Winner gets a cheap bottle of wine. Come out in your finest.

Please email me back ASAP or PDQ as to who is coming and the turkey or vegan choice. I will be putting the order in Nov 23.....before I go on a sunny holiday.

Sunday Dec 15th from noon to 4pm we will hold the VMGC Christmas get together. More details to follow but this email is just to get the numbers and meals written down. I am not in Victoria from Nov 25 to Dec 9, so I would like to get the meal order in before that. Again no payment to the club or me, you will pay at the pub for your meal and drinks before you leave.

Attached are the meal choices, one turkey and one vegan, only one desert choice, so that makes it easy.

Cheers
Stu

2024 2-COURSE TURKEY

\$35




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

THE ROAD AHEAD



CLUB EVENTS

Thank you to Tim for all the great runs this year..

- The year is quickly coming to a close, and Tim is preparing for 2025!
- Stu Moore is in charge of the Christmas Party!

December 15 - Christmas Party — Noon at the Six Mile Pub.
Please advise Stu if you will be attending.

jan 1st 2025 - NEW YEAR'S DAY BURN - ALWAYS FANTASTIC
Instructions to follow. Mark this date on your Calendar!!

NORTH OF THE MALAHAT!!

Hi All .. Hot Chocolate Run

The darker, colder days of winter creep ever closer when we seek the comfort of Hot Chocolate. To that end we will meet at the Mill Bay Tim Hortons at 3:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. The Mill Bay Tim Hortons is at 825 Deloume Road, Mill Bay.
Info needed? Please email:- Malcolm: spmanor@msn.com








**Looking forward
to seeing you all
at the above
events**

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

Grille Badges (Victoria MG Club)	15	\$ 15.00	 
Name Badges Made to Order Choose Pin or Magnetic style to 'pin on with'		\$ 7.50	
Jacket Badges (Cloth, Iron on Badges)	14	\$10.00	
M.G. Mugs (New Style)	15	\$ 15.00	
M.G. Mugs (Old Style) - MG Logo printed one side only	3 only	\$15.00	

Stu Reminds everyone that dues are still \$25:00 Please renew now, before you forget!

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 (or any other) INFORMATION CHANGES PLEASE EMAIL
membership@victoriangclub.ca Thanks a million. (Follow the Application Form on this page.)**

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!***