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THE

# OCTAGON

Victoria MG Club





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**PLEASE— Mark events on your Calendars**

Cover Photo: Photo on Salt Spring Island. Photo: Tim Marks

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Invite your MG Friends**

Paul & Naomi Walton, Nancy & Jim Bond, Tony & Wendy Pereira  
Michael Wegner & Linda Banh, Peter Norton & Barbara Norrod  
Christopher & Kathleen Freimond

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

Malcolm Ives, Malcolm Baster  
Tim Marks, Stu Moore, Phil Wilkins

*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**

## EXECUTIVE

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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,

Better late than never, hopefully I will be able to get into the land of milk and honey soon. BC is way behind everyone in time, so guess this has rubbed off on me.

It has been a very busy month for us, but no excuses. However, we did miss a couple of very important events, the first being the service for John Braybrooks and the second the Trip to Salt Spring Island. We had previously been invited up to Comox and the rest is history.

We joined the VMGC club in 1985 and John & Mary joined in 1986. Our memberships go back a long way. John & Mary have been wonderful members over the years and we shall miss them. Each year that hosted the Annual Soupcon Run which was always a roaring success. This was no surprise that, according to Malcolm, John insisted that at the ceremony there would be good food, good wine, good scotch and no religion. These conditions were more than adequately met. Malcolm also noted that there were not many less than 100 in the room, and that the 3 car clubs he belonged to were well represented. John was very much liked and respected and it was very gratifying to see so many people there to see him on his way.

I am sure that we will see many more of our older members retire from driving, but the club will go on with many more enthusiasts coming along who get the same, if not more pleasure, out of driving our cars. The sound of the engine, the feel of the wheel on the road, this is what driving is all about. We are all, indeed, enthusiasts and these little MG's certainly give us a great deal of pleasure (and sometimes grief, when we can't find a part).

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Cheers,

*Patricia, Ed.*



## *The Driver's View!*

### **V.M.G.C. Presidents note for October 2024**

As mentioned in my last month's notes the trip to Salt Spring was another great V.M.G.C. event, we met up with a group of "Salt Springers" with some interesting cars.

Salt Spring is one of my personal favourite Islands to visit and over the 36 or so years that I have been visiting the Island, not too much has changed, sure, it is like everywhere else, it has grown somewhat, but has retained that rural sense about it that always draws me to it. Plus It was a great ferry ride and a fantastic drive. Tim our leader researched a good route that took us to spots that we had not visited before.

I have been spending a lot of time re-arranging my workshop space so that I can use some of that space for working on our own cars! It is amazing how stuff accumulates, for instance, our recent purchase of an MGB resulted in purchasing a new Radiator, as the old original one was showing it's age by having various cold spots after reaching operating temperature (a blocked radiator). For some reason I kept the old one?? It's now in the pile of metal to go to the recyclers!!

I wonder why we do such things, is it the cost of the new part and perhaps saving it for an "emergency" back up part, which makes no sense at all. Anyhow, after doing this for some time with other parts and fearing that I may be a "wannabe hoarder" it is time to reclaim the space! 2 full days in so far, and more stuff and time yet to get to the final vision.

On a more somber note, Trish and I plus other club members went to The Celebration of Life gathering for John Braybrooks, a long time member of our club. It was a time to reflect on the interesting life that he, his family and friends had. The room was full of people from far and wide to celebrate the common connection with each other which was of course John Braybrooks! I think it was a life well lived!

Well done John.

Our Club has a full agenda thru to the new year and we hope to see you at the events yet to come.

Drive safe and keep well.

"Make every drive the perfect drive"

Malcolm



## SALT SPRING ISLAND TOUR

**What a happy surprise September 29th turned out to be.....** In spite of a sort of gloomy forecast, participants who ventured over the water, braving the BC Ferries long weekend line ups, were rewarded with a great day of spirited driving twisty roads alongside the ocean and over hill and dale.

But the real reward of the trip was meeting up with the **Salt Spring Crankcase's**. About a dozen or more interesting vehicles gathered at Woodley's restaurant. A pre-war Riley sedan with a double overhead cam engine was particularly interesting, showing off what is often thought, a great modern engine improvement, which was originally pioneered many decades ago.

A very nice Triumph Stag, not a regular sight, looked smart in the parking lot and on the tour around the island. Thanks Eric for bringing your MG TC and another TC from up-island. Given the right formula for a combination score of distance traveled and age of vehicles the yellow TC would have likely won that award.

Joining the Crankcase crowd were four Victoria club cars. Eric and Sue, with a "TC", Malcolm and Trish with the Jag x-something or other, Jordan and Chloe with an awesome midget, and Mary with her Midget (that she lets me drive).

It was the famous Apple Festival event but the car business only left time for a cider (and fries) but with a little more effort on my part I am sure a bit of Apple Pie could have been found. It would have probably tasted sooooo good—this would have to be rewritten to tell you about it. Maybe next year!

Don't miss out on the next club drive, Nov 3rd to the BC Aviation Museum and Dakota Cafe. (I know it was promised to be a Blue Moon restaurant stop but they are under renovation.)

Keep Zooming, and thinking sunny thoughts for the last club drive of 2024.

Cheers

Tim Marks



# BC Air Museum and Roost Bistro—NOV: 3rd

## MG Club Drive

Nov 3 2024

### BC Air Museum and Roost Bistro

<https://bcam.net>

We are coming up to the last club drives of the year. Time does tick away! We have had a lot of topless club drives and here is hoping for another rainless day. The plan: A meandering drive along Interurban and West Saanich Rd to the Aviation Museum then pick up some carbohydrates and protein at Roost Bistro. (*The Bleue Moon Cafe is undergoing renovations.*)

Special Note: The Aviation Museum has recently acquired two pretty cool planes. A Starfighter jet, the first plane to hold the three records of speed, rate of climb, and altitude all at the same time. It was commonly referred to “as a missile with a man in it”. The second cool acquisition, the Martin Mars Bomber. I understand admission to the museum includes the opportunity to get inside the Martin Mars.

**If that isn't cool enough, if we have a group of 10 or more people, we will be ushered into the secure outside display area near vintage aircraft, to have our cars (and us) photographed with the aircraft. Looks like double time for the happy dance (anti-rain dance) to get our car photos topless.**

PS group rate is \$12 instead of \$17.



Martin Mars Bomber with the Snowbirds over Haro Strait on last flight to Victoria before returning to land at Pat Bay for transfer to Air Museum. *Photo Patricia*  
*The Bomber returned directly over our house, very shortly after this shot was taken. Of course, I had put the camera down!*

## RUN INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARKING LOT:

Meet:10:00 am

Leave: 10:15am

Sunday November 3rd

Uptown: Tim Horton's parking lot, 3501 Ravine Way

Left Ravine Way;

Right Carey Rd;

Immediate left Cadillac Ave;

Left Dumeresq St;

Right Interurban Rd;

Right West Saanich Rd;

Left Old West Saanich Rd;

Right West Saanich Rd;

Right Willingdon Rd;

Continue through turn circles until East Saanich Rd North;

Left Canora Rd;

Left Norseman Rd;

BC Aviation Museum, 1910 Norseman Rd

### **Admission:**

Adult \$17:00 (10 or more in group, \$12/person)

Seniors & Amp; Youth (13-18) \$14.00

Enjoy!

### **To Roost Bistro—after Museum Tour:**

Right Canora Rd;

Bear Right East Saanich Rd; continue through turn circle to East Saanich Rd South;

Right into Roost Bistro parking lot through McTavish Rd intersection.

Roost Bistro, 9100 E Saanich Rd, North Saanich

(Please copy and bring with you if possible)





## THE ROAD AHEAD

### North of the Malahat:

Hi, All .. [Hot Chocolate Run](#)

As the darker, colder days of winter creep ever closer we will no longer head out for ice cream, but instead 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, starting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Mill Bay Tim Hortons is at 825 Deloume Road, Mill Bay.

Malcolm [spmanor@msn.com](mailto:spmanor@msn.com)

### Events

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

The year is quickly coming to a close, and Tim has 3 excellent events prepared. (Sorry— 2, Stu is in charge of the Christmas Party!)

- November 14-** - **Saanich Run, Aircraft Museum, Roost Bistro**  
(please note venue change)
- December 15** - **Christmas Party — Noon at the Six Mile Pub.**  
Please advise Stu if you will be attending.





**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](mailto: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 <b>Made to Order</b> 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	<b>3 only</b>	\$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 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!***