

December 2024

THE

OCTAGON

Victoria MG Club

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!

SEE YOU ON THE JAN 1st RUN



HAPPY - NEW - YEAR

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PLEASE— Mark events on your Calendars

Cover Photo: Background MGB & Aircraft Engine

WELCOME 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

*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,

Here we go, the last month of the year and we are almost at the end of it. Soon it will be 2025!

TIM MARKS has sent the VMGC a full list of all events that are planned for this year. It certainly looks good and his explanations can be found the page before and in The Road Ahead. Please take a copy of this and put it on your calendar. LET US FILL OUR CALENDARS WITH THE GREAT EVENTS that we can all enjoy together, with our MG's (or wanabe MG's) and of course, their owners, at these functions.

Our Secretary has sent us all an invitation to the next meeting, which is always important to attend—as this is the only way you truly get to know what is going on—and even, perhaps, get involved!

This year has been a busy one for Derrick and I, and no doubt, yourselves as well. We have discovered that life is short (no -not referring to us), life in general—and that it is getting shorter all the time. So no time like the present to get on out there and enjoy yourselves. Thus the 3 month trip across Canada that we recently undertook. Gosh, if we had of thought about our actual ages before taking off we may never have gone!!!!

Talking about the trip across the country, we are (believe it or not), working on our photos (yes, I took too many and now poor Derrick has the job of sorting through them), but I will be putting them into a format and sending some of them off to you. (Promises, Promises). Suffice, at the moment, to say that the trip was worth it, however, next time perhaps we will fly over and rent a car!! Sleep in Bed and Breakfasts; enjoy fast food outlets!! No, I am kidding, it was incredible. We met some wonderful people, camped in great private and government campgrounds, enjoyed fresh muscles from the fisherman, soaked up the scenery like a sponge, and, enjoyed the birdlife.

It was not all smooth sailing—we had sewage problems which had to be attended to (and quickly)! We also had to have the alignment fixed due to constant battering on some of the roads. For this we met some local Quebec people who assisted us by arranging for an alignment shop to fix not only the alignment but also the ball joints. The shop was within 10 km of the campground and easy to find. The personnel were incredible and did a fantastic job. Thanks to their good work, we were able to continue our journey—which was at the time, only in the first quarter of it), with complete ease of mind. We did find that no matter where we were, the acceptance was unreal. THAT made the trip so much more enjoyable.

Once again—if you would like to help with The Octagon, I would love to hear from you.

Cheers, Patricia



The Driver's View!

V.M.G.C President's note for November 2024

Hi all,

2024 has been a great year for our club.

We have a lot of things as a club. The Christmas Party was a great success and a big thank you to the club members who did the organizing and we had a great turnout. We collected \$535 for the Mustard Seed and that has been delivered to the Mustard Seed who were delighted and will put it to great use.

The next big club event is the New Year's Day Burn. Traditionally this has always had a great turnout and I hope everybody can make it out this year. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can take our cars out but, even if we have to take a modern form of transport, i.e. a modern vehicle—that will be great. 'The January One Event is the start of our MG year here in Victoria and we have a great year planned ahead and I hope to see you at all these interesting places that we visit and roads that we travel on.

Our club's AGM will be held during the meeting in February. We are looking for members that would like to volunteer their time and expertise to take up some of the Executive Member Positions. If you feel you can contribute to our club with your time and expertise, but would like further information on the position, please contact one of our existing executives for more information. Or, if you know of a member who would be good on the Executive, after asking them, please contact Sue Fraser at 250-477-9827. Please leave a message on her answering machine.

Drive safe and

"Make every drive the perfect drive"

Malcolm

The 2024 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

First off, I think that a BIG THANKYOU to Stu Moore is in order for organizing and looking after the Christmas Luncheon that we had. The event went off extremely well, with many member wearing an Ugly Sweater and then standing up to have their photos taken with them!!! What a hoot. Thank you.

We all had a really good time. But then again, with a great group like ours, we can only but enjoy ourselves!.

The weather was also kind to us, which enabled our many members from up-island to be able to attend the event without having to worry about the trip back up and over the Malahat. Thank you all so much for coming on down.

There was a great line-up of MG's outside the pub, which were enjoyed by those that came to the pub for a meal.'

Most of the members brought along a gift, which was placed on the table at the head of the room. When your name was called out you chose a gift—which to the chagrin of the

new owner, then had to give it up to someone else who came over to claim it. This went on till all the gifts on the table were handed out, then they were opened.

Unlike previous years, when you could see what had been opened, the rules were changed so that once the gifts where opened up, there were no more exchanges allowed.

Money donated to the Mustard Seed Foodbank was gathered and delivered to them by Malcolm Ives. Thank you to all who gave a donation.

Once again, thank you to the 6 Mile Pub for being great hosts for our party. Much appreciated, and to all of our members who attended. We had a great time.

(Below, our members and their ugly sweaters!)



The 2024 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

And the Winner Is :

Garth!!



But ... but?



The MG EVENTS Calendar 2025:

Here is a tentative calendar for the upcoming year. Things may change or events may be added. Treat this as a working document and be encouraged there is something every month to celebrate your appreciation for an MG automobile.

If all goes to plan for Mary and I this summer, we will regrettably be traveling off the island for most of the good weather months. Our trip will be on 4 wheels, but not MG wheels.

Mary will manage her 2 wheels and I, my 2 wheels. If our crazy plan materializes, that will leave many opportunities for a variety of leaders to guide our club members through the summer's adventures.

I will make every effort to supply "turn by turn" guides for the listed drives, but that in no way limits the addition of trips or changes to how they are actually carried out.

TIM MARKS

Island Adventure 2025

Last year, the club had a two night "North Island Adventure" that proved to be some good fun for the 4 cars participating. Keeping the trip on the island greatly reduces expense and inconvenience if our aging steeds decide to take an untimely rest. As it turned out, it is also beneficial if an aging operator requires rest or repair.

For this year's extended trip I am proposing 3 nights in Port Alberni. I can hear the cheers of excitement. Well, if Port Alberni doesn't make you giddy with excitement, you might appreciate the finer points of the plan.

Day 1 drive to Port Alberni; check into 3 nights Best Western Hotel.

Day 2 drive to Tofino, Ucluelet, and or beaches in between, return to P.A.

Day 3 drive to Bamfield return to P.A.

Day 4 drive home.

Points of merit are:

- All roads are paved,
- School is in session, so hopefully traffic will be less,
- Hopefully three nights in one hotel will encourage a discount in charges,
- Not too late to hope for decent weather,
- Leaves might be starting to give some fall colours.

Mary and I will be making every effort to be back from our little summer adventure to participate in this **Island Adventure 2025**.

The Plan follows in "The Road Ahead"

THE ROAD AHEAD



Tim Marks has organised the following events for 2025 :-






- Jan 1** **New Year's Day Burn. 10:30 meet at Tim Hortons, Ravine Way to Christie's Pub.**
(The weather forecast , so far, looks fantastic for January 1st –perfect for MG 'S)
- Feb 9 Valentine's Day Drive - Love is such a crapshoot - The ultimate gambit. The Rose Pub
- Mar 16 St. Patrick's Day Run, Saanich Peninsula
- April 13 Metchosin Run; 17 Mile Pub
(April 18 - 21 Easter)
- May 25 Run to Shirley Delicious
- June 1 Heritage Park, Old English Car Club
- June 15 English Car Picnic, Beacon Hill
- June 29 Glen & MaryAnn - Rose Garden at their home
- July 13 Brits on the Beach, Transfer Beach Park, Ladysmith
- July 27 Gayle's Shawnigan Lake BBQ,
- Aug 17 Cowichan Lake, via Duncan, Pick up north island club members (possible return via Port Renfrew)
- Sept 10/13 **Mid-Island trip**, includes Bamfield and Tofino/Ucluelet, three nights in Port Alberni.
- Sept 14 British Car Run/meet
- Oct 19 Salmon Run, Sooke River, 17 Mile Pub
- Nov 2 Soupçon and Burning of the guy
- Dec Christmas Party

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

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	

NAME BADGES ARE VERY HELPFUL AT CLUB EVENTS

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!***