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Victoria MG Club



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PLEASE— Mark events on your Calendars

Cover Photo: TWO MCTC'S on lawn at "The Roost"

WELCOME MEMBERS

Invite your MG Friends

Membership Renewals are well under way, with many members already signed up for 2025. Please get your renewal in to our Treasurer ASAP so that you are not left off the mailing list, most members are renewing on-line. Extremely convenient. Please email the Treasurer if you need help.

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

The members who put in 'Wants & For Sale ads'
and
Our ongoing contributions from the Executive and Elected officials

*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 and:
d) To encourage involvement of British and other marques in the Club

EXECUTIVE

President - Malcom Ives
president@victoriangclub.ca

Vice-President - Gayle Adams

Secretary - Maurice Emery
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events@victoriangclub.ca

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Including Ice Cream Runs

Webmaster - Mark Speed
webmaster@victoriangclub.ca

VMGC Members Only Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1079014840051182>

Historian - Position Vacant

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.

Email directly to the Editor:
newsletter@victoriangclub.ca



Editor's Notes:

Hi all,

This edition of the Octagon has the upcoming notice of the VMGC Annual General Meeting and a description of a couple of the Awards that are presented at that time. Andthere are also a couple of items on the Wants and For Sales page, which you might find interesting.

Once again, as per usual, The Road Ahead is outlined and there are definitely a lot of interesting drives planned for 2025. It should be a great year—one which will encourage you to lift the cover off the car, check the oil, etc., etc., and get her ready for the road. There is nothing better than the purr of that engine while you are sitting behind the wheel guiding her along the highways and by-ways.

There will be a February Octagon coming out, but I DO NEED YOUR INPUT. Without your input the Octagon is not as exciting as it should be—so please fill my 'inbox'.

Looking forward to the next run....

Safe driving, Patricia





The Driver's View!

V.M.G.C President's note for January 2025

President's notes January 2025

The Victoria MG club New Year's Day Burn was by all accounts, a great success, unfortunately, Trish and I were unable to attend due to not feeling well that day, we have now recovered!

Our events team has a good year laid out ahead of us. Looks like will be lots of fun and lots of good roads to drive on. The next event is the Valentines run the details are in this copy of the Octagon.

VMGC annual general meeting, or AGM, takes place on 10 February this year, at the Zoom meeting, all of the executive positions become open, this is where we accept nominations from the floor for members to take over these positions.

The proposed executive, has to be a member in good standing and be nominated by a member in good standing.

This is a great way to meet other club members and to contribute to the Great Car club that we all belong to.

This coming year, we are going to introduce "tech sessions" they will of course be focussed around MG's. Please keep an eye on your emails and the Octagon for dates and places of these events.

We are hoping to get idea's from members, and we will try and accommodate as many subjects as we can, a good place to discuss various ideas would be on the monthly Zoom meetings that we hold.

It's very easy to log onto Zoom and we look forward to you bringing bringing your ideas and to exchange ideas with other members.

If you have any trouble getting onto Zoom or how it works, please contact one of the executive members and they will be happy to explain.

" Make every drive the perfect drive" and be safe.

"Malcolm"

MINUTES VICTORIA MG CLUB GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Jan 13th, 2025

Tuesday: 2025 JAN 13

Meeting held via Zoom

Called to order by Malcolm at: 7:37 pm

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

Others Present: Glen Ogilvie , Daffyd Foster, Michael Wegner, Derrick Sparks

Meeting called to order. 10 members present.

Updates:

MEMBERSHIP: Stu reports 36 members and a few who have paid dues for 2025. Sent an e-mail encouraging us to renew our memberships.

NEWSLETTER: January Newsletter will not go out; Will send out to include AGM. Need newsletter editor.

TREASURER: Rob reports \$8,932.60 in account. Stable, doing fine more memberships will be coming in.

VICE PRESIDENT: No updates. Went to the Rose Pub for Valentine's Day run on Sunday, Feb 9th. Be at pub at 11:30am when it opens. Restoration Trophy is absent. Michael recalls they both were picked up. Gayle has trophy.

EVENTS: Tim is absent. Gayle will e-mail Tim for next event. Events are planned out for the year.

MOTORSPORTS: Non-issue now. Uncertain future.

PRESIDENT: AGM coming up. Know any members who want to become part of leadership, let them know for the AGM. Malcolm brought up the idea of a tech session raised at the last Exec Meeting. Sue Fraser will offer up her place for a tech session. Sue has a nice garden-suggest doing a tech session and a garden walk if not interested in tech session. Has a MG Y that is out of commission. Malcolm will be doing the tech session. Later in year, Malcolm will consider doing another tech session MG at his shop, perhaps Michael's clutch.

Wants and For Sales: Glen has a trunk luggage rack (non-bolt on) chrome for MGB (\$150 or negotiable price). Derrick knows someone who wants a chrome bumper MGB GT. Derrick has MG Midget—Daffyd knows someone who might want it. Maurice has 2 sets of front calipers for MGB for sale (listed on eBay).

Other business: Next meeting is Annual General Meeting. Glen is pondering how to get more attendance. Perhaps a way to present a program to encourage attendance. Michael and Glen will brainstorm. Will make a presentation for a plan.

Pat is looking for photos of Christmas Run at 6-Mile Pub; Stu has pictures.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm

UPCOMING VMGC AGM, FEB 10, 2025

This notice is to advise you of the all important Annual General Meeting to be held on February ..., 2025, via Zoom, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Reports at the meeting:

Officers and Committee Reports

Election of New Officers for 2025

Elected Officials:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

Directors:

Director of Events
Director of Motorsport
Director of Membership

Appointed Positions:

Newsletter
Webmaster
Historian

If you wish to run for Office, nominate someone who would be willing to stand for office, or any other position in the Club:

Please Advise Susan Fraser:

Ph: 250-477-9827 E: susaneefraser@gmail.com

Awards Issued (if applicable) are:

The Mike Manning Award— (written by Alan Fraser)

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 annual 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 an 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 Mk11 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-gray 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 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.

Unfortunately, Mike Manning fell victim to cancer in 1982 and the following year, the club established the memorial award to be given annually to the member who displays the greatest authenticity and originality in MG ownership and, more importantly, who exhibits the enthusiasm and spirit that Mike enjoyed. Had history unfolded differently, Mike would have surely been the first recipient of this type of award.

The Piston Broke Award: -

This unique trophy consisting of a cracked piston rampant on a bent connecting rod, is one of the more unique trophies that the Victoria MG Club awards annually to deserving members who were struck by mechanical disasters and the vagaries of the Prince of Darkness or his minions..

We have had fan blades come adrift, water pumps and fans encounter radiators, Midet expiry in Southern Oregon and a clutch pedal disintegrating on the Coquihalla Highway.

These incident have been salvaged by Honda radistors, hair dryers, bungee cords, iron plumbing and native ingenuity.

Club owners are sorely proud to display this unique trophy on their mantels as evidence that they overcame the British curse and somehow arrived back home.

Restoration Award:

As the name implies this award is given to a member who has finally completed a total restoration of his/her MG. Restorations require many hours of desire, love and hard work to complete properly.

IIF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER who may qualify for one of the above awards, please send the details to the Vice President, Gayle Adamas E: gaylea.gma@gmail.com for consideration.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE AGM VIA ZOOM : FEB 10, 2025

Zoom info will be sent out to all members

WANTS AND FOR SALES

1. **Removable Luggage Rack.** Polished stainless steel.

Asking \$200.

Contact: Glen Ogilvie - E: lowend1@telus.net



1958 MGA - Asking \$22,000

For further information please call Judy
at 250-213-4244



Please remember to send in your ads for inclusion
in The Octagon

Regards,

Patricia, Editor.

THE ROAD AHEAD



- Feb 9** Valentine's Day Drive - Love is such a crapshoot - The ultimate gambit.
Lunch at: The Rose Pub, 592 Ledsham Rd., Colwood
- 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**, incl. Bamfield and Tofino/Ucluelet, three nights in Port Alberni.
[MORE DETAILS on NEXT PAGE](#)
- Sept 14 British Car Run/meet
- Oct 19 Salmon Run, Sooke River, 17 Mile Pub
- Nov 2 Soupçon and Burning of the guy
- Dec (TBA) Christmas Party

For Info: Please contact Tim Marks @ events@victoriamgclub.ca

The MG EVENTS Calendar 2025 continued:

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

- Sept. Event in “The Road Ahead”






PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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!