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President's Points

Happy New Year – Everyone! - Welcome to the Year of the Midget!

If we are to honour history, this year is the 55th anniversary of the MG Midget (1961) and the 80th anniversary of the MG TA Midget (1936).

It is time for resolutions or at least some goals for the club for the New Year. My 2016 goals for the club are twofold:

- First is, as always, to have fun with our MG's (or other LBC's) – that means providing lots of regular club events as well as finding new opportunities to drive our cars wherever and whenever we can; and
- Second, to continue to improve our communication within and outside the club. We are very good at having fun with our cars – we just need to make sure everyone knows about it, both members and non-members.

With that in mind there are a few things I'd like to mention for the start of the year.

- First is the Winter Wonderland drive that Cam has organized for January 17th. Meet at Tim Hortons, Shawnessy at 10:00 for a drive to Black Diamond (LBC's not required!).
- Second is the visit by Dave Godwin and others with their MG's from Australia in late May; a fantastic opportunity to meet some other enthusiasts we wouldn't otherwise get to know.
- And third is NAMGBR in Louisville Kentucky in June. This year it is an all registry gathering (this only happens every 5 years!) so let's make sure we get in on this one.

For now though – it's back to the garage for all those projects we have to get ready for Driving Season – remember; it is only 112 days away! Unless of course.....



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Safety Fast – this is the post Christmas run!

Annual Vehicle Inspection

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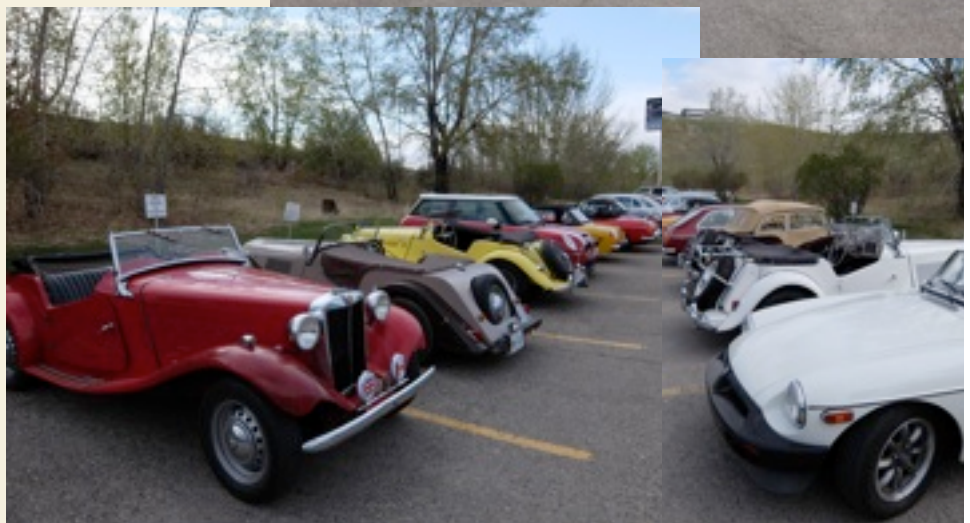
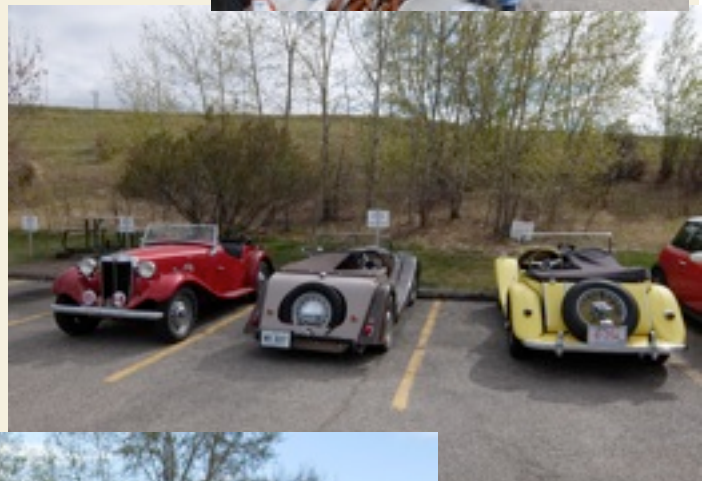
In particular I'd like to thank the stalwarts, our Ardith Holtz for the food shopping {Carol Hedlo assisting here} that Ardith delivered with Husband Mike this a.m. along with the table, cutlery and all the trappings. Then Dave Gard for delivering our new super nice tent (following which he had to go to work!), Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ridge of AutoMann for the use of their premises with early a.m. coffee. Al Taylor for attending to the cooking. This fare including Ardith's famous eggy thing, pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice. John Towler and Trevor Beatson who I pressed into looking after the inspection. Then mechanics Steve and Chris. Plus folks who assisted in clean up {that I didn't see during the time I was busy collecting recorded inspection paper stuff}. Todd from Sports Car Parts also attended and had a long chat with Bill {nice to see!}.

And thanks very, very much to you, the members who inspected each others cars. All of whom

seemed to have much fun doing it!

So to all again, many, many thanks! As we had 19 cars for a total of 30 people!. One of which was sole VSCCC member David Caddel {I'll send him our thanks through Chris Durtnall of VSCCC}.

Cheers
Mike Coe
President, 2015



Sparks, drips, squeaks and rattles!

LEONARD AND HELEN ADAIR

LBC's have a troubled history. When we mentioned to a friend that we now owned a 1972 MGB they said, "I had one, left me stranded with my girlfriend on the side of the road....." I am sure many have had heard the same.

Cannot say our MG hasn't let us down, leaving us at the side of the road and being towed home

by AMA, but the car is now 43 years old!

My Father-in-law came up with a maintenance schedule to guard against our LBC developing trouble. (See below) I have followed this faithfully and so far, keep your fingers crossed, our LBC has provided us with nothing but reliable enjoyment. Also, prior to every drive, check those fluid levels!



| Maintenance Item | Frequency | Last Done | DUE | Notes |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Wheel Bearings Front | 6000 | 54714 | 60714 | greased |
| Front Brakes, check pads | 2000 | 59754 | 79754 | OK |
| Carb. Dashpots 10w30 | 500 | 59498 | 59998 | used 1/2 tbsp in each pot |
| Steering Box, check oil | 5000 | 53819 | 58819 | |
| Brake/Clutch fluid Check | 1000 | 59754 | 60754 | OK |
| Rear Axle, check oil 80/90SAE | 3000 | 58597 | 61597 | OK |
| Change Engine Oil/Filter or every Fall | 3000 | 59665 | 62665 | |
| Clean & Gap Plugs | 3000 | 59754 | 62665 | Oct. 22 New Plugs |
| Rotate Front Tyres | 6000 | 57071 | 63071 | |
| Grease Prop shaft universal | 2000 | 59665 | 61665 | OK |
| Shock absorber oil, check | 2000 | 57071 | 59071 | |
| Grease Front Suspension | 2000 | 59665 | 61665 | |
| Gearbox, check oil 20W50 | 2000 | 58597 | 60597 | OK |
| Replace Plugs | 9000 | 59754 | 68754 | NEW PLUGS |
| Rear Brakes, check linings | 4000 | 57071 | 61071 | Replaced at 33600 |
| Check Compression | 8000 | 47074 | 55074 | |
| Rear Axle, drain | 10000 | 58597 | 68597 | change oil 80/90 |
| Clean/oil air filter | 6000 | 54500 | | |
| Brake Fluid Change | 9000 | 53816 | 62816 | OK |
| Valve Rocker Clearance, check | 6000 | 44250 | 50250 | Check Cam Lift reset 3 tappets |
| Replace Anti Freeze | 12000 | 51214 | 63214 | check anti freeze -40 |
| Gearbox/OD, drain, clean filter | 12000 | 51214 | 63214 | drained oil in OD install new gasket |
| Change Fuel Filter | 12000 | 51214 | 63214 | |



BritsBest Classics Show'n'Shine

Radium Hot Springs, B.C.

The Calgary MG Car Club strives to give back to the community in as many ways as possible through a variety of functions. One is the annual show'n'shine in Radium - half the funds raised through this event are presented to an organization that promotes in automobiles in young people. With this in mind we are pleased to sponsor a scholarship in the mechanics program at the Central Memorial High School in Calgary. These funds assist students in their education, and perhaps foster their interest in the British car movement!

BritsBest Organizing Committee



Central Memorial Show'n'Shine

CHAPELHOW SHOW'N'SHINE



AUGUST 2015



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #284





SAIT President and CEO, Dr David Ross presenting a token to SAIT's ALIVE member Trevor Beatson



Mr. Beatson next to the clock he restored

It began its life as SAIT's official timepiece and it has now taken its rightful place as an iconic piece of our history. The clock that kept time for SAIT for almost half a century has been restored and installed in a Heritage Hall showcase in time for next year's 100th birthday.

SAIT'S ALIVE

About 100 former instructors and staff and members of the retirees' association SAIT's ALIVE, attended the unveiling ceremony in Heritage Hall on Wednesday, June 10. Before showing off the grandfather clock, SAIT's President and CEO Dr. David Ross thanked the group for their hard work on the clock's restoration.

"It's no surprise then that SAIT's ALIVE chose to revive this elegant piece of artistry — a combination of mechanical and electric technology — to showcase our past," said Ross. "It was state-of-the-art technology of its day. It's such a pleasure to have it back in this high-profile display case in time for our centennial."

A brief history of time

The timepiece is on display just steps away from where it was first employed in SAIT's historical main building when it opened in 1922. The clock was purchased from the Standard Electric Time Company of Springfield Massachusetts and was installed in the principal's office, away from public view.

A high-tech marvel of its day, it was wired to every other clock throughout the school — serving as a master clock synchronizing the others and triggering the school bell. The clock was removed and placed in storage in the mid 1960s.

Reviving a relic

The restoration project was passionately undertaken by Blake Gordon of SAIT's ALIVE. Getting the clock up and running wasn't only a major technical challenge; it also involved some detective work. Gordon says staff lost track of the clock for a while after it was initially removed.

Another former SAIT employee, Trevor Beatson was the first to catch wind of the clock's existence in the 1980s. A machinist and millwright by trade, Beatson repaired equipment around campus, and had a personal interest in building and repairing clocks.

Beatson finally tracked the clock down beneath Heritage Hall in the 1990s.

"I made some inquiries and found that it was in storage — literally underground," says Beatson. "I took a flashlight and found it in a big coffin-shaped box. I brought it out and scrounged up some components. Then, with some help from electricians and carpenters around SAIT, and some restoration advice from an expert in New York, I got it up and running and installed in a showcase near the elevator in Heritage Hall."

Of course the story doesn't end there. When the building was closed for restoration in the late 90s, the clock was removed once more, but it didn't disappear. "It sat right next to my work bench," Beatson says with a smile. "I had it next to me until I retired from SAIT in 2002."

SAIT's ALIVE has kept the clock safe until the time was right to return it to the showcase in Heritage Hall — the eve of SAIT's once-in-a-lifetime centennial celebration seems the perfect time.

"This is a technical institute — that clock is technology," says Blake Gordon proudly. "I think it's important that we recognize the technology from our history."



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PRESIDENTS BBQ CANADA DAY

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THE HOST AND HOSTESS



THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY



THE RALLY MASTER



PARTICIPANTS



SHADE (at last)



HOUSTON WE HAVE A PROBLEM



OUR CARS

AUGUST 2015



The rally masters, **Len and Helen** and the post rally dinner hosts, **Jack and Elsie**



SEPTEMBER 2015



The excitement grows as the members of the Calgary MG Car Club prepare for another great event put by for club members. This year Ken Peake provided us all with an excellent drive through the foothills of our beloved Alberta, beginning in Calgary where we met for a coffee and some chatter at Glenmore Landing. Then it was off in a westerly direction to Bragg Creek where we had a chance to stop and admire the cars and shop through some local shops. After a brief rest stop we then continued south to Turner Valley where we headed west up through the rolling hills to the head waters of the Sheep River and eventually to the very end of the highway.

The event was challenging due to poor road conditions, potholes, heaving pavement and an array of animals on the road including Big Horn Mountain Sheep and these rather funny looking beasts that could have cared less that you were there. Some thought they had the right of way and wandered impolitely in front of us now and again. Then there was that white flakey stuff all around in the hills - it was a chilly day indeed. I must say this didn't seem to stall this lively bunch of British car enthusiasts. YOU SEE it is all about the camaraderie and driving their favorite automobile through this wonderland of colour and beautiful scenery. This year's event drew a large crowd of 23 cars - WOW! Some of us made use of the rest stop and some walked on to see Sheep River Falls. Climbing back behind the wheel the drive continued on through winding hills and dales and eventually we ended our adventure in Okotoks for a wonderful lunch at the British Chippy, for fish and chips and meat pies. What more could one ask for? All in all it was a very enjoyable day and a huge success. This is just a small look at one of the many wonderful events that the hard working members of the Calgary MG Car Club partake in throughout the driving season, but it doesn't stop there! As our fall

season turns to winter and the cars are tucked away into a warm garage, this club continues to hold events and meetings that tie the knot of friendship as we dream up new ideas to challenge the spirit of those who enjoy these British automobiles. The truth is that it is virtually impossible to partake in all of the events that this club puts on throughout the various seasons, and in my opinion that makes for a very healthy atmosphere that provides a little something for everyone. Unfortunately you just can't do them all! But it sure is fun trying!

Al Taylor





The Club Awards Night Banquet

A little historical tidbit about the badge that appears on our Most Miles Per Year Award:

The Australian Volunteer Automobile Corps was formed in 1908 to provide Commonwealth military motor transport. The *CAP* badge was made for members who usually belonged to car clubs and offered their car and driving services, the latter for which they received an allowance. In turn, members were given the provisional rank of Lieutenant in the Australian Army. By 1914-15 the army began to provide its own motor transport so the AVAC ceased operations.



“UPON WINGS OF EAGLES”

Australian Volunteer Automobile Corps cap badge made circa 1915

The Presidents Choice Award



Little British Car.....or
London Brick Company???

2016 CMGCC Awards

Hard Luck Trophy

Not Awarded

Most Events Attended

Gord and Linda Parker

Best Event

Len and Helen Adair

Most Miles Per Year

Henri Lefabvre

Least Miles Driven

Jack and Elsie Ramsden

Todd Arthur Memorial

Cam Lambert

Presidents Choice

Terrence Walters

CMGCC Crossword Puzzle #1



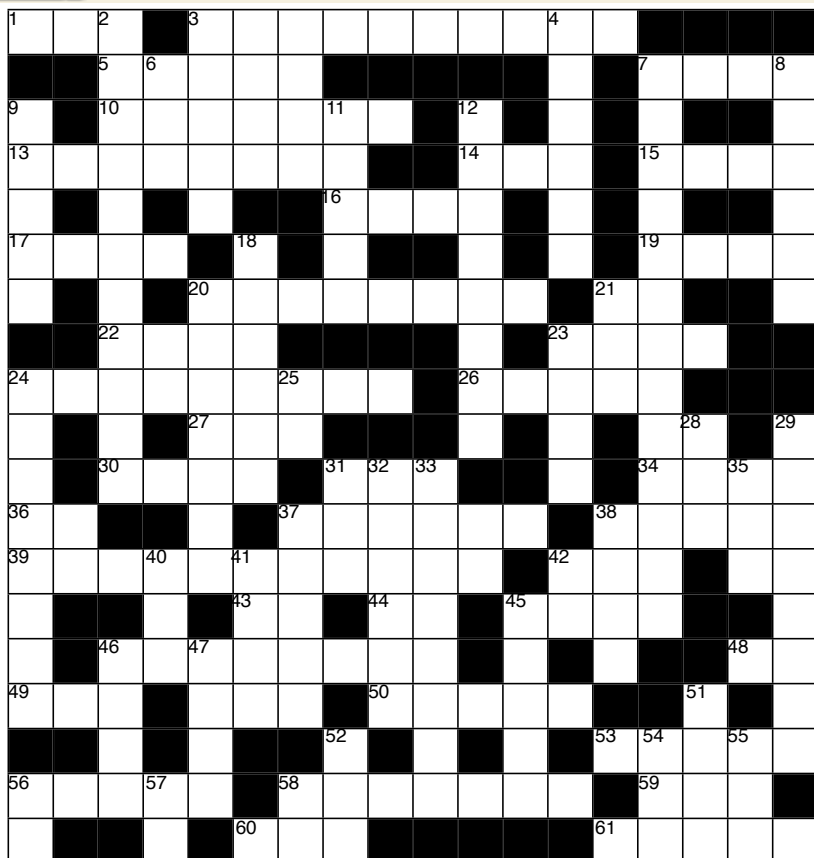
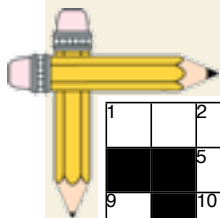
DOWN

2. August fun in Innisfail
3. A lean mixture _____
4. Popular red 1962-69
6. Princess ____
7. Dirty fun in September
8. Rare blue in 1977 only
9. Fun club event
11. Skinners _____
12. November 1967 the Earth changed
18. Miles per _____
23. An old hood will _____ in the wind
24. Plugs in many 1800 engines
25. ___ who hesitates is lost
28. Old Speckled ____
29. Oil _____
31. Lift-a-_____
32. Set at .015"

33. Records mileage
35. Cracked tyres show their ____
37. A topless drive can be _____
38. Tool used to finish a cylinder bore
40. ___ switch
41. Poor substitute for a split pin
42. A guru is a "go __ guy"
45. Prince of Darkness
46. Competent
47. High differential gearing
51. Contains Lucas smoke
52. Implies superiority
54. Traction bars reduce wheel ____
55. Roman numeral "X"
56. __ 40
57. 90 degree pipe fitting
58. Classic cars meet at __ Friday

ACROSS

1. Model before "B"
3. July first - _____ Day BBQ
5. Most are classics not _____ drivers.
7. One of these would make you cry!
10. Part in an OD gearbox
13. Center of the MG universe
14. Let the clutch ____
15. Dash instruments _____ and speedo
16. Early blue 1962-67
17. Autumn _____
19. Drivers right foot get too much _____
20. A nice saloon
21. Short for Master Cylinder
22. Petrol
23. _____ the hood to store
24. _____ Legion
26. Intake or exhaust _____
27. MGB _____ in is 1/16" - 1/8"
30. Rust will _____ the sills
31. Dumb Previous Owner
34. Close by
36. Same as 21 across
37. Some steering wheels are _____
38. One of two on a bonnet
39. British term is "pinking"
42. An MGB weighs approximately a ____
43. Indefinite article
44. Metric unit of torque
45. "Sabrina" overriders didn't last _____
46. Medicine
48. Carburetor brand
49. National Union of Blastfurnacemen
50. Unmodified or standard
53. Old English _____
56. Rostyle _____
58. _____ console appeared in 1972
59. Iron _____
60. ___ SU carburetors until Dec 1972
61. It's only money!



A note from your editors:

We need contributions from people like you! (sounds like PBS) But it is true! Please use the Club email www.events@calgarymgclub.org

Up Coming Events:

Stay tuned for the:

MG Panamerica Tour

Arriving in Canada on January 8, 2016

www.mgpanamerica.mgcc.com.au

www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/04/29/mg-car-club-driving-from-argentina-to-alaska/26608785/

INTRODUCING:

The 2016 Calgary MG Car Club executive:

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A reminder to all who drive:

The fine for distracted driving is now \$287.00 plus three demerit points!

Like spirited driving an MG isn't distracting!!



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