



Flywheel:

Driving Together

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Confidence

Back in our working days when Cheryl was in management, she came across a thought-provoking article. It stated that if a person was away from their job for six weeks or longer, there was a fifty percent chance that they would never return to it. Possibly some realized during that time that they wanted a better job. But the article also pointed out that the longer they were away, the greater their anxiety of what awaited them upon their return, and the less their confidence in doing the job as well as before.

Isn't that somewhat like the angst we feel pulling a car out of winter storage?

Has a rodent chewed the wiring, has a hose hardened and cracked, has a gasket dried out, have evil humours possessed the vehicle? The first startup and drive always comes with some trepidation, at

least for me. The worries, though, tend to vanish with a regime of warm weather driving.

The memory of that article always comes to mind when I climb into the B after it's had a long sit. I worry slightly that some problem might pop up leaving me by the roadside. Perhaps it's just me, maybe you are the same, but the less I use our car, the less confidence I have in it. Conversely, the more I use it, the less I worry. Our old cars don't like to sit idle for long periods: they sulk and think of ways to get even. If we keep our cars happy, they'll keep us happy. Get out and drive! Enjoy spring. —Jim M.

Club News:

Feb 8 General Meeting: Our February Zoom meeting was an informal affair as these sorts of online gatherings tend to be. There were 18 of us, including new members Leslie Colbeck, his better half, Elizabeth Clarke, and our freshest addition to the club, Joe Adams. Mostly new member Ian Anderson was also in attendance, and we are happy to hear that his wife, Jody, is recuperating nicely after a hospitalization over the winter. Here are the meeting highlights courtesy of Sean:

Pete outlined the expenditures from 2021, which exceeded revenue. Calendars, regalia, etc. However, the 2022 budget has a modest outcome of \$236 forecast. No onetime expenses expected this year. Bottom line remains good with a healthy wad of cash in the bank

Membership: We have 53* active members. Many members are now joining/renewing online and paying dues via eTransfer.

Garry Lemon has been contacted by the organizers for our club to again attend the Niagara-on-the-Lake charity polo match on Sept 10. NBCC last attended in 2018. Pictures of that event are in the photo gallery on our website
Pete showed off the regalia Linda bought him for Christmas. Outlined regalia link is on the website, check it out. Club gets a portion of proceeds.

Pending 2022 activities:

- Ancaster show and swap meeting on Easter Sunday
- Motors and Music, Burlington, July
- Polo, Niagara-on-the-Lake Sept 10
- Bronte British Car Day in September, along with many club events to be added to the calendar as things unfold.

Roger Reynolds asked about the possibility of a video link of our live meetings for those who are unable to attend. Advised that we are open to the idea...just need to firm up the ability and execution. Depends on venue, etc.

*6 more members since then

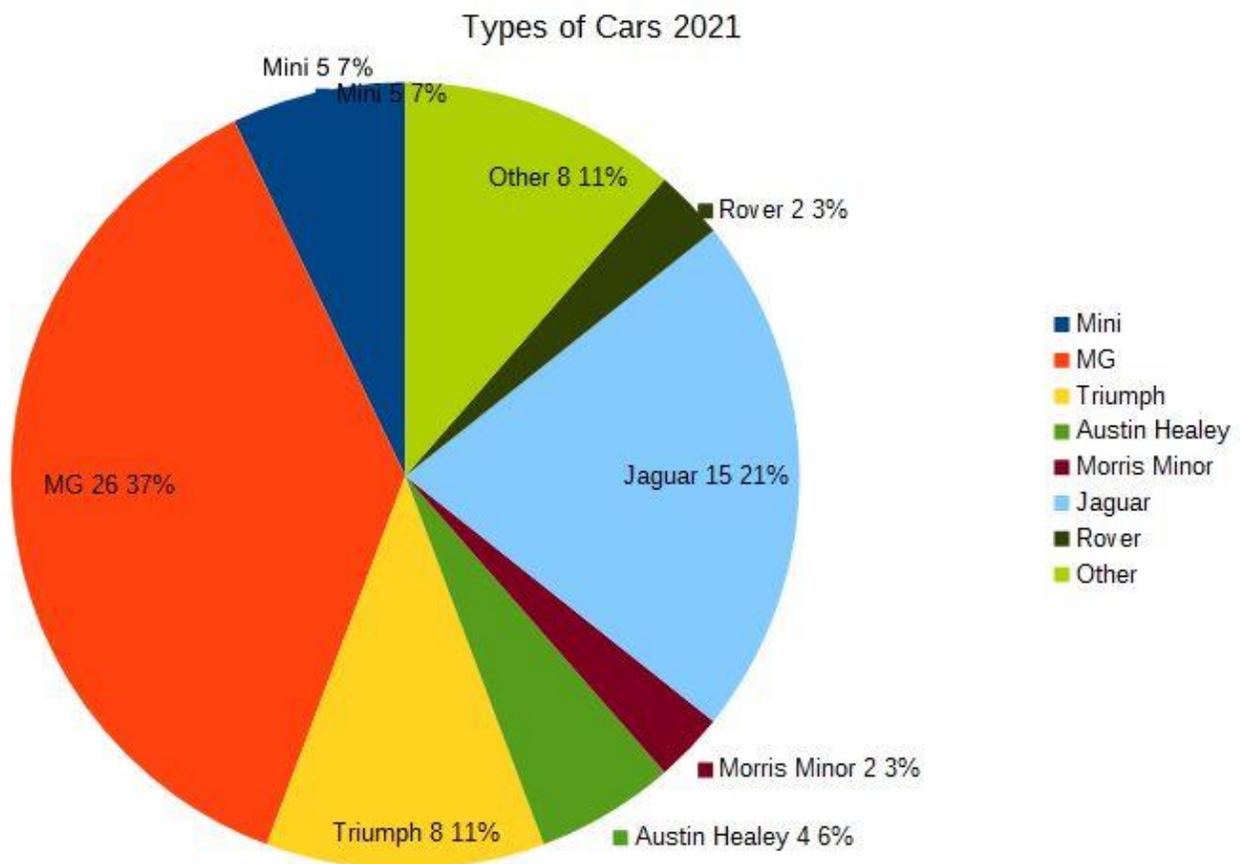
March 8 General Meeting: 32 members showed up at the Grantham House. President Sean welcomed newcomer David McGowan of Hamilton (MGB) into the club.

Business discussed:

- Regalia: Sean reported that hats and calendars are still available for club members who have not yet received theirs. Leslie Moulson advised that Kim Print is changing address and that may delay some orders. Online ordering remains unchanged.
- David Jones reported that the Ancaster British Flea Market is a go for April 17. <https://www.ancasterbritish.ca> for further info. davidjones197@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help.
- Upcoming:
 - April 10, Brave Souls Run
 - April 17, Ancaster
 - April 24, Flying Monkeys at Henry Bos garage
 - Sept 10, Polo Run at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Watch your inbox or check the website for up-to-date info.
- Financials: Pete Moffett's report was read and approved. Our current surplus is just shy of 11 hundred dollars with assets of approximately 44 hundred.
- Mike Hupel moved that our bylaws be reviewed and updated where necessary. A committee to be struck with a suggested Sept 22 deadline. Approved.
- Linda Collacott expressed her concern over road safety when long club convoys are trying to stay together on public highways. Potential rules and procedures to be discussed at the April executive meeting

- Pete Moffett presented a Tech Talk on tires. For those who missed it, it is available on the club website. Next month Bud Moulson will talk about prepping our LBCs for the spring/summer driving season.
- 50/50 won by Liz Osadec.

Who owns what in our club: Another graph from Pete Moffett. Find your slice of the pie.



Pete Moffett

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hijacking the auction at the last second. The "How it Works" link at the top of the home page is worth a look. It's all explained there. —Pete Moffett

The NBCC promotions table will be set up at the Ancaster British Car Flea Market April 17. Club members are welcome to drop by for a visit or to sit in for a while.

Members' News

Welcome new members:

Les Colbeck and Elizabeth Clarke of Niagara-on-the-Lake.



Elizabeth and I are new to collecting British-made classic cars, so we are especially thrilled to become a member of the Niagara British Car Club.

Ever since I was a young lad growing up in Montreal, I have had a love for British sports cars. Now, many, many decades later, I find myself with the time to follow through on a boyhood dream to own one and drive it! We took delivery in January of a 1953 MG TD [below]

We anxiously await that incredible joy and thrill of driving our '53 MG TD, when the warmer spring weather arrives.

In the meantime, Elizabeth and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your membership. Until then, stay well and stay safe. Best regards, Leslie Colbeck & Elizabeth Clarke-Colbeck



The Colbecks' new ride. We are British Racing Green with envy.

Meet Joe and Angela Adams of Stevensville. As part of their stable of vehicles, Joe has a 1975 MGB Roadster, and Angela, a '77 Camaro. Foreign intrigue and domestic bliss. This happy couple lives dangerously close to Nigh's Chocolates. Here's Joe.

We live in Stevensville and have 3 Yorkshire terriers. I have a 1975 MGB Roadster.



Red on red. Joe Adams

It was a basket case that I spent the last 4 years getting road worthy, still a few maintenance issues but only minor! My first car was a British Ford (1969 Cortina) followed by a 1974 MGB and then a 1977 TR7. Also had an Austin Marina, which contrary to everyone's opinion had no problems except typical oil leaks.

My wife's dream car is a '67 Camaro that is getting body work done. She also has a 1998 Eagle Talon that I'm doing an engine overhaul on. Angela is handy around cars and her daily driver in the summer is a Subaru BRZ. My day job is as a fire investigator and Angela is a paralegal. My other interests are ham radio and scuba diving. Besides car shows, we also like to go to air shows. Travelling before COVID was our other passion.

A big Howdy to Darin Reynolds of St. Catharines.

Darin joins by way of some paternal persuasion.

I am a true car lover, right from a young age. It was inherited from my dad, Roger, who is also a member of your club. Some might say it's an obsession. I like all cars, but I favour a few.

I currently have a couple British cars, a 2010 JCW Mini Cooper and an Aston Martin Vantage. The rest of my collection is Porsche.

And sliding in just under the deadline, we are happy to welcome **David McGowan** of Hamilton. David has joined after meeting up with the club on a few earlier runs. He is member number 59 and drives a '71 MGB MK II. A hearty welcome to all our new members.

Happy Birthday to:

- Ian Anderson...1st
- Don Osadec... 5th
- Liz Osadec...8th
- Donna Hughes...28th

We are still collecting members' birth dates. If we have missed yours, please let us know.

Features



The New Super 3: Morgan reinvents the Trike: Photos: Morgan Motors

After announcing the discontinuance of its V-Twin S&S powered Three-Wheeler, Morgan Cars recently revealed a new from-the-ground-up design that will still look familiar to any Mog fan. The motorcycle engine had to go to meet ever toughening emissions standards. In its place is a water-cooled, 3-cylinder Ford engine coupled to a Mazda 5-speed transmission. There is no wood, canvas or sliding pillar suspension in this new car. Its chassis is made of hydroformed bonded aluminum. Front suspension is via lengthy A-arms. Front wheels are 20-inch aluminum inspired by lakes speedsters. There is now an accessible trunk lid at the back, digital dash display and LED lighting. There are numerous

mountings and brackets for cup holders, cell phones, GoPro cameras, etc.



Most clever are the exterior side rails (think vertical roof racks) upon which you can mount competition numbers, rally placards or custom saddle bags. Prices will start at 42-thousand pounds (72-thousand CDN). An electric version will follow.

In the meantime, enjoy this drone video tour of the Morgan factory at Malvern, UK. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWLxtiiPmQc>

Lost Car Rescue: Finding a gem in the rough is a daydream that threads its way through all facets of the old car hobby. Tom Cotter's *Barn Find Hunter* series comes up with some amazing finds, but we often leave his program feeling a little depressed, knowing that when he walks away from his discoveries, many will most likely remain in place, continuing to rot into oblivion.

There is a new Canadian show that sets a happier tone.

Lost Car Rescue on the History Channel is about finding old cars and then rescuing them for restoration and/or resale.

Brothers Matt and Steve Sager, along with Jessica



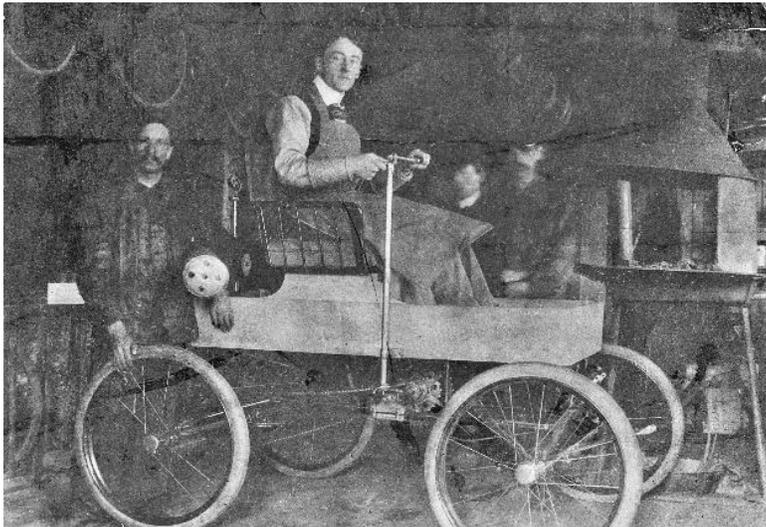
James, Dave Mischuk, and Lee Brandt are a five-member team that scours Northern BC, and rural Alberta and Saskatchewan, seeking out forgotten collectible vehicles. Using Jessica's 1948 Stinson, they fly over sparsely populated areas, preferably in the early spring when the leaves are still off the trees for easy spotting. Their retrieval fleet also includes a vintage Dodge Power Wagon tow truck and a 1988 Freightliner-mounted crane for lifting and hauling their treasures to safety.

Because this is a Canadian series it has less ego and a bigger heart than some of those automotive reality shows from "elsewhere." By the time you are reading this, the six-part series will have run its course but check the schedule for repeats.

Canada's Earliest Automobiles. This month and next, we look back at some of Canada's oldest automobiles. Canada has a rich history of forward-thinking tinkerers and inventors each trying to perfect their visions of self-propelled vehicles. One had to be a real sport to use this then-new technology. Does that make these our earliest sports cars? Even with top speeds of only 10 to 15 miles an hour, it must have seemed exciting. The timing of this column couldn't

have worked out better because later this month Canada's newest antique auto makes its debut.

Fossmobile 1897, 2022:



Photos: Foss family archives

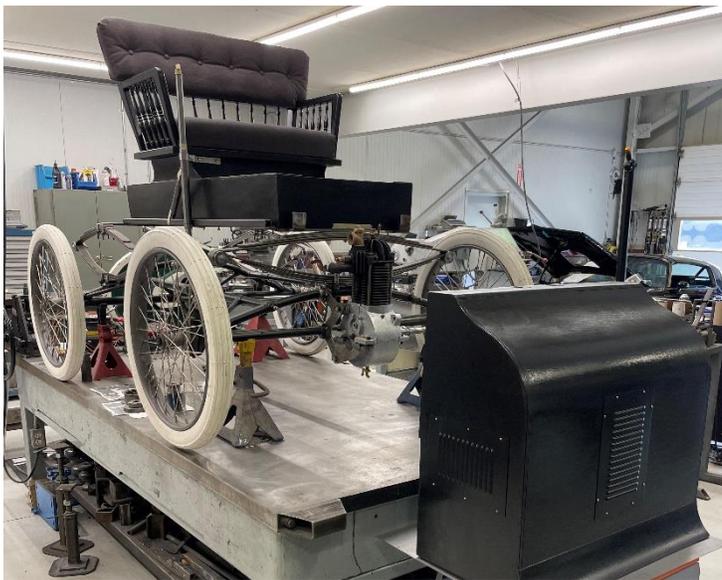
The Fossmobile was the first successful gasoline powered vehicle to be built in Canada, constructed in 1897 by 21-year-old George Foote Foss of Sherbrooke, Quebec. Even

at that young age Foss owned his own blacksmith and bicycle shop. He drove his Fossmobile extensively around his hometown but sold it for 75 dollars in 1902 after moving to Montreal. Nothing more was seen or heard of the car after that.

In 2018 Ron Foss, the inventor's grandson started an ambitious project to build a tribute vehicle as closely as possible to the original design. There were no blueprints, but the Foss family would reverse engineer the car from their many photographs. Also working in their favour was the fact that a lot of early cars shared very similar componentry, outsourced from the suppliers of the day. For example, Ron determined the car mostly likely had a single-cylinder 4-horsepower DeDion-style engine. He found what he was looking for when a gentleman in Florida got in touch with him.

It then followed that the same fellow had a rusted chassis that closely matched the Fossmobile photos, also an old wood body of similar design.

These would form the heart of the recreation. The bulk of the mechanical work has been performed by Legendary Motorcar Company of Halton Hills, Ontario, because of their reputation for quality restorations and their ability to scratch build unattainable components.



Nearly complete. The hood in the foreground yet to be installed over the front-mounted motor. Foss family

The competed Fossmobile tribute will be unveiled April 27 at an invitation-only ceremony in Burlington. The public can have its first look at the Burlington Downtown Car Show on July 9, and the

Sherbrooke, QC, 125th anniversary celebrations August 19–21. After that, it will be displayed at the prestigious Cobble Beach Concours in Owen Sound on September 17 and 18.

Well done to all involved! Our thanks to Ron Foss for the photos. For more information, visit the extensive website and GoFundMe page at <http://www.fossmobile.ca>

In next month's *Flywheel* we will feature the Taylor steam buggy, the Fetherstonhaugh and, right here at home, the Neff Steam Buggy.

Finally:



Prince Phillip passed away a year ago just two months short of his 100th birthday. Here is a quote to remember him by.

“When a man opens a car door for his wife it’s either a new car or a new wife”.



And...Pete is also addicted to drinking brake fluid but he says he can stop any time

Henry Bos hosts the Flying Monkeys. April 2019 Photo by Sean Nakoneczny

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