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Waiting their turn at the Bos garage Jim Martin

President Sean: It appears we are coming out of the shadows in more ways, which gives us lots of reasons to be optimistic about the future and enjoying club activities.

We have many new members. Some are former members returning and some are brand-new. Combine this with summer months and it brings a smile to my face.

This time seems as good as any to remind everyone on the ways to keep in touch with one another outside club meetings and activities. There is the [groups.io](#) page, which allows members to post questions or topics of interest to club members. Email me if you'd like an invite.

The [NBCC website](#) has a members' section, which has a members list with contact information.

There is also the [Facebook page](#). We also have Twitter and [Instagram](#), but they seem to be more for just sharing photos of activities than for information sharing.

I'm looking forward to sharing a few laughs and experiences with all of you at some point this summer. There is a host of things to choose from to keep active and entertained.

Read on for more club-related fun and activities. Cheers!

Editor Jim: I'm in a happy mood as I write this. New members are pouring into the club, and they are jumping right into our activities. For example, check the pic of the Moskalyks further along, winding their little beast all the way up to 900 rpm in the Mudcat parade. Welcome, folks, and hopefully we'll meet soon.

I'm also happy that, thanks to Evans, our MGB is now on the road for the summer season. I'd say coffee and cookies for a carb rebuild is a pretty decent deal.

And I have found some joy in our rising gas prices. Our car appreciated in value during its winter storage because its full tank of gas, topped up for storage last November, is now worth 50% more than when it went in. For a brief period, we will be able to enjoy cruising on fuel that cost "only" a buck fifty a litre. What a deal! Enjoy your ride.

Club News:

June 4th Flying Grease Monkeys Garage Gathering: Held once more at Henry Bos's Garage Mahal.



Oilcan Evans. Amy approves

A fine turnout of 14 of us, with three actually working by your editor's count. New(ish) member **Rob Chanonna** was there taking a maiden run in his newly acquired Healey. It's a beaut. And we were happy to see **Amy Skelton** taking the first run of the season with her Rover Mini, and **Evans**

McInerney handling the oil change for her. Check out all of the pictures on our website.



Say "Ahhh" Photos by Jim Martin

Mudcat Festival Parade and Car show. June 11th

For photos on the NBCC's participation in the Dunnville Mudcat Festival parade and car show, check

<http://petmof.jalbum.net/Mudcat%20Festival%2C%2011%20June%202022/>



Having fun while going slow. Vivian and John Moskalyk Mudcat Festival photo

General Meeting, June 14th

The meeting began with greetings to new members, **Bob Fellows, Murray and Sue McLean, and returning members Lynn and Bryan Baltjes**. It was also encouraging to see **Bud Moulson** hiking his way back to full mobility. Among the items discussed:

- Minutes. Some members expressed concern that minutes of the past meetings are not being read and approved as was the case in past years. According to **Leslie Moulson**, Robert's Rules state that the minutes can be announced as published (as is currently done on our website) and voted upon. A compromise was

reached that in addition to the website posting, the minutes will also be emailed out to members ahead of the meeting, as well as printed versions for each table at the meeting itself.

- Treasurer **Pete Moffett** tabled another favourable financial report with the good news that our club is now up to 68 members. Also, a majority of new members are using our online application and paying dues via e-transfer, something Pete encourages the rest of the members to try if they are not already doing so.
- A big shoutout to VP **Evans McInerney** for all the help he gave to **Amy Skelton** and her Mini at the June 4th Flying Grease Monkeys gathering. Host **Henry Bos** is pitching another gathering at his garage in the fall.
- The Mudcat Festival parade and car show were a big success. We and our 12 cars were the only club asked to participate in the parade, and we have received an exclusive invitation to participate in all future parades.
- Kudos to Pete Moffett for his role in organizing our Wednesday morning cars-and-coffee gatherings that have also been instrumental in snaring new members who were passing by Tim Horton's and were drawn to the LBCs.

- Meet and Go drives are being resurrected from our pre-Covid days with **Garry Lemon** taking up the first on June 23rd.
- The Sweet Run is scheduled for July 16th. Watch for details.
- Jeff Flemming and his fiancé, Bianca, of **Shop 22** in Niagara Falls gave a presentation on their auto-detailing services and presented a 500-dollar prize for a two-step paint treatment to lucky raffle winner **Lee Peekstock**. Jeff is also our website's newest sponsor so check 'em out: shop22.ca.
- Finally, after years of selling 50/50 tickets, our dedicated ticket master Herb McKay *finally* won one of his draws. Congrats, Herb.

Members News:

We have a six-pack of new members this month. First a big welcome back to **Lynn and Brian Baltjes**.

We also have five “newbies” and we’ll start with **Tim and Carol Clark**



We immigrated to Canada from the UK in 1985 and have lived in Niagara-on-the-Lake since 1986.

The 1968 Morgan 4/4 1600 came with us at the same time. This is an early Kent-engined model sold as the “competition”, which was an upgrade to the normal 1600 4/4.

Carol retired in 2019 after a career as a dental hygienist and I retired at the end of 2021 after forty-seven years in the marine industry as a ship's engineer and shore superintendent.

The 1961 Series 2a Land Rover was purchased in 2012 from Carol's brother, in the UK, and shipped over. He used to “green-lane” the Rover, so it has a fine selection of scrapes and dents.

The 1954 Series 2 Morris Minor Traveller was purchased in mid-2020, with a view to its taking over dog-transporting duties, when the Land Rover comes off the road for rust remediation in various areas. The Morris is 1 of 3 LH drive, split-screen Travellers with early grille and dashboard, that are still known to the Morris Registry. The PO updated the drive line to a 1275 Series A Midget engine and Midget diff. and also a T9 five-speed gearbox – it makes it much more fun to drive in today's traffic.

As of writing we are shipping a 1973 Gilbern Invader Mk III – the last Gilbern model before the company folded in the same year. It has the distinction of being the only car to have been produced in Wales – Pontypridd, close to my hometown of Cwmbran. This was my brother's car

and it is one of two cars (the other is a 1965 Morgan +4) that his family are keeping – coming to Canada until further notice.

Outside of British cars, we also have a 2004 BMW 330 M-Sport.

We have three children and all (two boys and a girl) are car fanatics and everybody has been taught to drive a manual box! Current cars belonging to them – 1995 Acura Integra, 1986 Toyota Corolla (both heavily modified), 2018 Focus RS (yes the one with 350 hp – absolute bananas!), 1993 BMW E34 M5, 2019 Audi S5 (that is our daughter's!!).



Also a warm club welcome to:

- **David and Linda Cunningham**
- **John and Leslie Yoxall**
- **Bob Fellows**
- **Murray and Sue McLean**

We hope to better introduce these fine folks in future editions of the *Flywheel*.

From the Crime Beat: A harrowing tale from **Liz Osadec**. Beware, this could happen to you. In fact, it probably already has.

For those of you that aren't aware, I was robbed at a gas station earlier this morning.

After my hands stopped trembling, I managed to call the police.

They were quick to respond and calmed me down because my blood pressure went through the roof!

My money is gone however.

The police asked me if I knew who did it and I told them,

"Yes, it was pump number 2."

Perhaps it's time for something more economical to drive, Liz.



Birthdays for July

Bonnie Kwiatkowski, 2nd

Vicki Mowers, 5th

Betsy Bos, 6th

Leslie Yoxall, 8th

Will Goddard, 11th

Sean Nakoneczny, 15th

Gail Brion, 15th

Brain Bassil, 15th

Norm Pilsworth, 24th

Pete Moffett, 25th

Anna Orr, 25th

Lynda Moffett, 28th

Terry Semple, 28th

Brian Facey, 30th

Did we miss you? Let us know.

Features:

Autohenge:

We have all driven past those places in the country where the property owner's old cars and trucks are never disposed of...they are just left to moulder out there in the field. Often dozens of them. We peer in wondering what better, more imaginative way these sad vehicles could be displayed.

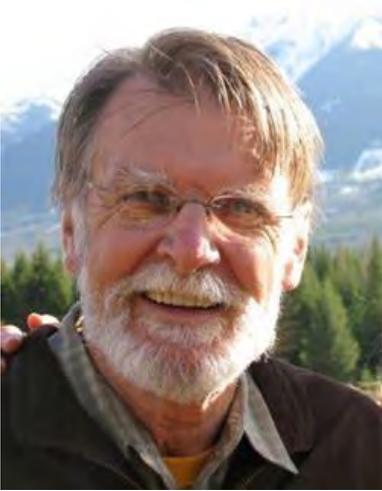
Well, why not a henge? Something like this.



This is Carhenge in Nebraska, and it has become quite a tourist attraction although inevitably some car enthusiasts will resent seeing their favourites

upended in the ground.

But before that, Ontario could boast of Autohenge. Our henge located on a knoll just north of Oshawa, was commissioned by a car manufacturer for a commercial shoot.



The late sculptor and artist William Lishman was approached by an ad agency to build the auto-themed sculpture for a Dodge/Plymouth ad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MMYkklzRighttps://youtu.be/4MMYkklzRig>

It's hard to find good photos of this temporary art installation.

Perhaps if Lishman had foreseen its popularity, he would have built more durability into his henge.



It lasted only five years from 1980 to 1985. That said, Professor Christopher Chippendale of Cambridge University described it as “The finest rendition of Stonehenge anywhere”.

But Lishman is perhaps most famous for training young Canada Geese to fly with him beside his ultralight aircraft.

A passionate naturalist, he thought it would be an effective way to reintroduce endangered bird species to their native habitat. His flight with his geese from Ontario to Virginia in 1993 was chronicled in documentaries and led to a feature film by Columbia Pictures called *Fly Away Home*.



Don't you hate it when this happens? You're cruising along in your Jag MK V in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee parade when Prince Lucas hops on board.



Auto Evolution Monica Coman

Finally:

Is anyone else bothered that Al Munro has had Jan's head grafted to his shoulder?



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