



# Flywheel

## Take the Long Way Home

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Inside: A host of British Marques have their anniversaries on “the tens”.

Moss Motors illustration

**President Sean:** The summer sure has been cooking for the NBCC in many ways this year. I’m writing this on the heels of the Kinsmen Show and Shine in Niagara-on-the-Lake, which had a dedicated British Steel display packed to maximum capacity with 38 vehicles among over 400 vehicles attending the event.

The weather was perfect, and it was great to see the wonderful machinery and the amazing people who choose to share them with the public. It’s always great to meet new people and catch up with friends. As of this publishing, September will be chock full of things for members to enjoy. Marshville is always fun for the family and Bronte will most definitely have a great turnout. And of course, the NBCC season-ending BBQ hosted by Bruce and Joy Bowmen will be a blast! There were other events during this time and more to come that haven’t been mentioned. I hope everyone

gets a chance to come out and take advantage of the fun activities the NBCC has attended, and continues to be involved in, this year. With over 70 members and growing, it's a wonderful and exciting time for the NBCC. I trust you've had a fun and active summer and I hope to see you out in your LBCs.

**Editor Jim:** Most often, when I park our MGB, I look back at it as I walk away. I've been doing that for 38 years. It's a thing. I don't look back at the Subaru. Like many of the best classic cars, the first generations of the MGB, which turns 60 this month, refuse to look old. We never tire of looking at them. It's a testament to the style and restraint exercised by the car's chief designer, Don Hayter. Well proportioned and tastefully executed automotive form always ages well, is always stylish, and is always in fashion.

For a designer, knowing when to put the pen down is a good thing. Don Hayter did a good thing, and in so doing, left us a fine thing. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> MGB. More later in this issue. Safety Fast!

## **Club News:**

### **Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting**

A beautiful lakeside summer evening after an oppressive heat wave was the perfect opportunity for an outdoor club meeting as we gathered



with our picnic lunches in Charles Daley Park. Not so lovely was the

traffic on the QEW, as our secretary **Mike Hupel and Donna** were stuck in their MG in a two-hour traffic jam. **Vicki Mowers** graciously volunteered to take the minutes and Mike and Donna were able to join us for post-meeting pleasantries. Items discussed:

- Our treasurer's report was the last for this year because of the recently approved shift in our fiscal year. **Pete Moffett** reports income still running ahead of expenses.
- The August 14<sup>th</sup> Kinsmen Car Show in Niagara-on-the-Lake...we will try to get in a bit early to secure a spot for the club's mass arrival.
- Meet, Go 'n' Eat August 16<sup>th</sup> to be organized by **Norm Pilsworth**.
- August 21<sup>st</sup> St David's Lions' Show and Shine...club arrival to be determined.
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Marshville Festival. **Jerry and Wynn Cushman** will arrive a little ahead of time to guide our arriving cars to the usual show area. **Jim Collacott** to organize a club convoy to the event.
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> polo event at N-O-T-L...our club is again invited to be guests. We and our LBCs will be announced to the crowd.
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> British Car Day at Bronte. **Herb McKay** and other club volunteers will set up the club promotions tent.
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Closing BBQ will be hosted by **Joy and Bruce Bowman** on their expansive back lawn. Catered beef on a bun with members bringing appetizers.
- A call again went out for an Events Coordinator.
- **Liz Osadec** suggested Carsmetics as a possible future tech talk on minor body repair.
- Liz also won the 50/50...40 bucks.
- Our next meeting, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> will be at Burgoyne Woods in St. Catharines.

## Kinsmen Car Show, Aug 14th



Sean Nakoneczny

38 British cars and their owners were present for this large multi-marque show in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Our club was busy handing out brochures to the non-members there, and the effort appears to have resulted in yet another new membership (below). Great weather for all who participated.

### **Members News: Ursula Radbone**

At our last meeting we were saddened to learn, belatedly, of the passing of Steve Radbone's wife, Ursula, last April. Our condolences go out to Steve, and we hope that he is finding some solace in our club activities. Let's make him feel especially welcomed in the weeks ahead.

## **New Members:**

We are now an international club. Welcome to our newest members **Berny and Franny Calkins of Buffalo** who met us face-to-face at the Kinsmen Car Show and decided to join anyway. They have a lovely 1958 MGA. If the ArriveCAN app isn't too much of a hassle, we hope to see you folks at many events in the future.

And welcome also to **Robert Lees** of St. Catharines, who owns a 68 Jag E-Type coupe. We all hope to meet you soon.



### **Birthdays in September:**

**1<sup>st</sup>...Audie Sanford**

**5<sup>th</sup>...Cheryl Martin**

**14<sup>th</sup>...Amy Skelton**

**19<sup>th</sup>...the MGB**

**16<sup>th</sup>...Jim Kekenj**

**21<sup>st</sup>...Vivian Moskalyk**

Did we miss you? Let us know.

## **Coming Up:**

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>...Marshville Heritage Festival

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>...Polo at Niagara-on-the-Lake

Sept 13<sup>th</sup>...General meeting

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>...British Car Day at Bronte

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>...Club BBQ

Watch your inboxes for details of these events.

And next month, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> is the All British Fleamarket and Car Show at the Rockton Fairgrounds. If you would like a table, contact club member David Jones at [davidjones197@hotmail.com](mailto:davidjones197@hotmail.com)

## **Features:**

Many well-known British marques are celebrating anniversaries “on the tens” in 2022. The MG-TD and Morgan Plus 4 are 70. The Triumph Stag and Range Rover are 50. Between those anniversaries, two of the UK’s most loved two-seaters, the MGB and the Triumph Spitfire, mark their 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year.

## The MGB on its 60<sup>th</sup>



To completely detail the full variations of the MGB during its production run would take far more room than we have here. All

you would need or want to know these days is only a key click away.

On a more subjective level, how many of us remember the impact this little roadster had when it was first introduced to the public on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1962. The MGA was a curvaceous beauty, but the MGB moved the company's design language into the present. Its contemporary styling remains fresh sixty years on.

**Don Hayter:** Credit for the MGB's design goes to Don Hayter who moved to MG from Aston Martin in 1956. As chief body draughtsman, Hayter saw the MGB project through from working prototype to buildable automobile. Don Hayter stayed with MG till Abingdon closed its doors in 1980, a half-million MGBs later. By then he was the company's chief engineer.

But his career with wheeled vehicles didn't end there. He rounded out his engineering career designing specialized wheelchairs for people with injuries or disabilities. Don Hayter enjoyed his years at MG but described his post automotive career as the most satisfying.

Don Hayter passed away two years ago at age 94. We are in his debt.

Next month, the Triumph Spitfire.

**John Foster's Jack Hack...a jolly little trolley.**



*"I needed a low-cost dolly for a spare MGA engine, something that will last for years.*

*Instead of buying steel and fabricating, I had parts from an old, non-functional 3-ton hydraulic floor jack with steel wheels, etc. sitting around. Used some 1/8" thick x 2" angle iron welded to the floor jack side plates providing the*

*correct width spacing while doubling as rear engine plate mounting point. I fabricated two front mounting brackets that bolt to the existing engine mounts.*

*I modified the original jack handle with a "T" bar, providing an easy-to-grip point. The result is a very sturdy, easy-to-move engine dolly".*

**Finally:**

**“Hello. Batman? Your MG is ready to pick up.**



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