

# Flywheel

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Always check out our website for complete minutes and photos of our events



A great catch with Muddy the Mudcat in Dunnville

Photo by John Lehn

## Editor's Ramblings...Heading Down the Road

This is my final *Flywheel* as editor. What a satisfying and fun job it has been, but change is inevitable.

By my count this is my 62<sup>nd</sup> issue from shaky beginnings in April 2020. The arrival of Covid made this way of connecting members an obvious undertaking...a way to hold us together during frightening and uncertain times. It was the kick in the pants that reminded us that we lagged behind other clubs that had been putting out their own mature newsletters for years. If you want a laugh go into the archives and read some of the first issues. Then, move a little further along where we were running entertaining feature stories almost every issue. They were fun for me and filled the void in a still sparse club calendar. Maybe I can contribute a few more in the future with my extra time. Thankfully, our club and its active volunteers now provide us with lots to write about each month.

Your new editor is **Leslie Moulson**. I am pleased that she has agreed to take it on and thrilled that she wants the job. We are still exchanging information to help the transition. Leslie is going to do a wonderful job so give her a big welcome and help her along with your own ideas and contributions.

And before I go, a huge thanks to our remote proofreader, my daughter **Heather** in Montreal who has been along for the ride all the way. Sweetie, your help has been invaluable.

Time for me to hit the road. Onward!



Carlisle, PA. Photo by Peter Ronan

*Jim*

## Leslie

I haven't yet decided what to call my column. However, I do know what this first piece will include. It starts with our sincere thanks to **Jim Martin** for his years as our first editor. It wasn't easy, in those early days, to come up with content. Not only did he do that, he did it with such humour. By far, my most favourite article was the one about the *Mini Wienie on a roll(over)* in the September 2024 edition. Jim also created a newsletter template and great column headers that are professional looking, easy to use and pleasing to the eye. I have told many that I don't usually accept a volunteer position unless I can see myself making a difference, making some improvements along the way. I don't see that happening with the *Flywheel* but I am happy to try to at least maintain the status quo.

I have already been offered support from **John Lehn** and **Norm Pilsworth** who will be writing monthly articles starting in January – a different marque each month. John is also going to challenge you with crossword puzzles. I was going to make this feature in lieu of jigsaw puzzles but I've already had a request to continue the jigsaw puzzles so perhaps we'll switch each month. You may also "thank" John for the occasional "monthly moan". Who knew there were so many corny car jokes out there?

I look forward to this new challenge with continued support from Jim. I will do my best for you, my friend. *Leslie*

## Along the Road

The end of the driving season is upon us. Hopefully, there will still be enough good weather ahead to allow us to get together in an informal way to enjoy our LBCs. It has been a fun-packed year and it wouldn't have happened without the hard work of so many people. Special thanks to the Events Committee headed by **Vicki Mowers** and **Leslie Moulson**. Their enthusiasm and dedication have been for the benefit of us all.

To the directors goes a special thanks for keeping us on track, alive and well. **Tom Metcalf** as our V.P. has been at my right hand to provide advice and support, and to take over for me when needed. **Ken Agnew**, our secretary, was instrumental in organizing our overnight trip to Goderich. It was Ken who suggested we purchase our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary regalia.

**Pete Moffett** is not only our treasurer who keeps a sharp eye on our budget, he also manages our splendid website that keeps us all informed about where we need to be and when, in order to enjoy all the fun, planned events.

To all those who have stepped up and organized runs for us to enjoy, helped with planning our special events, manned the membership table at shows, took photos of our events to create memories for us to revisit, a grateful thank you.

And to all of you who participated throughout the season, a very heartfelt thanks. Your participation is what makes this club one of the best.

It won't be long before I turn the reins over to newly elected directors. Elections will be held at our November meeting. I know you will continue to help and support the new executive and this club through your volunteering and participation. I hope to see a huge number of us at the Christmas Party where we will officially recognize our new leaders and give proper thanks for another great year.

*Lynda*

## **We're Thinking of You...**

**Jim Martin**, as you recover from a health set-back in September/October. As I (Leslie) write this, I am pleased to report that he is feeling much better and was able to attend and write about the F1 Viewing Party.

**Linda Collacott**, and wishing you a speedy recovery from October 21 knee surgery.

**Jo Agnew** after your nasty fall.

**Norm** and **June Pilsworth**, who are recovering from a nasty bout of the flu.

We've missed you all at our recent events.

## Please Welcome New Members

**Craig Gagnon, Steve Oddy, Ray and Colleen Garceau, and George and Jennifer Isaac.** The Isaacs own a '79 MGB and a '62 Austin Healey 3000.



**Craig Gagnon, Marshville**  
Photo by Jim Martin

## October 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Highlights

There were 32 members present.

Pete Moffett presented the treasurer's report, and reminded members that it's time to pay their 2025/2026 annual membership dues. Please send \$50 to Pete by cheque (made out to NBCC), cash or e-transfer to [etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org](mailto:etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org).



**John Lehn** provided a review of recent and upcoming events. He reminded members that car badges have been ordered at a cost of \$30 per badge. A few extra were order in case you missed the deadline to order.

A number of sign-up sheets were circulated.

Annual elections will take place at our regular meeting on November 11. Please come vote for the 2026 Executive Committee.

The 50/50 of \$57 was won by **Tom Metcalf**.

## What We've Done

Check our website scrapbooks for pictures of our featured events.

### Vintage Wheels and Wings – September 21



Bud and I attended this event and had a fabulous day. The Canadian Heritage Warplane Museum was packed inside and out. I'm sure it was a huge fundraiser for them. I wanted to take

advantage of the opportunity to have a picture taken of our car, Bee, with a plane. *Leslie*

**Rockton British Car Show & Flea Market** – thank you **Pete, Leslie** and **Bud** for staffing our table. We got two new members and another application is hopefully in the works.

**Fall Run** – thank you **John and Harriet Lehn** for a perfect end-of-season run. Twenty-four cars and 33 members for lunch enjoyed the most beautiful “summer” day. Thanks too to the many photo contributors.



Thanks, Don Fox, for positioning yourself to get these great photos on the road.



Photo by Pete Moffett

**F1 Viewing Party** – for years now, our club has been trying to put together a viewing party for our Formula One racing fans. We always bogged down trying to find a breakfast location for the European races. The solution, of course, was to plan one closer to

our own time zone. Our thanks to **John Lehn** for organizing, and to **Dave Harrison** and **Irene Murray**, for hosting the US Grand Prix from Austin Texas. A meeting room, snacks and a TV screen... presto, instant F1 party. Our host Dave had to be wrung out after bravely cooking the dogs and burgers in a torrential downpour.



John and Dave before the rain



Your editor was fortunate to attend the inaugural race at the Circuit of the Americas back in 2012 along with my good friend John Foster who belongs to the British Car Club of the Cape Fear, in North Carolina. It was a great experience, and of course, I had to wear my souvenir T-shirt from the event. Thirteen years later, it still fits.

**Meet, Go 'n Eat** – thank you, **Pete**. Sixteen people enjoyed Jordan's autumnal decorations, a great lunch and a brewery tour at Newark Brewing.

### **Grease Monkeys' Garage Day**



Photo by Pete Moffett

Oil changes were the order of the day as club member **Henry Bos** hosted our fall version of Garage Day. **Herb McKay** was our oil-stained volunteer, doing most of the work including **Rob Chanona's** lovely '59 Healey, **Pete Moffett's** F-Type and your editor's MGB-GT. Our thanks to Henry for hosting us in his amazing garage space and to Herb for being an all-round good guy.



**"I think the oil goes in the other end"**

**L to R: Coop, Rob, Herb and host Henry**

**Photo by Don Fox**

**Autumn Party – thank you Joy Bowman, Teresa Kekenj, Cheryl White, Vicki Mowers and Leslie Moulson. Thanks also to Irene Murray and Dave Harrison for hosting us.**



Twenty-eight people attended. Many were absent due to colds/flu/injury and we wish you well. **Leslie** won "*Pumpkin Delight*" with her cheese cake. **Lynda** was a close second with her delicious fudge. Thank you **Coop**, **Liz** and **David Triggs** for judging. **Liz** won \$50 in the 50/50. Clearly, food and friendship are what we do best.



# Events Committee/Club Calendar

## November/December

There is more complete information on our website calendar of events.

**Events Committee...**Vicki Mowers and Herb McKay, Leslie and Bud Moulson, Harriet and John Lehn

(Events in **bold** are club-initiated)

**November 18 – Meet, Go 'n Eat** – an organizer is needed; this could be as simple as recommending a spot for lunch or dinner, reserving tables and advising the Events Committee so the e-blast is sent.

### **December 9 – Christmas Party at Johnny Rocco's**

- Register with Vicki Mowers [sotiny33@hotmail.com](mailto:sotiny33@hotmail.com)
- Prepay \$50 to Vicki by cheque made out to NBCC, cash or e-transfer
- It will our usual delicious dinner of turkey and all the fixins', as well as sliced beef and a selection of sweets for dessert; watch the website for details
- More details to follow shortly

Check your email and the website for other festive activities in December.

**Pop-Up Runs:** These are spontaneous or short notice runs by individual club members. Such runs are not usually club affiliated.

NOTE: If anyone is thinking about planning a run, please inform the Events Committee to ensure that it doesn't conflict with other plans that may be in the working stages, but that we have not yet announced.

## Did You Know?



We are creating a **special, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar**. It will feature photos from special moments of the last twenty-five years.

It's time to pay 2025/2026 annual membership dues. Please send \$50 to Pete by cheque, cash or e-transfer to [etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org](mailto:etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org).

**Pete** is collecting prepaid (\$20) orders – payment by cheque made out to NBCC, cash, or e-transfer to [etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org](mailto:etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org). The deadline for ordering is November 11.

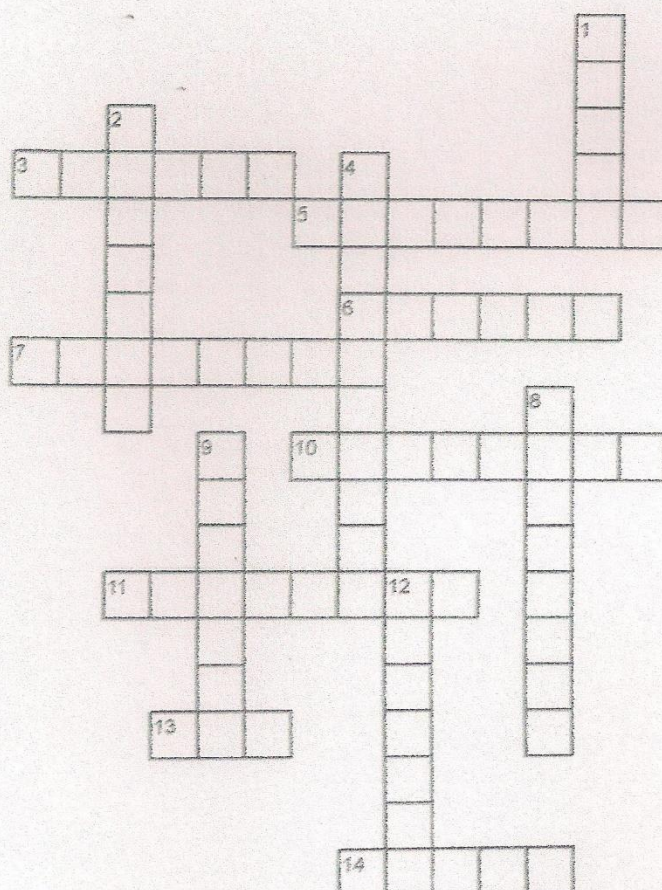
## Classified Ads

**Tom Metcalf** [thomas.a.metcalf@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.a.metcalf@gmail.com) is still looking for a set of MGB 14" Rostyle wheels.



# This Month's Crossword Puzzle

## Triumph Cars



### Across

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- 6 Triumph started to build their own car engines designed by Donald ? in 1937
- 7 The first of over 300,000 ?s came to market in 1962
- 10 They began manufacturing their own bicycles here in 1889
- 11 Donald Healey designed the ? after the Alfa Romeo 8C
- 13 The Triumph marque is currently owned by ?
- 14 The Triumph TR2 was launched in 1957

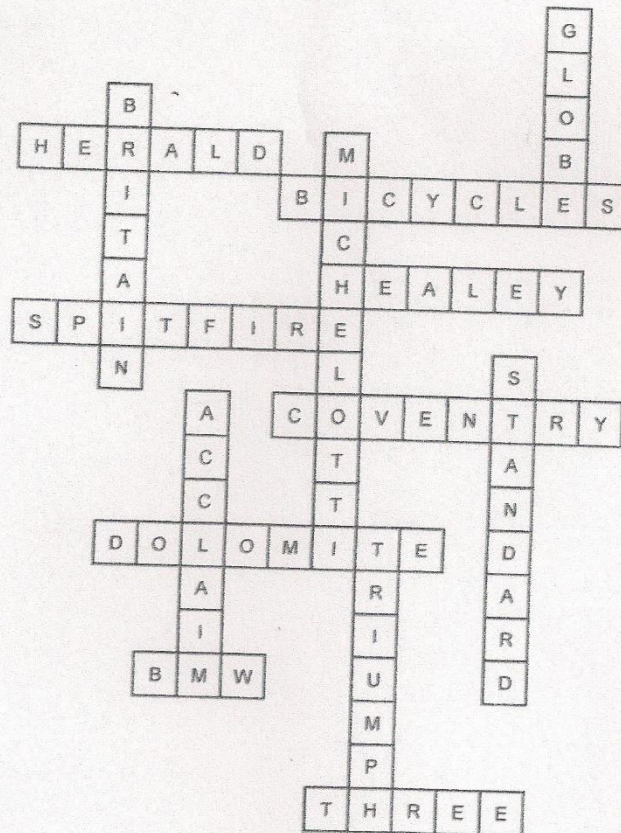
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- 2 By 1918 they were the largest motorcycle builder in ?
- 4 In the 60's and 70's Triumph sold many ?-designed saloons and sports cars
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Answers are on the next page.



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## Monthly Moan

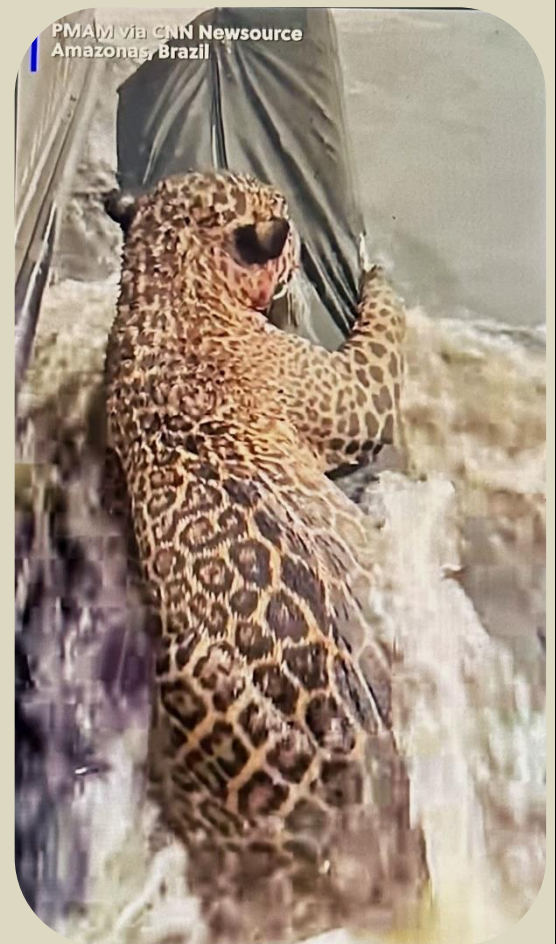
Why don't the British make computers?

They can't figure out how to make them leak oil.

Forward your comments to John Lehen at...

## Even in the Wild...sometimes a Jag needs a tow

The beautiful South American Jaguar is a protected species in Brazil but that doesn't stop the poachers. Recently, Brazilian marine police officers patrolling the Rio Negro came across a wounded and foundering Jaguar on the verge of going under. Exhausted and desperate, she swam toward the boat. Officers fashioned a makeshift floatation device, which she clung to while they pulled her ashore. The cat is now in a veterinary clinic where she is being treated for injuries consistent with a shotgun blast. The hope is that this lovely Jaguar will recover and be released back into the wild. As we mentioned, they are protected in Brazil but still under pressure from deforestation, urban encroachment and poaching. We wish this Jag a long life. Saving any Jaguar, mammal or metal, is a good thing. If you want to see more of the rescue, the YouTube videos are easy to find.





## InsideOut Niagara Auto Detailing

For too long, I have been neglecting the 35-year-old paint finish on our MGB-GT...a dust and a wipe with some instant detailer and off we would go. My aging joints no longer favour hand polishing and waxing, especially when others with proper equipment are so much better at it. On the recommendations of other satisfied club members, I called up one of our sponsors, **Aleks** at InsideOut Niagara auto detailing (<https://www.insideoutniagara.com/>). The cool thing is he comes to you and works on the car at your home. Aleks has been at his craft for some time, since 2016. Although late September seems like the wrong end of the year for a detailing job, I am thrilled with how the car sparkles inside and out. Aleks even cleaned and brightened the engine bay. The car will soon be in its pajamas for the winter, but Aleks and I have agreed that he will give it a quick touch up in the spring, following storage. It's great knowing that when the cover comes off in the spring, that sparkle will be there waiting for me. Thanks, Aleks, for a job well done and very reasonably priced at that.



I'm sorry I wasn't on hand to watch the process, but Aleks kindly took a few photos for me.

*Jim*



## Service Ontario with a Capital “S”

The small-town Service Ontario offices, which take care of our auto registrations and other government business are an endangered breed. With services now online, many are being closed down or integrated into larger centres. This is where I would urge our members to take advantage of the excellent offices in these smaller locations. While I hear complaints of lineups at larger centres, our small office on King Street in Port Colborne is accessible, efficient, and goes beyond the call to be helpful. Cheryl and I recently had to go through some intricate paperwork and could not have managed if it were not for Davine and Joe who did most of the work for us. They even offered us chairs to sit on while they toiled. Leslie Moulson also tells me the Virgil office is similarly hassle free and efficient. So before getting in line at one of the larger centres, how about a scenic drive to a smaller office where you will help to keep it busy and relevant, and hopefully safe for a while longer?

*Jim*

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