



Flywheel

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September 1, 2014
Marshville Heritage Festival
Rick Wilkinson, Ray Smith, John Roden,
Jim Collacott and Jim Martin



From the Driver's Seat

As summer's long drives give way to crisp September mornings, our engines may cool, but our enthusiasm never does. September brings a special kind of magic — the golden light, the gentle breeze and the satisfying hum of a well-tuned motor. Our club calendar is still brimming with opportunities to gather, drive and share our passion. Let's make the most of these perfect driving days before the frost sets in.

Leslie Moulson, Editor

We're Thinking of You

Leo and Tina Van Tuyl as you mourn the passing of Leo's brother, John on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

Anne Price on the passing of Frank on August 16, 2026. Frank was an active member until 2015.



Al Munro (centre) presents the coveted Bocce award to Bruce Bowman (left) and Frank Price – July 12, 2015

Bruce and Joy Bowman, Norm and June Pilsworth, and Peter and Lynda Moffett, and any other members as you deal with the nasty results of the brutal flooding in early August. Such an ordeal for you.

New Members

Please welcome **Ken** and **Cindy I'Anson**, who drive a '73 MGB. We look forward to meeting you.

August 11th General Meeting Highlights

Happy Birthday, **Jim Collacott** and thanks for the cake.

Peter Moffett reported on membership. We have 76 members, which is an 88% renewal rate. **John Lehnen** is assuming responsibility for membership.

It's time to pay 2026/2027 annual membership dues. Please send \$50 to Peter by cheque, cash or e-transfer to etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org.

Wondering why you should renew? Check out membership benefits on pages 12 and 13.

Peter provided a financial update. Year-to-date, we are at 122% of projected revenue and 84% of expenses.

Lynda Moffett reviewed the events of July and thanked members who organized them. She also reported on events through to December. See pages 5 and 6, and check our website events' calendar for details.

President Tom reminded members that nominations for the 2027 Executive Committee will be held in October. We will be looking for a volunteer to head up the Events Committee, a non-elected position.

Tom also mentioned that we are looking at revamping the Meet, Go 'n Eat by asking five couples, one for each of the months, May, June, July, August and September to organize a mini-run and select a restaurant. In the non-driving months, we will meet once a month for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Congratulations to **Herb McKay**, who won \$25 in the 50/50.

In September, the General Meetings will return to the Holiday Inn, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, Ostin Room.

What We Did

August – Geocache #7 to Queenston



Kathy and Roger



And this is how you do Geocache!

Sunday, August 9 – Kinsmen car show

We had 16 cars. Thank you, **Herb McKay** and **Dave Harrison**, for organizing our participation and securing “our spot” under the trees. Kinsmen report 381 show cars registered prior to noon.



It's a tough job but Dave Harrison and Didi aced it!

Saturday, August 15 – Run

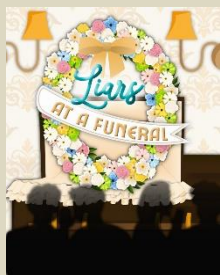
Thank you, **Jim Martin** and **Norm Pilsworth**. Twenty-four people participated in 14 cars.



Photos by Peter Moffett and
Don Fox



One highlight was Neal
Cockshutt's MG Magnet



Friday, August 28 – *Liars at a Funeral*, play at the Roselawn Theatre in Port Colborne – twenty-two people chuckled their way through a terrific comedy.

Events Committee/Club Calendar

Events Committee Coordinator: Lynda Moffett; Club Runs: Norm Pilsworth; Social/Parties: Leslie Moulson and Vicki Mowers; Long-term Care Homes: Harriet Lehen; Car Shows: David Harrison

Events in bold type are NBCC club-developed events. Not all events are necessarily finalized and could be subject to change. Watch for specifics as each event approaches. **Frequently check the club calendar on our website.**

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

NOTE: If anyone is thinking about planning a run, please collaborate with 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.

September – Geocache #8

Monday, September 7 – Marshville Heritage Festival

Saturday, September 12 – Polo on the Commons, NOTL; on the historic commons – the land on which officers and gentleman played polo over 100 years ago during military training at Niagara Camp.

September 19 – Autumn run by John Lehen and Jamie LeBlanc

Sunday, September 20 – Bronte British Car Day

Tuesday, September 22 – Fort Erie Race Track; the race starts at 12:15 p.m.; arriving about 11:45 p.m., we will be seated in the dining room for lunch; please confirm your attendance with Lynda Moffett at lynda@themoffetts.ca

Saturday, October 3 – The Tasty Butter Tart Run

Saturday, October 17 – Autumn party

Sunday, October 25 – Valve-cover Races in the new format (see below) followed by an F1 viewing party

Grease Monkeys – TBA

Tuesday, December 8 – Christmas party

More complete information on the above events is available on our website calendar.

Valve-cover Races: New Round-robin Racing Format

- All competitors will be afforded an opportunity to have at least two practice runs before racing
- Entries will be randomly split into groups of approximately four or five cars
- Each car in a group will race every other car in its group
- A car will be awarded one point for a win; any ties will be broken by racing for the group title
- The group winner will race for the championship
 - If there are two groups, the championship will be best two out of three
 - If there are three groups, there will three races and the car with the most points from these races will be declared the winner

- If there is tie, the two cars will race best two out of three for the ultimate championship

If you are interested in building a valve-cover car, check the specs on the club website at <https://niagarabritishcarclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/VCR-Rules.pdf>

From Our Members by *Jamie LeBlanc*

The Story of Jaguar's Iconic Leaper Mascot: A Brief Overview



The Jaguar Leaper, a sleek cat poised in mid-leap, is one of the most recognizable symbols in automotive history. It perfectly captures the brand's essence—speed, elegance

and power.

Origins

The Leaper's origins date back to the post-World War II era when SS Cars Ltd. rebranded as Jaguar to shed negative associations with the "SS" initials. William Lyons, the company's founder, sought a mascot that embodied the spirit of the new brand. Inspired by a sculpture of a leaping jaguar, the Leaper was born as a symbol of agility and performance.

Design Evolution

The Leaper was crafted by skilled sculptors, with early bronze prototypes made in East London. Over time, three main versions of the mascot emerged, adapting to changes in car design and manufacturing techniques. The mascot's dynamic pose and sleek form remained consistent, symbolizing Jaguar's commitment to style and speed.

Safety and Legacy



With increasing pedestrian safety regulations from the 1970s onward, Jaguar adapted the Leaper's use, moving from fixed hood ornaments to badges and spring-loaded versions that retract on impact. Despite these changes, the Leaper remains a beloved emblem among enthusiasts and collectors, representing Jaguar's heritage and passion for performance.

Conclusion

More than just a car ornament, the Jaguar Leaper is a powerful icon that tells the story of a brand's evolution—from bespoke artistry to modern automotive excellence. It continues to inspire admiration and embodies the spirit of Jaguar.

Sources:

- Magneto Magazine, "*The fascinating story behind Jaguar's iconic Leaper mascot*," April 24, 2023.
- Life on Cars, "(17) The Jaguar Leaper Story | Leaping Cat | Jaguar Car History | Episode 100 Special," YouTube.

Increased Ethanol in Gasoline thanks to Irene Murray for bringing this to our attention



The next time you fill up, look at the pump. Somewhere, it will say “may contain up to 15% ethanol.” In most cases, E15 will simply become the standard fuel as



mandates phase in.

In Ontario, the Cleaner Transportation Fuels Regulation requires that fuel suppliers blend 10% of renewable content (ethanol) in gasoline. It will increase quite significantly to:

- 11% in 2025
- 13% in 2028
- 15% in 2030

Blending is not new. The question is not whether ethanol is in fuel — it is how much.

Fuel ethanol is alcohol produced through fermentation and distillation, then made undrinkable. It helps engines run cleanly. It burns cleaner than pure gasoline, which is good for the environment. Ethanol is less expensive to make than petroleum gasoline. E15 costs a little less per litre than regular fuel. But it also contains slightly less energy, so your engine burns through it a touch faster.

E15 gas contains 15% ethanol and 85% petroleum gas, the next step beyond E10, which we’ve been using for years.

E15 does not, as a rule, damage engines. The exceptions are small engines, some motorcycles, marine engines, **older vehicles** (pre-2001), and **certain vintage vehicles**. As a solvent, and in high concentrations, it can eat through

standard rubber seals, plastic fuel lines, and even certain aluminum alloys in older engines.

Usually, fuel options are categorized by octane, a measure of a fuel's ability to withstand compression in an internal combustion engine without causing engine knocking. Regular fuel (87 octane) is actively transitioning toward 15% ethanol in many provinces, while premium fuel (91+ octane) is generally capped at 10% ethanol. Therefore, while premium may have slightly less ethanol than regular in some regions, it is no longer ethanol-free.

Older carbureted engines are particularly vulnerable. Stick with the lowest ethanol content you can find.

Reference: <https://fuelpartners.ca/e10-vs-e15-in-canada/>

For further information, check out Tech Talks on the website

<https://niagarabritishcarclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Ethanol-Fuel.pdf>

Did You Know?



On the limited-edition Mini JCW, the number “52” and the year 1965 appear in many places (C pillars, steering wheel, storage box, each wheel’s valve stem cap and the key fob) to commemorate a legendary Monte Carlo Rally victory. Some

say this was the Mini’s biggest win ever. A red-and-white three-door Mini Cooper S won the famed rally. This rally is considered to be one of the most coveted.

On April 22, 1965, the underdog Mini, which was car number 52, beat Porsche, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Ford, Volvo, Citroen and Saab in the worst ever weather. Finnish driver, Timo Mäkinen and British driver, Paul Easter mastered the snowy conditions. Mini went on to win eight rallies in 1965.

The 2026 Mini is named the John Cooper Works 1965 Victory Edition. It comes in Chili Red with a white roof, and significantly embossed front and rear racing stripes. Self-levelling centre wheel caps always keep “Mini” easy to read on each wheel.

Only 45 of these cars are coming to Canada. This little beauty can be yours for \$55,200. For more information check out

<https://www.miniusa.com/model/special-editions/1965-victory.html>

Source: *Toronto Star*, Wheels, August 15, 2026

And Finally

YES!! It is that time of the year AGAIN for Niagara British Car Club membership renewal. Why would I want to do this again? Well, let's count the reasons...

- The interesting car runs in April, May, June, July, August, September and October
- Summer ice cream and pop-up runs
- The three, community service static car shows at retirement homes, early each season
- The four British car shows/flea markets that the club attends each year – Ancaster British Car Flea Market and Car Show, Kinsmen Annual Car Show in Niagara-on-the-Lake, British Car Day in Oakville's Bronte Creek Provincial Park, and the Caledonia British Car Show and Flea Market
- The monthly Meet, Go 'n Eat mini-runs combined with a destination breakfast, lunch or dinner
- The year-round, weekly Cars & Coffee sessions every Wednesday
- *The Flywheel* monthly newsletter
- The spring, autumn and Christmas parties
- The twice-yearly Valve-cover Races
- The twice-yearly Formula One watch parties
- The spring and fall Grease Monkey sessions
- Sponsor presentations at the monthly member meetings
- Monthly 50/50 draws
- Bi-annual overnight runs
- Finally, there are great social opportunities, hands-on help, years of experience, networking and advice available for you and your British car

This is why you want to renew your membership for the price of \$50 (same as last year).

You can do this by paying:

- Online with an e-transfer to: etransfer@niagarabritishcarclub.org
- With a cheque, payable to Niagara British Car Club, and given or mailed to NBCC c/o Peter Moffett, 7 Jolie Court, St. Catharines, ON L2M 6V5
- In cash to Peter Moffett at an event

The due date is September 30, 2026.

Jigsaw Puzzle



<https://thejigsawpuzzles.com/Cars-and-Bikes/1967-Jaguar-E-Type-in-Brussels-jigsaw-puzzle>

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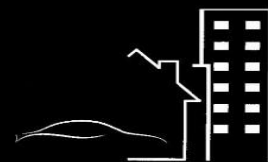
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