



Little Classical Gas

Canadian XK Jaguar Register/Canadian Classic MG Club
Monthly Newsletter

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Kaffee Klatches are coming !

What is a kaffee klatch you might ask? It's an informal Sunday morning gathering of club members that will happen once a month at various locations. Each kaffee klatch will be whatever the volunteer organizer comes up with ... maybe just coffee and an opportunity to chat, maybe a drive and a picnic.

The first klatch will be hosted by John & Billie McConnell and Doug & Karen Haakonsen. Meeting place is the New Boundary Bay Airport terminal at 10:00 a.m. for coffee. The hosts have planned a drive to the Langley Regional Airport and a visit to the Canadian Museum of Flight (guided tour has been arranged). Lunch is available at 'flights bistro' adjacent to the museum. There is a small charge to enter the museum. Reservations are required for coffee and the museum, please email Doug H by April 11 (member meeting night) if you wish to participate.

We've divided the lower mainland into four areas and each month a different area will host a kaffee klatch. All members are welcome to attend any one of the klatches, gathering times will range from 10:00 - 11:00.

Here are the regions:



Metro Vancouver
and Richmond

West and North
Vancouver



Burnaby and
the Valley north
of the Fraser
River

Delta and east,
south of the
Fraser River



Here are the dates:

May 7th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 18th, October 16th.

We need volunteer klatch hosts for May through September. Please let Bev Kolosoff, tkolosoff@shaw.ca know which month you'd like to host and she will be happy to give you more details.

Octagon has been purchased by four people, with our guest for the April meeting - Sean, the fellow who will be managing the operation. They have also bought XJ Motors and thus will be providing service to MGs and Jags. Octagon was purchased by the foursome "with the intent to support current enthusiasts and to create an environment where others with an appreciation for sporting vehicles could meet and celebrate their passion for British cars and motorcycles."

Drive Your MG or Jag Day May 7

After meeting at Park Royal, the group will drive to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish. Contacts for this are Jim McLagan and Tony Cohen. (More in the next LCG but the event is prior to the May meeting.)

Useful Web Links

jcna.com - Jaguar Clubs of North America

namgar.com - North American MGA Register

namgbr.com - North American MGB Register



MARKET PLACE

Email: littleclassicalgas@gmail.com to have your classified posted in the next issue. Ads remain for 3 issues unless otherwise requested - please let the editor know if you would like the ad cancelled earlier.

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& use "Market Place" in the subject line ...



Celebration of Life for Brian Diehm (ex-member)

April 9, 1-4 PM Cascade Garden

5704 W Washington Ave, Yakima, WA The venue is situated on three plus acres in a country setting with ample parking. The Yakima Valley Sports Car Club will provide parking attendants. A large turnout of cars is expected from the YVSCC, the Seattle MG Club (MGCCNWC) and other clubs. Those attending are asked to RSVP to Dawna Hart at twomgbs@comcast.net or (253) 318-7442. Brian's wife Janet is reminding everyone that this is a celebration of Brian's life, not a funeral.

****For Sale** 1996 Jaguar XJS Convertible, Blue with Cream interior, 6-cylinder gasoline engine, 4 speed automatic transmission

Has: power steering, power windows, power locks, power seats, power mirrors, power convertible top, ABS brakes, 4-wheel disc brakes, front airbags, A/C, leather interior, cruise control, premium package, AM/FM/CD stereo, alarm system, wood steering wheel, Alloy wheels, both previous owners non-smokers.

Actual mileage: 65,300 Was asking: \$14,000.00 U.S. REDUCED to \$11,000

brandofox@hotmail.com

Here is another one of those strange ads - our members do have some interesting contacts!!

*Seeking a 68-72 MBG convertible

Hi Peter and Anne, My name is Kyle Busch and I am the Author of the book: "Drive the Best for the Price ..." I am looking to pay cash and give my 86 Volkswagen Jetta (driven over 510,000 miles) for a 68-72 MBG convertible (no modifications) with a solid chassis, no leaks or smoke. The Jetta runs good given its high mileage and it can be seen at my auto web site: Drivethebestbook.com. My e-mail is kbusch3@verizon.net, and phone 814 833-1511. Additionally, I am a National Automotive writer for the San Francisco Examiner:

<http://www.examiner.com/automotive-in-national/kyle-busch>.

Note: This is not #18 Kyle Busch from NASCAR

And a further note, it seems he would rather you just buy his book but just in case someone is selling their car ...

*****1979 MGB LE Roadster, for sale.**

Same owner for 15 years. Superior condition! Asking \$12,000. Contact Bill Heather 604.943.5303

*If anyone is looking for Mini parts [FVMMCmember] just found a place in New Zealand that has a huge supply and good knowledge to go along with it. Swift Automotive in Christchurch Phone # 011 64 33 497446 and the man to talk to is Larry

* **For Sale** I won't be renewing my membership and I've decided to sell my '62 MK2 project car. My old Volvos are keeping me busy and I've come to the realization that sticking to one marque is more efficient in time and money for restoration and maintenance. The Mk2 will be a fond memory though. If you know anyone who is interested in restoring a Mk 2 please pass along my cell phone number 604-812-9110. I have a 1960 MK2 parts car as well that I would like to sell. Regards, John Cripps volvorange@hotmail.com

****For Sale:**

MGB - Set of five wire wheels with 165-14 Michelin tires \$300 and a pair of rear Spax shocks \$300. Those who like to slalom race would find the shocks handy since they can be easily adjusted on the car with a screwdriver. jlorum@shaw.ca or Jennifer Orum 604.880.7598

****For Sale:**

1958 Austin-Healy Sprite \$21,500 (Appraised in 2002 for \$30k.) Rare early Bugeye with 9-stud windscreen fame, long door handles and other unique features. Original with a few sensitive upgrades for better drivability. Dark green with black interior, all mechanical expertly rebuilt over the past few yrs. Gary Fraipont 604.240.3948 or gary@rltylink.com

***Wanted - Vancouver area**

The use of a hoist for 3 days to clean and paint the underside of my 1972 XJ6

Will pay reasonable rental charge and won't make a mess!

Please call Geoffrey @ 604-788-9051



Events: April thru' May meeting 2011



**Please note that any car events of interest to our members can go on the calendar -
just give me a call or email and allow adequate lead time.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES- DAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10	11 Club Meeting 7:30 Presentation by new owners of Octagon Mo- tors/XJ Motors See page 1	12	13	14	15	16
17 Kaffee Klatch - see page 1 ----- L.A.M.B. St George's Day 10 AM - 4 PM Carole 604.857.1837		19	20	21	22	23 La Conner Tulip Rallye Contact KenBottini 425.883.9615 or ken.bottini@verizon.net
24 ...counting down - 50 days until 2011 Reno/Tahoe	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Drive Your MG/Jag Day - See page 1
8	9 Club Meeting 7:30 Austin Healy Club un- able to meet on this date. BUT Tom Doyle will present "Restoring an XK150"	10	11	12	13	14



Good Bye Olde Friends

Our condolences to Doreen Newby on the passing of her mother.

"I have got my leave. Bid me farewell; I ask only for the last kind words from you. Now the day has dawned and the lamp that lit my dark corner is out. A summons has come and I am ready for my journey."

"Celebration of life" for past CCMGC/CXKJR member Brian Diehm

A large turnout of cars is expected from the YVSCC, the Seattle MG Club (MGCCNWC) and other clubs. Those attending are asked to RSVP to Dawna Hart at twomgbs@comcast.net or (253) 318-7442. There is a special "Bereavement Rate" of \$70 + tax at the Howard Johnson Motel, 9 North 9th Street, Yakiima. (509) 452-6511. (www.hojo.com) Ken Bottini from the Seattle MG Club is leading a caravan to Yakima that morning. Those who would like to caravan are asked to meet at the North Bend Factory Outlet parking lot and be ready to leave at 10 am. Ken has memorial wind-screen decals for everyone and says "Let's make this a big MG showing." Brian's wife Janet is reminding everyone that this is a celebration of Brian's life, not a funeral. The mood will be upbeat. Ken can be contacted at ken.bottini@verizon.net or (425) 883 9615