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Feb 8

**Newby Super Bowl Party** 

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**April 14 - 19** 

JCNA AGM

Mexico City

April 26

LAMB St. Georges Day

#### May

May 16

VanDusen

All British Field Meet

#### **June**

June 7

Fraser Valley Classic Car Show

June 19 & 20

ScotFestBc

#### **July**

July 11

Western Washington ABFM

**July 17 - 19** 

Jaguars on the Island Jaguar Car Club of Victoria

July 31 - Aug 2

Jaguars on the Green Seattle Jaguar Club

#### **August**

Aug 21 - 23

**Heritage Classic Weekend \*** 

Aug 24 - 27

Council of MG Registers
All MG Event

2025 CXKJR/CCMGC General Membership Meetings (Wednesdays) Nov 12, Dec 10

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

The CXKJR/CCMGC Annual General Meeting is taking place on Wednesday, November 12 at the Burnaby Lake Clubhouse. This meeting will include many important agenda items, particularly proposed revisions to the Club Constitutions and Bylaws.

Elections for members of the Executive will also be taking place. Between now and the AGM, we would encourage you to consider nominating members or stepping forward to run for a position yourself.

For details on the AGM Agenda and Executive elections & nominations, see page 7.



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# JCNA NEWS

One of our strengths here in the North West Region of JCNA affiliate clubs is our ease of working together in support of success for intraclub activities as well as interclub activities.

The 2025 Concours season is complete and we in the BC clubs were aided in success by an influx of judges from the Seattle Jaguar Club who brought their cars and their judging skills to Jaguars on The Island and then to Heritage. This is truly a gift as we work to repair the gap

left by previous Concours judges' departures. All club members with an interest in Concours are encouraged to make this known to their club leaders and take advantage of judges' schools and preparation for becoming certified to judge in the 2026 season.

Contributing to the success of Heritage Concours is the relationship CXKJR leadership has formed with Jaguar Land Rover Langley. With this bond has come an expanded role offering a Friday evening reception, Saturday support in many ways, and a Sunday morning Cars and Coffee preceding the Drive to Newby Acres for the Heritage Revival, a day of music and friendship. I was pleased to present the 2024 JCNA Dealer of the Year Award on Friday Evening to Ramon Hothi, General Manager of this Open Road Auto Group dealership.

The Monterey Car Week / Pebble Beach Concours 2026 was visited by a convoy of E-Type owners led by Richard Michael Owen of Owen Supercars, Victoria. This melding of Oregon, Washington, and Victoria Jaguar videographers, and the publisher of Sports Car Market magazine, is another example of interclub activities; in this case leading to creation of videos available through the Owen Supercar website. This meeting was orchestrated by Kurt Jacobson from Seattle, while at JOTI in Victoria, speaking to Oregon club members and Richard Owen from Victoria. Networking is prevalent in



Carole Borgens, North West Region Director

our Region, and this is an example of it creating something of value to all Jaguar owners.

Major 2026 JCNA events in 2026 include:

JCNA AGM in Mexico City April 14 - 19. Registration at www.jcna.com in November.

The Inland Empire Jaguar club will host the October 2026 International Jaguar Festival. The Central Coast and Southern California are both in consideration for the location. Watch the JCNA website for

details to come.

Change is taking place at JCNA now with a view to holding finances steady, keeping dues for 2026 at the 2025 rate (confirmed), and reducing operating costs in all categories. This and more creative change will be seen as we move into 2026.



Carole Borgens presents the JCNA Dealer of the Year Award to Raymon Hothi, General Manager of Jaguar Land Rover Langley, at the August 22 Heritage Reception. CXKJR nominated the dealership for the prestigious award in 2024. Photo by Tim Horton.



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# CXKJR/CCMGC AGM AGENDA

#### Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - 7:30 pm Burnaby Lake Clubhouse, Burnaby, BC

1. Opening Remarks

Review of the agenda Quorum Explanation of voting procedures

- 2. Motion to Accept the Agenda
- 3. Minutes of November 13, 2024 AGM
  Motion to waive reading of the minutes
  Motion to approve minutes
- 4. Jaguar & MG Presidents' Remarks
- 5. Treasurer's Report:
  2024-2025 Fiscal Year Financial Statements
  Motion to Receive

- 6. Administrative Position Reports
- 7. CXKJR/CCMGC Constitutions & Bylaws
- 8. 2026 dues
- 9. Executive Elections
- 10. Other Business properly brought before AGM
- 11. Motion to Adjourn

There will be pizza served at the AGM in appreciation of our CXKJR/CCMGC club members. Watch Little Classical Gas for more information.

#### **CXKJR CCMGC Executive Elections**

In conjunction with the 2025 CXKJR/CCMGC Annual General Meeting this coming November, six positions will be voted on: President (Jaguar), Vice-President (Jaguar), President (MG), Vice-President (MG), Secretary and Treasurer. In the case of the Secretary and Treasurer, the incumbents may decide to be candidates for an additional year.

2025 has been challenging for the Club Executive, since the Jaguar Vice-President position has remained vacant and the MG Vice-President position has been filled on a temporary basis only. It is hoped that all positions will be filled in the 2026 Executive.

The term of office for next year's Executive positions will be from the club's November 2025 AGM to the November 2026 AGM. Anyone interested in nominating another member or possibly stepping forward themselves is encouraged to contact the Nominations Coordinators Les Garbutt (Jaguar) at lsgrbtt134@gmail.com or 604 266 9086 or Mike McChesney (MG) at bmcchesney87@gmail.com or 604 316 1175.



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#### The Helen Poon Winter Tire Run

Organized by Classic Car Adventures, the September 28 Run up the Sea to Sky Highway was in memory of passionate car enthusiast Helen Poon. The large & eclectic group of classic cars departed from Capilano

University after an auction of some of Helen's model cars, with proceeds to the Food Bank. The destination was Britannia Beach and its many new cafés. Among the CCMGC participants: Robert McCullough in his BMW Z4. Phil Entwistle in his 1973 MGB GT, Jennifer Orum in her 1970 MGB Roadster and Duncan Cowan in a Triumph GT6.



Several MGs joined the Helen Poon Run.

# **Mission Impossible**

# **BC Historic Motor Races August 16 & 17**

Allan Lawrence



John Elliot's MGB kept off the track due to a suspected broken valve lifter.

After record breaking rains on the Friday and a heavy downpour early Saturday morning, there were disappointingly few collector classics in the car corral at Mission Raceway Park. I counted 7, mostly from our club.

As it turned out, the weather was very pleasant and a respite from the otherwise hot temperatures. Daughter Katie and I drove to Mission in our MGB and met up with MGB racer John Elliot, only to find his car's rocker shaft removed and a suspected broken valve lifter. His racing efforts were defeated before he could even start. A friend of John's racing a "Smiling" Healey Sprite could not get it started. Sunday was a special day for Sprites and even with most of the other Sprite racers help he also had to give up and not race!



The Austin Healey Sprite wouldn't start and didn't race.

Meanwhile, Ian Newby had his Replica D-Type Jaguar on special display along with his beautiful 1951 MG TD and ran some circuits around the track in the Jag.

We had an enjoyable day but as the saying goes – things happen in three's! Just west of Mission in the middle of lengthy road works on Highway 7 the temperature suddenly ran up on Morris, our MG, and we provided some free roadside entertainment for the long line of traffic

while Katie and I sorted out a failed cooling fan switch and a temporary road side repair – all part of the fun!



lan Newby with his MG TD and D-Type Replica.



The roadside fix on the Lawrence MGB "Morris".





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#### The Drive for Ice Cream: August 8



This was something different, an afternoon midweek drive around Chilliwack, with the destination being Kent's Ice Cream at 47582 Old Yale Road. The objective: to face the challenge of choosing from their large variety of flavours. The 50-minute route circled Chilliwack Mountain, skirted the west side of downtown, made a loop around farmland providing views of the Fraser River, mountains, farms and waterways. The Ice Cream Drive was organized by Mike McChesney, who commented "Hats off to CCMGC member Dan Barry for driving his 1955 MG TF from Squamish to Chilliwack and back."

Left: This photo appears to be leaning because the people on the left ate the most ice cream. Photo by Marcey Gibson.

#### **Garage Tour & Lunch: September 14**

Gathering at the Real Canadian Superstore at the north end of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge, the drive participants headed to Ken Grahame & Marina Bailey's storage warehouse in North



Vancouver for the tour. Among the collection was a 2014 Jaguar F-Type S Convertible, a collection of GM, Ford and Mopar vehicles, plus some



small motorbikes and automobilia – signs and gas pumps. The group then enjoyed lunch at Medley's Italian & Grill Restaurant in the Holiday Inn and Suites on Old Lillooet Road. Photos by Mike McChesney.

#### **CCMGC/CXKJR Pumpkin Run – Halloween Fun: October 19**

CXKJR/CCMGC members are encouraged to enjoy a fall Pumpkin Run on Sunday October 19. The ride will commence at Sunbury Park in Delta, travel to the village of Tsawwassen and back, and conclude with lunch at L'Aromas Sky Café at Boundary Bay Airport.

If you dare, please come dressed in appropriate "disguise" for the Halloween season. A draw for pumpkin treats will take place at the lunch for those attending.

Departure is at 10:30 am, and the drive is expected to take about 1 hour and 15 minutes. For details and registration contact John Evans at jaevans100@gmail.com



# Heritage Classic 2025

The 54th Annual Heritage Classic Weekend was held August 22 to 24, opening with a well-attended reception at Jaguar Land Rover Langley. The Saturday show took place at Douglas Park in the City of Langley and included Entrants Choice Voting for Jaguar, MG, Land Rover and Other British Display cars and a judged Jaguar Clubs of North America-sanctioned Concours. Also featured at this year's Heritage show was a Hagerty Youth Judging Program and Afternoon Tea & British Biscuits served to participants on the Spirit Square bandstand.

There were 80 cars registered for the Saturday Show and in the evening over 55 people enjoyed a buffet dinner at Adrian's at the Airport. In addition to our own CXKJR and CCMGC members.



Will Granleese's 1954 XK 120 OTS. Photo by Will Granleese.



MGBs and MGB GTs bring out the crowds at Douglas Park.

Photo by Tim Horton.

there were Heritage participants from 8 other car clubs in BC and Washington.

A scenic drive through the Fraser Valley on Sunday morning attracted a record number of entrants. The drive started at Jaguar Land Rover Langley and finished at the Newby Estate in Aldergrove where the 5th Annual Classic Revival picnic took place.

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# **Entrants Choice Awards**

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#### **Classic Jaguar Sports**

Best in Class: Will Granleese1954 XK 120 OTS 2nd in Class: Steven Walls 1953 XK 120 FHC

#### **Classic Jaguar Saloon**

Best in Class: John Mowat 1968 Jaguar MK2/340

#### **Modern Jaguar Sports**

Best in Class: Kevin Parenteau 2015 F-Type R

2nd in Class: Bob Norquay 1997 XK8

#### **Modern Jaguar Sedans**

Best in Class: Bill Holmes 2018 XF Sport Brake

2nd in Class: Bob Pringle 2004 XJ8

#### **MG Post-War T-Series**

Best in Class: Terry Hayes 1951 MG TD

#### **MGA Roadster**

Best in Class: Steve & Sheila Kaufman 1960 MGA

2nd in Class: (Two-way tie)

Andrew McCombie 1955 MGA

Peter Tilbury 1956 MGA

#### **MGA Coupe**

Best in Class: Anne Tilbury 1958 MGA Coupe

#### **MGB Roadster Chrome Bumper**

Best in Class: Ian & Doreen Newby 1974 MGB

2nd in Class: (Three-way tie)

Mason Formby/Malcolm Swallow 1971 MGB

Harj Kamo 1964 MGB Simon Osborne 1966 MGB



John Mowat's 1968 Jaguar Mk 2/340. Photo by Sharon Case.

#### **MGB** Roadster Rubber Bumper

Best in Class: Kayte Lawrence 1977 MGB

#### MGB GT

Best in Class: Steve Collins 1968 MGB GT 2nd in Class: Lee Orphan 1974 ½ MGT GT

#### MGB V8 & MGC

Best in Class: Ian & Doreen Newby 1969 MGC

#### **MG Midget**

Best in Class: Joanne Gaspard 1967 Midget

#### **MG Modern (Post-Abingdon)**

Best in Class: Doug Holbrow 1996 MGF

#### MG Modified/Race Car

Best in Class: Ian & Doreen Newby 1951 MG TD

#### **Land Rover**

Best in Class: Bryan Kerrision 1998 Land Rover Wolf TUL 2nd in Class: Mason Formby 1964 Land Rover Series IIA

#### Other British

Best in Class: Vito Donatiello 1961 Triumph TR3A

# Long Distance Award Sponsored by Tourism Langley

Alex & Cheryl Girvin 1980 Triumph TR8, West Kelowna



Right to left: Steve & Sheila Kaufman's 1960 MGA, Phil Entwistle's 1958 MGA, Roland Falcioni's 1962 MGA. Photo by Tim Horton.

# **Jaguar Land Rover Langley**

## A Key to Heritage 2025 Success

Heritage 2025 got off to a great start on Friday, August 22, with a well-attended reception at Jaguar Land Rover Langley, which included a bountiful appetizer table. Guests included over 55 club members. Three Jaguars were displayed in the showroom: Kim Trowbridge's 1956 XK140SE and two Jaguars from the Newby collection: a 1956 D-Type Replica and a 2024 F-type. Another three cars were in the dealership's breezeway: Les Garbutt/Barbara



Kim Trowbridge's Jaguar 1956 XK140SE in the showroom. Photo by Sharon Case.

& Partnerships and JLR Langley General Manager Raymon Hothi were the dealership hosts.

At the Heritage show, on behalf of JLR Langley, Alex selected the winner of the Presenting Sponsor Choice Award: lan & Doreen Newby for their 1956 D-Type Replica.

Jaguar Land Rover Langley's support as Heritage Presenting Sponsor was very much appreciated. Our special thanks go to both Alex from the OpenRoad Auto Group and Raymon from JLR Langley.



Three CXKJR cars in the dealership breezeway. Photo by Tommy Ma, OpenRoad Auto Group Marketing.

Bell's 2003 Jaguar XKR, Dave Eddleston's 1969 Jaguar E-Type FHC and David Crouch's 2001 Jaguar XJR. Mason Formby's 1964 Land Rover Series IIA and Philipe Angel/Natalie Clarke's 1956 Red MGA Roadster were located at the showroom door.

Our CXKJR Past President Marcey Gibson acted as our club's MC for the reception, CXKJR President David Crouch welcomed the attendees and Carole Borgens gave a welcome on behalf of the Jaguar Clubs of North America. Alex Camilleri, the OpenRoad Auto Group Marketing Lead for Events



The Newbys receiving a certificate from JLR Langley authenticating their 2024 F-type as the last Jaguar F-Type coupe imported into Canada. From L to R: lan, Doreen, General Manager Raymon Hothi, & Bhupinder Singh, JLR Langley Sales Manager. Photo by Tim Horton.

# Heritage JCNA Concours

#### Championship Division: Scored out of 100 points.

C2/120	1st	Ian & Doreen Newby	1953 XK120 DHC	99.820
C6/E2	1st	Gary & Lynne O'Keefe	1970 E-Type Series II OTS	99.450
C9/XJ	1st	Danny Lisa	1987 Vanden Plas	99.940
C9/XJ	2nd	Bill McChesney	1986 XJ6 Series 3 Sedan	99.660
C12/JS	1st	Carole Borgens	1990 XJ-S Convertible	99.980
C12/JS	2nd	Dave & Justine McGuire	1989 XJS Convertible	98.090
C13JS	1st	Jeff Seidel	1994 XJS Coupe	99.190
C16/SX	1st	lan & Doreen Newby	2001 X-Type Saloon	99.310
C18/PN	1st	lan & Doreen Newby	1994 XJ40 Saloon	99.760
C19/FJ	1st	lan & Doreen Newby	2009 XF Sedan	99.880
C20/F	1st	lan & Doreen Newby	2024 F-Type FHC	100.000

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Ian & Doreen Newby's 2024 F-Type FHC scored a perfect 100.00 in the Champion F Class. Photo by Ria Zapf.

#### **Driven Division: Scored out of 10 points.**

D2/E1	1st	Jeff Seidel	1964 E-Type OTS	9.834
D7/XJ	1st	lan & Doreen Newby	1994 Daimler Double Six	9.858
D8/XJS	1st	Christine Van Horne	1987 XJ-S V12 Coupe	9.976
D8/XJS	2nd	Ian & Doreen Newby	1991 XJS Convertible	9.909
D9/XJS	1st	Randy Pickett	1991 XJS Convertible	9.909
D10/K8	1st	Keith & Diane Mullen	2002 XKR-100 Coupe	9.850
D11/XK	1st	Marcey Gibson	2007 XK Coupe	9.972
D12/J8	1st	David Crouch	2001 XJR Sedan	9.908
D15/F	1st	Ken Grahame/Marina Ba	iley 2014 F-Type S	9.974



James & Darlene Bateman's 1956 XK140 MC in the Modified Class, with tools to fix a flat tire in the boot. Photo by Sharon Case.

#### Special Division: Scored out of 10 points.

S2/MOD1st	James & Darlene Batem	an 1956 XK140 MC	9.956
S3/REP 1st	Ian & Doreen Newby	1956 D-Type Replica	9.858



Bill McChesney's 1986 Series 3 Sedan which scored 99.660 in the Champion XJ Class (far right). Photo by Sharon Case.

JCNA Visiting Chief Judge from the Seattle Jaguar Club: Bill Holmes. CXKJR Judges: Les Garbutt, David Eddleston, Terry Hayes, Robert Horsell, John Morse & Norman Sung. Seattle Jaguar Club Judges: Brian Case, John Holmes, Danny Lisa, Randy Pickett. CXKJR Tally Team: Sophie Dunbar & Rhonda Gale.



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# **Classic Revival Sunday at Heritage**

Ian and Doreen Newby hosted the 5th Annual Classic Revival Day, an informal and fun experience for owners of MGs, Jaguars & Other British cars. Over 90 people had registered for the Revival. Participants brought picnics and 50s to 70s themed dress was optional but encouraged. On featured display were three very special awardwinning cars in the Newby collection: the 1956 Jaguar D-Type Replica, the recently acquired 2024 Jaguar F-Type FHC, as well as "709", the 1951 race-prepared MG TD.

Courtesy of Jaguar Land Rover Langley, a "Cannoli King" food truck was on-site, distributing complimentary treats to the attendees. The day included a tour of the Newby's amazing military vehicle collection. Music was provided by the Inline Six Band with Barry Kulan – lead guitar, Shaun Sinclair – bass guitar, Les Garbutt – saxophone, Allen Brown – keyboard, Allan Lawrence – drums, Tim Horton - saxaphone. Huge Thank You's go to lan and Doreen for yet again generously welcoming club members to their Estate and giving us all such an entertaining time.



The featured display of Ian & Doreen's very special vehicles, including (from L to R), the 2024 Jaguar F-Type, the 1951 race-prepared MG TD, and the 1956 D-Type Replica, with it's spare D-Type Le Mans Long Nose Bonnet. Photo by Jim Severs.



Some of the Revival participants with the North American MGA Register banner. Photo by Tim Horton

## **Heritage Sunday Morning Drive**



This year's 88 km, 2-hour drive began at Jaguar Land Rover Langley where our club served coffee. The large group of MGs, Jaguars & other British made its way across Golden Ears Bridge and along country roads to a rest stop at Bear Mountain Park in Mission. The tour then worked its way south to the Classic Revival at the Newby Estate. Photo at Bear Mountain Park: Alex Camilleri, OpenRoad Auto Group.

# **Hagerty Youth Judging**

Mike McChesney, with photos by Tim Horton

The Hagerty Youth Judging Program was part of the 2015, 2016, 2023 and 2024 Heritage Shows. It returned again this year. The program is designed to teach young enthusiasts a simplified judging system that centres on talking to car owners and asking questions to find interesting facts about their cars. The judging process focuses on five characteristics: Design, Paint, Electrical, Engine Compartment and Interior. It's targeted at high school aged students who are interested to learn about classic automobiles.

This year's Youth Judging Program was coordinated by CCMGC/CXKJR members, Marcey Gibson, Mike McChesney and Nick Balenzano. Six club members volunteered to have their cars judged:

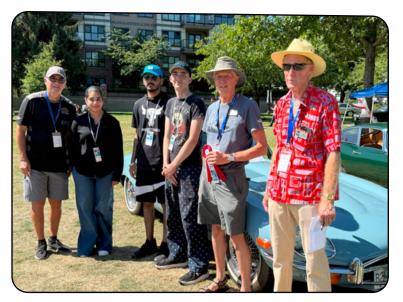
- 1. Felipe Angel's 1956 MG A
- 2. Steve Collin's 1968 MG B GT
- 3. Doug Gale's 1969 MG B roadster
- 4. Allan Lawrence's 1970 Jaguar E-type Coupe
- 5. John Mowat's 1968 Jaguar MK 2/340
- 6. Norman Sung's 2004 Jaguar XJR

The judges were keen and asked many good questions. They expressed a real interest in these old cars and enjoyed the stories told by our members. The owners showed that entertainment was just as important as car condition.

Our purpose wasn't to teach the students how to be critical judges or how to process scores but to have fun,



One of the winning cars, Steve Collins' 1968 MGB GT. Left: Nick Balenzno, right: Mike McChesney, centre Steve, and the three youth judges.



Another winner: Allan Lawrence's 1970 Jaguar E-Type Coupe.

so we kept the procedure simple. In the end they tallied their scores and picked the first, second and third place winners. They then presented the owners with ribbons.

The judges took away Youth Judging t-shirts and caps all provided by Hagerty classic Car Insurance. The kit supplied by Hagerty included score cards, name tags on lanyards, pens and winners' ribbons. It is very professionally done.

At the end one of the judges asked to be put on the list again for next year's Youth Judging program. In past years students have returned for a second term as judges.

Maybe next year we should modify the program and include a "Good stories told" category.

# **Heritage Heroes**

Peter Tilbury, with photos by @photorazzigs

Hero Number 1 – Gerrit Schuldt. He drove his 1977 MGB Roadster to the Heritage Classic Car Show on August 23rd. This Iris Blue car is highly modified with a Datsun 2.8 liter six cylinder engine, three twin-choke Weber carburettors, and a Datsun 5-speed gearbox. When it had to be moved on the field, it would not start, so had to be pushed into its allotted space. It turns out that the alternator charging light had been on the whole time as he drove from his home to the Langley show field, and the battery was flat.



Engine arrangement in the MGB.

Hero Number 3 – Steve Collins. As I was checking the alternator wiring and connections, Steve was looking over my shoulder, and commented that the fan belt appeared to be loose. He was right.

Hero Number 4 – Malcolm Swallow. He produced a long handled MGB wheel spanner. I loosened the alternator

mounting bolt, and he applied the handle of the wheel spanner between the alternator and the engine block to tension the fan belt. I then tightened the alternator bracket bolt.

At the end of the day Gerrit was able to obtain a lithium battery booster, and this started the car. The alternator light was off, and he was able to drive his car home.



Gerrit and his 1977 MGB Roadster at the Heritage Show.

Hero Number 2 – Myself. Gerrit was directed to talk to me as it was thought that I could assist him. I went to look at his car to determine why the alternator warning light was on.



The offending alternator and fan belt.

# The ManGorA

#### Story & Photos by Monte Gisborne

The Professor of Engineering at Carleton University (Ottawa) shut the classroom door after the last straggler first-year student entered the room. The straggler, a bit of a smart aleck, proclaimed: "I passed through the faculty parking lot, and today being a summerlike day, I happened to notice that your MGA was missing... what happened to it?" The professor exhaled as he took stock of his reality and explained to the class that his beloved British sports car - a red 1960 MGA MK1 1600 – was wrecked the evening before at the local Ottawa Speedway where he enjoyed racing. The sheet metal was mangled all over and rendered unrepairable.

At that exact moment, the ManGorA was born as a team of five students was formed to honour their professor and take on a bold project – to design and build a worthy custom (aircraft) aluminum body to replace the sleek, curvaceous original MGA body and in doing so, to create an MGA "Special". This occurred in September of 1972.

By most accounts, the five young men, teenagers all, did their professor proud and learned the appropriate skills to do the job. Using aircraft aluminum and rivets supplied by the professor and utilizing equipment found in the Metallurgical Engineering Department, a unique boat-tail design was employed by the team and the body came into shape and a life of her own. Much was completed that year, but at the end of the term the project was not nearly completed.

For the next 50+ years, the unfinished car was sold, gifted and inherited, with a boxed collection of parts included, by a long succession of people, many involved with the project from the beginning. I acquired it in 2023. I dragged those same boxes home and promised to be the one to "carry it across the finish line".

At this point I have completed most of the improvements I set out to do. Along with the opportunity to try my hand at metal forming and fabrication, and interesting electrical wizardry, I am always finding opportunities to make it a better car and honour those kids. I hope that they approve of my changes and developments.

This project has not disappointed in any way. While I have completed more OEM-spec restorations of a number of collector cars, this is my first custom "special" and it gave me licence to improvise and innovate I had not previously enjoyed.







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# The ManGorA Continued

It occurred to me that I could not call the (then nameless) car an MGA as it had deviated too far from Abingdon's product. I stumbled upon the name "ManGorA" when I randomly placed letters between the M, G and A and thought "that's a great name!" My research concluded that no other car maker had ever produced a "ManGorA" model so the name was available for my use.

I was quite surprised to learn that a "ManGorA" is a spider! I could immediately see many similarities between the automobile and the arachnid – the common eight (spider legs and Octagon sides) and



Monte named his steering wheel the "Octobulus"

the Italian sports car reference to two seater open sports cars as "spyders". Most astonishingly, the lower abdomen of the spider mocked the boat-tail rear compartment.

Keeping any old British sports car running is a commitment and a work of passion. I have owned many, but few have rewarded me as the ManGorA has.





[Editor's note: Those who attended our recent Heritage Classic Show in Langley and wandered along to check out the MG Modified/Race Car Class display, would have seen the ManGorA. Many would have heard Monte's stories about his special MG, told with great enthusiasm for its unique history and style. Monte and his wife Danni joined the Heritage Sunday morning drive in the ManGorA. They are now members of CCMGC.]





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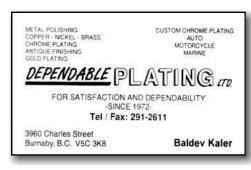
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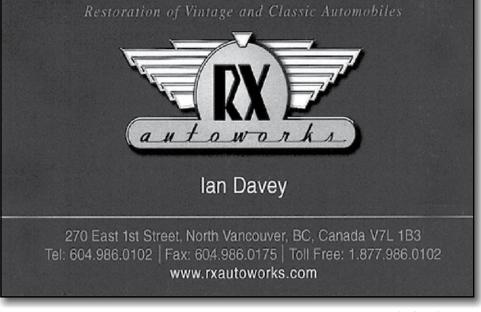
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# **Jaguars on the Green**

Sponsored by the Seattle Jaguar Club, the JOTG Concours took place at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge in Anacortes, Washington, on August 2. Our club's CXKJR contingent won the following awards:

#### **Champion Division**

C6/E2	1st	Gary & Lynne O'Keefe	1970 E-Type OTS	99.200
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Ian & Doreen at JOTG with their D-Type Replica. Photo by Sharon Case.



# JCNA Concours/Portland All British Field

Ian Newby

Great weekend, but very hard work. I drove the old Grumman-Olson Transporter with the D-Type aboard and Doreen drove the Jaguar F-Type FHC. Both cars did very well. The 2024 F-Type scored 100.000 in the JCNA Concours, the highest in Champion Division judging. It also took Second in the ABFM's People's Choice and Best in Show. The 1956 D-type was first in the JCNA Concours Replica Class with a 9.956 score and won a 1st in People's Choice.

We enjoyed three demonstration laps around the race track with the D and the F. This was poignant for the D

since in the 1961 Rose Cup race two laps from the finish then owner Starr Calvert suffered a catastrophic crash badly damaging the car and himself.

The Swap Meet on Sunday saw lots of British cars offered for sale, and many parts vendors. Prices were reasonable.

We met many old friends and made many new ones. Weather was cool with some showers. We will do it again. There used to be a large Canadian Contingent, not so this year.



#### Kruise for Kids November 2

K4K has been our car club's chosen charity for more than 25 years, with Doug Gale as the driving force. Doug's personal approach has transformed many times through the years and he now depends on members' generosity at the September and October membership meetings. He also asks the executive for a donation from the club.



Kruise for Kids is Canada's oldest automotive charity event – this is our 42nd year! Car clubs in the lower mainland collect donations and toys, and get together to donate the gifts and money to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. There is a drive (i.e. the Kruise) and the entry fee is one or more new, unwrapped toys (for Kids).

For many years our club raised the most money for the LMCB and challenged others to meet or exceed our cash donation - and for the past 3 years they have! It's all a friendly competition and the Christmas Bureau is the winner. Donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt; Doug and I will send in the names and you can elect either a paper receipt by Canada Post or one by e-mail. Last year the event was a great success raising over \$40,000 and donating over 400 toys. Here is a direct quote from the LMCB website www.lmcb.ca: "Since 1930, our number one goal at the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau has been to ensure that every child in our communities have a smile on their face during the holiday season. The holidays are about family and friends, and the experience of sharing and giving. It should be a happy time for everyone, especially for children."



We encourage all our members to come to the event, decorate their cars (maybe) and join in the celebration. And of course we hope you will donate. The start location hasn't been confirmed but the end point has - Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Langley Campus. Arrive before 10 AM and enjoy viewing the many decorated and unique cars. KPU is hosting the ceremonies in their Auditorium beginning at 10 AM; entrance from the L1 and L2 lot on the west side.

Merry Christmas everyone! The Kruise for Kids organizers thank you for your generosity. Please contact Doug or Rhonda Gale 604.521.3021/Mike or Tonya Harford 604.464.2212 if you have any questions. [Rhonda Gale]

## London to Brighton Commemorative Run November 2

This event is sponsored by the Old English Car Club, Vancouver Coast Branch. It commemorates the 1896 Motor Car Tour to Brighton, "The Emancipation Run", when the British Motor Car Club celebrated the new "Locomotives on the Highways Act 1896" legislation raising the speed limit from 4 mph to 14 mph. Each year there is a London to Brighton Veteran Car Run celebrated in London, England, on the first Sunday of November. It is the longest running motoring event in the world.

This is the 30th Commemorative Run in the Lower Mainland. Participants will be asked to gather at 9:30 am with the first car out at 10:30. The start location, the end location, and the route between will be announced as details become available. Watch for further information in Little Classical Gas.







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#### **GoF West**

Earlier this year, the CCMGC received an invitation to join the "Gathering of the Faithful" (GOF) Virtual Meeting in 2025. Unlike normal GoF's which involve participants driving their MGs, often over long distances, to a car show held in the western part of the US, this year the GOF was held virtually by clubs submitting photos of club activities, prior to the end of July.

Our club decided to submit a photo of the cars and owners who participated in the BC Government's Collector Car Appreciation Day on Saturday, July 12. The photo shows from left to right, Natalie Clarke & Filipe Angel, MGA, Will Granleese, MGA, Ria Zapf & John Evans, MGA, Rhonda Gale & Doug Gale, MGB, and Anne & Peter Tilbury, MGA. The photo was taken at the Squamish Railway Museum of British Columbia. In addition to these five MGs, seven Jaguars also drove to Squamish.



CCMGC's submission to the GoF West Virtual Event.
Photo by Tim Horton

Check out the GoF West Gazette at gofwest.org to view the photos submitted to this year's Virtual Gathering of the Faithful.

Peter Tilbury, CCMGC President



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