

February 2026

LITTLE CLASSICAL GAS



NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2026
7:30 PM
BURNABY LAKE CLUB-
HOUSE
3760 SPERLING AUE,
BURNABY

TO JOIN THE ZOOM
MEETING
CLICK THE LINK
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82357375599>

Meeting ID:
823 5737 5599

I have some very sad news to share. Colin Fitzgerald, founder of the **Pre 56 MG UnClub** more than 25 years ago, lost his valiant battle with cancer on February 2nd. Colin was member of the CCMGC and a friend of the Club while he was owner of Octagon Motors. Many Club members sought his advice and purchased parts for a range of MG models from him. For many years, in February or early March, he hosted a coffee and donuts morning for Club members at his garage on Venables Street in Vancouver when he talked about, and answered questions on, different technical topics to the benefit of MG owners. He created the Vancouver-Whistler All British Run, and also provided some sponsorship for the MG99 NAMGBR Convention at UBC, and the NAMGAR GT32 in Whistler in 2007. Our thoughts are with his wife, Ayreon, whose MGA Roadster was the centre piece for the celebration of 50 Years of the MGA in 2005 at the VanDusen ABFM.

Details of the **Super Bowl Party** held on the afternoon of February 8th at the Newbys Estate, are given elsewhere in this LCG. Our Club meeting on February 11th will have a Valentines theme, and the speaker will be **Nigel Matthews**, featuring his travels in India, along with some photos of the magnificent cars that participate in concours competitions in India.

Please see the request for expressions of interest in the **Collectibles Night** on March 11th in this LCG. Tickets for the "**Early Beats**" concert on March 14th are available for purchase now on the Club website, jaquarmg.com. A block of rooms has been arranged at the nearby Comfort Inn. See the poster in this LCG for more information.

We hope to see you at the Spring Run on March 21st, or at lunch at Harry's Fish and Chips on March 29th.

Peter Tilbury. 2026 CCMGC President

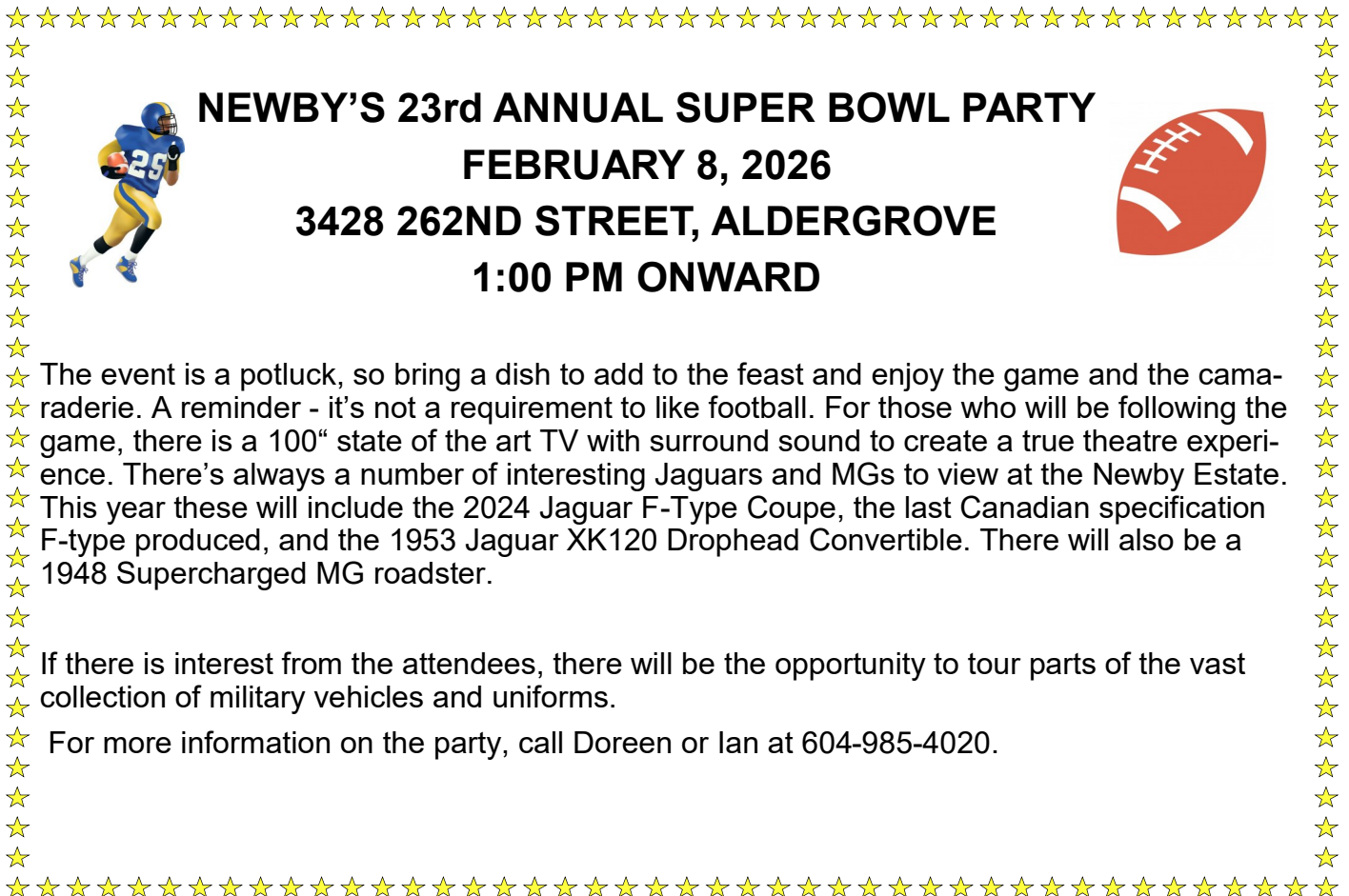




This is your last issue of Little Classical Gas if you have not renewed your membership for this year.

SPRING RUN

Mark your calendars for our Club's annual rite of Spring, this year to be held on Saturday, March 21, one day after the official start of the season. The drive will begin at the Real Canadian Superstore in North Vancouver, close to the north end of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge. The 1 to 1&1/2 hour scenic drive will wind its way through the villages and neighborhoods of North & West Vancouver, ending for lunch at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. This year's run is being organized by Kevin Parenteau. Watch for details in Little Classical Gas and at www.jaguarmg.com. Registration will be set up on the club website.



NEWBY'S 23rd ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026
3428 262ND STREET, ALDERGROVE
1:00 PM ONWARD



The event is a potluck, so bring a dish to add to the feast and enjoy the game and the camaraderie. A reminder - it's not a requirement to like football. For those who will be following the game, there is a 100" state of the art TV with surround sound to create a true theatre experience. There's always a number of interesting Jaguars and MGs to view at the Newby Estate. This year these will include the 2024 Jaguar F-Type Coupe, the last Canadian specification F-type produced, and the 1953 Jaguar XK120 Drophead Convertible. There will also be a 1948 Supercharged MG roadster.

If there is interest from the attendees, there will be the opportunity to tour parts of the vast collection of military vehicles and uniforms.

For more information on the party, call Doreen or Ian at 604-985-4020.



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Looking through the Club archives, I found that correspondence between Ian Newby and the MG Car Club in Abingdon-on-Thames started in 1966, when John Thornley was Chairman. CCMGC affiliation with the MGCC appears to have been established in 1968, when Captain George Eyston, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., was President. The Canadian Classic MG Club was an affiliate member of the MGCC up until 2024, when it lapsed, but it was re-established late last year.

As a result, members of CCMGC can now become members of the MG Car Club for 50% of the usual annual membership fee, i.e £25, which is about Cdn\$48. You will be able to read *Safety Fast* magazine online. (You will not receive a mailed copy).

Go to mgcc.co.uk if you wish to become a member.

Peter Tilbury
CCMGC President

**Interesting link about a car find under a Swiss Lake.
Sent in by Peter Tilbury.**

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BkTKnRQgX/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



MIKE POWLEY MEMORIAL COLLECIBLES NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

For many years Mike Powley organized the March membership meeting as an opportunity for club members to present displays of models and/or other collectibles (not required to be car-related).

If you have any collections that you would like to share with the club, consider being part of the Collectibles Night at the March 11 membership meeting at the Burnaby Lake Clubhouse.

To give you an idea of what kinds of collections have been shared with the club on Collectibles Night, here are some from recent years:

- Antique auto watches
- Barbie dolls
- British Wonder Books 1920s & 1930s
- Collins Radios
- Disney on Display
- Elizabeth II Coronation
- Guitars & bass collection
- International cookbooks
- International rally decals
- Land Rover magazines 1980s/1990s
- MG sales literature 1960s to 1980s
- Military & police badges
- Morse code keys
- Pens
- Record album cover art
- Shaving paraphernalia
- The Simpsons
- South African & the Homelands stamps
- Tall case floor clocks

There are a limited number of spots available. If you are interested in showing a collection at the March meeting, contact Jennifer Orum jlorum@shaw.ca by Tuesday, February 10.





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Concert for Club Members and Friends

Saturday, March 14th, 2026
7.00pm

Coghlan Hall, 6795 256th Street, Langley, V4W 1TP



THE EARLY BEATS

From Beginnings to Beatlemania to You!

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Songs from Beatles number 1 albums:

- *Please Please Me*
- *With the Beatles*
- *A Hard Day's Night*
- *Beatles for Sale*
- *Help*
- *Rubber Soul*
- *Revolver*

from March 1963 to August 1966.

Tickets \$30 per person

Cash bar - beer & wine @ \$5 each

Online registration now available at jaguarmg.com

Dancing and '60s attire is encouraged

Hotel - Comfort Inn, 26574 Gloucester Way, Langley

Tel: 604.856.8288 | \$179 plus taxes (block Jaguar/MG Club)

Contact Info - Peter Tilbury, 604.889.5067



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Come join us for a lunch and our second drive in March, to welcome the warmer and hopefully dryer spring driving season!

When: Sunday, March 29th, 2026
12 pm.

Where: **Harry's Fish & Chips** in Tsawwassen.
Harrys will open 30 minutes early just for us.
They have a good variety of food, not just fish & chips and they are also licensed. We have eaten there, and the owners are from England and their food is excellent. See their website below for their menu.

<https://harrysfishchips.ca>



An organized drive is not planned, we will meet, relax, chat and have lunch to kick off the spring driving season. There is lots of free parking right out front.

After lunch you may wish to visit the lower mainland's newest indoor mall for a little "Retail Therapy". Check out their website below.

<https://www.tsawwassenmills.com/en/>

<https://www.cabelas.ca/find-a-store/tsawwassen/37>

Lunch Registration: There is no registration, come one, come all.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday March 29th, 2026. For further information please contact the event organizer Troy Bell at trob67@gmail.com or by phoning (604) 613-8897



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May 3 2026

**4 th Annual
British Cars at
Summerhill**

**SUMMERHILL PYRAMID WINERY
Kelowna, BC**

SAVE THE DATE

Details to Follow
February 1 2026
visit
www.obcc.ca/Summerhill
for all the details



Okanagan British Car Club



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GREETINGS FROM THE OLD ENGLISH CAR CLUB OF BC!

September 8-15, 2026

Cars and socializing are the "driving" passion of our club and yours. But if you also have a passion for nature and beauty, you may find the following especially interesting.

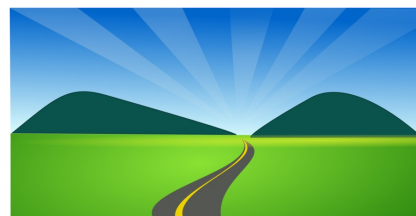
We are pleased to announce the 2026 Brits Down the Coast classic British car tour.

Do you love driving your classic British car? Do you love the drama and beauty of the Pacific coastline? Have you dreamed of combining these two in a tour down the west coast? Perhaps you've held off due to concerns over driving the route solo. Not enough support? Not enough companionship? We have the solution: a group tour with the OECC!

The 2026 Brits Down the Coast tour is open for registration. Eight days, seven nights, September 2026. Blaine WA to Crescent City CA and back. Four days on the Oregon coast, one day through the California Redwoods. Quality lodging, gentle pace and epic scenery, all in a supportive and very social setting.

If you'd like to hear and see more details - no commitment necessary - send an email to:

2026britsdownthecoast@gmail.com.



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15% Off Parts & Labour

on your next service visit at Jaguar Land Rover Langley
(Up to max value of \$500)

Present this coupon during check-in or show it on your mobile device.

Offers expires at March 31, 2026

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MARKET PLACE



***FOR SALE**

1977 MGB MK IV Convertible 2 door



1.8L 1798CC 110Cu. In. I4 GAS OHV Naturally Aspirated
Sweet little ride.... Ready to go for your test drive -- located in New Westminster
New installed Factory - OEM Fuel pump - straight from England!

1.8L Inline 4 (110 CI)

4 New Tires

Convertible top in very good shape - not the original.

Great shape inside and out

Just repaired quite a few little things - like bulbs and a fuse and changed to the correct weight of oil.

Classic Red colour and Black interior

INTERIOR in 9/10 Shape

Exterior in 9/10 shape

Contact Guy Steeves—guysteeves@gmail.com



****FOR SALE**

I am cleaning up and found a 1977 / 80 MGB dash cap new in the box.

\$125.00 cash

Bill 250 826 8889

lsinc@telus.net