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## 32<sup>nd</sup> British Car Day and More!

Welcome to the October issue of 2015. This month we learn about:

- the 32<sup>nd</sup> British Car Day in Bronte Creek Park
- a run-in stand
- projects members will be working on this winter
- great food from the October meeting that you can enjoy at *your* home (real men cook!)

### Upcoming Events

Please check the Event Calendar on the AHCM web site for details.

### 32<sup>nd</sup> British Car Day in Bronte Creek Park

The British Car Day in Bronte Creek Park was held September 20, and like most years, the weather was excellent. The air was a cool 12°C and there was heavy dew on the ground when the first cars started to arrive at 8 AM. By the end of the day the sun had everyone putting on suntan lotion and looking for shade.

The Toronto Triumph Club had spent the day before placing signs around the grounds to indicate where each car marque was to line up. This made it very easy for the cars as they

entered the area to be able to find their proper location. The TTC also had about 30 volunteers on hand to guide the cars and answer questions while more than 1,100 cars filed through the gates.

The show had a great mixture of marques on display, including AC, Ace, Aston Martin, Austin sedans, Austin Healey, Austin Healey Sprite, Bentley, Cobra, Daimler, DeLorean, Ford, Jaguar, Jensen, Land Rover, London Taxis, Lotus, Mayflower, MG, Mini, Morgan, Morris, Rolls Royce, Rover, Sunbeam, Triumph and TVR.

The MG club set up their own main office and put together a collection of MGTC and MGA models to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TC line, and 60 years of the MGA. The TTC acknowledged the TR3 its 60 year anniversary and the TR4A for 50, MGBGT for 50, Aston Martin DB6 for 50, and the Stag for 45. The invitations went out early in the year trying to get a total of 45 Stags to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup>, and as a result there were 23 that were able to make it, mainly from the US.

As well as cars on display there was also a vender area with both new and used items for sale. Companies included: Mr. Green (selling Mini parts), British Auto Sport (Victoria British parts and accessories), Peninsula Import Auto Sales (Moss parts and accessories), Dirt "B"

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Gone, Crescent Oil, DRB Transport (book and magazine supplier), Simply British Foods, International Diecast, and many others. There was also a used-part flea market area where all had displays for passers-by to look and purchase items.

Then there was food! In between the vender area and the vehicle area, two food trucks were set up for hot food and another with cold finger food (all with a British flair). There was a food area in the registration area, the Lions Club had a barbecue, and there was an ice cream truck and Tim Hortons for coffee.

The day was drawing to a close after all of the exhibitors cast their ballots for their cars of choice. At this point, the TTC had everyone gather at the main tent area and a couple of speeches were given. The TTC is a non-profit car club, and this year their charity of choice was the Hospital for Sick Children. During the awards, the club made the announcement that they were giving \$4,200 to this charity.

## Run-in Stand

*John Webb*

This stand was fabricated by Barry Payne, who initially designed the mounting system to accommodate Triumph 4 cylinder engines. It has since seen some changes - the engine pictured is a B Series.

The concept is a good one. It lets you run your engine before installation, fix any issues, and then install it in the chassis.



## What Are Members Up To?

*Rome Innes*

There's quite a lot going on at Graeme's this winter. Here are a few photos. The first is of Frank Mancini's MG TC which is having an engine rebuild at Graeme's.



The next snap is of Helmut Friedrich's MGA, which he has at Graeme's to complete the restoration over the winter.



And finally, here's a photo of Jim Jackson's MGA chassis, which is just about ready for the restored body.



## Great Food...

*Jodi Bolger*

These two recipes were popular at October's meeting...recipes courtesy of my sister Grace. [My Internet search told me that Platz is "coffee cake with fruit and crumbs"... and the Urban Dictionary, it says it's from the Yiddish, meaning "to burst, out of excitement, joy, etc.; unable to contain yourself for whatever reason." So, members almost *platzed* they were so impressed with the following delights. Enjoy! Ed.]

### Platz

#### Ingredients:

- 1½ cup flour
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup margarine or butter (soft) – (I use butter or a mix of each)
- ½ cup milk or cream (I use milk)
- Fruit (apple, strawberry, kiwi, rhubarb, etc., fresh or frozen)

#### Topping:

- 1 cup white or brown sugar]
- 1¼ cup flour
- ½ cup margarine or butter (soft)

#### Method:

Combine first four ingredients. Cut in marg/ butter, then add milk/cream.

Press into 9x13 greased pan. Put on fruit to make a thin layer. Mix topping (will be crumbly) and sprinkle over fruit. Bake at 450°F for 10 minutes, then at 350°F for 30 minutes longer.

### Zucchini Chocolate Cake

#### Ingredients:

- ¼ cup butter or marg. (I use butter)
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1¾ cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2½ cup unsifted flour
- 4 Tbsp. cocoa
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. cloves
- 2 cup grated raw zucchini
- ½ cup sour milk (add a few tsp. vinegar to milk, stir and let sit for a bit)

#### Method:

Combine butter, oil, sugar, eggs and vanilla in a large bowl, blending well. Add zucchini.

Combine flour with other dry ingredients and add to mixture, alternating with sour milk. Add chocolate chips. Bake at 325°F, 45-60 minutes in a greased 9x13 pan. When cooled, I use cream cheese icing.

### Membership

If you have not yet renewed, please send your cheque payable to the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba (AHCM) to:

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## 2015 Event Calendar

Date	Location	Cost	Contact	Description
Jun. 2016	Kenora			2016 Sunset Country Rendezvous hosted by the TDC and AHCM

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