

the Oily Rag

The Newsletter of the Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary



EASTER BUGGY?

What happens when a car guy can't drive all winter!

Editor's Comments

I managed to get away for a month long holiday to Costa Rica! Not to rub it in to you poor wretches who were cursing the ice and snow whilst I was relaxing in the hot sun, but I would suggest that six months of winter is too long for most of us vintage car types. Although I rented an econo-box to explore the country, I couldn't quite escape thinking of my own old car that was cocooned at home. The trouble with being a car guy, is that I can't help but looking for old cars in yards and fields instead of trying to spot signs guiding me to our next destination. Although this means it takes much longer to arrive at the next destination, it does mean that it provides a good excuse to stop and ask directions from a local. Really just a coincidence that there was an interesting car parked next to the house! The lady of the house was quite friendly and said the little blue car had belonged to her father who drove it to Costa Rica from Montana over 25 years ago. According to her, it was running when he parked it in the yard a decade or so ago. The body looked pretty good and the interior was well worn but intact. An offer of \$500 US or so would purchase the Karmann Ghia and then it would have to be shipped to Vancouver than over to Calgary. A fun project but one would have to fly down to Costa Rica to finalize the deal. In the dead of winter would be the best time to visit!



If you need a project car with a trip to Costa Rica thrown in, send me an email and I'll forward you the contact information.

Regards, Larry

The Prez Sez

Hi Everyone,

The driving season is fast approaching so I hope many of you are greasing and polishing in readiness for a great driving season.



As usual the winter doldrums are interrupted with our entrance into the world of wheels. This year was no exception. We were lucky to enter 5 cars this year Opel GT Sterling Rempel, Nissan Figaro Tracy Rempel, DE Tomaso Pantera Doug McIntyre, Jag D type Tom Scully and Opel GT Keith Wilford. Thanks to all of you the cars looked fantastic.

Also a special thanks to all the volunteers who answered questions and represented our club. We had lots of good feedback and hopefully we will get some new members from this event.

Our first driving event will be the Spring Thaw run. See our website for dates. This year will prove to be an interesting one after the drive out Richard De boer has offered to take us on a tour of the Bomber Command Museum and to show us the progress on the Mosquito. That should be a great trip and afterwards its back to the Scullys place for a BBQ. Lets hope the weather cooperates.

We started out our season of speakers at our Club meetings with a talk on Appraisals by Jim Masleck .Jim has been a member from the beginning and his knowledge of cars and appraisals is fantastic. I for one really enjoyed the talk and look forward to speakers of equal interest in the future.

I will sign of by saying that I hope to see many of you at the Presidents Dinner.

This is a great event but don't let the name fool you I wont be cooking.

Safe Driving and hope to see many of you at our drives this Summer.

Chris Durtnall

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Monthly On The Last Wednesday

WHO WILL INHERIT THE CLASSIC CAR HOBBY?

By Horace Huo

In an age of technological progress and cultural change, what type of person would take on the classic car hobby?

To answer this question, we would need to look into the past.

The classic car movement was founded after WWII by individuals who appreciated prewar industrial design, engineering, and craftsmanship. The first enthusiasts were intellectually curious, well educated, and have an appreciation for the timeless beauty of Duesenbergs, Packards, and V16 Cadillacs.

The thrill and excitement of piloting a machine from an era gone by amused the senses of the adventurous. In a sea of cookie cutter tri-five Chevy's and other miscellaneous big fin cars; a delicately crafted, well engineered pre-war icon shone bright.

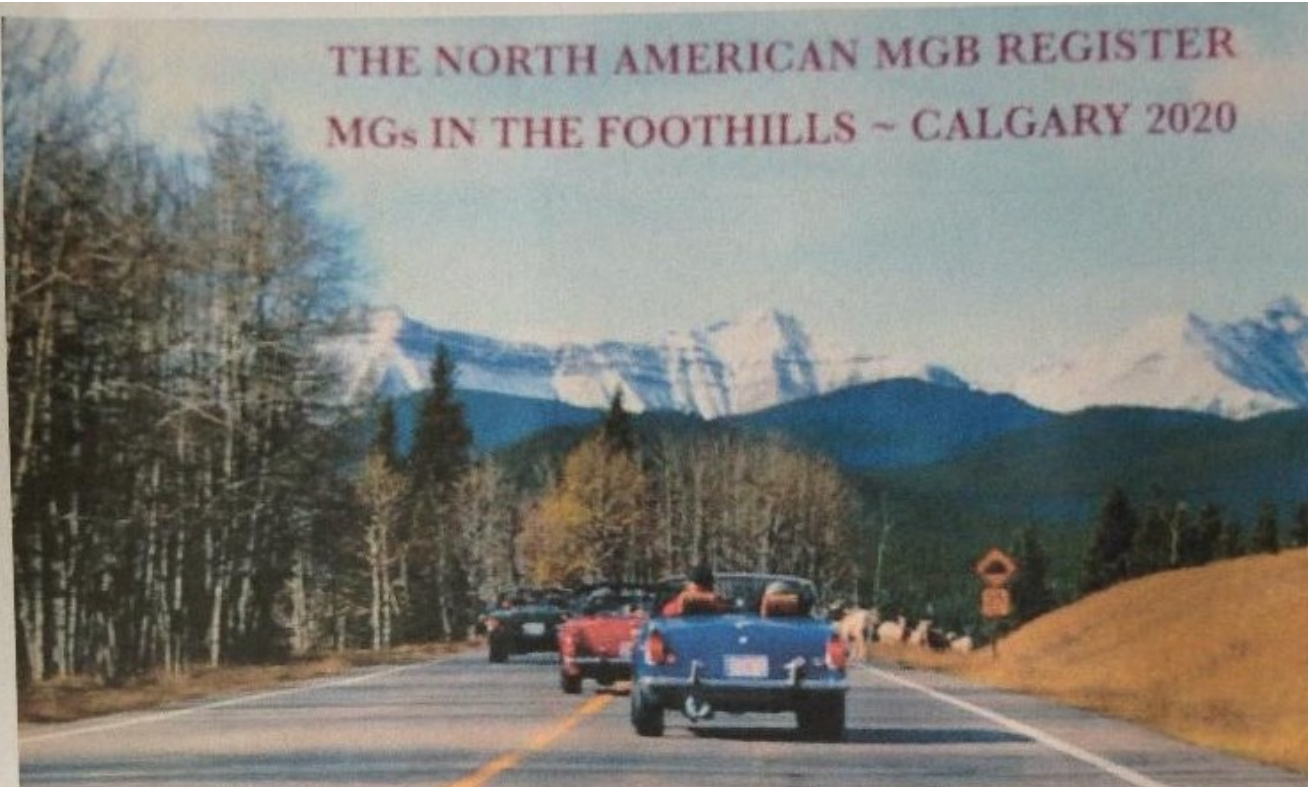
Many people from later generations also embody this worldview, especially those of the internet age. As a generation who has only experienced 21st century cars in an age of new tech, some instinctually wonder what an old car drives like.

An old car to someone of a later generation would not embody nostalgia, because younger generations has not experienced those times first hand. Instead, they are appreciated for their timeless designs, intricate craftsmanship, and unique sounds and handling characteristics that have enchanted the first postwar enthusiasts.

The goal of owning an old car is not to relive old days, but to experience driving as an art and an adventure, and applying the experience to enrich the owner's world knowledge. Learning about their peculiarities and adapting to modern traffic, and experiencing the contrast between a vintage driving experience and the modernity that surrounds it is what makes classic cars truly special.

To sum things up, those of later generation who will inherit the vintage car hobby have the same characteristics as those that started it all: A sense of intellectual curiosity, a daring sense of adventure, and an appreciation for the timeless and beautiful.

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The Calgary MG Car Club is excited to host the North American MGB Register's 2020 annual Convention. Workshops, social events, scenic drives & an automobile show on Canada Day in Calgary's beautiful Stanley Park will see Western Canadian hospitality at its finest.

For visitors to Calgary, immediately after the Convention the world-famous Calgary Stampede begins its ten-day run, with agri-fair, rodeo, live music & midway. The City has world class art galleries, Heritage Park showcases pioneer history, & the Calgary Zoo has a pair of pandas.

Our Convention hotel is The Deerfoot Inn & Casino: we encourage attendees to arrive early & stay late! Only an hour west of the City are the magnificent Rockies: Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper & the Columbia Icefields are all thrilling drives with breathtaking vistas. The Prairies to the east also offer The Badlands, Tyrell Museum of Paleontology, and just south is the Bomber Command Museum of Canada. Mark your calendars for the experience of a lifetime: MG 2020.



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ODDS AND SODS!

DeLorean confirms plans to manufacture new DMC-12 cars.



Although the DeLorean name remains, the company trademark, dies and a vast supply of parts were purchased by Stephen Wynne in 1995. Since then, the new company has been supplying parts from four locations in the United States. The company states that they have about 3.5 million parts in stock. The new cars will be upgraded with a different engine than the original in order to meet emission standards and provide much better power than the 2.9 litre engine that made a meager 130 hp.

The new car will be produced in small numbers with the firm projecting 50 to 100 units per year. So, if after watching “Back to the Future” again, you really would like a DeLorean that has been brought up to modern specs, the firm is taking deposits. Unfortunately, a Flux Capacitor is not included!

ODDS AND SODS!

Canadian electric vehicle manufacturer plans to open US plant

ElectraMeccanica, headquartered in British Columbia, builds the three wheeled Solo vehicle at its partner Zongshen Industrial Group in Chongqing, China.



The tiny car features a 160km range, has the ability to cruise at highway speeds and can charge on a regular household socket in less than six hours. The company is aggressively pursuing the American market as the CEO expects the growing demand for Electric Vehicles is forecast to exceed more than 30% of all passenger vehicles by 2040. The plan to manufacture in the US was driven by the tariffs imposed on Chinese manufactured cars as well as logistic efficiencies.

The Solo is expected to retail for less than \$20,000 US.



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Our members share a strong interest in their vintage sports cars and the friendship of like minded individuals. They share in the joy of a hands on restoration completed

VSCCC Regalia

Chris Gorrie, our Director of Regalia, would be happy to fill your order for any of the following::

- • • • **Club Jackets**— Stock on hand includes 9 Large, 7 Med, 2 XLarge Red with the club logo and fleece lining, each \$50.00 (actual cost is more- this is subsidized by the club) Order yours before the heat wave passes.
- • • • **Club Logo Patches** - 47 in stock
- • • • **Golf Shirts**—members cost is \$25-47 in stock
- • • • **Grill Badges** — \$15 - 29 new style, 7 Old style
- • • • **Window Decals** — two free to each member
- • • • **Can Koozies**—\$2
- • • • **Pens** - 217 on stock
- • **Mugs** - lots in stock

A b o u t t h e V S C C C

The motto of the VSCCC is "***Dedicated to the preservation of vintage motoring***" and the main purpose is bringing like-minded enthusiasts together for the mutual enjoyment of our automobiles.

Membership is open to all those owning, and having a keen interest in, traditional (vintage) sports cars. Our current membership owns mostly British roadsters and coupes dating from 1935 to 1980; however all vehicles are welcome. Dues are \$40.00 per year.

General Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre (3112 11 Street NE, Calgary).

The VSCCC is a member of the Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta.

Personal information is gathered from club members solely for the purposes of distributing club related information to the membership. Our membership list will not be sold or exchanged with other clubs or commercial interests.

The membership list (including members name, phone number, email and cars owned) may occasionally be distributed to club members. Distribution is intended so that members with similar vehicles can contact each other for help and advice. If you do not wish your name to appear on this list please contact the membership secretary. Please refrain from distributing the membership list to non-VSCCC members, using it for mass email or for other purposes that have not been sanctioned by the VSCCC executive.

t h e O i l y R a g

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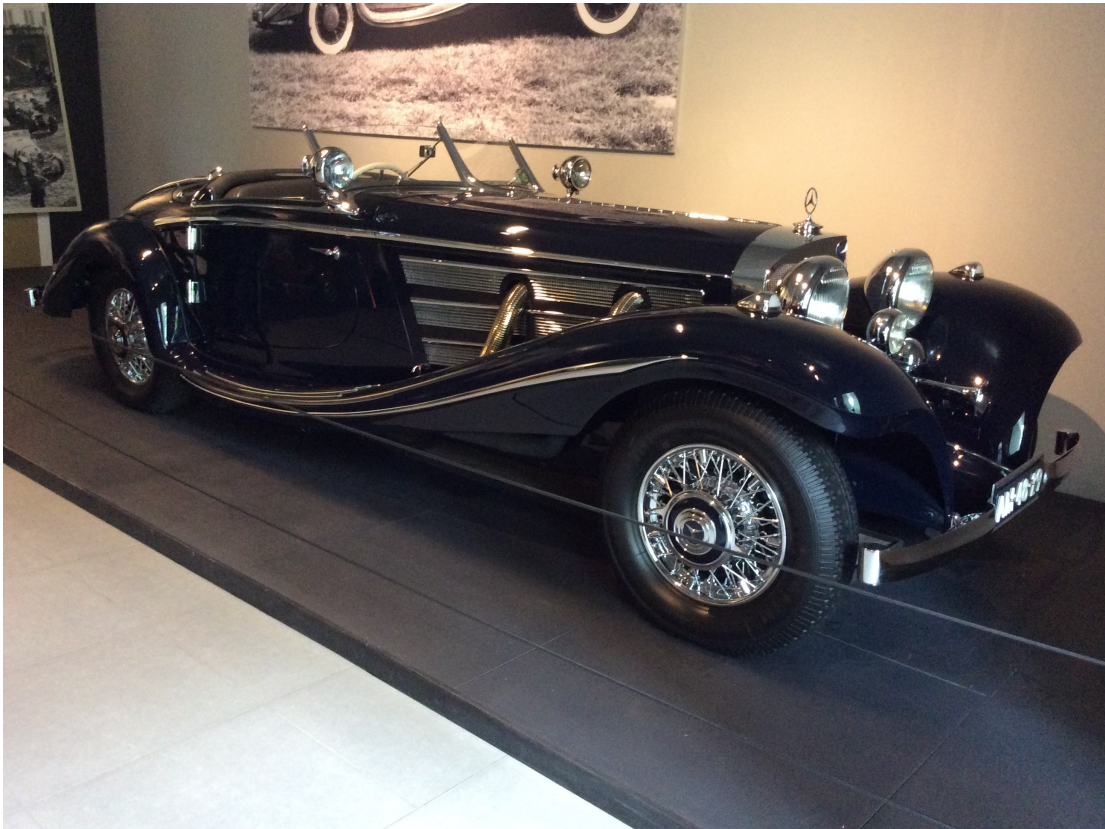
Highlights from the Louwman Museum

By Sterling Rempel

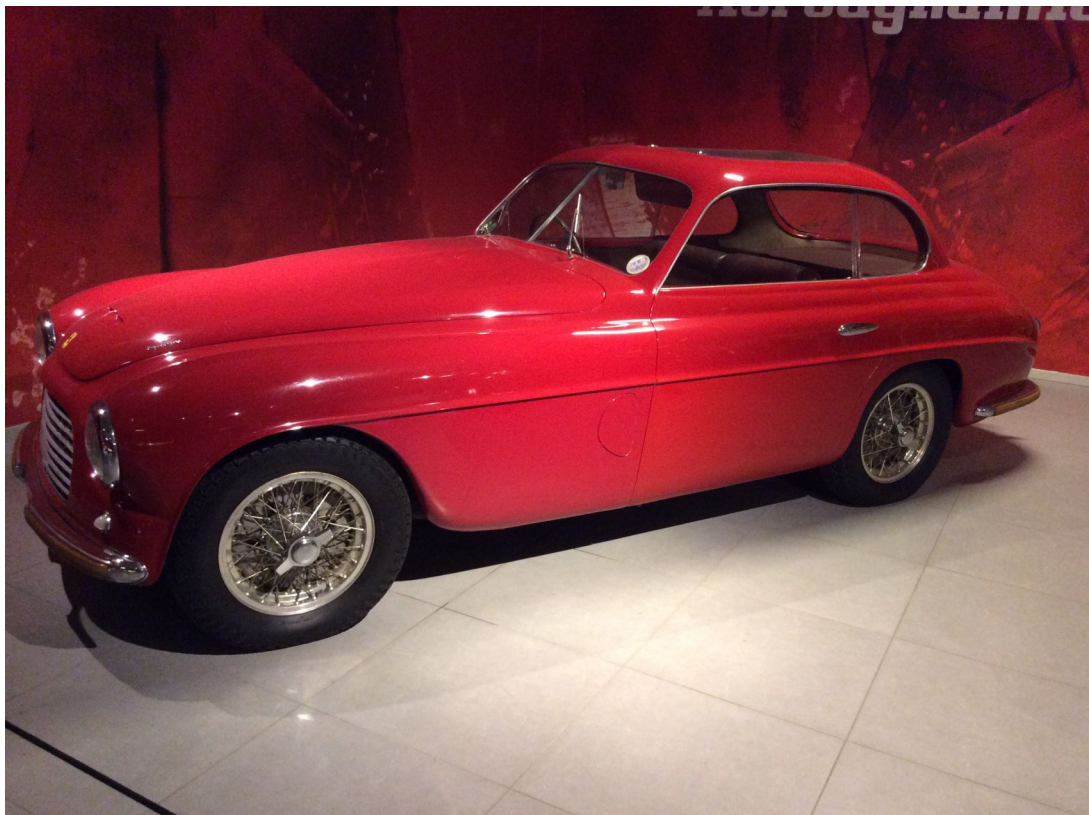
A good friend of mine recently visited the Louwman Museum in The Hague, Netherlands. It specializes in historic cars, coaches and motorcycles. Following is just a small sampling of the automobiles on display.



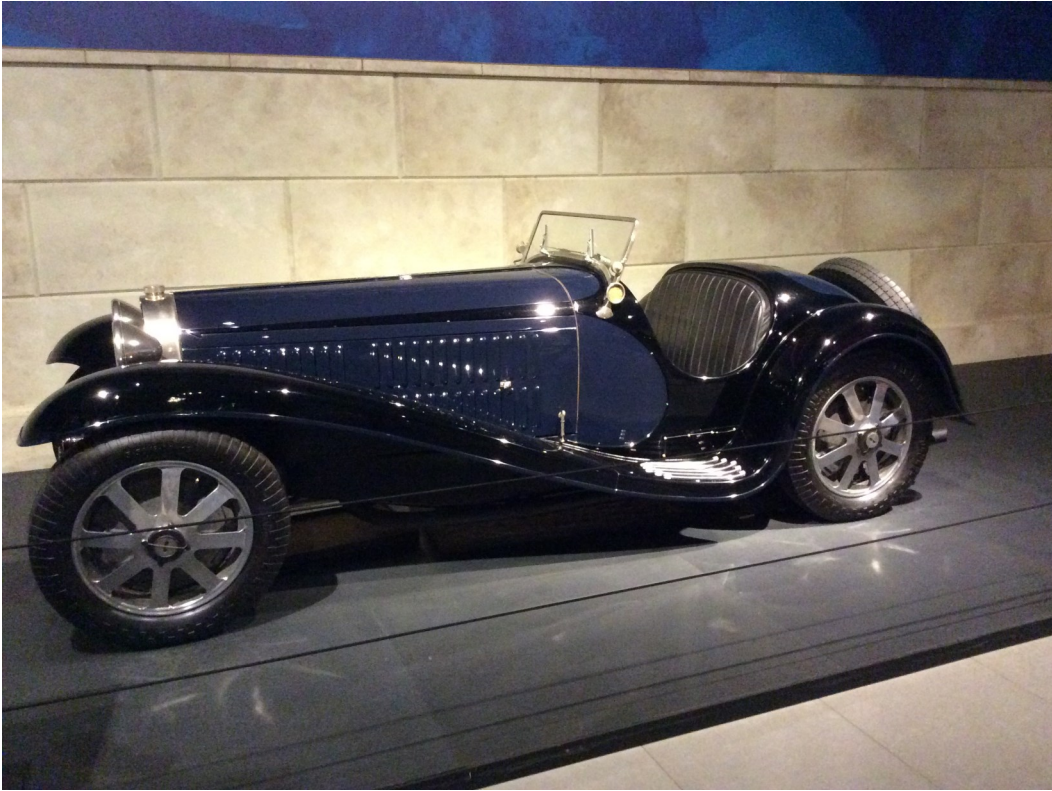
More photos from the Louwman Museum



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PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARS ARE NOT IN ORDER OF LISTING

- Their 1952 Pegaso Z-102 Cupula won “Best in Show” at the 2016 Concours d’Elegance
- 1965 Lamborghini 350GT (1 of only 120 produced)
- The original 1964 James Bond Aston Martin DB5
- 1965 Ferrari 275 GTB
- 1949 Ferrari 166 Intercoupé
- 1936 Mercedes-Benz 500K Spezial – won first in class in 1994 at Pebble Beach and in 2006 the Briggs Cunningham prize.
- 1937 Talbot Lago T150 SS Coupé
- 1932 Bugatti Type 54 (1 of 5 built)



The Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary has participated in the World of Wheels Car Show every year and this year was no exception. Five cars were displayed by the following members:

Sterling Rempel - Opel GT, **Tracy Rempel**, - Nissan Figaro, **Doug McIntyre** - DeTomaso Pantera, **Tom Scully** - Jaguar D Type Replica, and **Keith Wilford** - Opel GT

The following photographs are courtesy of Sterling Rempel, and Gary Beckstead.

World of Wheels - Calgary, 2020



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