



# OTTAWA VALLEY TRIUMPH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER NO. 18

## Highlights of November 27, 1990 Meeting

The November meeting of the OVTC was held on Tuesday evening, November 27th, at the Woodvale/Manordale Community Centre in Nepean. The main topic was a guest speaker from 3M, Mr. Yves Roy, who treated the 25-30 members who attended to an excellent presentation on the various automotive products manufactured by 3M. Thanks go out to Brian Mills for lining up this presentation.

### 3M Presentation

So you thought 3M only made scotch tape, eh?? Wrong! Thanks to Yves Roy, 3M's Sales Rep, we were introduced to a staggering variety of automotive/bodywork supplies that 3M produces. We knew we were in for a good presentation when Yves drove up in his Minivan and it was full of brief cases and boxes that we helped him unload and spread over four or five display tables in the Community Centre. Brian not only lined up Yves as our guest speaker for this meeting but also brought along his TV and video recorder and we were treated to two videos from 3M--one on paint finishing products and one on respiratory protection devices. I won't go into all the details that Yves presented, since those members who attended were given many brochures explaining the products and refinishing tips he described. It was a most entertaining evening and our sincere thanks and appreciation to Yves for coming out to the Club meeting. Here are just a few things that I made note of during the meeting:

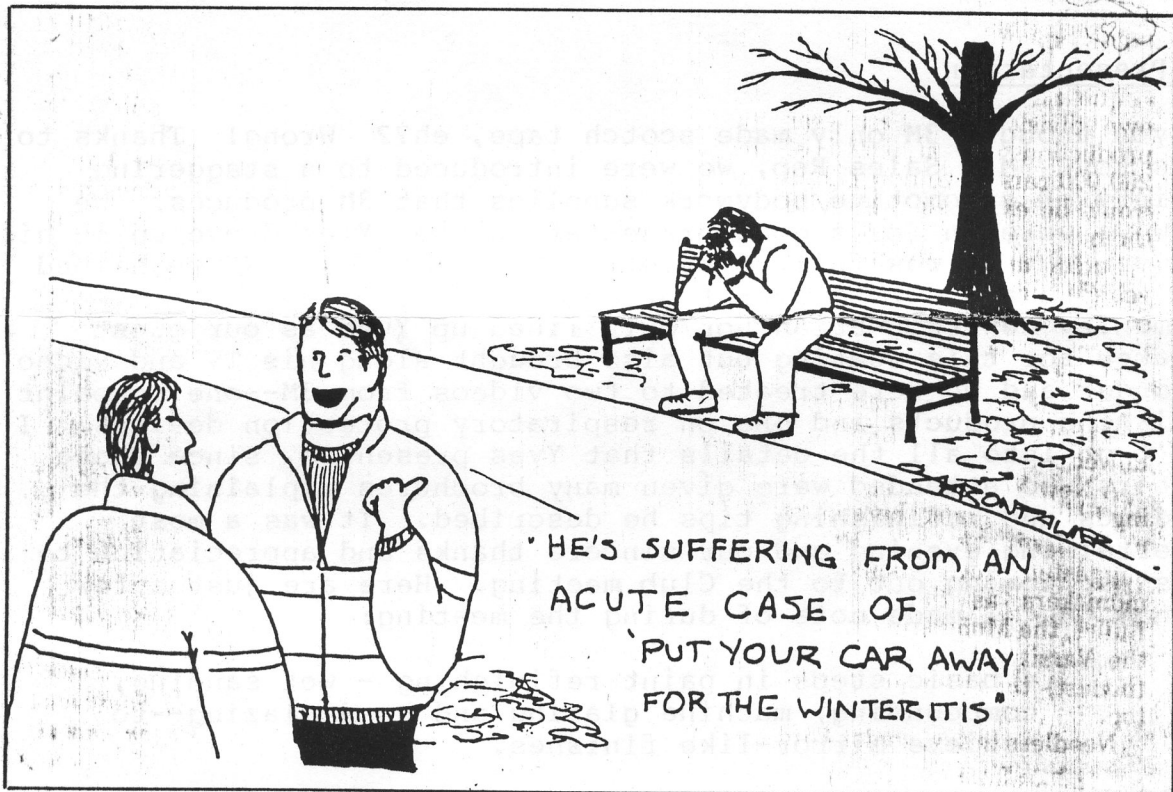
- 4 basic steps in paint refinishing - wet sanding, compounding, machine glazing and hand glazing--to achieve mirror-like finishes.
- machine glazing--use the right pads, always keep them clean (use a 'spur' tool every so often) back and forth motion and keep pad moving or it will burn surface paint.
- use the correct compound product for the type of paint finish you're working on; i.e., acrylic, enamel, etc.
- don't tear your wet sandpaper--torn edges will cause scratching of paint surface.
- soak sandpaper a good hour or more before using.
- always use the proper respiratory for the job you're working on--there is no all-purpose respiratory--different face masks for dust, mists, gases, vapours and fumes.

- 3M products are available from many auto body retail stores, such as MPS Automotive, UPA, etc.

Thanks again to Yves Roy for all the hand-out brochures, information packages, pins, etc., and for his time and effort to address our Club.

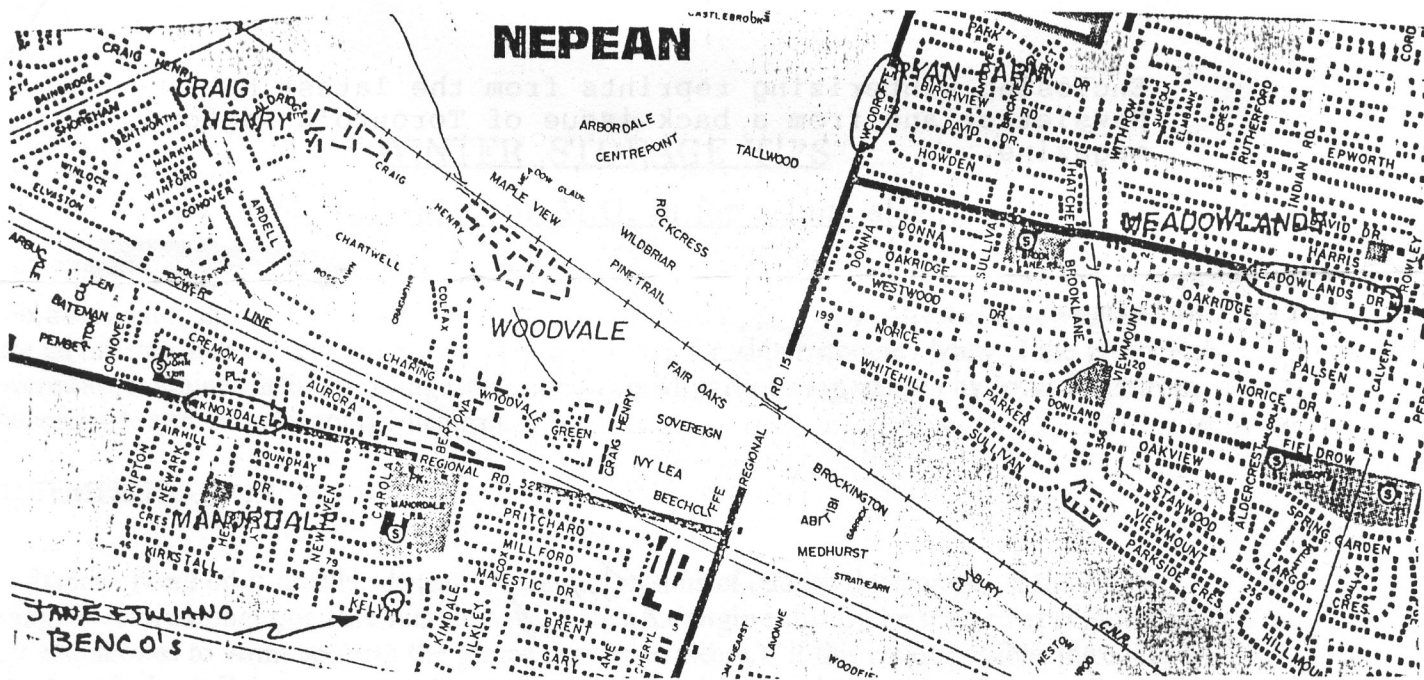
### Fall Colour Tour

Since we had the TV and video recorder set up we were treated to Clive Law's video of the Fall Colour Tour held on October 4th, down around the Westport, Ontario, area. We'll show this again around March to really get us anxious to get the TRs back on the road after the long winter hibernation. Excellent video, Clive.



### Upcoming Events

December 16, 1990 - Christmas party for OVTC members at the home of Jane and Juliano Benco, located at 14 Kelvin Crescent in Nepean. This is becoming a tradition since we have no formal OVTC meeting in December--a party at the Benco's is a grand substitute. Bring a dish (food that is) and your own beverages. This party starts at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon and goes to whenever. See map on next page for location.



January 23, 1991 - Next meeting of the OVTC at the Woodvale/  
Manordale Community Centre on Knoxdale Road, at 7:30 p.m.

### Regalia

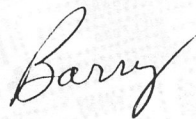
Pat Mills, our Regalia Co-ordinator, has ordered a number of the OVTC sweatshirts that make great gifts for Christmas. These are high quality sweatshirts, white with the OVTC crest in colour on the upper left-hand corner. Pat will have a supply of these sweatshirts at the December 16th party, as well as the OVTC windshield sticker that wasn't yet available for our November 27th get together. If you're interested in any of these items, call Pat at 825-1698.

### Miscellaneous

- Interested in getting your touch-up paint in an aerosol can? MPS Automotive on Morrison Drive, next to the Fender Factory, can supply you.
- Looking for a safe and secure way to transport your Triumph on a flat-bed trailer? John Fitzgerald, who attended our November 27th meeting, announced that he has a state-of-the-arts flat-bed trailer that is available for the nominal charge of \$60 and John will provide his truck to pull the trailer and your TR to whatever local point you may be moving to. Call John at his Belfast Road office location (236-4411) if you're interested in his services.

- Enclosing winterizing reprints from the latest MG Newsletter and from a back issue of Toronto's Ragtop magazine.

That's about it for now folks. See you on December 16th. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.



Barry Edgington

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## WINTER STORAGE TIPS

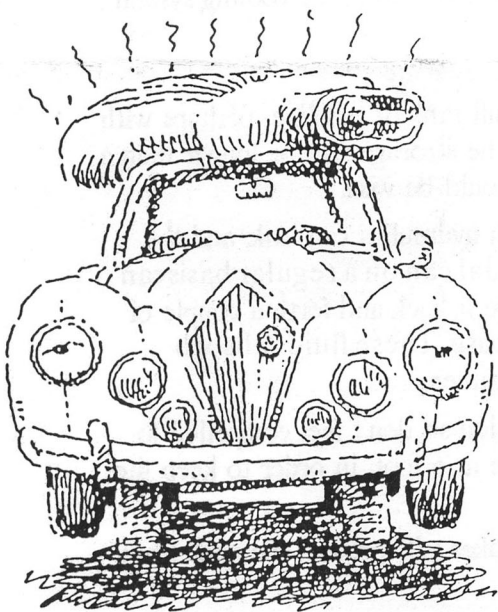
### ( Or tucking your M.G. in for a long sleep)

Rob, from Miniman, our MG repair deop in West Carleton, dropped by our October meeting and gave an informal talk on how to properly prepare our cars for winter storage. Many of the points Rob covered are contained in the following article lifted from Moss Motoring written by John Twist from University Motors, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

#### SYSTEM PROTECTION

1. **Engine:** Fresh oil is usually adequate for several months of relative dry storage. If the MG is going to be stored longer, or if the humidity is high, then the engine should be started at regular intervals and allowed to warm up (with the garage door open please.) If this is not possible, introduce oil into the cylinders. Before replacing the plugs, turn the engine over slowly, this will move oil through the pistons and valves. Covering the tailpipe with duct tape prevents moisture from entering the exhaust system, as tape over the air cleaner inlet keeps moisture from the carb.
- 2). **Ignition:** Normally, there are no preventive measures. However, if the MG is going to be stored for several years (hopefully NOT!), the distributor cam should be oiled with light oil.
- 3). **Cooling:** The 50/50 solution of glycol antifreeze and water is all the attention the cooling system receives. Some owners suggest that Armorall or a similar product can extend the life of the radiator hoses.
- 4). **Fuel:** If the MG is going to be stored for just the winter, then the full tank of gasoline, perhaps with the addition of "dry-gas" or gasoline antifreeze will be satisfactory. If the storage will be longer than a year, then draining the floatbowls to prevent the buildup of varnish would be wise.
- 5). **Clutch:** Two problems can occur with longterm storage; the clutch hydraulics can leak; and the clutch disc can rust to the flywheel or pressure plate. Exercising the pedal can on a regular basis can prevent this situation from happening. Simply start your car and move it back and forth a couple of times. Remember to change clutch fluid (and brake fluid) on a regular basis. These fluids absorb water over time and have a nasty habit of causing clutch and brake seizures.
- 6). **Suspension:** Winter storage causes no problems with the suspension so don't feel compelled to put your car on blocks. As above, simply move your car, even as little as a foot, in order to keep the bearings free.
- 7). **Brakes:** Rolling your car back and forth will and pumping the brakes will prevent the pads from rusting to the rotor.
- 8). **Batteries:** Remove the battery from the car during winter storage. Keep it charged and in a warm place.
- 9). **Body:** To prevent oxidization or scratches, cover with breathable cover, not a plastic tarp. This will prevent humidity from being trapped between the tarp and the car.
- 10). **Interior:** Ventilation is important when winter storing, but measures must be taken to prevent rodents from taking up residence. Mothballs or flakes may help.
- 11). To solve all of the above problems, the easiest thing to do is to put the top down and drive to Florida!

# WINTER STORAGE



(How to love your car)  
by leaving it.

When those icy winds howl and the ever-present, destructive salt is flying, it's comforting to know that you have protected your car as thoroughly as possible from that cruellest of seasons, Winter.

If you intend to store your automobile over the winter, here are our tips to help counteract the potential hazards.

## Optimum Conditions:

A heated Garage with the opportunity to start and drive the car periodically in dry weather (at least once a month).

### Checklist

- Antifreeze at -45° C.
- Fill gasoline tank and add gas line antifreeze as required
- Disconnect battery



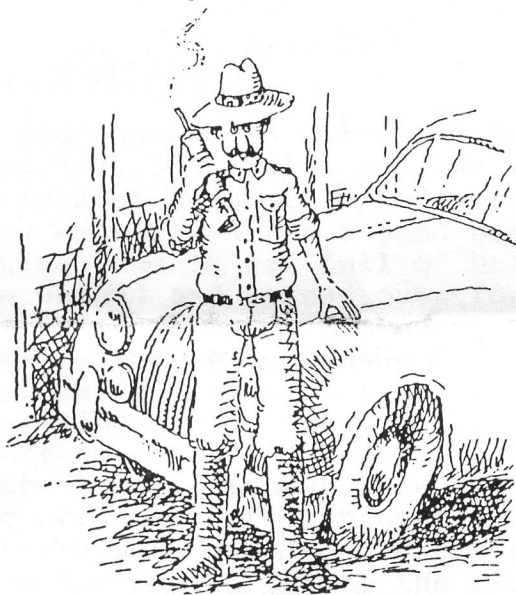
- Car should be dry with no salt - washed and waxed
- Oil spray underside of car

**Alternatively:**

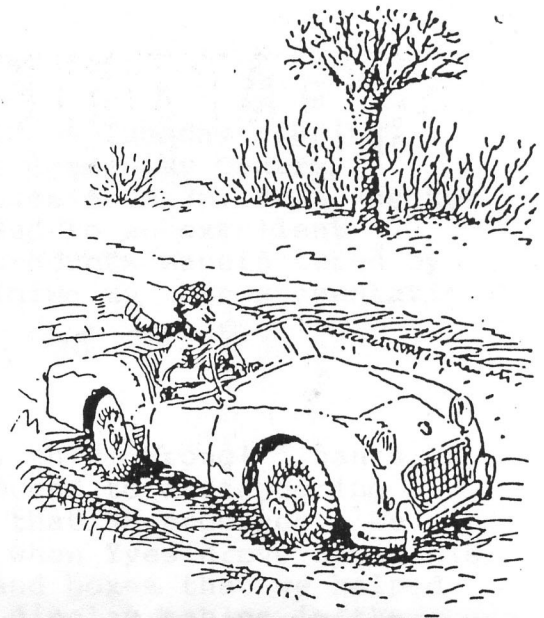
Store in a garage or a breathable, weatherproof cover.

**Checklist**

- Wash, dry, wax and oil spray the underside
- Place the car on stands or blocks under frame with wheels just off the ground
- Grease all suspension joints



- Release handbrake
- Remove spark plugs, pour two to four ounces of oil into each cylinder, crank the engine to distribute, then replace plugs
- Disconnect and remove battery - off the ground on a wooden block. Trickle charge once per month
- Lube door locks and hinges
- Vaseline chrome
- Fill gas tank and add gas line antifreeze
- Empty washer bottle or add washer fluid
- Radiator antifreeze at -45°C.



When you fire her up in the spring, disconnect the wire at the coil and crank the engine a few revolutions to assist oil pressure.

Of course we can't guarantee that your car will live forever but if you maintain it properly you will certainly enjoy better performance and better appearance - things you will appreciate as your investment does.

Tony Moon and his staff.

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