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## IN THIS ISSUE: A Sample of Where Have We Been & Where Are We Going

### Boothbay Harbor Picnic & Car Show.



Over 20 cars and 30 plus members were treated to a very interesting presentation by Tom Cotter (Barn Find Hunter books & videos) on his one of 27 Cunningham sports cars, hosted by Bob McKay before caravanning over to the BBH Yacht Club Car Show.

A great collection of cars at the show including an EV BMW 2002 converted by NOMAD Motors, a local Damariscotta company.

### Rangeley Fall Tour.

Thank you Albert for orchestrating a wonderful ride through the Rangeley area, with visits to the Portage Heritage Museum and David Percival's BMW motorcycle exhibit. A 3 day event, members stayed overnight at The Rangeley Inn and other local locations with dinner at the Inn. The fall colors were bright and the newly paved roads were a delight.



### Annual MICMAC Camden Car Show.

We had a great turnout for the big Camden event. We had over 40 fantastic cars in the show. I think we even recruited some new members. The weather was great with lots of street traffic. It was a perfect day !



2023 Was filled with lots of time on the road and with friends

Friends,

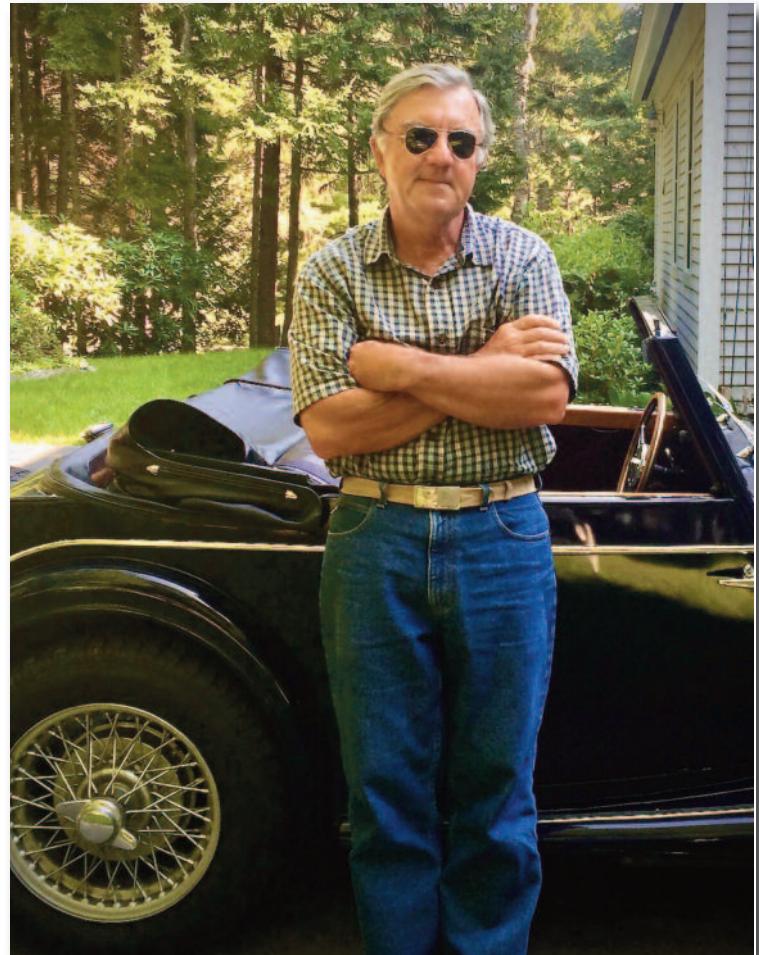
Our former club president and leader Frank Wnek, passed away this past October 2023.

As some of you know, he was diagnosed with melanoma not long ago and began immunotherapy—a three-week course of drug infusions developed by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute—to try to get ahead of it. But instead, Frank became increasingly fatigued and found he was losing interest in food. It was not a solution to last very long. Frank being Frank, any number of friends and MMSCC members had dropped in to set aside for a farewell round of “vitamin G”—Guinness stout, Frank’s favorite.

Having joined MMSCC about 20 years ago, Frank was the third president, following Don Foster, who succeeded club founder Jim Lea. As we all know, Frank is a Morgan man; what I didn’t know is that he has passed the gene on to his sons, who each also have a Moggie.

As a skilled hand in the airplane restoration shop at OHTM, Frank logged a lot of miles up and down Rte. 1, but even in winter he drew the line at sport-utes: “If I ever drove an SUV, my DNA would unravel and leave a quivering pool of protoplasm in the driver’s seat.”

In parallel with his interests in Morgans, airplanes and music, Frank is also a fly-fisherman, fly-tyer and fly rod builder. “I had two uncles who didn’t have kids, so they took me under their wing and taught me to fish.” Naturally, when he and Meredith arrived in Maine, Frank switched over to salt water and began stalking stripers from a center-console outboard.



Frank turned 74 on October 16.

Cars aside, the aviation thread goes back to Frank’s days as a midshipman at Annapolis. Thereafter, in 15 years of active duty with the Navy, he served in Newport, Norfolk, Pensacola, Monterey (California), Barbers Point (Hawaii) and finally the Pentagon. From 1975 into 1978, Frank and Meredith were posted to Brunswick Naval Air Station, where Frank flew P3 Orions on long-range anti-submarine patrols. The Maine bug bit; when Frank left the Navy, in ‘87, they returned and settled in Harpswell. Then, until he retired at 60, Frank was a captain for American Airlines, flying out of Boston. He’d timed everything just right, he said, and until this year enjoyed every minute of retirement.

Thank you, Frank.  
You are a man of heart, soul, brains and humor.  
What else is there? Godspeed.

## Holiday Luncheon

The new year's MMSCC event season got off to a super-charged start on January 7 at the Owls Head Museum where some 40 members and their guests feasted on Turkey and ham at our annual winter luncheon. An eclectic mix of the museum's prized collection provided an inspiring background for a slide show of last year's get-togethers while the group caught up with each others' winter projects and various motoring adventures. All agreed that the Club is starting 2023 with all cylinders firing!



## Fall Peeper Tour Ends MMSCC Driving Season Events



After some quick driving instructions the long caravan of multi-marque sports cars departed, heading down Rte 127, across the bridge with a view of Bath Iron Works across the river, through Arrowsic and then Georgetown. After a pleasant drive of 15 miles or so along a winding road lined with trees in bright orange and yellow fall foliage, we reached lands end at the Five Islands lobster co-op and promptly filled the parking lot for a break and some photo ops.

## 2023 Was a very busy year

1. Fall Leaf Peeper
2. OHTM Foreign Auto Festival
3. Low-Slung Seats, Snarling Motors & Wind in your Hair
4. MMSCC Camden Car Show
5. Boothbay Harbor Car Show
6. MMSCC Annual Summer Picnic
7. Founder's Day
8. Overnight Trip to Deer Isle
9. Wings and Wheels
10. Spring Rally Harpswell
11. Northern Area Dustoff Drive
12. Southern Area Dustoff Drive
13. Mechanical Arts Auto Restoration
14. Le Mans Movie at OHTM
15. Tech Session/Malcolm Purvis
16. February Luncheon
17. Holiday Party & Annual Meeting

## Here's what we have in store for you in 2024

*January 1/13 ; Annual Meeting & Lunch at OHTM*  
*February 2/10 ; Luncheon at Jodi's(formerly Sarahs) Wiscasset*  
*March 3/00; Movie Madness OHTM*  
*April 4/00; Manufacturers Tour*  
*May 5/00; Northern Dust Off*  
*Southern Dust Off*  
*June 6/00; Rally*  
*6/00; Drive, Bath, Brunswick, Woolwich, Lunch at Sprague's*  
*July 7/00;*  
*August 8/00; Annual Picnic,*  
*Camden Sailing Regatta*  
*Camden Car Show*

Dont forget club dues are due on July 1  
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## 2024 Started off with our annual membership meeting and dinner.

On Saturday January 13th a large number of members ventured out in a very wet and windy day to fight the elements. Extreme high tides and easterly winds just two days before, did a tremendous amount of damage along the coast. Another storm again for our Saturday event. Needless to say that didn't prevent club members from attending.

## Coming soon. We will have a CLUB MERCHANDISE PAGE on our website.

Club members will be able to purchase hats, shirts, vests, jackets all with the club logo embroidered on it. Look for an email that will be full instructions on when it will be available to order your MMSCC apparel.

### Tech Tips: By Bob McKay

**Don't remove the drain plug first unless you can remove the filler plug.** On my 1978 Ferrari, the engine sits sideways with the clutch and gear box mounted along side the left wheel well. A large cast aluminum cover is bolted over them with the drain plug in easy view on the bottom. The filler plug is buried on the top with little room to get a wrench to unscrew it. **I drained it first.** As a result I had to carefully remove the aluminum cover without having gears and ball bearings rolling around the garage floor. I now had the cover in hand to remove the filler plug. No matter how hard I tried that plug would not come loose. I applied heat but that had no effect. I now went to a friend of mine at the Boothbay Railway Village steam engine shop. He said "No Problem. Get that bucket of water and put some ice cubes in it from the lunch refrig." He heated the plug area then quickly dipped it in the ice water. *To my amazement he unscrewed the plug by hand.*

**Lesson:** Aluminum expands much faster than the brass plug causing it to get even tighter around the plug. It also shrinks much faster than brass allowing the plug to be easily removed.

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