

MG 2010 Introduction – by Peter Mittler, Vice Chairman

It's a year from now. You and your co-driver are heading for Belleville, Ontario, Canada for MG2010 and if you are not a Canadian resident, you are carrying your passport. Your MGB, Midget or 1100 is singing sweetly as you come into the region from the eastern or western reaches of Lake Ontario.



From the east you have the opportunity to take in the 1000 Islands Parkway, a beautiful scenic route along the northern shore of the St. Lawrence River. Pick it up after you enter Canada after coming up Interstate 81. Continue along Highway 2 possibly stopping at historic Kingston, Ontario to watch the changing of the guard at Old Fort Henry. From there take 401 west, or Highway 2 or the Loyalist Parkway to Belleville.

From the west through Detroit or south west through Buffalo you will need to traverse through Toronto. You could spend a week in Toronto, as the city has much to offer, but if you are bypassing try to time it so that you are in western Toronto between 10am and 2pm. Before or after that can be busy, just like in any other major centre. You can take 401 east or 407 east [photo toll road and they will bill you] to get to the east side of the city. Niagara Falls should be in your travel plans if you have never seen it.

**BREAKING NEWS!!!!** Why not come up a week early for an MG racing event as well?

*The 31st VARAC international Vintage Racing Festival at Mosport will have, as one of its Features, the 2010 MGVR Focus Event <http://www.mgvr.org/>. We are very excited about welcoming all you folks up here and can promise you a great time. Next year is also Mosport's 50th Anniversary, so we'll be working with Mosport on developing other Feature groups reflecting this significant milestone in the history of the track. The VARAC Festival is always on the 3rd weekend of June, so next year's event would run Friday, 18 June to Sunday, 20 June, 2010, with a test day on Thursday, 17 June 2010. Walter Davies. President, VARAC [www.varac.ca](http://www.varac.ca).*

You are in Belleville. It's June 23, 2010. What an exciting few days we have planned! Event details are at [www.mg2010.com](http://www.mg2010.com). Registration will be open after the AGM in October 2009. Here are the highlights:

- A reception party on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>
- A guided tour of Prince Edward County on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> with lunch at a winery and a stop at Lake on the Mountain. [Lake on the Mountain is a natural curiosity having a constant flow of clean, fresh water, with no apparent source, 60 metres above Lake Ontario]. We will close Thursday with a Bar-B-Que bash.
- Track Day [lap sessions - no racing] and a Funkhana at Shannonville on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>,
- and the car show, MG Olympics and Awards Banquet on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

For the ladies we are looking into a winery tour and luncheon, a presentation from a cosmetic supplier and a silver jewelry show and sale. The Host Hotel, Ramada Inn Belleville, has two pools, a waterslide, a sauna, car washing facilities, and a car show venue. This facility and three additional hotels have rooms blocked and we have negotiated very favorable rate between \$99.00 and \$119 (Canadian) per night.

There is a natural historical tie-in between [MG2010](#) and [MG 2008](#) with its Valley Forge Liberty Bell theme. Participants from MG 2008 will have learned a lot about the War of Independence and now, two years later will be able to learn about those 'Loyalists' who were displaced by the War and fled north and east. The Loyalist Parkway, which runs through Prince Edward County is marked with signage matching our MG 2010 logo with the Blue background and yellow 'period' figures in Loyalist dress.

The MG Car Club of Toronto, having hosted the very first NAMGBR event nineteen years ago, looks forward to hosting you once more as we prepare for another event which embodies MG, "The Marque of Friendship".