

# Spring Recommissioning of your British classic car

Georgian Bay British Car Club

# 1. Check and Top Up:

- Engine Oil
- Gearbox and Differential Oil
- Brake and Clutch Fluids
- Cars with hydraulic systems may leak fluid over the cold winter months (while in storage) so check those levels
- Condition of coolant hoses, rad cap
- Coolant Level
- Carb Dampers (SU / Stromberg) – light oil or ATF
- Battery Electrolyte – charge battery, if necessary
- Check Drivebelts and HT leads

## 2. Lubricate

- Chassis
- Grease Points
- Hinges
- Seat sliders, especially if different drivers
- etc.

## 3. Check Brakes

- Check brake pedal feel
- Handbrake operation
- Ensure handbrakes release okay

## 4. Wheels

- Check wheel bearings
- Check suspension joints
- Check and adjust tire pressures, including spare wheel
- Check jack and wheel wrench
- Check security of wheel nuts / knock offs

## 5. General Checks

- Perform thorough visual check for rodent damage
- Ensure accelerator linkage is free
- Refit battery, ensuring connections are clean and secure
  - Observe polarity, fitting ground side last
- Fuses, ensure connections are clean and secure
- Operation of warning lights and gauges
- All lights – side lights, headlamps, stop and turn signals
- Wipers, washers, horn, etc.
- Fire Extinguisher

## 6. Further Checks

- Start and Warm up car
  - Monitor oil pressure, coolant temperature, etc.
  - Battery charging okay
  - Check for oil / coolant / exhaust leaks
  - Check electric cooling fan working okay
- Go for Road Test
  - Drive carefully
  - Check for unusual noises / vibrations
  - Take cell phone with CAA on speed dial

# Final Steps

- Check all Paperwork is up-to-date
  - License plates
  - Insurance
  - Is an Appraisal required
  - CAA membership
  - Car club membership
- Clean
- Polish
- Fill gas tank
- Make sure CAA phone number is on cell phone's speed dial
- Enjoy carefree summer motoring