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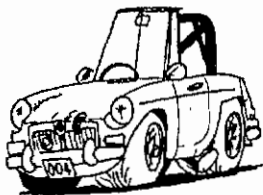
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however would you call before 9.00.pm.

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BEV

EDITOR



Our AGM which has been changed to the 18th August is just over a week away and nobody has put up their hand to do this job! Why? It is a very satisfying task with a result for your efforts each month, It is even better when people tell you that they have read the magazine.

I used to be one of those people who only read selected sections, but now I know everything that is going on! I can usually rattle off most of the dates for coming events also. I even have the option of telling you about things before anyone else, but I will refrain from that as I wouldn't want to steal all the thunder.

You may notice that at the end of the magazine I print a deadline date for the next issue. This is there for a reason. I do have a life and a family and a job. The deadline is especially important for the next issue due to the fact that the AGM has been put back one week and

also the Committee Meeting. Unfortunately the magazine deadline cannot be changed. For the next issue to go out on time, I will only have a week to get it all together along with all those other things I have to do, so *please*, new committee members, have any articles in on time, preferably at the Committee Meeting.

On a lighter note, we had a great weekend at Eastern Creek. Monty behaved very well and made Stephen a very happy man. You can read about that elsewhere.

The Presentation Dinner is shaping up to be a fine affair, one which I know I am looking forward to. I'm sure Ian will be wanting to hear from you if haven't already called to let him know you want to go!

I have also printed some details about the Sydney Concours and the GOF weekend in Wagga Wagga. Along with all our great events coming up we have no excuse for not getting out and enjoying our MGs!

Bev Jones - 004

PS More contributions from members would be great.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to you, and wish you a long and happy association with the club".....

Ronald & Marie Burton - MGB - Umina

Nigel & Vicki Lyons - MGA - Cooks Hill

Rick Vincent - Associate - Eleebana

We look forward to meeting you at a club event soon!

DENNY PRESIDENT



This magazine is the last for the 1999 / 2000 committee. The August A.G.M will see some of the current committee stepping down for one reason or another, and making way for some new faces, not new to our club, but new to our committee. Some will make a return after a long break from committee life. You will be asked to vote on at least two positions, President and P.R.O. Richard has put his hand up for another year as P.R.O. and Chris Leggett has also accepted nomination for that position.

The President's position has also attracted two nominations, and for the first time in the clubs history, we will have a "Lady President", Sue Bingham was first to except nomination, followed

by Merryl Redman. Both ladies have earned the respect of club members and have given everyone the difficult task of selecting one only as the person to act as Chairperson and Public Officer to the MGCCHR for the next 12 months. My best wishes to the 2000 / 2001 committee.

To the people taking a break from the committee, I am sure I speak for all club members when I say, thanks for a job well done, and don't go too far away. We all enjoy your company and input into the running of the club.

As for me, I am standing down from the President's position, but will stay on the committee for at least the next twelve months. I thank all who have supported me over the last year as President, with a special thanks to my wife, Kay, who has been supporting me and your club for a lot of years, thanks again to all.

Octagonally Yours
President

Denny Bowden - MG V 873

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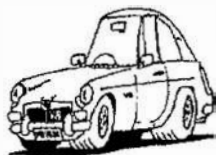
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KATE

SECRETARY



Well, this brings us to the end of another Club year, and after the AGM there will be a new committee running our Club. You will have all received in the mail a proxy voting form, which you can fill in and return if you would like to nominate a proxy to vote for you at the AGM. Due to the fact that the proxy forms didn't go out until after the close of nominations, we have had to change the date of the AGM. It will now be held on **FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST**. Please come along, as we still have some vacant committee positions, and it is important for you to vote for the people who are going to run your club. If you wish to place an absentee vote, just write the name of the person you wish to vote for, and the position they are standing for on a piece of paper, sign it and send it to **PO Box 503, Wallsend, 2287**.

The lucky member to have their membership fees refunded for this year is Helen Goodfellow. Helen is one of our distant members, who lives at Warialda. She is busy restoring a TF, and we hope to meet her soon. Congratulations, Helen!

I hope that all those people who have perpetual trophies have already re-

turned them to the Clubrooms. If not, please do so ASAP, as they need to be engraved before the Presentation Dinner. Ian has been very busy organising this night, which promises to be an excellent night. If you haven't already given Ian your name, make sure you do so.

Below is a list of nominations for the 2000/2001 Committee positions.

<u>President:</u>	Susan Bingham, Merryl Redman
<u>Vice President:</u>	Neville Roxby
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Christine Tolcher
<u>Secretary:</u>	Vacant
<u>Club Captain:</u>	John MacDonald- Hill
<u>Editor:</u>	Vacant
<u>PRO:</u>	Chris Leggett, Richard Merrick.
<u>Regalia:</u>	Dianne Hinder
<u>Sporting Director:</u>	Vacant
<u>Committee Person:</u>	John Stuart
<u>Social Director:</u>	George Quinn

Hope to see you at the AGM or the Presentation Dinner.

Kate Leggett

*Have you booked your 2001 National Meeting
accommodation yet?.....Contact Merryl -*



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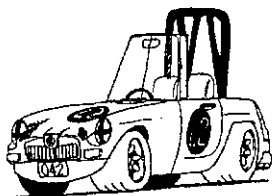
**The Annual General
Meeting date has
changed!**

**This meeting will
now be held**

Friday 18th August

MGHQ - 7.30pm

IAN SOCIAL



win a trophy (maybe more than one), and I'm sure you will enjoy the SECRET THEME. That doesn't mean you have to get up in fancy dress, but could I suggest you dust off the dinner suit and gown (whoever wears what is up to you), shine up those jewels and make this a night to remember.

Well, that didn't work!!!!. The June natter night at the clubrooms with an Italian flavour was attended by a few faithful. Eight of us turned up, Robert Gibson saw the light on, thought we were being robbed again and dropped in to see what was going on.

The nine of us (If you count Evan who dropped in and out so many times he passed himself on the stairs), devoured 13 pizzas, 8 bottles of Frascati, (uggg), 6 large bottles of olives, and some hardy soles even stayed on to see the finish of the movie 'The Italian Job' (imported especially for the night).

There were some notable actors and scenery in the epic, but for my money the cars stole the show.

Do I have E.S.P.???? My contribution to things Italian was to go to my wardrobe and select something from the sixty's (easy in my case as that's all I have), and purchase an 'Alfa Romeo' key ring and wear it in true prominent 'Italian style'. The rest as they say is history.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

This is our big night of the year. Don't miss this one. The venue is magnificent, the food will be sensational, (I've seen the menus), the live 4 piece band will entertain you, and many of you will

Now for those who have been tripping around the globe for the last 2 months, here's an opportunity to catch up. Just take a look at the details on the next page.

As I've mentioned in the last magazine, all dinner is going to cost you is \$25/head for financial members, but you can bring along some friends, but they will pay the full price. (Yes, you still buy your own drinks), the club will kick in the rest, and the band is already paid for thanks to the many people who worked hard to raise the money. Now you won't get a better deal than that.

I'm hoping to double our previous attendance of 70 people. The venue will hold 150, but 130 will leave some space for dancing. (I'm sure you'll want to do that.)

I have received a number of bookings, but I need more, please call me to reserve your place for the night.

This will be my last column as I will not be standing again next year. Thank you all for your support, and I wish the new social director all the best for the ensuing year.

Ian Nelson - V.C.B.

13th Annual
**PRESENTATION
DINNER**



Saturday August 26
Bayviews Restaurant
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Dinner at 7.00pm
Entertainment - "Break Away"

Members - \$25 per person
Non-members - \$36 per person

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JOHN SPORTING



The time has come to write my last report, as next month we should have a new Sporting Director. At this stage nobody has stood forward for the position so a little pushing may be the order of the day.

Our last event was a navigation run around the vineyards and it was such a beautiful day for a drive. There wasn't any stress in answering the questions as it all ended up as a mathematical calculation. Local knowledge did help in one area but a parallax error on the odometer would have cancelled that out. For some reason, when I was preparing for the event, I ran off 15 run sheets as I would normally only attract 8 to 12 cars, maximum. When I pulled into the car park of the hotel there were MG's everywhere and I thoughts went through my mind as to how I could

reproduce a few more sheets. Thank goodness 3 of these cars weren't with our group. We ended up with 14 cars in the competition and 1, which went along for the drive. The difference between first and second place was a measly 3 meters after 50 miles of driving. We achieved what we were after, and that was to get people in their cars for a beautiful Sunday afternoon drive, and socialize over a couple of drinks afterwards.

Eastern Creek was on last month for Team Hunter and those people who did go and support our club will get points for attendance. At this stage we have 5 entries, so I hope the effort is rewarded by a result. I know that the results will be somewhere in the magazine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee persons for their help over the last 2 years, and all those people who came along to events or helped in any way in support of their club.

John Moremon MGC 069.
Sporting Director

**COMING
EVENTS**

'Any Port in a Storm'
Saturday 12th August - MGHQ 7.00pm

'Presentation Dinner'
Saturday 26th August - Bayviews

Annual Summer Concours
Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th November

TERRY

CLUB CAPTAIN



For the run to Tea Gardens, on 18th June we had 24 cars turn up and the day somehow turned out fine. This made the picnic lunch most of us had very enjoyable, sitting beside the river.

Don't forget the any 'Port in a Storm' run on 12th August details in the July magazine.

Come along and meet your new Captain for a Heritage Run on 20th August. Be at Speers Point Park near the swimming pool at 10.00am to leave at 10.30am. For this run you will need to BYO everything. That is morning tea and lunch. There will be a \$2 parking fee.

Again thanks for your support over the last three years.

The Rainmaker
Terry Petteit - 018

CAROL

REGALIA



Hi fellow club members. Yes, it's your club too, so please come along to the annual meeting on Friday 18th and think about a position. I'm sure there is one that will suit you. It's a great club with great people who are always around to help.

As you know I haven't nominated for this position. I would like to thank all of my willing helpers especially my hubby who's had to do all of the "carting" for me at certain events. It's a very rewarding job but three years I feel is long enough in one position.

I'd like to wish my fellow members of the committee all the best in their "new"

positions and for those retiring all the best, they have done a great job and have been great to work with.

You haven't long now until Fathers Day so please read your Regalia list, maybe there is an item there that would suit a special Dad in your life. If I can help in any way, let me know. The new anodised coasters look great and also are useful. They are only \$19 a set (6 gift boxed or \$3 each.

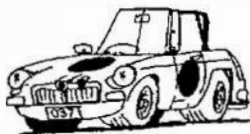
By the way, did you read the article "Another Perspective" in last months mag. It is great reading from Hiro a Japanese gent. I thoroughly enjoyed it next time he's out well have to get him to a club event.

Yours octagonally
Carol Roxby MGC in bits

WANTED..... large diecast model of MGA, can you help me?

RICHARD

PRO



I would like to say a huge thanks to everyone that has helped me in my first year as P.R.O. It hasn't been easy but I have enjoyed it immensely. I do hope to be able to stay in this position for at least another year but that decision is for the members to make at the AGM.

I have just returned from Eastern Creek where it was great to see our members out on the track having a ball. Ian Ashton was a crowd favourite on Saturday afternoon picking up a 1st place. He

was definitely the celebrity to be seen with at the Plumpton Hotel that evening.

Broke Village Fair &

Vintage Car Display...Sun 10th Sept

There will be a short organised run leaving from Cessnock McDonald's at 9:30am sharp. The Broke Village Fair always attracts a fascinating array of cars and usually winds up shortly after lunch. Always a great day.

Mattara Grand Parade...Sun 1st Oct.

This years Mattara will be a little different with the club being allocated an area on the foreshore to gather for a display. This is an excellent opportunity to have lunch and let the cars cool down after the slow trek up Hunter street. More details to follow.

Richie.....037

MGCC of Wagga Wagga

'Gathering of the Faithful'

September 16th & 17th

Saturday - Registration from 11.00am followed at 1.30pm by "GOF Fun Run". The day will conclude with the GOF Dinner at Wagga Leagues.

Sunday - Breakfast served in Bolton Park from 7.30am until 9.00am.

The actual Gathering of the Faithful will commence at 9.00am. All cars to be displayed will park on Bolton Park itself and judging of cars will commence at 10.00am, with presentations to winners of GOF being at about midday.

For registration forms and info sheets contact Bev Jones -

For further information contact Tony Elphick (AH)

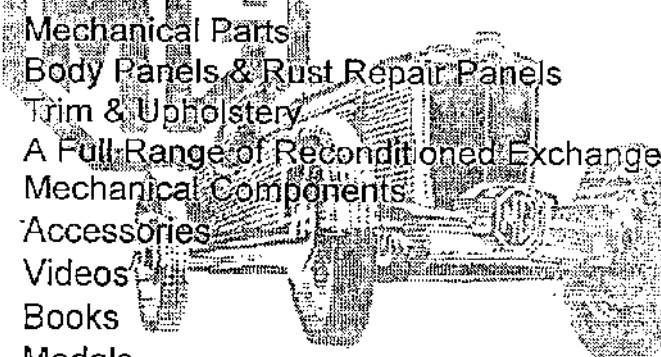
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EASTERN CREEK REPORT

It was a nervous Team Hunter member that arrived at Eastern Creek on Friday 21st of July. It had been 20 months since I had felt Monty in a full 4 wheel drift at over 100 mph and I was so close to doing it again that I'd hardly slept the previous night. The Blanch's met us on the way while the rest of the team's competitors and pit crew had assembled earlier for practice. I didn't want to push my luck so had elected to bypass this session and wait for the main event.

Kevin George was enjoying his first event as a member of the 'Team' in his Targa Tassie MGBGT (non Rubber Bumper) #74. Ian Nelson's B #22 was looking resplendent with it's new nose and headlight protectors. The last set of protectors hadn't worked, so these ones are bigger, strong and prescription so that the B can see any walls that may come near it and hopefully avoid them. Redo had lost the historical # 39 for his TC to a '39 Buick and wasn't happy but still showed everyone the quickest way to boil the billy. Asho's luck ran out in the last practice session when his B got the tummy grumbles and had to be retired for latter extensive investigative surgery at the 'B Hive'. Belonging to this group means your part of a team so in a rush of blood I offered him a drive of the as yet untested Monty.

tummy then I was going to fly. With 1500 mile on the clock I restricted my revs to 5500 and was soon delighted to find that the new engine has bucket loads of torque. By the end of Saturday I had cleaned 6 seconds off my best time from previous 4 meetings at Eastern Creek to register a 2':06":11. Austin took the trophy for the quickest Team member with a time in the 2':05"s but retired after the first run Sunday with Gearbox problems. He still drove the A home. Asho did the right thing by me and aimed more at regularity. With such a great car and driver combo he went straight out in the first competitive event and secured 1st place. Sunday saw him take a 4th placed trophy home. Nello spent his time trying to ring a few more second out of the VCB. Though I set a quicker time, if the results are checked carefully you'll find he averaged a lower time than me. He did however get a 3rd place. Redo tried everything including dismantling his TC to cure the boiling blues but by the end of the meeting his times were slower by a few seconds and the kettle still steamed up every run. Kevin spent the weekend driving down hill. The rear end of his BGT has been lowered but he can't seem to get it low enough. Circuit racing is vastly different from a road race and having 40 odd cars surrounding you at speed can be daunting. The smile says he'll be back.

It was pretty frightening sitting on the dummy grid waiting for my turn. If I after a weekend that couldn't be beaten. Winter is the dry season and

cool to boot. If any one knows of a nice cheap motel near the 'creek' that has HOT water in the mornings let me know. We all dislike cold showers in winter. There is a long list of work to be done by November and Wakefield Park

Stephen Jones



COMING EVENTS.....

King Edward Park Hillclimb
- October 7

Wakefield Park Historic Meeting
- November 24 & 25



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LETTER

GREETINGS MATES!

All is well in this colony as we are in the middle of our summer. The TB TC and TD are running now - they seem to get sick over the winter when stuck in the garage behind the snow piles.

Big event for us will be John and Bev McNamara calling in early July for a few days. How swiftly it goes since the National Meeting in '94.

The latch key is always out for our Newcastle MG friends, even though they deserted for Tweed Heads.

Will have a report of behaviour and photos in due course.

Cheers!

Bill and Margery Hentzen

(Bill and Margery are overseas members from Wisconsin USA - Ed)

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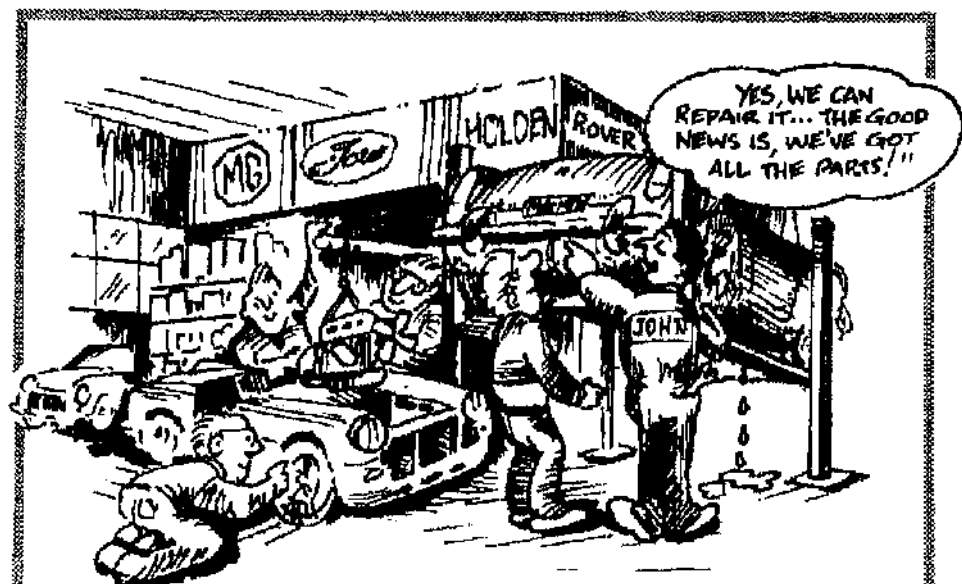
Left: Megalong Valley With Ian & Carmel Nelson's V8 leading John and Margaret MacDonald-Hill's MCGT on the June long weekend



Above: 'Sideshow Alley', The Team Hunter pits at Eastern Creek Sunday lunch-time. A sea of maroon and white shirts and jackets as the support crew roll in.

Above: The freshly rebuilt Space Blue BLV owned by Tony and Trish Taylor from our 'Dubbo Connection' Pictured here at Katoomba during the June Blue Mountains long weekend. Right: "The Thai - Y" pictured here with Barry Young outside its owner's Bangkok restaurant. See Rumours this issue. Photos: Gloria Young and Jeff Redman





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Can you help?

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*Contact Doug or Judith Rae for further details and
bookings.*



BERNIE'S BITS

Grabs from the pages of 1954 motor-ing magazines as found by our corre-spondent Bernie Hewitt

Penalties for thieving: In the NSW Legislative Assembly recently the At-torney General said he would con-sider amendment of the law to provide drastic penalties as a deterrent against illegally using cars. At pre-sent, if charged with larceny, culprits can be sentenced to 7 years gaol.

Quiet Please: A proposal that all motor vehicles be fitted with special alarms for use when reversing was rejected by the Motor Vehicle Stan-dards Committee of the Road safety Council recently. The committee's main objection was that the alarms would create unnecessary noise.

12 Volts for USA: American manu-facturers have decide to standardise on 12 volt electrical systems.

Phillip Island: Although members have had 'consolidation runs' over the new Phillip Island racing circuit, the surface is still unsealed.. It is now announced that the first race meeting will not be held until October 1955.

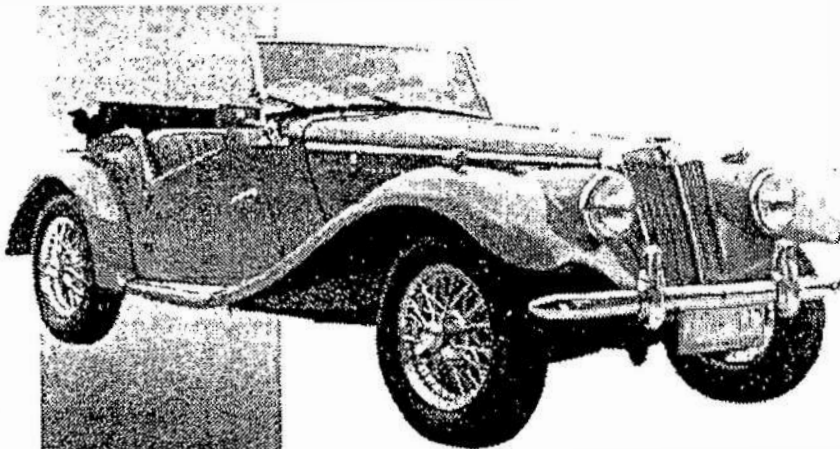
Skilful Drivers: NSW Superinten-dent of Traffic, H.E. Snowden is re-ported as having said at a recent conference that "only a very skilful driver can control a car travelling at 50 mph".

Rise in Premiums: As from October 1st, third party insurance premiums on private cars in NSW will rise from 5/4/- (\$10.40) to 7/14/6 (\$15.60) (city) AND FROM 3/2/- (\$3.20) TO 4/19/- (\$5/90 country. In Victoria the premium is still 5/14/- (\$6.40) city and 2/14/- (\$3.40) country.



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RUMOURS

The octagonal goings-on of MG owners in the Hunter Region as expanded by The Octagonarian...

BACK ON ITS FEET AGAIN.... is Larry and Shirley Dickason's white MGB roadster. I hear it's differential has been out to replace several worn bits and to remove the familiar MGB 'clonk'. Larry's delighted with the result so I'm told.

LOSING MEMBERS, WE ARE... with the recent loss of one of our 'Associates'. I hear Bruce Molloy has just purchased an MGB, and now becomes a *full member*. I don't have more details, but when I find out more about the car, I'll let you know. Meanwhile, congratulations mate!

CHANGES IN THE FLEET... have been taking place over the last few months. I've just learned that Denny and Kay Bowden's familiar Blue GT has been sold to Dr. Len and Veronica Lambeth. They had it on the Blue Mountains run so I hear, and were surprised just how much gear can be stowed in a GT. Their familiar Camino Gold BL roadster has been sold to a young lady down Gosford way. I spotted it travelling up the F3 from the big smoke recently. I couldn't catch her and the MG in traffic, a very competent pedaller!

GONE... from Chris and Kate Leggett's garage is the green MGA. It's been on the market for a while and has finally been sold. I hear it will stay around this area, as the new owners are Cooks Hill residents. We welcome Nigel and Vicki

Lyons as new-members. This MGA is a good buy, with recent performance mods.

MOVES AFOOT... may see an MG Midget added to someone's garage. The bloke's name will not be divulged at this point, but we can mention an engine reconditioner in Maitland currently owns the little MG. I'm led to believe it's a steal for the price being asked and has some modifications, including a roll-over bar, so maybe the prospective buyer is interested in some 'hot-radiator' events?

IMPRESSED... by Ray Tolcher's TC is another bloke who for the moment will remain anonymous. I hear he owns a basket-case TC and recently made inquiries concerning the cost of having the body re-timbered. Seems the idea is to build a cycle-guarded look-alike and join the growing 'Team Hunter' in Historic Racing. Also on the shopping list, so I'm told, is a Toyota MR2 super-charger, just like Ray's.

While not exactly pukka the jap pump certainly gives performance quite a boost.

HOME AGAIN... are Annette and David Cosh who I hear have been on hols in America. They had a photo floating round the last club night of an unusual MG spied in California, which Bev may run in the magazine soon.

Meanwhile Annette and David have become proud Grandparents with the arrival of young Kiarni, the brand-new daughter of son Trent and Belinda Cosh. Our congratulations!

BUSY; BUSY... have been Kevin and Gail Cornford. I hear construction of the new garage is well underway. We presume the structure to be for MG

storage, but spies who've seen it claim it's more of a *bunker* and could probably resist a direct hit from a nuclear device. No half measures with Kevin!

GENTLEMAN LANDOWNER... and Paterson resident Maurie Prior could be forgiven for thinking he'd killed a Chinaman. First was the damask GT, losing water while on the Blue Mountains weekender. A strip down when back home revealed a cracked cylinder head. With the MG up on stands to investigate a 'clunk' from underneath, a totally knackered rear shock absorber was found. Then, several days later, sitting at traffic lights in his ten-day-old ute, a clown lost control of a motorbike which careered into Maurie's pride and exploded. I hear the damage to the ute is in excess of 15 grand. Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed!

A SICK FEELING... was experienced recently by Mick Collins. Rumour has it the lad was completing a service on the red MGB roadster, last job being to re-fill the gearbox. This was being accomplished with a large syringe-type pump. Two squirts, then out to fill the pump again. Oh Sh*T! The plastic tube's fallen off! You can guess where it most probably was. How to retrieve it from the gearbox, was the daunting problem. Using a mirror over the inspection hole – not the most convenient location, as MGB owners will attest – a stroke of luck. The plastic tube was lying neatly on top of the gearbox. Time for a beer, and a sigh of relief!

RAPIDLY FILLING... is how I heard Merryl describing the motel accommodation for next year's National Meeting. Last club night the subject of the yearly Easter MG-fest was a popular subject

with the video of this year's event finally arriving and being shown on the big screen. From what I hear Canberra is going to be a bumper meeting.. A large and growing number of our people are making plans to attend '2001, which reminds me... I'd better contact Mrs. R and book my room!

STRANGE.... Was one of the raffle prizes at the last club night. New member Rick Vincent was as puzzled as the rest of us when confronted by the chrome thing lying on the table. To some it resembled a 1950's style exhaust pipe extension while others claimed it was some sort of Christmas tree decoration. The charitable of the crowd politely described it as 'a collector's item'. (Don't ask me, I'm as confused as Rick As to what it was/is!)

UP THE CREEK... literally were a large number of competitors at the recent Eastern Creek historic races last month. I'm told stories of carnage as a large number of accidents/shunts and mechanical disasters kept the recovery vehicles busy. Some damage was extensive, but I hear that fortunately none of the drivers were injured.

ALSO SUFFERING...were 'Team Hunter', with Ian Ashton's superb green/silver MGB being hors de combat mid way through the meeting. Seems the loss-of-oil-pressure-and-big-end-bearing-failure epidemic has struck down yet another MGB. However my spies tell that this episode had a rather wonderful ending. Steve Jones, also known as 'The Gingersnap Kid' (you'll recall he had *three* engines fail with bearing problems), was at last at a race meeting with his beloved 'Monty', the white Mk1 MGB.

When it became obvious it was all over for Ian, Jonesey quietly slipped down to the control tower and arranged for Ian to drive 'Monty' in 'Regularity Class B' -- Steve being in 'Reg. Class A'. With all the dramas, expense and worries of his own engine problems still fresh on his mind --- and no doubt having few concerns still lurking... to throw the keys to another driver I feel is 'mateship' of the top-shelf order. Steve Jones is eighteen feet tall in my estimation!

My spies tell me of a very happy ending, with 'Monty' performing beautifully, and 'Spiderman' Asho driving superbly for a class win no less! Top stuff, and proof of what 'The Team' is all about!!

A TANTRUM... was thrown by Austin Blanch's normally bullet-proof MGA with gear selection problems midway through Sunday. This would have been extra worrying, for the car was driven down to the races and would have to get home again under its own power. I'm glad to hear the MG behaved itself by getting Austin and Sue home safely Sunday night.

SOME DRAMAS... were experienced by Kevin George in the hard-driven blue 'BGT'. I hear that in the last run Sunday arvo, Kevin arrived at a corner only to find that he'd lost all drive and the brakes feeling spongy. Back in the pits all seemed OK, but the thought of the long drive home with a question hanging over the MG must have given the poor man an uneasy feeling in the pit of the stomach. News is that the clutch is on its last legs (small wonder after completing the Targa!) and had 'taken a rest' during the heat of competition. Cooled down it

provided enough grip to get home. Phew!

SPARKING WELL... was the Redman's TC which completed the meeting in full song. I hear the magneto which recently had a 'laying-on-of-hands', along with the fiddled timing has eliminated the mysterious misfire. However the 'Milky Bar Kid' tells me if he'd had some tea bags he could have brewed a nice cuppa halfway through each event. Jeff is faced with a cooling system imbalance with reports of the TC's temperature gauge hovering around 210F. at the end of the straight. And this was on a beautiful cool winter's day! A radiator reconstruction is being organised, and I hear a 'taller' diff is already sitting on the bench.

ELECTRONICALLY ENLIGHTENED.. is Redman the junior, who I hear was fascinated by the computer race car simulators arranged in the Horsley Room above the pits at 'The Creek. Evan quickly shepherded his Dad into one of the space-age toys -- perhaps hoping Dad may buy one, 'for the family' -- but I hear Jeff completed just a few laps before the apparatus overheated!

'FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET'... etc. etc, just like Superman, was the Violet Crumble Bar and its colour-keyed driver Ian Nelson. Stories tell of several trips to the MG Workshops in Victoria to repair the piston failure, reported here in earlier editions, and to have the damn thing tuned *properly*. Ian was driven to frustration by the local so-called expert tuners with the MGB often being returned running worse than before the 'tuning'. The trips south

certainly paid off for I hear the MG was fairly flying over the weekend... and Ian collecting a class second into the bargain!

LOTS OF SUPPORT... was given to the team over the weekend – Merryll and Evan Redman, Sue Blanch, Bev Jones, Trish Ashton and Terry McKervey being on hand from Friday and right through the weekend. Sunday saw the arrival of Annette and David Cosh, Denny and Kay Bowden with Brian and Jannette George, Carol and Nev Roxby, John MacDonald-Hill, Rhonda and John Moremon, David and Juene Walsh, Larry and Shirley Dickason, newly-weds Matthew and Vanessa Blanch, Richard Merrick and his mate Daniel, Bob Blayden, Dan Hickey and his son. Later, the official starter for all events, Dean Simiana, wandered over to say G'day. Dot and Noel Bensley came down from Dubbo, while John Colville and John Hickman were in town from Quirindi. I hear this pair from strolled into the pits and were immediately quite at home, recognising old racing acquaintances and other familiar faces. Is there anyone in this State that the two Johns don't know?

It seems John Colville was once involved in Formula Vee's, also known as 'horizontally-opposed-mass-suicide', as did quite a few current vintage racers who survived, and are now involved with proper cars. Mr. Hickman on the other hand went straight for the control tower, making his way to the top to meet up with old mate and race commentator Graham Howard, who you may know has been for many years the 'Murray Walker' of Historic Racing. A little later John Colville swanned into the elevated broadcasting studio and

provided on-air technical supplementary comments, like: **Gosh....Did'ya see that? ...and "Look out.. he's lost it!"**

What a pair... and I'm sure the HSRCA is wondering just what in hell's name hit them!

BARGAINS... are still to be had, just ask Forster residents Peter and Bev Morrison. On a recent trip to Melbourne, a ZA Magnette was spotted in Gundagai with '\$1900' painted on the windscreen. This price had a line drawn through it, suggesting offers were invited. Anyone interested? Also, on the way home, the Morrisons strolled into an Albury club for dinner and there by chance bumped into Mary and Dan Hickey, who were retuning from the historic races at Phillip Island. It's a small world.

INTERESTING MG's...come our way via photographs this month. Editor Bev showed me the shot of the MGY tourer that hopefully will appear in the centre-spread this issue. We're indebted to Barrie and Gloria Young from our Dubbo Connection for sending down several shots. You saw one photo, their TC, in July's 'On The Marque'.

Included was a photo of the 'YT' which was taken during a recent trip to Thailand. As you will see it has a rather spectacular two-toned paint job, bolt-on wire wheels and a host of other improvements. Notice the fire extinguisher mounted on the scuttle in front of the driver's door!

Barrie and Gloria report the MG sees daily service, including the taking of garbage from its owner's Bangkok restaurant to the dump. It's certainly ... different!

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Meeting Closed 8.45 pm.

DENNY BOWDEN,
President.

KATE LEGGETT,
Secretary.



WHAT'S ONWHERE & WHEN:

AUGUST

	Sun	6	Magazine Assembly - MGHQ 7.15pm
	Fri	11	Club Night - MGHQ - 7.30pm
#	Sat	12	Any Port in a Storm - details July magazine
	Sat	12	Newcastle Swap Meet at Cessnock Showground
	Sun	13	Newcastle Swap Meet at Cessnock Showground
	»Fri	18	Annual General Meeting - MGHQ - 7.30pm«
	Tues	22	Committee Meeting - MGHQ 7.30pm - Members Welcome
#*	Sun	20	Heritage Run - see page 9
+	Sun	20	Run to Collie Pub for Lunch - Contact Tony
	Sun	20	Liverpool Swap Meet
	Sat	26	Presentation Dinner - see page 6

SEPTEMBER

!	Sat	2	Wellington Annual Rally - Contact Bernie -
!	Sun	3	Wellington Annual Rally - Contact Bernie -
	Sun	3	Magazine Assembly - MGHQ 7.15pm
	Fri	8	Club Night - MGHQ - 7.30pm
	Sun	10	Broke Village Fair & Vintage Car Display Day - see page 10
	Tues	12	Committee Meeting - MGHQ 7.30pm - Members Welcome
	Sat	16	GOF - Wagga Wagga - see page 10
	Sun	17	GOF - Wagga Wagga

OCTOBER

	Sun	8	Magazine Assembly - MGHQ 7.15pm
	Fri	13	Club Night - MGHQ - 7.30pm
	Tues	17	Committee Meeting - MGHQ 7.30pm - Members Welcome
*	Sun	15	Sydney Concours - Gladesville Reserve
	Sun	22	British Car Day & Swap Meet - Hoxton Park

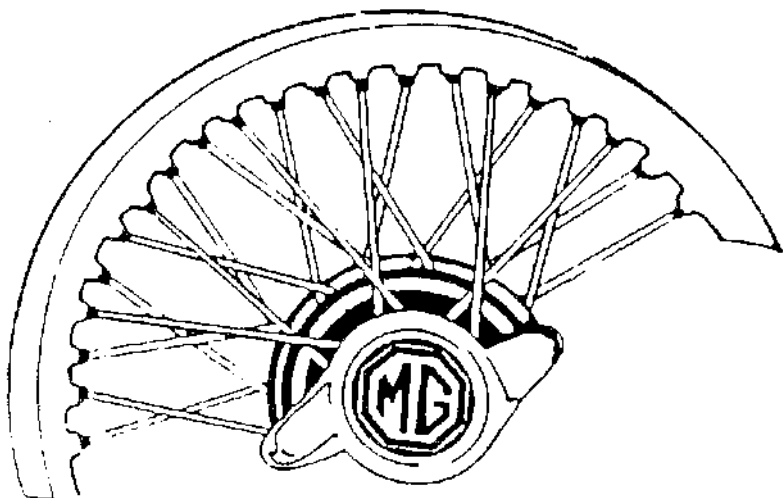
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