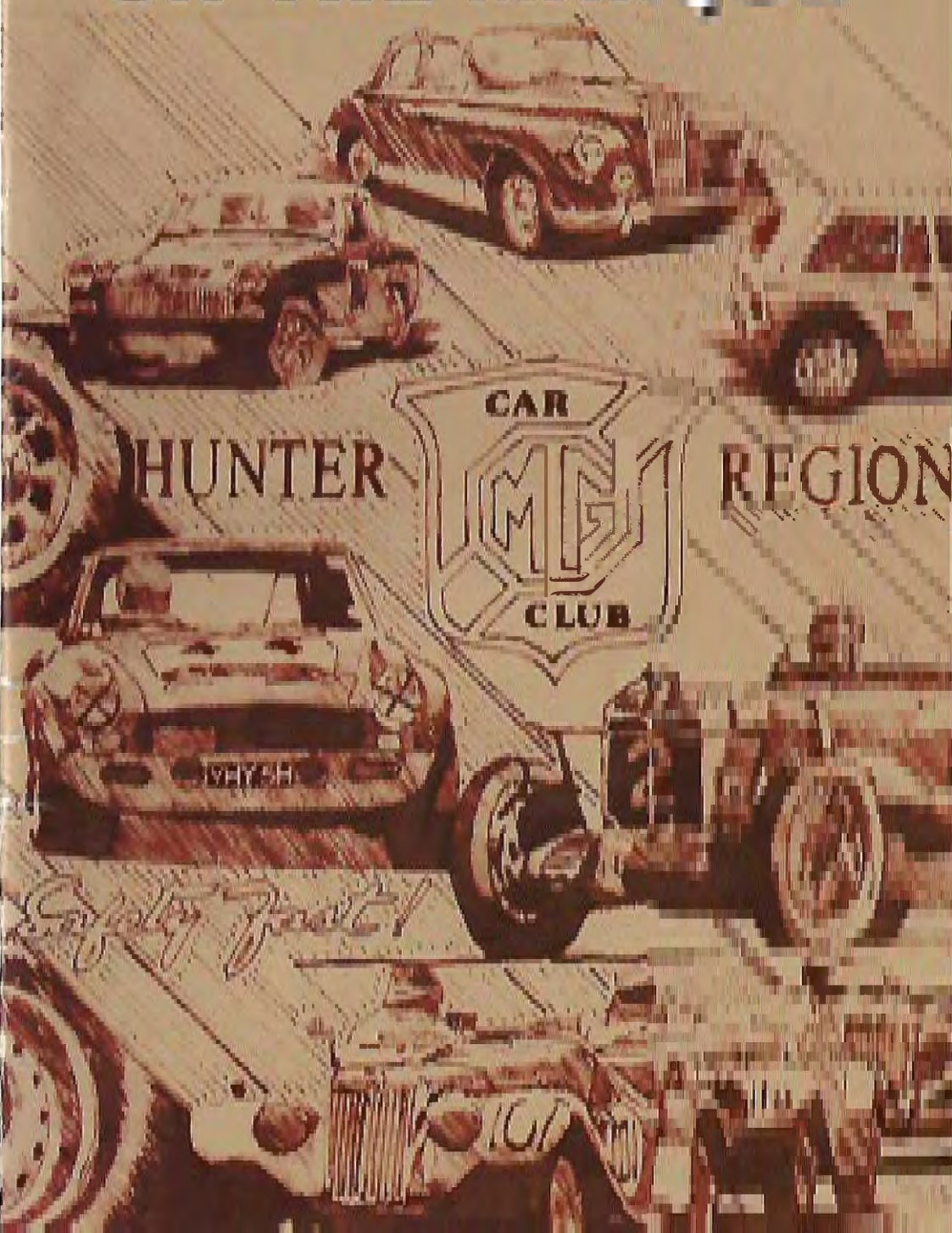


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Up Coming Runs

Note for all Clubman Runs

Please check on the website for any updated information for the Clubman Runs

All Clubman runs will commence at 10am at MGHQ

Note for all Midweek Runs

Meet at the Clubhouse at 10.30

Please ring Roz or Nev Roals on 49518672 so they can have numbers for the reservation

February Clubman Run

The February Clubman Run will be a Twilight run on the 15th with the popular left hand turn only run to Pelican. Starting at club H.Q. at 3.30 pm for a BYO everthing dinner.

February Mid-Week Run

On the 11th February the Mid Week run will be going to the Edgeworth Tavern

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MEMBERS NEWS

I have provided an extra page to our website called "**Members Links**". This is to provide links of interest and other information that can be accessed without overcrowding our Home Page

Don't forget: all photos from the magazine, plus more, that cannot be published due to limited space, in colour, can be accessed and downloaded from the links on our website

The Hawks Nest Motorfest will be held on Saturday 7th March at the Myall Park Sports Oval, off Yamba Street. More information from our new Publicity Officer Brian Madden is on page 27. A link for the festival is provided on the website.

The Club is proposing a caravan tour in 2015 for those members who have caravans and will not be attending the National Meeting. This is something completely new and we are asking for expressions of interest. I am reposting the information on page 11 for any members interested

Bill and Therese Brown are organising the trip to the Nationals at the Yarra Valley, Victoria, Easter 2015: Friday 3rd April – Tuesday 7th April and have made a tentative 5 night booking for ten Standard Rooms with Queen beds at the **QUALITY HOTEL MANOR**: 669 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham 3132 Telephone: (03) 9872 4200 Tariff: \$115E-Mail: info@qualityhotelmanor.com.au
No of rooms: 36 – double storey

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They have plenty of parking and a Happy Hour, it is about a ½ hour from Melbourne cbd and about the same distance to most MG meeting venues. Please contact them directly to confirm your room with a credit card.

Bill has also provided a link for the route to the Nationals that can be accessed from the website

Contact Bill or Therese for more information on the trip

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Our first Clubman run for the year in January was to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the J Van's completed restoration project. The breakfast run to Blackalls Park at Lake Macquarie was attended by a very happy group including Denny Bowden and Gary Boote who were two of the original team of seven keen volunteers who worked tirelessly to restore our Club mascot to it's current condition. Col and Margaret Bailey were at the Club to see the group start the run lead by the J Van proudly driven by Denny

This year at Easter a delegation of Hunter members will be attending the MG Nationals in Victoria. If you are interested in attending this event please contact our Club secretary Bill Brown on bill@hcmeelectrical.com.au or mob. 0425246572 Bill will be the Hunter Club's coordinator for the Nationals

On the weekend of Saturday 28th March a group of Hunter Club members will be attending the memorial run for a combined club run comprising the Great Lakes Historic Car Club; the Taree Historic Motor Club and Hunter MGCC. Gary Piper our sporting director is coordinating this event for our Club in conjunction with John Fletcher from Great Lakes Historic Car Club. John Fletcher will be attending our February Club meeting to bring members up to date with what's happening over the weekend of 27th-28th March.

In addition to John Fletcher from GLHCC our guest speaker for the February meeting will be Chris from The Caravan Wizard. Apart from our regular meeting attendees, I recommend that anyone who has a caravan or who is thinking about buying one makes sure they come along.

I am pleased to announce that Brian Madden has agreed to take over the most important role of Publicity officer for the Club. Brian has the committee's full support in his new role and I know all members wish him well

Please keep in contact with your website for the latest information. Please remember Webmaster Pete is always looking for something new and interesting whether it be MG related articles; stories or photos

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So until the March magazine, let's phone an MG friend, or potential new member, we haven't seen for a while and get them to come along on our February Clubman twilight "left turn" run to Pelican and have fun in their M.G.

Cheers....Ian (Asho) Ashton



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MID WEEK RUN REPORT

Well we are into 2015 and we had a wonderful roll-up for our January Lunch. Some of our regulars forgot and some of our members forgot to ring but we had 27 members really enjoy our trip to East Maitland. Our ex president came along for lunch and he really seemed to enjoy the meal and the good company with the Old Folks. Our February run is to the Edgeworth Tavern on the 11th. We have had some lovely meals there and hope to see a good roll-up. Don't forget to get out there and enjoy your M.G. Because it is later than you think.

Love Roz and Nev.

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Our Club President Ian delivering the donated Christmas gifts to Ken Jones, the representative from the Salvation Army

HUNTER REGION MG CAR CLUB CARAVAN TOUR

The car club is proposing a caravan tour in 2015 for those members who have caravans and will not be attending the National Meeting. This is something completely new and we are asking for expressions of interest. During Easter 2015, the township of Corryong in Victoria, on the foothills of The Snowy Mountains, will be hosting The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival over the Easter Long Weekend. This, they have been doing annually for the past few years. Camping is provided on the fairways of the golf course from the Monday before the weekend, until the Monday at the end of the weekend. Adjacent to the golf course is the showground where most of the festivities take place. The golf course is only a ten minute walk from the town centre. There is a host of very interesting activities that members can attend. See www.bushfestival.com.au.

The costing for the camping is \$50 for the three days from Friday until the Monday or \$100 for the whole week payable as you enter the golf course. A portable shower block and toilet block (on the back of a huge semi-trailer) is provided, however, there is not power or water available for camping on the golf course. Participants are advised to fill their water tanks prior to arriving. There is a costing for entering the showground for the festivities by way of a one, two or three day pass, however, there are other free activities available (e.g. bush poetry etc.) should people not wish to enter the showground. Corryong is a lovely town and worth investigating. It is proposed to leave Newcastle on the Thursday morning before Good Friday and meet that night at a fabulous free camp at Gunning , 1 kilometre off the Hume Highway, where toilets and showers are available as well as a good, cheap pub meal directly across the road. There is a water tap available upon entering the camp at Gunning should members wish to fill their tanks there, rather than before leaving home. I would suggest, however, that tanks be filled before leaving home in case access to the only tap is blocked by parked cars.

After the festival, we would be travelling via Tumut Caravan Park for one night stop on the way home with maybe a stop at a great free camp site (Henry Angel Flat, 650 in Camps 7) before Tumut? Members, of course, can work out their own arrangements for returning home and travelling to Corryong if they wish.

Expressions of interest can be lodged with Mike Stevenson on 49486382 or 0401013636.

AN UPDATE FOR THE NATIONAL MEETING

Before we tell you how much it is going to cost we thought you would like to know a little of what we will be providing. As mentioned in previous Bulletins we are very keen to ensure value for your National Meeting fees.

Firstly, we are supplying a light lunch for all Registrants at the Concours, and providing a bus to and from the nearby Healesville area through the day. Weblinks to the places to be visited along the route will be provided in a January newsletter.

Our speed event at the Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb will be a grass roots motorsport picnic day, with breakfast for early Competitors and their partners (Classes to be advised in the National Meeting Program booklet). All Registrants will be provided with a professionally prepared "Grand Prix" lunch box and there will be tea, coffee and snacks available throughout the day.

Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be available at the Motorkhana. A Local Rotary Club will be selling drinks, lunches and snacks.

We are working on discount dining opportunities for the Saturday evening. The optional gathering at our Clubrooms on that evening will be a Spit Roast at a cost of \$20 per head to those attending.

Registrants entering the Observation Run and the Kimber run will be provided with morning tea and lunch as part of their entry.

We are confident you will be happy with the food to be provided at the Noggin N Natter and the ultimate event, the Presentation Dinner.

Finally, our event photographers will be posting their images of all events on our National Meeting website and these will be available for download free of charge.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON 3RD DECEMBER

Early Bird Discount Registration Fee will be available – valid from 3rd December 2014 to 15th February 2015.

Over the years National Meeting registration procedures have used an "in-house" program, which has needed to be modified year by year for each National Meeting. This has proved cumbersome and expensive and a disincentive to Clubs to take on the running of a National Meeting. The IT folk who wrote the original registration software have helped change the CAMS Event Entry system to suit our National Meeting requirements and we have decided to use this facility to handle our 2015 registrations. You will see that to do this you will first need to register as a CAMS client, except Social Entrants who can log straight in when we go live on 3rd December. We believe that the instructions for registering provided are adequate and a number of our members have now tested the system. But, in the event that you experience difficulty, please send an email to

nmregistrar@mgcc.com.au

Include your phone number and someone will get back to you to help you out

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

To enter the CAMS Event Entry portal go to www.cams.com.au and click on "CAMS Event Entry" on the right side of the home page.

New to CAMS Event Entry? Just watch the two short tutorials, it's easy to get started.

For Competition entry, create an account or log in.

If you have special dietary needs make sure you select them under "My Details".

Select "My Cars" then add your car information making sure your car is in the correct MG Class under Motorsport Information.

When your personal and car details are correct you are ready to enter the National Meeting.

Select "My Events"

Select "Enter an Event"

Or

From the HOME page select "Quick Enter Now"

Event – Select "MG Car Club National Meeting 2015" and continue filling out the form.

As a competitor you can select to add an extra Concours vehicle, if you do please email us the details of the extra car. nmregistrar@mgcc.com.au

Print Confirmation for your records.

Select Payment. If paying by cheque please click and note ID Number. Forward this with your cheque to: MGCC Registrar, 5 Edna Court Wantirna 3152

For Competition entrants that would like to now add a Social entrant, click on "UPCOMING EVENTS" at the top of the screen, Select the "MG Car Club National Meeting 2015" and click on "Event Details" then click on "Social Entry (no log in)" Then fill in the required information on the entry form.

For Social entries, you can go straight in at the CAMS Event Entry home page.

At the top, click UPCOMING EVENTS, select MG Car Club National Meeting 2015, then click event details RH side. Click Social Entry (no Log in). Then fill in the required information on the entry form.

Note: you cannot use the same email address for multiple entrants. Each competitor AND social entrant must have a unique email address.

For all junior entries please email the National Meeting Registrar nmregistrar@mgcc.com.au as special discounted junior pricing applies.

The above entry to the National Meeting will be available after the 3rd of December.

However we suggest you enter your information and car details into CAMS Event Entry now, so that when entries open you can click "MG Car Club National Meeting 2015" and all your details will be copied into the entry. Finalise your entry and pay.

Don't forget to enter your car's history and photo when you set up an account or edit your car details. We would love to know your car history and our commentator at the concours will appreciate and be able to use the information.

ENTRY FEES

Early Bird Fees will be available until 15th February.

| | Early Bird Fee | Full Fee |
|---|----------------|----------|
| Competition Entry(Includes all social events) | \$290 | \$320 |
| Competition Entry Junior (Includes all social events) | \$220 | \$240 |
| Competition Entry (2nd Car) | \$100 | \$110 |
| Social Entry (Non-competitors) | \$260 | \$290 |
| Social Entry Junior under 5 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Social Entry Junior 5 - 11 | \$130 | \$140 |
| Social Entry Junior 12 - 18 | \$195 | \$210 |
| Extra Concours Vehicle Entry | \$25 | \$30 |

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE ON 3RD DECEMBER.

NOGGIN N NATTER

Repeating info from previous Bulletins: We are replacing the theme night at the National Meeting by expanding the Noggin N Natter with a new exciting "Octagonal Olympics" style theme. Along with the traditional Meet and Greet and Rocker Cover Racing, there'll be more. We will be holding this in our newly expanded and refurbished Clubrooms and you will be in no doubt that this is an MG event!

The official opening of our event will entail the arrival of the Club Banners or Flags from each participating Centre, with a team representative as "Flag Bearer". We ask that each Centre's members wear a casual "team" uniform for the night and that each Centre arrange to bring a banner or flag.

We are making special efforts to ensure that nobody will leave the Noggin N Natter feeling hungry.

CONCOURS JUDGES

We are looking for nominations for concours judges from both local and interstate members to form teams of 2-3 judges for each class. If you have a fair knowledge of particular models then please contact us by email letting us know of your availability. Please list the classes you would be prepared to judge, as this will help us fill all vacancies. Novice judges are also welcome and can be teamed up with experienced members. Please do not nominate for classes that you or a family member have entered. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to assist, please contact:
Concours Director, Paul Vermont: Email: paul@vinwire.com.au Mobile: 0414 186 267,
or

Chief Judge, Matthew Magilton: Email: mbmagilton@msn.com, Tel: 03 9844 4677

We are also preparing guidelines to assist judges in assessing originality. This should make the job easier for judges, particularly newcomers to the role.

MOTORKHANA PATTERNS

The Motorkhana patterns chosen are:

Straight Slalom (with a reduced end circle width)

Double Kidney

Crossed Four Point

(One of these last two may be mirror-imaged to suit the arena)

REGALIA

Smart, well-designed and well-priced regalia will be available by pre-order, in advance of the Meeting. Details of Regalia are now on our National meeting website along and the order form will be on line shortly. The list of Regalia is also attached to this Bulletin.

NAT MEET SECRETARY AND COMMITTEE

Your main contact for queries about the NatMeet, and to join our Bulletin email distribution list, is the National Meeting Secretary – Rod Wilson.

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And don't forget visit our website – <http://www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2015/>

WHY SHOULD YOU COME TO THE 2015 NATIONAL MEETING IN THE YARRA VALLEY, VICTORIA?

The M.G. Car Club Victoria is delighted to be hosting the 2015 National Meeting and is committed to providing a reasonably priced, enjoyable and friendly event.

The Yarra Valley area is famous for its food, wine, scenery and café society. Also, a chance to compete at the Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb is not to be missed.

Don't forget Sunday at Historic Rob Roy is a Family Picnic Meeting - your Registration Fee will cover the cost of lunch that day for all Registrants, and food will also be available at a reasonable cost for family and friends.

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Robin Page

2015 NATIONAL MEETING EVENT DIRECTOR

30th November 2014

Advice for the Memorial Run 2015

By John Fletcher

Hi Bill & Therese

My name is John Fletcher from Forster and Brenda my wife and I are members of the Hunter Region MG Car Club we are also members of the Great Lakes Historic Car Club and the Taree Historic Motor Club. Last year I was the organiser of the inaugural Memorial Run which involved all three car clubs. Each car club started from home base and met up at the Stroud Central Hotel for lunch.

My email today is to advise you that a date has been set for the 2015 event Saturday 28th March so you can arrange to have the date listed in next years calendar of events.

The logistics have not yet been determined this will be done over the next few weeks with an official invitation from GLHAC with full details to be sent to you in the new year. Brenda and I will be at the concours event on Sunday, so we will make ourselves known to you. I also want to meet with president Ian Ashton to discuss staging one or two events here in the North Coast arm of the club to involve Hunter MG members that reside from Forster to Port Macquarie.

If your wondering what this email is all about Peter Currie and Julie are aware of my efforts to get things a little more active for Hunter MG members who make up the North Coast Region of the club. Brenda and I will be driving a 1971 MGB roadster BRG with rego plates MGB-053 the car was born in Abingdon UK.

Cheers

John

Invitation to Forster Keys Fun Day 2015

Following a very successful event in 2014, we are very keen for your Club to join us in 2015.

The idea is to provide a full weekend should you wish. We have special rates with local Motels, Please enquire.



Saturday 4th July 11.00am to 3.00pm

A huge display of speedboats on the Keys from 11.00am with practice and heats.

Saturday 4th July Presidents Dinner 6.30pm to 10.30pm

A dinner themed for Car Enthusiasts at a very special location.

Sunday 5th July

Again a huge day of speedboats on the Keys from 11.00am

Car Display – gates open at 6.30am – Public from 9.00am to 3.00pm

In 2014 we had 126 cars from 11 clubs displaying, a wonderful selection from many marques.

This year we are hoping for 160 cars on display, with a series of prizes to be won. A special

prize will be awarded for the Best Club Display, so be prepared.



**Sunday 5th July General
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**Please direct all enquiries
to:**

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jim@pipersbay.com.au



While all this was going on, I went to the trouble of having all fasteners, nuts bolts, screws, washers, clips and bracketry, re-plated in a zinc finish, which made every grease covered and grubby part come up just like new. There is nothing more pleasant when doing a restoration, than in being able to use lovely, bright and shiny, nuts and bolts. I then stripped the seats of their old decrepit covers, grit blasted the frames, repainted them and had them recovered in a new tan, leather look vinyl. At the same time I made all new trim cards (door liners etc) and had them colour matched by the same upholsterer.

I had all the brightwork re-chromed and repainted the black parts, engine, heater box, tappet cover, air cleaners, and all of the original black painted brackets, with a two pack finish. The windscreen frame was stripped and repainted to match the original finish with a silver two pack.

At the same time, I had the engine completely rebuilt, the gearbox and rear axle inspected and made good where necessary, and I had purchased new chrome wire wheels, and all of those new items that couldn't be restored to as new. I had also purchased a new fuel tank, radiator, carpet, a hood, a tonneau cover in a matching tan, and I re-painted the hood frames with a complimentary tan two pack colour, to also compliment the tan steering column, pedals, and whatever.

As I write this, I am waiting on a call to collect my new tan colour, vinyl covered dash. Forgot to mention, that the car has been painted in a "go-faster-red", (non original), and all instruments have been professionally restored. If anyone is curious as to why I am not restoring this MGB to its historic originality, it is because I am doing it for me, and not to bother myself with trophy chasing. Been there done that. In spite of departing from originality, it will be a beautiful MG when finished.

One other aspect of my needing to complete this restoration, is because I have to. As age is creeping up on me, we are planning to downsize to a smaller place and there won't be room for a full sized tractor and slasher, a caravan, two MG's a ride-on mower, a car trailer, a box trailer a boat trailer with boat, and a substantial amount of workshop equipment etc. Sale of at least one concourse quality MGB will be necessary, when we move from here, in approximately twelve months or less.

If space and the editor will permit, I would like to include some images in

Christmas at the Toronto Light Rail

Photos by Peter currie







UPCOMING EVENT.

MOTORFEST 2015. TEA GARDENS HAWKS NEST MOTOR CLUB.

SATURDAY 7th MARCH 2015.

ARRIVAL TIME - 8am to 9-30am.

LOCATION - Myall Park Sports Oval off Yamba Street HAWKS NEST.

Our club has been a great supporter of this event in past years with profits going to support the local beneficiaries - Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club, Local NSW Rural Fire Services & the Local Clinic Bus.

An exciting program has been arranged with exhibits of Classic, Vintage, Veteran & Unique Cars & Motorcycles of different models & makes from invited motoring clubs which includes our own Hunter Region MG Car Club. The oval has a capacity for approx 325 vehicles & arrangements are made for individual clubs to have a designated area for their cars & to erect a club gazebo & banners.

16 Trophies will be handed out for best vehicles & best club displays. All vehicles need to be in position no later than 9 - 45am prior to the official opening at 10am.

An entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle & \$5 per motorcycle is payable at the point of entry into the oval.

This is a very enjoyable day out & our club has been a winner in the past. There are refreshments at the ground or you may bring your own. Our regalia Officers Denise & Ross Jacka reside at Tea Gardens & as they have kindly done in the past members are invited to their home at the completion of the official display at 2-30pm. There will be drinks & a BBQ & members are asked to bring their own drinks foodstuffs.

We need a good turnout of members in support of the event & the club. Would you please advise Brian Madden of your intention to attend as soon as possible by phoning Brian on 4946 9174 or email to rbmadden27@gmail.com

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| Aprons | MG logo black or navy | \$7 | |
| Scarf | Blue or maroon with club logo | | \$10 |
| Beanies | To match scarfs blue or maroon | | \$10 |
| Caps | Maroon baseball style club logo | | \$10 |
| | Sun visor MG logo | \$15 | |
| | Hat white panama style with maroon band and club logo | | \$27 |
| | Hat White panama style only | | \$20 |
| | Hat band maroon only for above | | \$7 |
| | Bucket style hat beige & maroon with MG or club logo | | \$15 |
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| | Food/beverage cooler bag | \$20 | \$15 |
| | Carry bags | \$7 | \$5 |
| Wine glasses Each etched with MG logo | | \$10 | |
| | Set of 4 glasses | \$35 | |
| | Set of 6 glasses | \$50 | |
| | Wine stopper silver with MG logo | \$15 | \$10 |

MGCCHR REGALIA STOCK/PRICE LIST

| | | PRICE | SALE PRICE |
|----------------|--|--------|---------------|
| Stubby holders | Round with MG logo | \$6 | \$3 |
| | Flat with MG logo | \$4 | \$2 |
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| | Double bottle MG logo | \$15 | \$8 |
| Key rings | MG | \$10 | \$8 |
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| | MG logo | \$7 | |
| | Hunter Region National meeting | | \$4 |
| | 25th Anniversary maroon/white | | \$5 |
| Car Flag | MG Hunter arial flag | \$12 | \$9 |
| Stickers | I'd rather be driving my MG | \$2.50 | \$2 |
| | "Hunter Region" square windscreen stickers | | \$2 |
| | Club logo stickers round front windscreen | | \$2 |

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JANUARY BREAKFAST RUN

Photos by Peter Currie







SU FUEL PUMP REPLACEMENT

With the following advice from the interweb etched into my brain

"Recommended procedure before taking on a repair of Lucas equipment: Check the position of the stars,kill a chicken and walk three times clockwise around your car chanting:" Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your unworthy servant..."

I then proceeded to replace my ageing electric su pump on my MG which sometimes, I think, is an acronym for More Grief.

The replacement SU Pump was of the generic electronic type which would,according to advice given to me by better mechanical minds than myself,give me more reliable operation and many years of trouble free motoring. The first step was relatively easy with the removal of the offending pump and the replacement with the generic pump.A simple job that took 20 minutes and even shouted the "B" with a new fuel filter in the process.

At the turn of the ignition I heard the familiar tick of the pump putting fuel into the carbs and thought all was well with the world and proceeded to take the "B" for a test drive.That was when the trouble started.

2 Kilometres down the road there was a cough from the motor and all was quiet in the engine bay.Waiting a few minutes and turning on the ignition I again heard the familiar tick of the pump.(must have been a small hiccup in the installation process that has righted itself)As my fathers advice,who was not renowned for his mechanical ability,always said "leave it long enough and it will fix itself".

Not wanting to test my luck I turned around and headed back to the garage only to stop again 1/2 a kilometre from home.Maybe I didn't leave it long enough to fix itself.

Eventually the ignition was turned again,and again the pump ticked happily away.I made it back home and proceeded to diagnose the problem with the limited ability of a novice repairer.

The first thing I did was start the car and rev it between 4 and 6 thousand revs. This was not a steady incline in revs but what the rev counter was flickering between. Another problem not yet solved by leaving it alone and letting the fairies fix it. 30 seconds passed and again silence from the engine compartment.

Fuel, in my mind, was the obvious problem, so I started to browse the interweb for solutions. Many a subject was found, which probably only confused me even more, with so many options to ponder.

Fuel filter: Well it was new but decided to check the correct direction of flow anyway

Fuel flow: disconnected the fuel line before the Carbs and turned the ignition on. A good flow within the tolerances was achieved.

Air sucking in the fuel line: The fuel line before the carbs was immersed in a container of fuel and low and behold there were some bubbles of air going into the container from the fuel line. Replacing the rubber fuel lines would surely solve my problem. **NOT**

Ran the B again at the rev range again and after the B stopped, immediately turned the ignition off, and removed the top covers from the fuel float chamber and they were almost empty.

Fuel floats/needle and seats: Replaced the needle and seats then consulted three wise men plus one (well it is around Xmas) over a few cleansing ales, for advice on the validity of the floats and came up with a resounding conclusion of maybe, could be, possibly.

The first wise man (Bro'G) as we shall call him, fiddled with the floats a bit and pronounced them O.K.

The second wise man (Bro'L) thinking outside the box, suggested that I put a cover over the B so the fairies could do their work in private.

The plus one (Bro'M) suggested we have another beer.

One suggestion however proved to validate the needles,seat and floats by using a container and gravity feeding the carbs thus eliminating the entire fuel system up to the carbs.Bro'B, as we shall call him, is indeed a wise sage. The "B" didn't miss a beat or protest the lack of fuel.

Pin hole in the feeder tube inside the tank:Sucked the fuel line from the carb inlet through the system to the tank.There was no hole in the tank from the mouth full of fuel I received.I know that sniffing petrol is illegal but don't know the legalities of swallowing it.With no police in sight I proceeded to the next stage.

Bad fuel:Deciding to drain the tank from the drain plug proved more difficult than expected because of the left hand thread of the drain plug.I know, I know, the drain plug is not a left hand thread but I was under the car and I presume under the influence of petrol fumes (still no police sirens)Changing the fuel had no effect as well,but I can appreciate the dangers of petrol sniffing.

I can hear the deafening roar from all the mechanics out there ELECTRICAL,ELECTRICAL but please remember that I am a novice for this kind of thing,and in retrospect, I am beginning to doubt my fathers advice.

My last ditch effort was to consult the manufacturer who ,in hindsight, should have been consulted in the first place.This was pointed out to me by my better half (**THE HANDBRAKE**)her nick name is quite appropriate because she pulls me up before I do something more stupid than normal.

Electrics:By now **'THE HANDBRAKES'** chickens were looking in danger of being sacrificed.The manufacturer did direct me to an alternative train of thought.And NO it wasn't walking around the car chanting,although I was seriously considering this as an option at the time. Ignition off produced nearly 13 volts at the terminal with 12.8 volts with the ignition on.Also with the ignition on I had the same voltage of 12.8 at the positive terminal on the fuel pump.So far so good.

Now for the starting of the machine to test voltage again. With the rev counter flicking between 4 and 6 thousand revs (I'm beginning to distrust the fairies) the voltage at the battery was 14.1 volts but the voltage at the pump terminal was flickering between 11 and 18 volts. The pump was going out in sympathy with the rev counter.

Bring on the chooks, put on the joggers and lets start chanting.

After consulting someone in the knowledge of electrical thingies, he suggested the "B" had probably been converted to negative earth many moons ago, probably by someone with the same knowledge as yours truly, but the conversion mightn't have involved the changing of the terminals onto the coil, thus leaking the higher voltage through the ignition system, and apparently the higher voltage to the new electronic fuel pump affected the diode inside the pump making it spit the dummy and refuse to work with the motor running.

Going back to my shed I inspected the terminals and found them to be in the right positions.

A white flag was produced at this stage and the "B" was presented to the master of electrical thingies for further investigation.

He tested the voltage at the fuel pump and declared that there was a voltage drop at the pump but could not detect, from his meter, the high voltage that I had detected. Suggesting that my meter was faulty left me perplexed because the 15 year old shop assistant at the Dollar Shop had assured me that, through his vast experience, the \$10 volt meter was of exceptional quality.

The advice, from all this, was to put relay switches on the fuel pump and thermo fan that had been installed previously, to take the strain off the single ignition fuse, trying to provide power to all of the added on bits. A further test after the switches were installed shows a healthy voltage to all and sundry, and an added bonus was that the thermo fan runs at a higher speed. The Tacho still flickers but that will be investigated at a later date (maybe a bad earth)

In conclusion I feel that Lucas Electrics sometimes doesn't deserve such a bad reputation. We, as fans of these little cars, spend many a day tinkering and preening them, updating their systems to keep up with the modern world, taking them out to enjoy them and all coming together to talk about them and their little quirks.

Just sometimes it hits the fan.

As one of the wise men told me once, there are two types of people that own MG'S owners or drivers. The owners that tinker and preen and the drivers that just get in and drive. I am aiming to be an owner but have not had much luck so far.

Any way, the chickens are safe, **THE HANDBRAKE** is happy the "B" is back on the road, I have suffered minimal hair loss and a greater appreciation for the dangers of sniffing petrol. "She who must be obeyed" has insisted I take a sabbatical before I proceed with the installation of the new electronic distributor that I have just purchased.



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Anne Marie is looking to hire an MG for her wedding. The time frame is between 2.30 and 5.30 on the 16th May 2015. The venue is at Seal Rocks. For more information Her email is :
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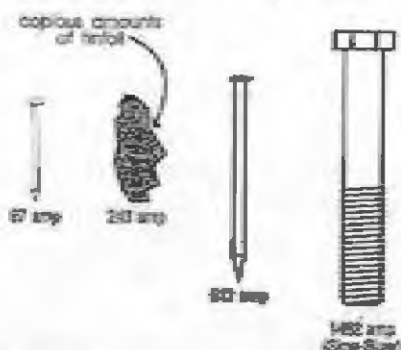
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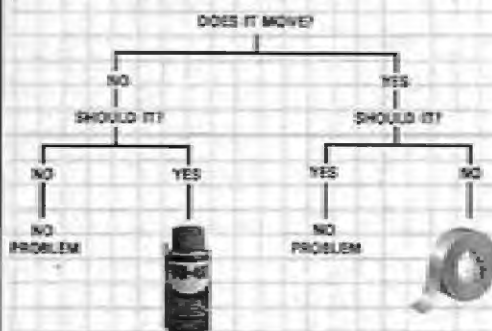


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Recent tests proved a woman's, "I'll be ready in five minutes", and a man's, "I'll be home in five minutes", are exactly the same.



Your shadow is confirmation that light has traveled nearly 93 million miles unobstructed, only to be deprived of reaching the ground in the last few feet thanks to you.

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Present: Ian Ashton, Denny Bowden, Bill and Therese Brown, Greg Jenkins, Colin Dunne, Peter Brown, Gary Piper, Ross and Denise Jacka, Brian Madden

Apologies: None recorded

Correspondence In:

Electricity Bill Energy Australia \$206.13

Com Bank Merchant Statement for Card Facility \$12.00

Australia Post Invoice \$135.80

Invitation to Sydney Super Swap at Hawkesbury Show ground 15th Feb from Veteran and Vintage Chev Association

Return to sender from adriene Hurst Classic Car Mag

Membership applications

Various magazines

Correspondence Out:

Membership cards

Minutes of meeting held 14th November 2014

Accepted by: Peter Brown

2nd'd by: Gary Piper

Matters arising from minutes:

Reports:

President - Christmas party Run at the Trains at Toronto was terrific, Peter Currie recognized as a great effort. Many thanks to all who helped organise the day

Magazine again was well presented, with recommendations modified for this month.

Treasurer

Riding for the Disabled Cheque, to be sent this week,

Therese to ask auditor friend to view books this year.

Ian to organize Asset Register for insurance and audit reasons.

Lease discussion tomorrow with Greg at solicitors with building leasee's

Captain All events this year went well.

January Run will be J Van celebration on Sunday-January 18th leave club house at 8:00am

Mid week run 14th January.

Sunday 15th Feb 2015 Twilight Clubman Run in February 3.30pm from Club House.

Sporting Gary spoke to Bryn from Newcastle Club, Try Hill climb Day at Ringwood 1st March

\$30.00 Cams Licence. \$30.00 will come off Cams Licence if you extend to \$70.00 for \$100.00 annual licence.

Venue for Motokana is Throsby Creek carpark, for Honeysuckle Development Corp, Ian has had contact and will get back with a confirmed date .

MG Only Day at Ringwood combined club event, suggested by Newcastle Club. Need permit from CAMs.

Forster Keys Family Fun Day 4th 5th July

28th March Memorial Run at Dungog, with Taree Forster members.

Editor

All good, No January Magazine.

Publicity

Regalia

Socks may need to be ordered, black ones seem popular.

Polo shirts stay maroon, \$25.00, order \$350.00 worth

Wine glasses large size red wine glass 12 dozen painted pattern

General Business:

- a. Christmas party 2015 at Toronto trains...Ian has a Santa organised to ride on the train!
- b. Firm up arrangements for breakfast run to Blackalls celebrating 25 years of completed restoration J van project
- c. Confirm further dates for 2015 calendar
- e. Confirmed design of new member badges, Denny to order new shape with larger Christian name.
- f. Confirm Club terminology or jargon for new member handout
- g. Ian has arranged three guest speakers for next year
- h. Intention to attend the National Meeting, please email Bill Brown, registrations opened 1st December

Meeting closed: 7:35 pm Next Meeting: 10th February 2014

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