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<u>What's On</u>

<u>October 2018</u>

- Thursday 6th—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm Café Inu Carrington
- Fri 5th-Sun 7th—Y Tyme in Canberra
- Tuesday 9th—Committee Meeting 6.00 Club Night 7.30pm
- Wednesday 10th—Midweek Gathering
- Wednesday 10th—GEAR Meeting @ Wakefield Park
- Saturday 13th—Annual Concours—Lambton Park
- Sunday 14th—All MG Hill climb—Ringwood
- Sunday 21st—Clubman Run Lunch at Wyndham Estate 700 Dalwood Rd. Dalwood Visit Art Gallery and Sunday Markets on site. Market foods available or bring picnic lunch
- Sunday 21st—MGCC NSW Annual Concours
- Thursday 25th—Tuning Run—Meet Maccas Hexham, depart 10am

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- Sunday 4th-Save the date, Shannons Hunter Classic see page 14
- Sunday 4th—Ringwood Hill climb
- ◆ Sat 10th & Sun 11th—MG Racing VIC @ Sandown
- Tuesday 13th—Committee Meeting 6.00 Club Night 7.30pm
- Wednesday 14th—Midweek Gathering
- Sunday 18th—Clubman Run
- Sunday 18th—Sydney Concours
- Thursday 22nd—Tuning Run—Meet Maccas Hexham, depart 10am
- ♦ Fri 23rd, Sat 24th, Sun 25th—Supercars in Newcastle



Annual Concours

Saturday 13th October All MG Hill climb

Sunday 14th October

Why not make a weekend of it and attend both events? The Concours will be held in Lambton Park (weather permitting...we do have a second date pencilled in if not.) If you are not a Hillclimber you can always come along and watch the action at Ringwood Motorsport Park. For more info contact Gary Piper or Steve Jones





October 2018

From the Editor

Graham Haywood

The first ON THE MARQUE edition with me as editor has been released and distributed either as digital format or as A5 size printed magazine.

I unashamedly borrowed the format from Bev Jones our previous editor in preparing the magazine and thank her for allowing me to do that as it enabled a smoother transition.

I also take this opportunity to thank those members that have given me a warm and encouraging welcome to the task.

I am currently preparing the magazine whilst I am in my home town of Adelaide visiting my old friends and extended family as we held a memorial for my late wife on Saturday 15th. The memorial was to celebrate her life and the influence that she was able to have with our family and friends over the great 49 years of our marriage.

I anticipate having the magazine to the printers earlier than last time which should then enable time for Australia Post to deliver them before next meeting on the Tuesday 9th October.

Progress on my MGB has stalled during this time, however prior to leaving Newcastle the dual line master cylinder bore was found to be serviceable and new rubbers inserted during reassembly. The master cylinder was also fitted to the car and it awaits my return to bleed the system so I should have brakes again.

As for the engine mounts and radiator repair they will have to wait. When my MGB was on the road it had a slight movement & rattle in the front steering or suspension when traversing bumps. It was noted during the installation of the master cylinder that there was clearance beneath the front suspension cross member mounting nuts to the chassis. This is probably due to the rubber pads between the cross member and chassis compressing through age. So another task to add before registration can occur.





President's Report

Stephen Jones

I was looking through my emails the other day and there was one from a magazine I subscribe to. Classic and Sports Car had a feature on the loss of classic cars in the recent California fires. Flicking through the photographs it was disturbing to see not just the millions of dollars in exotic and special cars that were totally destroyed but the loss of these cars to future generations.

I can remember many times working in the aftermath of large bushfires and seeing similar in Australia. The Canberra fires back in 2003 were a prime example. People lost their homes and all their possessions, both of which can be rebuilt or repurchased, but the motoring community of Canberra and Australia lost some wonderful cars. They certainly don't equate to the cost of a life but is sad none the least.

Also in the email was a preview of an electric MGB. Yes someone has pulled out the B series motor and dropped in a 70Kw (167ft lb) electric motor. It's not an individual but a company that will be selling them. RBW Classic Electric Cars will be producing 30 with new Heritage shells. 0 - 60mph is 8 seconds, 105mph top speed and a range of 155 miles per charge. All yours for a bargain £83,000. They plan to do a Jaguar XKSS next that will be a paltry £150,000.

I would like to congratulate all those winners at our annual presentation day last month. A particular big congrats to our Club Champion Gary Piper. He received the highest accrued points for competing in all forms of 'hot radiator' events. On the social side, Brian Madden took out the outright Clubman award.

Our Concours will be on the park in front on MG headquarters in Lambton on the 13th, just after our next club night. We'd love to see a good roll up to make all our preparations worthwhile. The same and more can be said for the Shannons Hunter Classic. It is being run to support a great cause and we will need lots of help on the day.

Hopefully next month we'll have some photos and a story on the annual MG TYme rally that was held in Canberra earlier this month. I was lucky enough to have attended driving Ray Tolcher's TD. All good fun.

The TF I'm resurrecting in my shed is plodding along slowly. As usual it's swallowing large amounts of money just getting the parts required, but it is still a place I look forward to going.

Another project still in the shed is Myf the race car. It's amazing the variety of performance cams that are available around the world. The

cam that was in Myf when she blew up last year is a right off, so the question of what to replace it with is a hard one. I was quite happy with it but can I improve on it? The choices out there are endless. I suppose you just have to go with one and wear it till the next rebuild. Hopefully the increase in capacity from 1330cc to 1420 will help.

We are planning on getting some guest speakers in for the club nights whenever possible. If you've ever wondered about cooling, electrical, mechanical systems or gauges in you MG, think up some questions. We'll hopefully have a subject matter expert along to have a chat. Dates to be notified.

There was very sad news last month that one of our regular club attendees passed away. He was at most club meetings and always a quiet observer that didn't say much. Not many saw eye to eye with him but if you lay on the floor, you saw things more his way. Pepe (the Jacka's little dog) will be greatly missed at future events. Our thoughts go to you Denise and Ross.

The weather is starting to warm up so dust off the winter blues, put the roof down, and enjoy your MG.

Jonesy





Tuning Runs

Departure is 10am sharp from McDonalds Hexham, but check the magazine each month just in case a special run has been planned

For more information call Austin Blanch 0434 143 242

North Arm Wheels

John Fletcher

They say that self praise is no recommendation, so what, as the organiser of the MG Muster 2018, I know how much work had to be done to coordinate five car clubs and make arrangements to ensure an enjoyable day and weekend was had by all. So no self praise but well done Brian Madden and Brenda Fletcher with out your support work, the Muster would have been a failure.

By inviting the Sydney MG Car Club meant that a weekend of active social integration had to be arranged. An operational plan was developed and a test carried out the week before, proved it not to be workable. Fort Scratchley had to be ruled out because of current road closures in the heart of Newcastle. So a history lesson starting at Sydney, to Newcastle, Tarbuck Bay and Crowdy Head entitled "WW11 comes to the NSW East Coast" was implemented. The history experience was checking out places of interest and the measures that were taken for coastal defences or lack of in 1942.

This created plenty of discussion within the group and by the time we reached Forster for an over night stay and dinner there was good rapport and new friendships were made. Sunday morning, arrangements were made for a morning tea meeting at John Wright Park Tuncurry with a great showing of MG's for public viewing. This gave opportunity for a number of local MG owners who were unable to drive the distance to Bulahdelah to show their cars and be part of the Muster.

The Muster, all seemed to be going very well from an organisation point of view until the Bulahdelah gathering. A call from Brian Madden about parking issues at the lunch venue, the car park, had been shanghaied by a push bike riders group that took up position at 6.00am. MG's were now required to street park and those that made it into the car park were restricted to parking nose to tail, not a pretty sight, so no organised public display. A dismal display meant that public viewing was almost non existent and was reflected in the gold coin viewing takings amounted to \$11.00. I was not happy along with many of us with the catering technique, the delivery of lunch along with a short fall on sweets that were arranged. The quarter master did not get things right even though numbers of attending persons were advised well before our arrival. There were other issues that Brian and I had to deal with, which made for additional work in smoothing things out behind the party atmosphere that we hope you all were experiencing.

How do you like the form of our President, complaining how he never wins in hat draw lotteries but pulls out his wife's ticket number to win the CHOCOLATES? The hat was a winner for the farmers as it was passed around, \$237.00 was the result and will be included in the funds to be raised on Shannons Classic Car Day.

Even with the Bulahdelah issues the Muster was a successful event, the Sydney MG owners want to come back next year.

Have Wheels Will Travel

PS. Answer to a question raised on the day. The centre console that I have installed in my MGB is available from MG Spares & Parts 97 – 103 Victoria St. Smithfield Ph 9609 3988. The console is also listed in the UK Moss catalogue part numberGAC1027X



Public Relations Officer Report Ian Ashton (Asho)

Please continue to watch out for" What's On" in the magazine and do as Denny and I do...print the page out and leave it on the fridge, in the office or in some other prominent position, so you don't miss anything.

Be sure to come on our annual concours at Lambton Park on Saturday 13th October followed by the ALL M.G. hill climb at Ringwood on Sunday 14th October. If you don't wish to compete in the hill climb, come along and support your fellow Team Hunter members.

Sunday 4th November will be a big day for Hunter M.G.C.C. We are hosting the inaugural **Shannons Hunter Classic** at McDonald Jones Stadium. The total proceeds from the day will be donated to the Farmers Drought Relief fund via Lions Club. Your committee will need as much member support as we can muster on the day. This event will develop into a Shannons mini Sydney Classic held annually at Sydney Motorsport Park.

I encourage members who may have friends that drive other marque sports cars e.g. Mazda MX5, Porsche, Audi, BMW, Mercedes, and want to join a car club, to join Hunter M.G. and enjoy the great times we all have. We are after all a social car club.

I urge members to forward constructive input anytime (preferably via email) that will assist the committee to improve the operation or activities of **your Club**.

Cheers....Asho (the pro with the mo)!

Club Regalia is available at Club Nights See Wendy Croker for all your regalia needs

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SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

Don't forget to support our concourse & all MG Hillclimb events on 13 & 14 October, shine your car up & get it on the Park on Saturday also give us a hand to run the event & let's make it a great day.

We need your cars on the Park.

Ringwood Hill Climb



Ringwood has some great spectator areas & the canteen will be operating with drinks & BBQ running.

If your not competing on Sunday we would love to see you there as a spectator to support Team Hunter members .

By the time the mag is printed Asho would have competed in The Spring Historics event at Wakefield Park.

Paul Smith & myself will be there as support crew. We will give you a report on the event next mag.

Question what comes out of a flower at a 100mph. Answer an MG Bee.

Remember drive them don't hide them Cheers Gary Sporting Director

Captain's Corner

Alan Andoni

Clubman Runs

September run was also the Club Presentation Day. Left the clubhouse at the usual 10am on a very windy Sunday and headed off to the foreshore near Awaba House. We found a lovely spot for morning tea near the sailing club where the gusts went over the top of us so that we could sit and chat and look at the lake.

Lunch was on the Toronto Foreshore where again we were most fortunate to find a spot out of the wind, near the kiosk. The crowds were non existent so the kiosk delivered our meals to the grass where we picnicked.

Much to everyone's surprise, we sat and gossiped, solved the problems of the world and discussed all things MG for so long that we left later than planned and were 20 mins late for trophy presentations back at the clubhouse.

Congratulations to the following trophy winners for 2017 / 18:

MG ZT. Winner, Andrew Gowans. MG F. Winner, Alan Andoni. Runners up, Gary Piper, Paul Smith. Jeff Lauff. ". , Denny Bowden. MG RV8. . Ross Jacka. MG B. ", Bill Brown. MG BL. ", Brian Madden. MG YT, ", Elliot Burns. MG Magnette, ", Ken Campbell. MG Midget, ", Bev Jones. MG Mate, ", Kay Power MG C. " ., Neville Roxby. Kay Bowden, Runners up, Gina Andoni, Sally Lauff. Heather Mason Special congratulations to: MG Sporting winner, Gary Piper. Runners up, Ian Ashton and Matthew Blanch MG Clubman winner, Brian Madden. Runners up, Denny Bowden and Andrew Gowan.

October the Clubman run will be to the vineyards.

On Sunday, 21 October we will leave the clubhouse at the usual 10 am and head to Dalwood Estate, 700 Dalwood Rd, Dalwood. The estate has Sunday markets, take away food stalls as well as restaurants. I'm suggesting a picnic lunch so either bring your own or buy something there. Seating is limited so bring a chair just in case.

October 21 is also the xxx anniversary of Ian Ashton's birth so try to be nice to him.

November the clubman run is our annual toy run to Rathmines. As always, leave the club at 10am. We will be in the Rathmines bowling club at 11.30 to hand over toys to the Salvation Army. Lunch will be in the club restaurant, ordering from the blackboard menu. More details in next months newsletter.

Over the next few months there are lots of club events.

Hope to see you at:

- * Film night, September 21, clubhouse, start at 6 pm (dinner included)
- * Paterson car show, September 23, Paterson, all day
- * Tuning run, September 27, start at Hexham Maccas at 10am
- * Monthly club meeting, October 9, clubhouse 7pm
- * Monthly lunch meeting, October 10, see calendar for venue
- * Concourse, October 13, Lambton Park, all day
- * October tuning run, October 25, start at Hexham Maccas at 10am

* Shannon's Hunter Classic, November 4, MacDonald Jones stadium, all day.

Always so much planned! Alan

New Years Resolution

by Elliot Burns

I don't usually make a New Years' Resolution and 2018 was no different to other years. However, in March I realised I had owned the remains of my P Type MG for two years and progress on its restoration had slowed. The cover picture for our magazine is the spare wheel & part of the rear body tub of my car and while the picture has a nice rustic feel to it, I had hoped that my car wouldn't remain rustic forever. My resolution was to try & do something (even something small) on my car each day. Sometimes it's quality "hands on" shed time, other days it's a phone call, email or other task, usually chasing up missing parts.

My car had been stored outside under a tarp on a property in far north Queensland. The previous owner had owned the car for about 40 years. He bought it as a reasonably complete car, but with no engine fitted and a second chassis & engine to use for spares.



The trip home from Queensland in the trailer managed to shake apart almost all of the timber in the body, so most of my work up to this point has been trying to remake the timber body frame. I have made most of the major timber components & started fitting them together. I am still working up the courage to attack the doors. I have remade rough timber door frames, but at the moment these are standard size timber sections screwed together, awaiting shaping to the correct size & profile



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Recently I have taken on board advice from Robert Gibson & started trying to assess what mechanical parts I have (& most importantly have not!). The motor that came with the second chassis for my car, was originally fitted to the second chassis and it seemed a pity to separate them after all these years. No one seems to have records of where the original engine for my car ended up (if it has survived). If anyone happens to have MG PA engine number 1705AP sitting at home, I'd love to hear from you!

I was following up an advertisement in the USA for a suitable second-hand

crank shaft, when I was fortunate enough to be contacted by an MG enthusiast in Germany. A friend of his had decided to uprate his P Type for racing & had bought a new block, crankshaft, pistons & conrods. The original parts from his car were for sale if I was interested.

A couple of weeks later a very red -faced courier was bringing a couple of heavy packages to our front door and I am now the proud owner of what was until recently the major components of 2395AP which were part of a fully functioning P Type motor.

My plans for the remainder of this year are to obtain enough original & replacement parts to get work started on the rebuild of the motor. Machining & some of the assembly work for this is beyond my capabilities, so hopefully these parts will be away at an engine reconditioners soon.

While all of this is happening, I need to keep moving on the tim-

ber frame & repaneling of the body tub. My aim is to have the tub assembled with doors fitted, by the end of this year.

Watch this space for progress!



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Wanted: MG PA engine or parts.

If you have or know where P Type engine number 1705AP is, I'd love to reunite it with the rest of the car. If not, I need to find many parts to make an engine out of what I have. I'm looking for a crank shaft, centre main bearing, front pulley assembly, external pipework, oil filter assembly, block side covers & water branches. Contact Elliot Burns on 0478 415405 or 49574921

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Wanted: Diff centre to suit MG Midget.

5.375:1 ratio required (out of Morris GPO Van). Steve Jones 0412 495234

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held 11th September 2018 Meeting Opened 6:15 pm

<u>Present:</u> Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Ian Ashton, Alan Andoni, Gary Piper, Jeff Lauff, Graham Haywood

Apologies: Wendy Croker,

In attendance: Brian Madden

Minutes: Accepted, Moved Denny Bowden seconded Gary Piper

Business Arising:

Graham Haywood has been elected to the important position of Magazine Editor.

Reports:

President (Steve Jones):

Negotiations to do with Shannons Classic have been ongoing – report to come.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Honour Board – Clubman Award 2013 is Denny Bowden. The Committee is seeking other missed entries, so Board can be updated. *Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):*

Secretary:(Frans Henskens):

Arrangements for Concours. Steve Jones to be responsible person on the day for the NCC application.

Correspondence from Neil Morrison seeking to sell "66 MGGT" plates for \$500 neg.

Correspondence received from Maurie Prior re setting up a New England Chapter of the MGCCHR.

There used to be such a Chapter in the past, and it disappeared.

If Maurie Prior is willing to do so, the Committee is very much in favour.

There will be some logistical issues, such as ensuring Chapter events were properly advertised in the Marque, compliance with the Constitution, etc. Maurie to liaise with the appropriate Committee member(s) as required.

Club Captain (Alan Andoni):

Proposal to change categories of Clubman trophies for 2019

Suggestions: by decade, by era, ???

Rationale: We no longer have sufficient cars in most current groupings. We are now a mainly MGF club. Current categories reflect Concours grouping only.

Add category for active members who only drive non MGs Suggestion: category to be recognised as "Other Marques"

Rationale: some of our most active Club members are either between MGs of have no intention to by another soon, if ever.

Change place getters to reflect family rather than individual Suggestion: Alan & Gina Andoni / Andoni Family / The Andoni's

Rationale: inclusiveness. Solve some of the issues where Club members have more than one MG in family and miss out on recognition in current format.

Include other events in points calculations

Suggestion: Thursday tuning runs. Wednesday lunch meetings. GoF, ???

Rationale: Inclusion. Recognition that some active Club members are unable to attend Sunday meetings for various reasons. Recognition that all Club events are valued.

Delete category of "Mate"

Suggestion: The category assumed by family or name group

Rationale: We have just updated the Constitution to reflect current language. Club is not a "blokes only" club with "token females" who just come along.

Time to change is September or October to fit in with current points system.

Addition by Steve Jones:

Suggestion: Drop the \$2 fee charged at Clubman Runs

Rationale: If we are including events like the Tuning Run etc we aren't looking at charging them, so it would not be fair to just charge on one run event and not the others. If we reduce the number of classes as proposed, then the cost of trophies is reduced.

Suggestion: Look at setting a date in December to get together and determine next year's calendar.

Decision made that Alan, Steve, and Denny will work on a more concrete proposal re the above and bring it to the October Committee meeting.

Guest Speakers at meetings:

Spoke to: Kevin Sleishman (Sunnyside Auto Electrics) about being a guest speaker in the future, and he has agreed. Robert Cronin (from Charlestown) who fixes gauges will also be happy to talk.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

Concours coming up. Gary Piper needs offers from potential judges, please. Has approached Pete Curry re the setup.

- All MG Hillclimb: needs to know who from the Club will be competing. Will be combined with All Clubman Hillclimb. Entry fee will be \$65 and CAMS one-day licences will be available for \$25.
- Looking at a night out on the Saturday evening after Concours. Perhaps the Shaft Tavern, which has good parking.

Public relations (lan Ashton):

- Clubman Run & Annual Presentation: Sunday 16th Start at Clubhouse 10 a.m., lunch at midday Toronto Foreshore (BYO or buy), back to Clubhouse for presentation.
- Do we want a Christmas Toy Run and lunch on Sunday 11th November to Rathmines Bowling Club at Lake Macquarie as the monthly Clubman run?

Committee decided to go ahead with this proposal.

- Lambton Park Community Event Sat 20th Oct. Has confirmed that 10 older model MG's will attend. Will organise 10 cars.
- Update on Shannons Hunter Classic event advertising brochure included in *On The Marque*. Also a PDF will be attached to the next issue's email for Members to forward on, print out, etc. as required.

Committee Member (Jeff Lauff):

Nil.

Regalia (Wendy Croker):

Apology.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

Graham Haywood, newly appointed Magazine Editor, has successfully issued his first edition of *On The Marque*. All reports required by 20th September.

General Business:

Meeting will be held in December to organise the 2019 calendar. Annual editions of *On The Marque* need binding for past few years. Needs to be arranged.

Meeting Closed 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting

6 p.m. Tuesday 9th October 2018.

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