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## **What's On**

### **September 2018**

- ♦ **Thursday 6th—Square Riggers Natter** 12-2pm Café Inu Carrington
- ♦ **Sunday 9th—Muster Run to Buladelah** details page 10 of August magazine
- ♦ **Tuesday 11th—Committee Meeting 6.00**  
**Club Night 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 12th—Midweek Gathering** 12 noon  
Bank Hotel East Maitland, call Kay to book 49514125
- ♦ **Sunday 16th—Clubman Run & Annual Presentation**  
Leave clubhouse 10am  
Morning tea at Marmong Point. (Bring your chairs)  
Visit Lake Macquarie Art Gallery  
Lunch (picnic or buy there) at Toronto Foreshore.
- ♦ **Thursday 27th—Tuning Run**—Meet Maccas Hexham, depart 10am

### **October 2018**

- ♦ **Thursday 6th—Square Riggers Natter** 12-2pm Café Inu Carrington
- ♦ **Fri 5th-Sun 7th—Y Tyme in Canberra** see page 18
- ♦ **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

### **November 2018**

- ♦ **Sunday 4th—Save the date, big announcement to come**
- ♦ **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

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Yes the statement by our President, during the recent AGM, that if there is no new editor there is no magazine for September caused me to offer as editor. I have enjoyed reading the magazine and having a contact with the club during a difficult personal time. Thus I have put up my hand to fill the position and complete the task to ensure continuing magazine publishing. I take this opportunity to compliment Bev Jones on the professional style of the magazine and I hope to be able to achieve a similar level in time.

As a new editor I anticipate over time to have communication with so many of our members as enjoyed by Bev.

I would also like to think that members will continue to contribute to our magazine in the form of articles and photos. I believe that it is such contribution that creates the personal attachment to our club by members who find it difficult to attend club functions but still wish to feel connected.

Who am I ?

I am a retired Mechanical Engineer whom worked in the rail industry in S.A. and NSW for more than five decades at various levels from Apprentice Fitter and Machinist to Locomotive Application Engineer and finally as Product Development Manager for UGL at Broadmeadow. Over the years I have always maintained my interest in motor cars but in later years the MGB sports car. I became an owner of a poor example in 2006 for my 60th birthday that has allowed me to tinker at my hearts content. My efforts have been to reinstate it as a mechanically roadworthy but not restored example. I have especially enjoyed taking my grandchildren on drives in the MGB roadster with both the roof on and off.

Unfortunately the MGB has been dormant in the garage for the last 2 years and when I examined her recently I found an inoperative dual line brake master cylinder and engine mounts that have delaminated to their steel backing. That has allowed the engine to jump around when I started her and that in turn has cracked the radiator at the top pipe entry. Ah the joy of owning a classic car.



***Safety Fast!!***



Giddyay everyone and a special hello to the new committee. You'll see a lot of old faces going around again. I am really (honest) looking forward to working with them all to make this club something that we are all proud of being a member of.

A special hello and thanks to our new Editor, Graham Haywood. Thanks to him, I get my wife back as her stress levels come down (She is a stress head). All the best Graham. If anyone has an article of interest or an MG yarn you'd like to share, send it to Graham. I know from past experience that he'll appreciate anything and everything.

Yes, I've been spending a lot of time in my shed working on a number of projects. John C's '54 TF is proving enlightening, educational and frustrating all at the same time. I'm still enjoying doing the work for John. It may lead to a drinking problem but what MG doesn't? Myf's gearbox has been for a trip to Melbourne and back without Myf. I've had a block machined and getting it ready for basic assembly. Time to clean up the parts I have and see what can be reused and what needs replacing.

I spent a great weekend in August attending the Rylstone Classic Rally. 'Pretend Rally, Real Fun'. I was the guest of the Redman clan and it was a great chance to remember Jeff the way he enjoyed life. There were 158 cars registered and 95% of them were Mini's of every year possible. A 500km run through back roads from Edgeworth to Gosford then on to Rylstone, overnight at the Globe Hotel then a relaxing tour home. I missed out on enjoying (I might be saying enjoy because I missed out) a drive of, but experienced Jeff's Morris Major (named Bloodnok). Son-in-law Brad chauffeured me (I would have loved a drive but he was sadistically enjoying himself). I have just the car for it but might have to add my Spridget to the 'better get it done' list for next year. There were some roads we travelled that I've never been on before, so I have some great ideas for tuning runs.

The next 12 months will be very busy for our club. We have been approached by Shannons to host the inaugural 'Shannons Hunter Classic'. It's Euroday on steroids. There will be no restrictions on entries as the day will be open to all makes from all countries. It was initially looked at as a fund raiser for our club but the committee felt that the farmers were in greater need of our help. Every cent of profits from the day will go to 'Need for Feed' drought/ disaster relief. This is an initiative of the Lions Club and we need your help to make the day a success. Cars will pay \$10 entry and we'll be rattling the bucket for spectator donations. Heaven knows the farmers need it and this is something we can all do to show we care about the plight they're in.

Don't forget our Concours next month. A very important day on our calendar. There's an MG Hill climb the next day (better than being the day before and then having to clean the MG overnight).

Looking ahead (and I better get 'Myf' moving again) the **National Meeting is in Redlands Queensland. April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> next year.** Bev and I are aiming to be there. You'll need to book your accommodation NOW or you'll have a longer drive to the events.



*Cars caught at a rest stop during a touring event at MG Nationals in S.A.*

Great news was received last month with the announcement that **MG Racing (Victoria) have secured races at the HSRCA meeting at Sydney Motorsport Park next June (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>).** If you have a race MG and CAMS circuit licence it will be a must. If you don't, it will also be a must see. Come and become a member of 'Team Hunter'. I'll look into getting some more 'Team' shirts embroidered for new supporters and pit crew.

The weather is starting to warm up so dust off the winter blues, put the roof down, and enjoy your MG. Oh, there is so much on with so little time and if you race, money.

Jonesy

## *Annual Presentation Day* & *Clubman Run*

Sunday 16th September

## ***Public Relations Officer Report      Ian Ashton (Asho)***

Welcome members to another year of Hunter M.G. Club activity. Following our well attended AGM, I'm pleased to report that all committee positions have been filled (with the exception of social director).

It's my pleasure to thank Bev Jones for her tremendous effort as our editor for the last three years, and to welcome Graham Haywood as our new magazine editor. I'll let Graham introduce himself in his editorial.

It's also my privilege to take over the role of public relations officer from Brian Madden. Brian has also done a great job as pro and will continue to assist me in my new role (he's my mate you see!)

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 the September Clubman run and Annual Presentation day and our annual concours at Lambton Park on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October followed by the ALL M.G. hill climb at Ringwood on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you don't wish to compete in the hill climb, come along and support your fellow Team Hunter members.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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)!**

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First up I must thank Bev Jones our now retired magazine editor, who has done a splendid job in her time in office, producing our club magazine. I am a relative new comer as a writer or a reporter, I'm not sure of my classification or job title. I wish to thank Bev for her support, in sorting out my scratchings and presenting them so well. Bev's editing made my articles look very professional. So now Bev has handed the reins over to Graham Haywood so welcome to the job Graham. I know Bev will be available to help you out on setting up the magazine program in the start up stages of your budding career.

The timing of this magazine publication day is a little early to have a report on the MG Muster, so at the time of writing my fingers are crossed that there will be a good turn out of MG cars of all various vintages. I hope that our contributions from the Bulahdelah MG Muster day along with the planned Club Euro Day will be a significant one to help the drought stricken farmers.

Message to our MG owners from Forster to Port Macquarie i.e. The North Arm branch members of our club. ***Mark Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> November in your social diaries. This is the Euro Day Show and Shine.*** Our club will be donating all monies received above staging costs to the Farmers Drought Appeal. So we need a magnificent display of cars in record attending numbers. To the North Arm Members, leave home early so you can lend a hand with the set up helping the working members of our club on the day. There will be marshalling jobs, staging structures to be set up, and plenty of GO FOR action required. As they say many hands makes light work, so be there.

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## **Midweek Gathering**

*Meet at the venue for a 12 noon lunch*

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## **SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Gary Piper**

October will see two major events for our club firstly on **Sat Oct 13** will be our annual concours we will need help on the day for set up, gate , judging & various other tasks on the day.

### **We need your cars on the Park.**

Also Saturday evening we may organise dinner at one of the local pubs or clubs depending on interest we get.



On **Sun Oct 14** we will have the All MG Hill climb at MG Car Club Newcastle Ringwood Park Motorsport complex. This will be a regularity event so it will be all about consistency. One day "Confederation of Australian Motor Sport" (CAMS) license will be available for those who don't hold a CAMS license & wish to have a run on the day. This year there will also be a All Clubman event run on the same day so there could be some interesting vehicles running on the day.

Even if your not competing it would be great to see you there on the day as a spectator supporting those of use who are competing, Ringwood has some great spectator areas & the canteen will be operating with drinks & BBQ running.

Please support both of these events, we are an MG club & these events are for MGs.

If you have any questions regarding both of these events please contact myself or Steve Jones.

Remember drive them don't hide them.



Cheers  
Gary Piper  
Sporting Director



### Photo Run

8 cars left the clubrooms on the Photographic, Historic Observation Touring Outing (PHOTO) run on 19<sup>th</sup> August.

In addition to the normal route instructions, participants were given 22 photos to identify along the way. The photos had information blanked out and the participants had the fun of finding what the missing information was!

The route wound around the beaches of Newcastle before stopping at Blacksmiths for morning tea.

The run to lunch included a diversion through Catherine Hill Bay, the backstreets of Wyong and a rural run across the hills between Ourimbah & the lunch destination at the Skillion at Terrigal.

Along the way we had learnt what NESCA meant, what the Obelisk replaced and when John Darling Colliery operated, along with a few other "Fun Facts"

At lunch we were met by Gosford local's Ken & Benny Campbell in their Magnette & Ken's neighbour John & his wife in their MGB. We enjoyed lunch by the water & marvelled at the nearby pelican's looking for their lunch as fisherman cleaned their catch near our picnic area.



A quick look through our photographic challenges revealed just how observant Jeff & Sally Lauff,

Andrew Gown & Heather Mason, Alan & Gina Andoni had been. We all marvelled at how Brian Madden had made it through a navigation run without the use of a navigator! Mark & Linda Janus, Trish & Ian Ashton had made it through without needing the use of an MG. Paul Smith & Gary Piper were last heard of somewhere in the vicinity of Peats



Ridge, but they assured everyone that they could find their way home! In the words of Ian & Trish, the day was a lovely old-style run.





This was my first attendance at a tuning run and I had anticipated using my every-day vehicle, as my MGB is out of action at this time.

However I was offered the opportunity to attend as a passenger in an MGTD.

I enthusiastically accepted as I had not had the opportunity to experience such a ride.

I have read many reports on the MGTD being the start of a sales phenomena in

the USA for the Little British Car and that it introduced sports car ownership to many Americans. The MGTD was apparently a successful production class racing car in America so I was about to experience some of that magic.

I can say now that I was not disappointed as the little car was impressive in roadholding and performance as the adept driver Wayne piloted the car enthusiastically around corners and uphill to my delight. The suspension transferred a lot of feedback to the occupants but I was assured that it was not as hard as it's predecessor the MGTC. I had read about scuttle shake and my early driving experience with a Vauxhall convertible did display some shake but not like this delightful revving little machine that was eagerly eating up the kilometres over the roughish road. However that Vauxhall had no where near a similar performance capability as this superb machine.

I was very impressed with the torque delivered from the engine that enabled climbing shorter hills with ease in top gear until Wayne admitted that it was 1500cc not 1250cc as original, and he said "yes those additional 250cc do make a difference".

I was and am still impressed with the total experience on the trip to Chichester dam. Of course if the Dungog Council would repair the "Heritage pot holed" main street it could have been more comfortable.

There were four cars from the club enjoying the sunny weather on this Tuning Run and a short stop at Dungog for morning tea at the local bakery was enjoyed with the company of other like minded MG owners that we met there.

Our cars were parked in a vacant lot alongside the bakery with another MGTD, MGA and a MG Magnette sedan. We found to our delight that the variety of MG's was soon appreciated by many locals and workers whom were coming up to look and appreciate the machinery.

The pretty red Magnette sedan that seemed to be original attracted our attention and a short discussion with a look over the car with the owner was appreciated.



A row of the participating club cars at Chichester Dam

Peaceful serenity of a babbling brook at Chichester Dam area where we stopped for a picnic lunch.



## *Tuning Runs*

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

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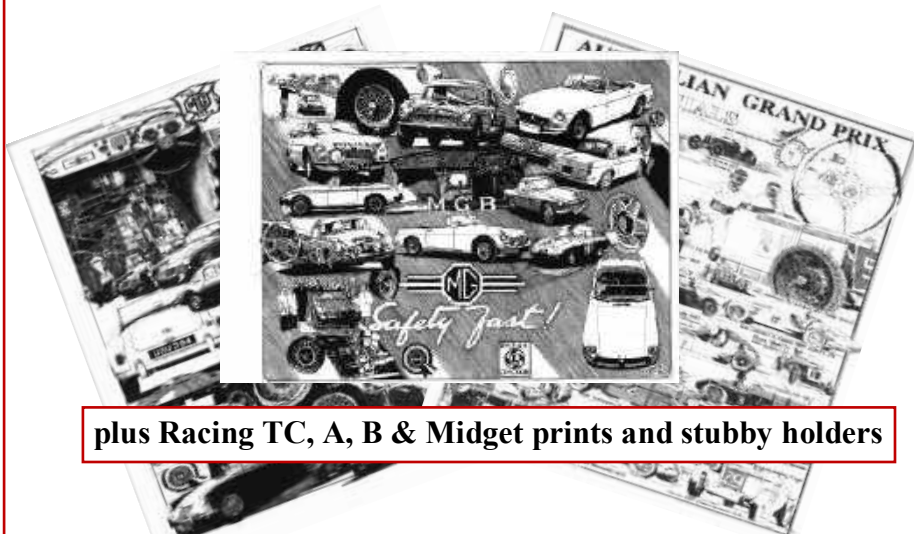
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# **MG Car Club Hunter Region**

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

### **Meeting Opened 6:15 pm**

**Present:** Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Ian Ashton, Alan Andoni, Bev Jones, Gary Piper, Wendy Croker, Jeff Lauff

**Apologies:** Greg Jenkins,

**In attendance:** Brian Madden,

**Minutes:** Accepted, Moved Gary Piper, seconded Denny Bowden

### **Business Arising:**

Gary Piper has contacted a sign writer to update the Honour Board.

### **Reports:**

#### ***President:***

Meeting held last week re Shannons Classic car display day. It was decided by the meeting to go ahead on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November with all money raised to be donated to the drought appeal.

#### ***Vice President:***

Has purchased the wheel cylinders for the van - \$310.36 when UK Pounds converted.

#### ***Treasurer:***

#### ***Secretary:***

Arrangements for Concours.

#### ***Club Captain:***

Nil.

#### ***Sporting Director:***

Still working on All MG function.

A few of the Club members have engaged in sporting activities this year and done quite well. Names include Asho, the Blanches, Pete Curry, Mark Janus, Paul Smith, Gary Piper.

Interesting day at Cootamundra Sprints. Some heavily modified cars and fast times in spite of rain.

Spring Historics at Wakefield is coming up – Asho is competing.

**Public relations:**

Nil

**Committee Member:**

Nil

**Regalia:**

Stocktake of wine has been done.

Will have another sale closer to Christmas.

**Magazine Editor:**

Nil to report.

Would like to thank contributors to the Magazine over the past 3 years.

**General Business:**

- Thanks Bev for a job very well done. Also thanks for your contribution to anyone else on the Committee who will not be a member next year.
- Some Members have suggested moving the Club Night back to Friday. Committee decided to keep with the Tuesday night since that clashes with less.
- Letter received from John Fletcher for consideration at next Committee Meeting.

- **Shannons Classic:**

The name will be Shannons Hunter Classic – Hosted by MG Car Club Hunter Region Inc. To be held 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Charlestown Lions Club will (hopefully) do catering and will be asked to co-ordinate distribution of monies made to the farmers.

Ian Ashton and Brian Madden addressed the Committee about the event. Entry cost will be \$10 per displayed vehicle. Viewers will be asked to make a gold coin donation.

Insurance for Club members who are assisting with the event (e.g. to cover possibility of accidental injury) – this will not be covered by Shannons so will need to check with our broker to ensure Members are so covered.

Re people coming into the gym on the event's day. They should come in the same way as they do when there are sporting events at the stadium, i.e. via left turn from Newcastle Road. Will contact organisers of recent Japanese Car Day to see how they managed this issue.

Shannons is signing the contract with McDonald Jones Stadium but have indicated they cannot do the fliers (though they will pay for them).

There will be two coffee carts plus food catering.

There will be 10 trophies - donated by the trophy company because of the show's theme.

**Meeting Closed 7:23 p.m.****Next Meeting**

6 p.m. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.



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## **MG Car Club Hunter Region**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Meeting Opened 7:30 pm**

**Chairperson:** Club President Steve Jones.

**Minutes of Last AGM:** Accepted. Moved Denny Bowden seconded Gary Piper.

**Various reports were accepted from Committee Members and from the floor**

**President:**

Club has had a good year.

Hope that events organised for second half of the year will improve the Club's reputation and community image.

**Vice President:**

Thanks to Committee and Bev (who is retiring as Magazine Editor).

**Secretary:**

Nil.

**Treasurer:**

Cash in hand was tabled.

**Club Captain:**

Nil.

**Sporting Director:**

Has been a good year sporting wise. Matt Blanch did extra well – in Group S at Bathurst 12 hour he was in 16<sup>th</sup> position, his MGB was worrying Porsches and set a new lap record for his model – after this he was offered a drive in a Porsche next year!

**Public relations:**

Nil

**Committee Member:**

Nil

**Regalia:**

Christmas sale is coming up.

**Magazine Editor:**

Thanks for all those who contributed.

**Vote to accept revised Club Constitution.**

As required the revised Constitution has been approved by MG Car Club UK and CAMS. It, together with explanations, was distributed to all Club members on 7 June 2018.

- Moved Frans Henskens, Seconded Jeff Lauff. *That the revised Club Constitution be approved by the Club's Members.*
- Motion was passed unanimously.

**Committee Positions Declared Vacant:** The Chair declared all Committee positions vacant and nominated Neville Roxby to conduct the next part of the meeting.

**Nominations and voting** for 2018/19 Club President.

Steve Jones (nominated Carol Roxby, seconded Frans Henskens) was duly elected the 2018-19 Club President.

The newly elected President took the Chair.

**Nominations and voting** for:

Vice President: Denny Bowden (nominated Brian Madden seconded Austin Blanch) was duly elected.

Secretary: Frans Henskens (nominated Kay Bowden seconded Bev Jones) was duly elected.

Treasurer: Greg Jenkins (nominated Denny Bowden seconded Kay Bowden) was duly elected.

Club Captain: Alan Andoni (nominated Jeff Lauff and seconded Austin Blanch) was duly elected.

Sporting Director: Gary Piper (nominated Ian Ashton seconded Austin Blanch) was duly elected.

Public Relations Officer: Ian Ashton (nominated Kay Bowden seconded Wendy Croker) was duly elected.

Regalia Officer: Wendy Croker (nominated Trish Ashton seconded Carol Roxby) was duly elected.

Magazine Editor: No accepted nomination.

Social Director: No accepted nomination.

Committee Member: Jeff Lauff (nominated Denny Bowden seconded Bev Jones) was duly elected.

**General Business:** Nil.

All business having been conducted, the meeting was declared closed.



**MOVIE NIGHT** Friday 21 September

6 pm at the clubrooms

Pizza and movie \$10.00 per person

**GRAND PRIX**

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