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What's On

May 2019

- ♦ **Thursday 2nd—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington**
- ♦ **Tuesday 14th — Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom
Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom**
- ♦ **Wednesday 15th — Midweek Gathering 12.00 Venue : Caves Beach Hotel phone Shirley Dickason to book**
- ♦ **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th — Austin 7 club Historic Racing at Winton**
- ♦ **Sunday 19th — Clubman Run — Meet at Club rooms 8.00 am to depart for Tilligerry See Captains Corner for details**
- ♦ **Thursday 23rd to Friday 25th — Tuning Run weekend — Drive to Armidale then Waterfall Way to Macksville then head home**

June 2019

- ♦ **Saturday 1st—FoSC Eastern Creek (GP)**
- ♦ **Thursday 6th — Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington**
- ♦ **Friday 7th to Sunday 9th—HSRCA/ MG Racing - SMP**
- ♦ **Sunday 9th—MGCC Newcastle Come Try Hillclimb Day course A2. (keep this date clear for a fun day)**
- ♦ **Tuesday 11th — Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom
Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom**
- ♦ **Wednesday 12th — Midweek Gathering 12.00 Valentine Bowling Club, 17A Valentine Crs, Valentine**
- ♦ **Sunday 16th — Clubman Run— Euro Motorfest**
- ♦ **Wednesday 26th—Gear at Wakefield Park Goulburn**
- ♦ **Thursday 27th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas Hexham 10.00**

July 2019

- ♦ **Thursday 4th—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington**
- ♦ **Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th—Goodwood Festival of Speed UK**
- ♦ **Tuesday 9th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom
Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom**
- ♦ **Wednesday 10th—Midweek Gathering 12.00 Lochinvar Hotel**
- ♦ **Sunday 21st—Clubman Run**
- ♦ **Thursday 25th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas Hexham 10.00**



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Reminder of Midweek Gathering

**Meet at the venue for a 12 noon lunch
Wednesday 15th May at Caves Beach Hotel**

Don't forget to phone Shirley Dickason to reserve a seat!

This month there is a photographic report on the recently finished National Meeting in Queensland.

Our North Arm correspondent has continued his report on the future car design on pages 11 to 13.

The committee have decided to change the location of the upcoming Euroday and a flyer is included to inform members.

The clubman Run for May will be on May 19th and will be a run to Tilligerry for the Motorama . See the Captains Report on page 21 for details on the run day.

If members have any “What If” thoughts or indeed any subjects that may be of interest to our members to share then please contact me so that I can include them in the magazine and maybe if required add some additional research.

Progress with my MGB

I decided to drain the oil in my car's gearbox due to a lot of oil leakage around the outside and an increasing noise coming presumably from the gearbox. Regretfully I have not been judicious in the maintenance of my car partially due to the fact that it was restricted to the garage for several years. I have not changed the gearbox oil since 2006 when I purchased the car! Much to my surprise the oil drained had an unusual colour suggesting internal corrosion or a lot of dirt had found it's way into the gearbox.

The adjacent photograph is of the drained oil and probably does not realistically represent the colour. I have decided to refill with fresh oil and monitor the gearbox to see if there is any further deterioration before making major repair efforts.



Graham Haywood





Giddy all,

The National Meeting for 2019 has been swum... I mean run and won. The weather was beautiful one day (unfortunately not while we were there), torrential the next. Well, it wasn't quite that bad but it isn't worth giving the Queenslanders an inch.

I'll do a separate Nat Meet report with lots of pictures elsewhere. In the meantime, coming home from Queensland marked the end of a journey for me. I dropped John Colville's TF back to him after 9 months of work. The car is going well and is thoroughly enjoyable to drive. She now has 70 miles on the odometer and seems to be getting better with every drive. I even left John with a medal the car won (with a little help from me) and a dash plaque from its first National Meeting. I'll be back up to Tamworth soon to do a few small jobs that have popped up whilst away. Hopefully it will be a regular sight around Tamworth.

Thanks to all of the people that have put in time helping me out in this re-commissioning. It's a testament to our club that there are members willing to help out a mate. It is also really nice to see our club put another MG back on the road after many years of hibernation. I was helping a mate and lots of members helped me help a mate. A whopping thanks.

Next year the Nat Meet will be in Albury/Wodonga. There are wonderful touring roads and all the competitive sites look exciting. It should have something for everyone. There is a tennis tournament on at the same time so if we are going to book group accommodation we better do it NOW. Call me if you are interested. It's a great MG weekend and you'll see MGs that you've only heard about and lots of friends you haven't met yet.

The centenary of MG is in a couple of years. The Chinese factory have been spruiking 1924 as year MG commenced but they have it wrong. It seems no one wants to tell them. Actually the factory have been getting it wrong for years. BL released the MGB 50th anniversary model in 1975. Unfortunately 2 years late. The records in the UK show that the very first MG was registered for the road on the 1st June 1923.

With that in mind, the MG Car Clubs of Earth will be enjoying a year of celebration from the 1st of June 2023. The National Meeting for 2024 (2023 will be too early) will be a big affair. If you don't know about the heritage of the car you drive, it's more than 4 wheels that get you from A to B. Find out and be part of the bigger organisation that is the MG Car Club. You're supposed to get enjoyment from the feel and sound of your MG.

I can remember when I was using my B as an everyday driver. On night shift it was always a thrill to walk down to the work garage and see it sitting there, to start it, to hear the rumble of the exhaust, to select 1st gear and roar topless into the night. No matter how good or not you felt, you always felt a lot better by the time you got home. Is it like that with an MGF or an MG6? I don't know, but it should. What will it be like in an electric MG? Maybe a good CD of driving music or exhaust noise?

Speaking of electric cars, MG will be releasing their first all-electric MG in Australia in 2020. That will keep them in with all politicians but unfortunately it won't be a sports car but an SUV.

Thinking about electric cars, I really don't think the politicians get it. They can't even get the NBN network rolled out properly, how are they going to set up hundreds of thousands of charging stations around Australia. No pollution from the car but they'll need to build dozens of power stations in the near future to supply the power to the cars. Oops, just move the pollution out of sight. The Greens want the cars but don't want to supply them with power.

I've just driven to Brisbane and back, in a day each way towing a car trailer. I still haven't seen an electric car that can do either. I know it's the direction we have to go but there isn't even a concept electric car that fulfils the needs of the populace. Maybe if we all lived and worked in a small town and never left it could work. Unfortunately that was 100+ years ago. It's scary to see the politician and even the NRMA pushing an ill-conceived idea. I know they mean well but should look at the reality and think first. They only look foolish. Oh that's right, they're politicians.

I'd better get off my soap box before I fall off.

See you at a club night soon. Steve

National meeting winners
Steve Jones (2nd in motorkhana
& hill climb MGTF)
Austin Blanch (1st in concours
motorkhana & hill climb MGB
GT Mk1 & 2)
Ross Adams (1st in concours
MGB MK2)



On road vehicles in Australia at the end of 2017 were, 19.2 million Cars, 606,000 Trucks, 728,000 Heavy Trucks, **2,284 Electric Cars**. The top five vehicles sold in 2017 are listed and the grams of carbon produced per kilometre travelled were; Hilux - 194g to 277g, Mazda 3 - 129g to 153g, Corolla - 97g to 159g, Mazda CX5 - 158g to 175g, Hyundai i30 - 119g to 176g. The number of electric vehicles is well below diesel and petrol engined units, to reduce the carbon output by vehicles will take years, unless measures are taken to retire the carbon producers and replace them with electric vehicles. ***(details were printed in the Queensland Courier Mail 18/03/19 an extract from Australian Bureau of Statistics)***

World Governments and Policies:

Copenhagen no diesel powered vehicles to enter the city from January 2020.

Norway to phase out all combustion engine vehicles from 2025

UK diesel and petrol vehicles to be phased out by 2040. By 2040, 98 percent of vehicles must be Electric or Hydrogen powered. Government Departments currently are changing vehicle fleets to non diesel and petrol powered units.

Ireland – Dublin only electric buses are allowed in the city from 2018.

Germany, Japan and USA have set change by 2050, they are major manufacturing countries that do not wish to restrict production because of export income. However, electric vehicles are being produced in these countries and will increase as demand requires.

France, From 1st January 2019 introduced a penalty tax on vehicles that produce carbon emissions greater than 117 grams per kilometre. A higher tax applies to vehicles that produce 140 grams plus per kilometre. Manufacture of diesel power vehicles to cease by 2025 and petrol by 2030.

Israel has introduced a total ban on diesel and petrol vehicles from 2030.

China, the world's biggest automotive market has put manufactures on notice that a carbon policy is imminent but a date or time has not yet been set.

Australian Government has no arbitrary requirement for vehicle emissions at present. Government policy is carbon emissions to be 5% lower than the level of 2000 by year 2020.

Several European vehicle manufactures, Mercedes Benz, Jaguar Land Rover and Volvo have pledged to go all electric over the next four years. Toyota and Volkswagen will drop diesels as they move to producing Electric powered vehicles. One thing is clear, transition to electric vehicles is happening, and Governments around the world are setting timetables and deadlines for change. You can almost be assured that taxation will be a strong incentive to encourage the consumer to buy non carbon producing vehicles. Tax levies will be applied on carbon producing cars, with possible tax discounts applied on the purchase of a non carbon producing vehicles. Most certainly fossil fuel costs will increase in time, which will also encourage vehicle owners to switch to electric powered vehicles.

Low Cost Electric and Hybrids, Hyundai and Toyota have recently released Electric and Hybrid cars that are well under the \$50,000 price tag. This is a major step in making the cars available to Mr average working man or Woman to purchase them.

Hyundai Ioniq, plug in - Hybrid. Car combination is a 1.6 litre petrol engine and battery that can be charged at home off a standard three pin plug. The Charging lead can be carried in the boot so the car can be charged at your destination, all you need is access to a standard 240 volt three pin power point. Charge time is 2 hours 15 minutes. The car has a short battery range of 65 kilometres however you have the 1.6 litre petrol engine to power the car for longer distances. Pricing is around \$33,990.00

Hyundai Ioniq, Full Hybrid, This car is powered by a 32Kw electric motor and a 1.6 litre direct injection petrol engine. There is no electric plug in power charging, the car relies on battery charging from the petrol motor operation. Pricing is around \$40,990.00

Hyundai Ioniq, Full Electric, Runs on battery power only and has a range of about 230 to 260 kilometres. The range variation is because of regenerative braking system that delivers charge back to the batteries. Hyundai has a battery warranty period of 8 years or 160,000 kilometres. Battery charging of 23 minutes to 80% charge can be achieved via a 100KW DC fast charger, a standard three pin power outlets will take 2 hours. Pricing about \$44,990.00

Toyota Corolla is now available in Hybrid format the SX at \$30,440.00 and ZR \$34,040.00

Summary, The change from diesel and petrol engines is gathering momentum, mainly due to overseas government policies. Currently

the move here in Australia is for some all electric and more of Hybrid cars. I see that in cities and for short commuter operations the all electric car has a significant place. Owners of cars that require to travel long distances will opt to the hybrid version, however their life span will be limited due to future banning of petrol motor assistance. Hydrogen cell power is being strongly implemented overseas because of the engine power and achievable long distance travel. Technology development will play a big part in design and power source of our future vehicles. Australia looks like being a major supplier of Hydrogen extraction from Ammonia in the future, so it would seem sensible to have our heavy duty vehicles powered by Hydrogen.

Foot Note, This article was prepared mid March, on 1st April a significant calendar day, the subject of electric cars became an election issue. I hope the sudden interest of politics doesn't turn emission issues into a political debacle. Yes its important to become proactive but the process needs to be flexible enough to move with Technology Development which will change the process of vehicle design dramatically over the next five to ten years.

Qualification. I am not an Electrical or Mechanical Engineer, I have researched this subject by surfing the net, interviews with motor dealership qualified staff and absorbing published information from vehicle manufacturers and sales brochures. The findings and views expressed in this article are solely mine and are not of the car clubs committee or members.

Have Wheels Will Travel

Tuning Runs

Austin Blanch

**Meet at "McDonalds Hexham" rear car park for departure
10.00 am Sharp**

**Destination provided on the day before departure so be
early.**

**Check the WHATS ON in the magazine each month just in
case a special run has been planned**



**Golden Jubilee
National Meeting**







Autumn Festival Wakefield Park Ian Ashton (Asho)

I arrived with my pit crew (wife Trish) at Wakefield Park about 3pm on Friday arvo in time for car scrutineering and meet and greet my Rusty Nuts racing mates.



We woke to a wet and cold Saturday morning...great ! (luckily I had a carport) and arrived at the track well in time for the driver's briefing. Drive to the conditions was the main instruction as water was running over the track.

I have learnt to drive as smooth as possible in wet track conditions so that's what I did in qualifying which clearly reflected in my times.

The first run before lunch was also wet but my time improved somewhat.

The Saturday afternoon run saw the track much drier but still slippery which saw me have an off and on again at the fish hook turn.

Although still fairly cold (15 deg.) Sunday's runs were dry and times much quicker although I must admit to another off and on at turn 10 coming onto pit straight due to Richard Rose's MGA dropping some oil. I did however manage a third podium spot in my last run for the day.

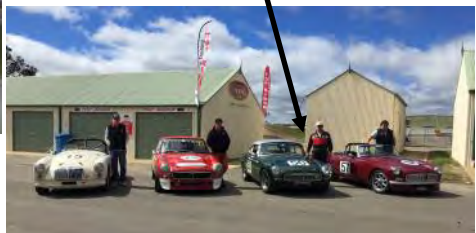
Regularity numbers were down with only 19 entrants participating in REG but about 130 total entrants in all categories.

I look forward to having another MGCCHR member in Gary Piper join me for the HSRCA Spring Festival in September doubling our Club representation to 2 (by 100%)



Asho on the track

Asho & his car



Your Pro with a mo Asho

Starting line-up at Wakefield Park

Team Hunter members have competed in some events during the past month.

Ian Ashton competed in the Autumn Historics at Wakefield Park Goulburn and his Report on the event is included elsewhere in this magazine, well done Asho .

Mark Janus & myself competed in a Hillclimb at Ringwood Park on course A2A. The day saw perfect conditions for hill climbing. Mark drove well to finish 4th in a very competitive "Production Sports Modern 1.4 to 2 ltr class". Mark discovered halfway through the day that he had inadvertently put his directional semi slick tyres on the wrong sides of the car so we had a quick pit stop & swapped them to the correct side of the car before the last 2 runs.

I managed to take almost 3 seconds off my previous PB (personal best) for the course & came home happy with that.

Thanks to Newcastle club for putting on an enjoyable day.

On Wednesday April 17 I competed in a GEAR event at Wakefield Park. Wednesday morning saw thick fog over the track so the briefing & start had to be postponed for half an hour. When the fog



cleared the sun was out & it turned out to be perfect conditions for the event. We had practice & 3 different events during the day.

During the lunch break, for those who wanted it, we had some driving tuition from an experienced gear member who has done countless laps of Wakefield Park mostly in English sports cars.

I found this helped a lot & concentrated on my technique in trying to be smoother in the afternoon events rather than driving harder & trying to go faster. I believe it worked because I finished up over a second quicker than my previous best time, also I managed 2nd in the regularity event which capped off a very enjoyable day of Motorsport.

I Can't help being impressed by the culture at the GEAR meetings where everybody is so friendly & willing to help other competitors where possible. It's a great opportunity to drive these old cars on a proper racetrack & enjoy them, something you Can't do on a public road. I also helped Lisa at the start/ finish line for the first two events then my son Jason helped there for the rest of the day.



Line-up prior to start of race at Wakefield Park

I hope all those who went to the MG National meeting in Queensland have enjoyed it.

Coming events:

Sunday June 9 MGCC Newcastle Come Try Hillclimb
day course A2A

Wednesday June 26 GEAR Meeting Wakefield Park
Goulburn

Sunday July 7 MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb course A2

Remember drive them don't hide them.

Cheers Gary

The clubman Run for May will be on May 19th and will be a run to Tilligerry for the Motorama.

For those club members whom are happy to meet at the club rooms and proceed as a group we will meet and depart from the club rooms at 8am and proceed to the BP garage on the corner of Nelson Bay Rd and Richardson Rd Salt Ash.

We will be joined by others and depart at 9.30am for Tilligerry as a convoy.

The cost for entry is \$10.00 so if you can organise to have a \$10.00 note it will speed up our entry into the display area. Our club has enjoyed success at this Motorama and we would like to give as much support as in previous years.

The clubman Run for June 16th will be to our Euro Motorfest.



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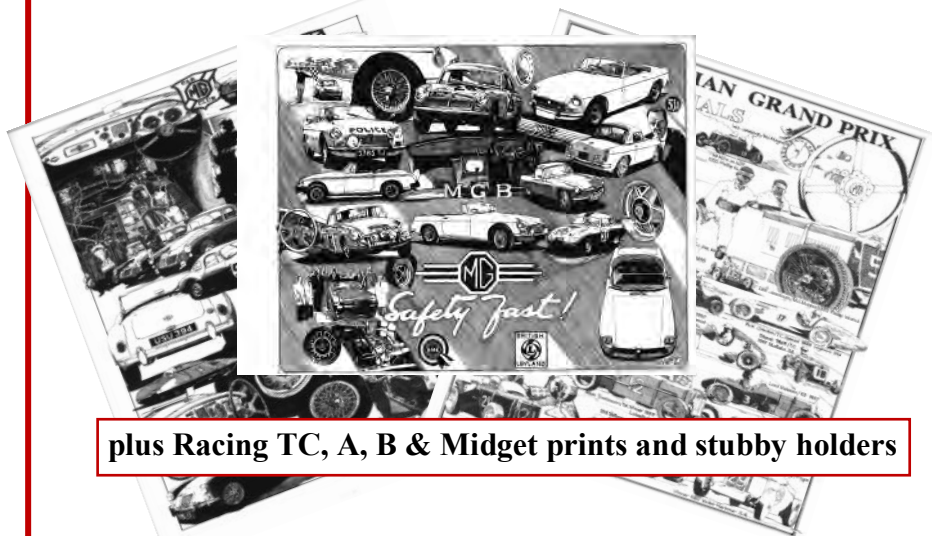
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Please submit your contributions via email to ghaywood6@bigpond.com

It is great to have input from members as well as committee members!

**Deadline for the June edition will be
Thursday 23rd May 2019**

MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 9th April 2019

Meeting Opened 6:00 pm

Present: Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Jeff Lauff, Greg Jenkins, Graham Haywood

Apologies: Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Gary Piper

In attendance: Brian Madden.

Minutes: Approved moved Denny Bowden seconded Frans Henskens.

Business Arising:

Pat Martyn is making good recovery.

Reports:

President:

Will attend the National Meeting in a fortnight and with Austin Blanch have put their names down for the Delegates' Conference.

Vice President:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Secretary

Visited new MG dealership at Gateshead. They look OK for the money and with 7 year warranty. Dealership still getting organised.

Club Captain:

Last month's Clubman Run was cancelled Sunday morning about 8 a.m. – then the sun came out! Calendar for this month is very full, so next Clubman Run will be held on 19 May to join Tilligerry Motorama.

June's Clubman Run coincides with Euro Motorfest on 16 June.

Public Relations:

Please note and promote Euro Motorfest at Newcastle Foreshore Park on Sunday 16th June. Fliers available from Brian Madden. Also, electronic version available from any Committee member. We need to make a decision on Web hosting. In doing we should refer to the detailed proposal put by Andrew Gowans.

Sporting Director:

Coming events:

Wed April 17 Gear meeting Wakefield Park;
Come Try Hillclimb day MG Car Club Newcastle at Ringwood Park Sunday June 9.

Team Hunter members have been active:

Ian Ashton competed in the HSRCA Autumn historics at Wakefield Park, report will be in next month's club mag;
Mark Janus & myself competed in a Hillclimb at Ringwood last weekend.

Committee Member:

N/A.

Regalia:

Nothing to report.

Magazine Editor:

Apologised for not taking out the bank balances before publishing last month's minutes.

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General Business:

Suggestions for guest speakers are welcome. Investigating Peter Moxham who repairs gearboxes etc. Brad Thomas (son of Don Thomas) also is a possibility.

Bill Burns' wife and Elliot Burns' mother passed away recently. The Club passes on its sympathy.

Work on the J-Van should start before long. Steve is working on making space.

Decided to accept Andrew Gowans' recommendation re Web site hosting.

Meeting Closed 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

6 p.m. Tuesday 14th May 2019.

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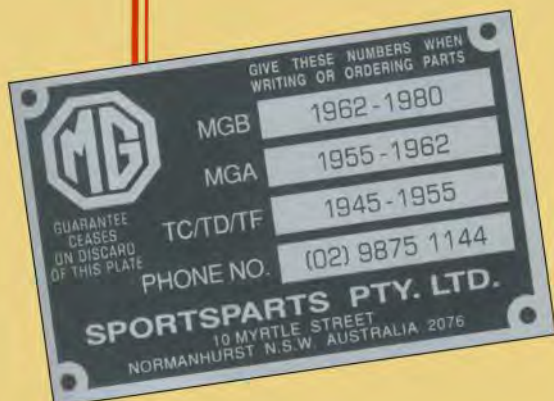
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