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North Arm Wheels

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Committee members welcome your phone calls, but please call before 9.00pm

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities <u>What's On</u> <u>September 2019</u>



- Thursday 5th—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington
- Tuesday 10th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom
- Wednesday 11th—Midweek Gathering 12.00 Pelican RSL 1 Pirwal St Pelican
- Thursday 12th—North Arm Group- meet at the Taree Infor mation Centre 9.15am for 9.30 departure. Morning tea at Hannam Vale Cafe. Lunch at Sheathers on High Cafe, 87 High St Wauchope. If you intend meeting us on route please let me know before 9.00 on the day. Peter Eaton. 0417 022233.
- Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th—GOF MG Car Club West Wagga
- Saturday 21st—MGCC Hunter Region Concours Lambton Park
- Thursday 26th—Tuning Run
- <u>October 2019</u>
- Thursday 3rd—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington
- Saturday 5th—FOSC at Sydney Motorsport Park Nth end
- Tuesday 8th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom
- Wednesday 9th—Mid week gathering—
- Friday 11th to Sunday 13th—Bathurst 1000
- Saturday 19th—Maitland Heritage Motor & Steam Fair
- Sunday 20th—Clubman Run Breakfast.
- Sunday 20th—Ringwood Hill Climb—Newcastle MG Club
- Thursday 24th—Tuning Run
- Friday 25th to Sunday 27th—MG Racing Sandown

November 2019

- Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd—MG Racing Sandown
- Thursday 7th = Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington
- Sunday 10th—Clubman Run—Toy Run And Presentation
- Tuesday 12th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom
- Wednesday 13th—Mid Week Gathering
- Friday 15th to Sunday17th—GEAR / Historic Wakefield Park

Fifth Annual MG Muster 2019

This year club members have a choice of celebrating the MG Muster in one of two formats.

Option One, make it a weekend event, Saturday 26th October involves lunch, visit the Nabiac Motor Bike & Car Museum, then to the Island Palms Motel at Forster. Dinner at the Sporties Club Tuncurry, with the Sydney and local MG owners. Sunday morning 27th breakfast will be at Forster, Main Beach, then onto John Wright Park Tuncurry for a car display and a provided morning tea. Mix with more MG and classic car owners from the Great Lakes and Taree Car Clubs. Lunch at the Junction Inn Hotel at Raymond Terrace. Team leaders are John and Brenda Fletcher.

Option Two, Sunday 27th October. Team Leader Brian Madden will arrange a meeting point for the one day trippers to drive to a morning tea location then onto Raymond Terrace, Junction Hotel for lunch.

Option One contact John Fletcher email <u>jandbfletch-</u> <u>er@bigpond.com</u> or phone mb. 040 770 4853 to obtain the weekend program. John will respond with the full itinerary details and costs.

Option Two contact Brian Madden email <u>rbmad-</u> <u>den27@gmail.com</u> Phone mb. 049 032 8310 to advise your choice is the Day Tripper. Brian will respond with full itinerary and the cost for the day.

NEW MEMBERS

Last month we were able to learn about a new member's life long desire to own an MG and also her first impressions of membership to our club.

To continue with sharing it would be great if other recent new members could put pen to paper and discuss their car, to supply a photo of their car and to discuss their reasons for selecting our club.

Also perhaps a little about themselves which could enable a quicker and smoother integration into club activities and social contact..



SEPTEMBER 2019

From the Editor

Graham Haywood

The AGM was held on club night Tuesday 13 th August and a photograph of duly elected committee members is on page 9.

Our President has a tale of woe to report with his beloved "Monty" this month see page 11.

Asho the PRO with a Mo has doubled up this month with a report on the Clubman run and the Tuning Run see page 17.

The Sporting Director has news about changes to CAMS requirements for safety helmets on page 20.

Drove my MGB in company with my son Paul on the Tuning Run on Thursday 22nd. We enjoyed a pleasant day cruising along at highway speeds on the Hunter Motorway before diverting along the Golden Highway to arrive at Hollydene Winery for a refreshing coffee break.

MG Motors s had a delivery of 100 special MG3S cars and a description of what they are is on page 27.

Our Clubman Run Breakfast is on Sunday 20th September consider a pleasant run in your MG, and a social breakfast at the end. To finish the day go to the Ringwood hill climb and support our Team Hunter members by spectating.

Progress with my MGB

My MGB is running better than ever with more use of the car. Or is it the fact my confidence grows with more use of the car. No problems were experienced with the car during the Tuning Run.

I have acquired a "J&S" Fibreglass hardtop for my MGB and have been doing some repairs to the mounting points before installing it . However I did take some Photos prior to commencing the repairs. See below with the black vinyl roof contrasting nicely with the white duco and the black rubber bumpers.

Graham Haywood







J & S HARDTOP REPAIRS DUE TO CORROSION OF EMBEDDED STEEL REINFORCEMENT



Exterior view of hardtop

Corroded steel reinforcement bar after removal of fibreglass encasement

New Stainless Steel bar in place before encasing with fibreglass filler and cloth

Encasing SS reinforcement bar with fibreglass filler and fibreglass cloth before replacing hood lining and installing side windows.

The side window frames are to be painted white for the inside frames and black for the outside frames.





Graham Haywood

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on the club night Tuesday 12th August.

There is still a vacancy on the committee for Social Director so if YOU are considering assisting in the organization and running of YOUR Club please consider expressing your interest. Your new committee for 2019—2020 is as below



From Left to Right Gary Croker, Wendy Croker, Ian Ashton, Steve Jones, Graham Haywood, Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper and Frans Henskens.

CLUBMAN RUN REMINDER

Sunday 15th September

Meet at clubrooms for 9.30 departure unless otherwise advised Check details with Club Captain

President's Report

Stephen Jones

The members that came to the club's AGM in August have spoken. A new committee has been elected. Unfortunately, no one wanted the position of President, so you have me for another year. I hope that you're happy with me piloting the MG Car Club ship, you had your chance to step up. A big welcome to all the committee, both those going around again, and those new to the table.

I had my mum and dad in my car the other day. Dad doesn't drive anymore but mum (85) still has her licence. It's a bit of a worry (as I'm a bit of a driving skills nazi) and I was wondering about the future. How long before we don't worry about needing a licence because we'll have driverless cars (government revenue loss). There won't be speeding tickets as the car obeys all laws (government revenue loss). Parking won't be a problem because the car will drop you off, go home (and charge itself), then come and pick you up (local Government revenue loss).

My questions here are whether it will kind of be like the old days where obtaining a drivers licence was a specialty rather than the norm and how will the government recoup (and they will) the hundreds of millions a year that they'll lose in income.

It will be great for older people like my parents as they can own a car but not need a licence to drive it.



On the calendar for August was the Rylstone Classic. Started by Evan Redman as a run for some Mini driving mates, it's now in its 9th year and this year had 200 cars entered. The huge majority were Minis but I snuck the B in as a big brother. We hit every back and winding road to Sydney then up through the Blue Mountains to Lithgow and on to Rylstone where we had every scrap accommodation booked of in Rvlstone. Kandos and a lot of Mudgee.

What a fantastic weekend. Minis everywhere you looked on the drive. Big smiles from drivers and specta



Photos by Bev Jones and APEX multimedia designers.

tors alike. It's almost like a National Meeting. Monty went fine until we stopped at Catalina Park (Katoomba) for a look.

With horrific sound effects and much grinding coming through the clutch pedal, the question was which direction to go to get home?

Continue to Rylstone, drown my sorrows and worry about tomorrow, or tackle Sydney. Rylstone here we come.

The next day, whilst the Minis headed for Bathurst for a blat around the track with the National Motor Museum's 1966 race winning Mini, we headed for home. As long as I didn't change gears I was ok. Matt and Austin Blanch met us just outside Sandy Hollow where Monty was loaded on a trailer for the final leg home. Despite the nonworking clutch, he still got us most of the way.

When I got a day off, I moved the MGs around. Let's see, Myf was in the workshop to have the engine and gearbox reinstalled... now



that's another story. Bella needed her rego done... now done and Monty now needed the workshop. I left the gearbox in whilst the engine came out of Monty. It seems that the centre of the clutch pressure plate let go leaving the thrust bearing running on the pressure plate fingers. The result was catastrophic for the fancy roller thrust bearing.

Repairs are underway with me working on whether companies will cover it under warranty.

They're 'working with me'. I wonder what that means.

That brings up another problem of getting parts and work done, with several months (or more) transpiring before they are installed. There are times when items are out of warranty before they are used. I might start emailing companies when the parts are installed and ask for the warranty to start then.

That got me thinking about mechanical failures and the trips home in cars that shouldn't be drivable. I have a few good yarns and it may be safer not to have them in print.

Back to Myf and I'm relying on mates AGAIN because of professionals doing shoddy work. I had 2 extra head studs drilled in the block whilst it was being prepared for me. The work was NOT done by the company I use but done before I took custody of the block. They must have got a work experience kid to drill the holes by hand as they are both way off square.

Because everything was done through a third party, no one is taking responsibility.

As it stands, the head can't be fitted with the studs in and if I fit the studs later the head lifts off as I tighten the studs (and I haven't put the nuts on yet). Austin is machining up some new 5/16" studs to fit the 3/8" holes. Hopefully that will get around the problem. It doesn't fix the bad workmanship and it is very frustrating. I could have done it better in the shed at home.

Anyway, the first lady knows where I am when I have some spare time.

I must work the club's J Van into the schedule. It needs some brake work and my place occasionally has room.

See you around... or should I say if you pop around I'll be in the shed.

Steve

(editor comment) Happier times at Amaroo Park?





North Arm Wheels

The inaugural North Arm Wheels midweek run was held on Thursday 8th August, seven cars, 5 MGB's, 1 MGF and 1 MG ZT participated. No foreign substitutes, all were the real thing, which made many heads turn as these classic sports cars passed through some small and mid-sized townships. Starting point was the Nabiac Hotel Car park, first stop was the Cherry Pie Cafe at Coolongolook, for morning tea. It was good to see Bev Morrison joining our group for morning tea. Then for a real MG driving experience, tackling the curves of the Wooton Way which was once the Pacific Highway. The Bulahdelah "Hill Climb course" was included in this section of road, providing some driver challenge.

Leaving Bulahdelah the next challenge for the MG's was the Booral Way, more lovely timbered forest lined bends and testing our curve driving technique. With no traffic other than our group on the road, the journey was very pleasant and serene. The drive was a very special one, up until this stage the day was sunny and warm with no wind.

This all changed after reaching Stroud, the wind picked up to gale force, which made the stripping of tree foliage an issue. Small leaf debris was a minor issue, however some tree limbs were large enough to give some concern, as size matters when in a soft top vehicle.

On arrival to the Roundabout Cafe at Gloucester a number of Mini Morris cars arrived to share our lunch venue, from the Morpeth Morris Car Club. The social natter of about two hours made it a great day out and we are looking forward to next months event.

I'm sure the good word will spread and I'm expecting an increase in numbers at next months outing. A special thanks to Peter Eaton the organiser and he is willing to continue arranging future outings, for our active North Arm Members.

Question Answer:

Olivia de Haviland was born 1/7/1916 and as the late Bill Collins would have said, "Olivia is the only female surviving star from the Golden Years of Hollywood". In 1938 She starred with Errol Flynn in the "Adventures of Robin Hood", 1938 "Gone With The Wind" with Clark Gable, Leslie Howard and Vivien Leigh, 1939 "Dodge City" again with Errol Flynn. Her surviving male counter part star, of that time is a younger Kirk Douglas, born 9/12/1916. Kirk starred in films "Spartacus", "The Viking" and "Paths of Glory". Both Stars have a credit list of films as long as your arm.

Question: A notable Wild West Sheriff who participated in a gun fight that took place on the 26/10/1881 in Tombstone Arizona. The Sheriff out lived all the gun fighter participants to die of old age in 1924, his last occupation was as a director and advisor in making western films. He introduced a prop worker into his films, he had the walk and he had the talk, he became a major star. Name the would be star and the sheriff of the gun fight?

Answer next Month

Have Wheels Will Travel

Tuning Runs

Austin Blanch 0434 143 242

Meet at "McDonalds Hexham" rear car park for departure 10.00 am Sharp Check the WHATS ON in the magazine each month just in case a special run has been planned

Public Relations Officer Report...lan Ashton

In the absence of Captain Jeff, who is holidaying in Canada with his wife Sally, yours truly organised the August Clubman run to "Pie in the Sky" café at Cowan via the morning tea stop at Pelican.

A perfect sunny windless day saw only four cars and six enthusiasts enjoy a great run. I know several members were away or had other things on but I sometimes wonder why we



Above photographs by courtesy Ray Bond



don't see more NEW members come on the monthly Clubman runs and enjoy the day driving their cars and sharing time with



fellow car enthusiasts. Another perfect sunny but very windy day saw 8 cars and 13



Exit from Hollydene by Ray Bond





Grounds of Hollydene by R B

Group enjoying coffee & a chat by R B

enthusiasts meet at Hexham Maccas for the August monthly tuning run to Muswellbrook Cheese factory for lunch via Hollydene Winery for coffee on the way. The tuning runs seem to attract more people than our monthly Sunday Clubman runs, possibly as they're longer and we seem to travel faster!

It doesn't matter which run you prefer



(or both)! please make the effort and come for a run in your MG or sports car. Speak to car experts and they'll quickly tell you the worst thing for a car is for it to just sit in a garage for an extended period. Besides we want to get to know you better!

The monthly "What's On" program is included in your monthly magazine so do what I do (if you receive it electronically) simply copy the page and put it on the fridge or in the office so you won't forget to come along.

We may consider (like the Jag Club does) and ask members to register their interest in attending a run so we have an idea who is going to turn up and we can send you a text reminder!

Speaking of the Jag Club we may invite Jag members to join us on a run in the future. We have developed a good relationship with Jag members over the years.

Our own MG concours on Sat. 21st September isn't far away so let's make it a big success...it would be terrific to see as many member's MG's as possible on Lambton Park and invite anyone you know with an MG to bring their MG, classic or new, along as well.

Just a reminder members to please bring some food for supper on Club nights. It is not up to the ladies present to provide supper. So Gentlemen if your wife or partner doesn't want to come to our monthly meeting please rustle up something for supper yourself.

Cheers from

your pro with the mo!..

....Asho



SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

There are a few changes happening in the Motorsport scene CAMS (Confederation of Australian Motor Sports) recently issued a bulletin giving notice that leaded fuel such as AVGAS or leaded racing fuel can not be used in cars on race tracks & events being run under a CAMS permit. This is effective from 1st July 2019.

Also as from 1st January 2020 drivers competing in speed events (Super sprints, Regularity & possibly Hillclimb) will require an approved "HANS" device (which is a head & neck support device) & a compatible helmet with approved tether mounting posts. So your old helmet won't be compatible with the "HANS" device.

I have been advised to contact "Cams Technical Department" to get clarification on this rule.

Just unsure if it will be required for regularity (Usually involve road cars), not sure if it will apply to "GEAR" events as they are run under "AASA" permit . I will let you know as soon as I get clarification on this rule.

On Saturday 17 August I attended a "CAMS NSW / ACT Council" meeting which was held at Murrook Culture Centre Williamtown. Our official "CAMS" delegate Steve Jones was unable to attend so I went along.

Good to see a meeting held outside the metro area.

"CAMS CEO" Eugene Arouca addressed the meeting & was happy to answer any questions or concerns anyone had.

If anyone is interested I have a copy of the agenda & reports just let me know if you want a look at it.

I will be having further discussions with Newcastle club about the coming MG/ Sportscar Hillclimb. I will have more in next months mag about that.

Each month I will be doing a story on each of the Team Hunter cars.

Upcoming events.

Sunday September 8 MGCCN Hillclimb Ringwood Park. Saturday September 21 MGCC Hunter Region Concours September 28- 29 HSRCA Spring Festival.

Sunday October 20 MGCCN MG/ Sports Car Regularity Hillclimb.

November 16- 17 HSRCA / GEAR Wakefield Park 25th Anniversary event.

Remember drive them don't hide them. Cheers Gary



WAKEFIELD PARK INAUGURAL TEAM HUNTER



Can anyone identify this proud bunch that formed Team Hunter?



Reminder of Midweek Gathering

Wednesday 11th September Meet at the venue for a 12 noon lunch Pelican RSL 1 Pirwal St Pelican

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Wanted: MG PA parts.

Wanted to keep the restoration of my 1934 MG P Type (PA1499) progressing: oil filter assembly, oil pump, amp meter & speedometer. Any condition or location considered. Contact Elliot Burns 0478 415405 or 02 49574921

Wanted: MGBGTV8 Speedometer.

The face needs to be in good condition. Will just buy the face or the whole speedo if needed.80mm 220kph from '75/ '76 BGTV8



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Tuning Runs

Departure is 10am sharp from McDonalds Hexham, but check the WHATS ON in the magazine just in case a special run has been planned For more information call Austin Blanch 0434 143 242

MG Clubman

Incomplete project.

(as featured in ON the MARQUE Nov.2009 & Feb. 2010.). Chassis complete , steering & suspension ready for assembly. Nose cone only, no bodywork. Morris Major Elite mechanicals.

Who's after a project? For sale @ less than material costs.

Price reduction now \$2,000 Phone Alan on. 0408608397.

1974 MGB,

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FOR SALE: 1979 MGB ROADSTER,

Colour: silver grey. Total restoration (with photos) only been driven a total of 3 times since the restoration. Car is in excellent condition and registered on historic rego, (not transferable).



Everything new, paint, interior including the dash board, new wiring, new soft top, new tonneau cover. Car is fitted with a Nissan 5 speed gear box. Nothing left for the new owner to do except



polish it and drive it.

\$22,500.00 ONO

Contact : Lorraine Smyth, 49557310 or Brooke, 0411689353

FOR SALE: 1965 MG1100 Sedan

Bought new in 1965 by a lady who then brought it with her to Australia in 1967. When she stopped driving, she handed it over to another family member, who sold it to a neighbour when he, too, became too old in 1984.

It basically went into storage until we purchased it in 2017, making us only the fourth owners. The mileage is 69,917 miles, which is believed to be a true reading from original.

The third owner had a rust and damage free body re-sprayed (black), fitted a new windscreen and rubbers, new head-lining and carpets, as well as fitting a later all synchro gearbox. Interior seats and door cards are original and tidy. It still has the original woven cane boot floor mat, tools and spares.

Tyres are near new and there is also a workshop manual.

Qld R/C supplied upon sale. Plates not transferable.

Price \$8,750 o.n.o.

Phone Alan or Lynne, 07-46302330



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Thank you to those who have contributed to this edition of "On the Marque" 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 October edition will be <u>Thursday 26th September 2019</u>



Sydney, Australia, 21 August 2019: MG Motor has announced the introduction of the Limited Edition MG3S. Exclusively available to Australian customers, the new model amplifies the personality, style and performance of the current MG3 Auto range.

Available for a limited run of 100 vehicles, the MG3S range is available now at \$16,990 drive away.

The MG3S takes the specifications of the MG3 Auto Core model and pumps up the personality with an all-new sports inspired dynamic. Enhancing the MG3 Auto's style, the MG3S includes side skirts, a sleek black rear sports spoiler, black painted wheels, limited edition badging, weather shields and custom keyrings.

Danny Lenartic, Marketing Director, MG Motor Australia, said: "We are excited to be revealing the Limited Edition MG3S to our Australian customers, offering them styling to stand out from the crowd at an attainable price point. Designed with our local customers in mind, the MG3S will inject a fresh, new personality into our range that continues to represent our ethos of Fun Motoring for Life."

The MG3S is available in two stylish variants – white, red and black or yellow and black. Both models feature the MG3 Auto's 1.5L engine, producing 82kW of power and 150Nm of torque.

• The white, red and black model features red piped floor mats, red interior vents and a red grille

• The yellow and black model features black floor mats and a painted black grille

The Limited Edition MG3S will come with MG Motor's competitive 7-year unlimited kilometre warranty and 7-year roadside assistance.

The MG3S range is available now. Visit the MG website to find your nearest participating dealership: <u>https://mgmotor.com.au/</u>



Features include:

- o 4-speed automatic transmission
- o 82 Kw / 150Nm NSE Major 1.5-litre petrol engine
- o 8" multi-function colour touch screen with Apple CarPlay & Front Yamaha Digital Sound (4 speaker audio)
- o Safety features including reverse camera, rear sensors, Emergency Brake Assist (EBA), cruise control, traction control, anti-lock brakes, brake-disc wiping, and remote control central locking
- o Stylish tartan trim with contrast stitching detail
- o 15" black painted wheels
- o Limited edition side skirts
- o Sleek black rear sports spoiler
- o Limited edition badging
- o Weather shields
- o Custom MG keyrings
- The white, red and black model features: Red piped floor mats, red interior vents, red grille
 The yellow and black model features: Black floor mats, painted black grille

MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 13th August 2019

Meeting Opened 6:10 pm

Chair: Stephen Jones; Minutes: Frans Henskens

<u>Present:</u> Stephen Jones, Greg Jenkins, Frans Henskens, Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Graham Haywood, Gary Piper.

Apologies: Denny Bowden, Jeff Lauff.

In attendance: Brian Madden.

<u>Minutes:</u> Of previous meeting approved moved Graham Haywood seconded Wendy Croker.

Business Arising:

25 windscreen banners have been ordered. Price will be \$25 each.

Plaque for Ottowa MG Club is made and looks great.

<u>Reports:</u>

President:

Happy to stand again next year.

CAMS State Council meeting for this month is to be held at Williamtown. We will be represented by Gary Piper.

Vice President:

N/A.

Treasurer:

Secretary

Have found a donor laptop to replace the failing unit the Treasurer uses to manage the accounts. Greg J and I have installed MY-OB and transferred the Club files, so it is ready to go.

Correspondence received from John Fletcher:

"Attached is a copy of a letter of invitation I have sent to the Great Lakes Historic Automobile Club, to invite their club members to join in on the MG Muster to take place on Sunday 27th October 2019. Please record this invitation within your correspondence to be submitted at next month's meeting, a copy has been emailed to Brian Madden, my co-organiser taking care of arrangements for our club members. Regards John"

Copy of further correspondence from John Fletcher to Port Stephens Council re parking arrangements for the upcoming MG Muster. NOTE: Your 2019/20 membership cards are available for collection at Club meetings. They are not being sent out by post (as was done previously) as a cost-saving measure. Club Captain: Nil. Public Relations: Nil. Sporting Director: Austin Blanch & myself will be competing in a Gear meeting at Wakefield Park on Wednesday August 28. Steve Jones will be doing course control on the day. We have our annual concourse coming up on Saturday September 21 at Lambton Park I will be looking for judges both experienced & inexperienced to work together on the day. We need the support of all members to make it a successful day. Coming events. Gear meeting Wakefield Park Wednesday August 28. MGCCN Hillclimb Ringwood Park Sunday September 8 course A4 Hunter Region Concourse Saturday September 21. MGCCN Mattara Hillclimb October 6 & 7. MGCCN MG/ Sports Car Regularity Hillclimb Sunday October 20 course A2A. HSRCA / GEAR Wakefield Park 25 Anniversary meeting Saturday 16 Sunday 17 November. Question: do we need a Sporting Director? Meeting felt 'YES'. Gary Piper is willing to continue, but cannot be present on all occasions because of work commitments. Committee Member: N/A. Regalia Demonstrated sample light that can be badged with our club name. They would cost about \$4.50 each with minimum order of 50.

Magazine Editor

Magazine went out last week.

There are now 43 paper copies of the magazine going out. Should we be charging an extra fee for paper copy – it is costing us ~\$7 a month for each paper copy?

- Committee is considering having a membership extra levy for those wanting paper copies and will report after doing the figures.
- *** Would members please immediately advise if you change your email address? Otherwise you will not (cannot) receive On The Marque *** Please email changed address to Club Secretary <u>henskens@idl.net.au</u> and Magazine Editor <u>ghay-</u> wood6@bigpond.com

General Business:

- John Fletcher Northern Branch report that their first outing of 7 cars was very successful. Hoping it will grow from that strong and enjoyable day.
- For this year's MG Muster: could we make it a full weekend event? Suggest pie for lunch at Heatherbrae, then big dinner on Saturday night at Tuncurry, breakfast the next morning, a meeting the next day, lunch at Raymond Terrace on the day home.

Meeting Closed 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

6 p.m. Tuesday 10th September 2019.

CLUB QUIZ

G Haywood

Last months questions and Answers

 What was the main difference between MG engines in the TA, VA, SA, and WA and the Morris family of engines in Morris sedans? *The MG engines had OHV cylinder heads* What was the span of years that the XPAG engine was used in MG cars?
 16 years—1939 in TB finishing with TF in 1955 Where was the first "A" series engine used?
 In Austin A30 or Austin Seven in 1952 as the BMC type 2A. What year did the first 1622cc "B" series engine get use in a car and in what country was it used?

1959 used in Australia in the Morris Major Elite

CLUB QUIZ

<u>G Haywood</u>

- 1. What year was the "B" series engine first used in an MG?
- 2. Who were the two engineers reputed to have designed the "B" series engines?
- 3. What engine did the Austin engineers use as a base design when developing the engine first used in the Austin A40 ?
- 4. For what car was the first 5 bearing 1798 cc "B" series engine initially developed?

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