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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

MAY 2021

- ♦ ***Saturday 1st—MG Display at ROTARY Lake Mac Autumn Fair at Speers Point Pk.***
- ♦ ***Thursday 6th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Friday 7th—Film Night at Club Rooms at 7pm see p19 for detail***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 11th—Committee Meeting 6.00pm at Club rooms
Club Meeting 7.30pm with QR code entry.***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 12th—Midweek Run—Gwandalan Bowling Club 12 noon
Contact Kay Bowden to Register.***
- ♦ ***Sunday 16th—Clubman Run—TILLIGERY run and car show
Members must contact Jeff Lauff Jlauff55@dodo.com to attend***
- ♦ ***Sunday 16th—Heritage Car Show—North Arm Wheels—
For more details contact John Fletcher on
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- ♦ ***Thursday 27th —Tuning run - Depart Maccas at Hexham 9am***
- ♦ ***Sunday 30th—MGCCN Hill Climb at Ringwood***

JUNE 2021

- ♦ ***Thursday 3rd Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 8th—Committee Meeting 6.00pm at Club rooms
Club Meeting 7.30pm with QR code entry.***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 9th—Midweek Run—Lochinvar Hotel 12 noon
Contact Kay Bowden to Register.***
- ♦ ***Saturday 12th—HSRCA at Sydney Motorsport Park***
- ♦ ***Sunday 13th—HSRCA at Sydney Motorsport Park***
- ♦ ***Sunday 20th—Clubman Run—Euro MotorFest on Newcastle
Foreshore Members must contact Jeff Lauff
Jlauff55@dodo.com to attend***
- ♦ ***Thursday 24th —Tuning run - Depart Maccas at Hexham 9am***
- ♦ ***Sunday 27th—Lambton 150 yrs celebration—MG Car Display***

MEMBERS TO NOTE

Changes to arrangements published in “On the Marque” will in future be advised on both the Web page and the Club’s Facebook page. Members are advised to check them for such changes as the date/time of each event approaches.

NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

The following NEW MEMBERS can collect their club badges when attending a club function such as "Club Run" or "Tuning Run" and hopefully in the near future "Club Meetings".

The club badge is then to be worn during any club function. as is the club normal, so that other members can identify you and your integration into our social membership can be smoother and quicker.

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MGCCHR Clubman Point Scoring System

The Honour Board on the wall in the Clubroom has provision for the yearly Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion. Every member has the chance to get their name on the board through consistency of participation in Sporting Events or Clubman runs.

Sporting results are kept by the Sporting Director and apply to any MG Club endorsed sporting event that members compete in whether it is a hill climb, motor kana or racetrack event. 1 point allocated for each sporting event a member competes in during the club year. 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings are decided by the total number of points allocated and are rewarded with a trophy. The 1st placing winner's name is listed as the **Sporting Champion** on the Honour Board.

Clubman results are kept by Public Relations Officer (PRO) and are forwarded to him via (A) member responsible for monthly Wednesday mid week pub and club runs, (B) member responsible for monthly Thursday tuning runs, (C) Club Captain responsible for Sunday monthly Clubman runs. To qualify for Clubman points members must participate in a minimum of 3, mixed or the same, event runs in the same MG during the club year (July to June).

Depending on what model MG you own and or participate in will decide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each allocated model division. PRO allocates one point to each driver and mate for each Clubman run for each MG Division. Trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each MG Division and to the first three MG mates (car partners, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends etc.) The overall winner (the member who participates in the most Clubman runs) wins the Clubman Trophy and has their name listed as the **Clubman Champion** on the Honour Board

Our Club also has a **NON MG** class which is designed to attract members with other marque sports cars to join our club and participate in all runs. PRO allocates one point to each NON MG sports car participating in a run. Members must also participate in a minimum of 3 runs in the same NON MG car to qualify for the trophy. There is only one **NON MG and mate** combined trophy which is awarded to the member with the highest points at the end of the club year.

Although NOT awarded annually the **Octagon Award Trophy** can be awarded by the committee to a NON committee member who in the view of the committee continually assists the MGCCHR with a range of services over the club year.

HELP REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY HISTORY OF THIS MGF

ANSWERED

It can be taken that people do indeed read the club magazine as the request, printed in last months magazine on this page, to help identify the original owners of an MGF has been answered. The current owner is ecstatic that he can now complete the provenance of ownership of his current treasured car.



Also the original owner has confirmed that it was the first MGF in the MG Car Club Hunter Region.

To follow on with the front page theme of “MG wheels” this months photo is of a different design alloy wheel on a club members “MG TF” car, again taken by Andrew Gowans at a morning tea stop during the pre COVID clubman run to Tea Gardens in 2020.

The alternative Sunday Clubman run prepared by Jeff Lauff and Anne Pettigrew was a resounding success in April.. See Jeff’s report on page 13.

The next MG National event is to be hosted by MG Car Club Newcastle next year and interested members can take the opportunity to attend at much lower cost. See page 24 for more information.

Our PRO with the Mo reported on a well prepared Tuning Run in April and has suggested that more members should support future tuning runs. (Now that I have working dampers on the rear suspension of my MGB I intend to rejoin with the Tuning Runs).

See page 16.

Our Regalia Officer is about to order more shirts and Jackets with embroidered MG CC Hunter Region logos but needs to know how many members want to purchase them. For details see page17.

Progress with my MGB.

Last month I reported on a replacement for the original heater control valve by installing a ball valve between the engine block and the heater. The adjacent photograph shows the simplicity of the change however any adjustment of heating will require stopping to adjust under the bonnet.

I also recently acquired a rear suspension telescopic damper conversion kit and successfully installed it to replace the leaking lever arm dampers.

Graham Haywood



Around the bend – the ravings of your President.

The National Meeting of the MG Car Clubs of Australia for 2022 is on the way. The first bulletin has been published and it looks like it is going to be an exciting meeting. Spread across Easter next year (April 15th – 19th) it will be based in Lake Macquarie and hosted by the MGCC Newcastle.

Our members get all the benefits of a home meeting without the work or travel and accommodation costs. There are events for every taste from Concours, social and pleasant drives around the lake and Lower Hunter, to Motorkhana and Hillclimb events, all culminating in a grand presentation dinner. If you've never been before, come and see what I keep harping on about.

Register your interest and stay informed on the MGCC Newcastle web site (www.mgcarclub.com.au).

It is sad that time is never on our side. Good friend and long-time MG owner Gary Boote, is finally decided to hang up his scarf and driving gloves. Gary and Jeanne have had their B Mk1 longer than I have had mine which is over 40 years. It is an institution and part of the family. It is with much regret that Gary is offering his B for sale.

It was used most days and is reasonably well fettled. It would make a great introduction to MG car for anyone that is interested in making the plunge. I know Gary is a few years older than me but it scares me a little that someone that I have grown up with is calling it a day on their MG for no other reason than their age. Jeanne has purchased an MG3 as their run around car so they will still have the MG badge in their garage.

I enjoyed a great tuning run last month. Around 200 kilometres of great roads up the back of Maitland, Cessnock, Broke and Singleton. Perfect MG driving roof down weather. This is the time of year that the Natmeet will be next year so the weather should be ideal. Unfortunately work will get in the way of my attendance at this run this month.

For those that have spent any time around Historic Racing, there was a tragic loss to the Motor Racing fraternity last month with passing of Mal Brewster in an MVA near Cowra. Mal was a friend to everyone and a very knowledgeable man on all things racing. From building and setting up a car to driving, Mal was one of the best. He will be hugely missed by many people.

The next event for me and my mighty Midget will be the HSRCA

Sydney Classic on June 13th & 14th. There may be some night races so I hope they have good lighting around the track. Lucas headlights are known for their intensity... or lack thereof.

MG racing Australia will be there and that will bring a huge range of MGs and invited British cars ranging from the mighty 5.6 litre MGBGT V8 (they are capable of setting times quicker than Supercars) to works MGZTs, a British Touring Car Championship MGZS and the only factory MG SV-R in existence. Throw in the rest of us in MGF's Midgets, B's and they are huge fields of delicious MG's. There will be spectators allowed so check the HSRCA web site for details.

There will be the usual Historic groups with Matt Blanch running his MGB in Group S, Austin Blanch driving his A in the Sprint group and hopefully Evan Redman in the TC in Regularity. Come and support your 'Team Hunter'.

Short and sweet this month. I look forward to seeing you out in your MG sometime soon.

Pres Steve



The Ellalong Clubman Run for 2021

What a magnificent day we had for our club run, travelling along some lovely scenic roads. It definitely was worth the month delay to enjoy this full packed event. Seventeen MG's and one Morris Minor took part at various stages of this event.

Nine MG's and fourteen members started the trip from the club house at 10am. We travelled West along Newcastle road until the roundabout at Jesmond, then we headed out past Bunning's and through Minmi. Unfortunately, we came to a sudden stop with a traffic holdup - Sunday morning grass cutting along the roads edges. This only held us up for ten minutes which we soon made up along Lenaghans Drive and old Black Hill Road. We arrived on time at eleven o'clock to Maitland Park for Morning Tea. Two other MGB's and two MGF's joined our tour for Morning Tea and chats. Christine was able to get her newly acquired MGTF to self unlock and joined



us for a quick cuppa as well, before we were on the road again.

After a cuppa and cake and of course many chats with good friends, I called an end at 11.40 so we could get to our next meeting spot at the Ettalong Pub for lunch.

Once again it was a very pleasant trip, with a few pot holes to negotiate, but everyone kept up including Colin who had to stop and get petrol in Kurri. On arriving into Ettalong we were greeted by a number of Holden Toranas parked out the front of the Pub, plus numerous motorcycles on their Sunday outing. Not to worry, Anne had

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We all enjoyed marvellous meals from such an extensive menu in glorious sunshine. Jim had to borrow a hat because of the sun and Charlie decided to make his own from a black serviette. Very creative!.

At the conclusion of lunch Anne had organised an afternoon tea or wine tasting for us at Millbrook Estate.

Only a small hardy band continued on for the afternoon tea with only two members deciding to do the full sampling of the delights from Millbrook Estate Winery and Distillery. Sally now has completed her traineeship in driving MGs by escorting me professionally and safely home after I had numerous samplings of quality wine and spirits. Thanks must go to Anne for her organisation and planning for such a full packed and enjoyable day.



Next month's club run will be to the Tilligerry Motorfest and display, We will leave the club house at 8am to arrive by 9am if you wish to travel up as a group. However, you can make your own way if you prefer.

Until then be safe.

Try to get out and give your pride and joy a run and remember the other Club activities during the month in which you may like to participate in, especially the Tuesday Club Meetings.

See you on the road.

Jeff Lauff

Public Relations Officer Report...Ian Ashton

Well what a great day we had on the March Clubman run. Thanks to fine weather our Social Director Anne and Captain Jeff 18 cars and 29 people enjoyed a mostly backroad run to Maitland Park for morning tea then onto Ellalong Hotel for lunch then to Millbrook Estate Winery for afternoon tea or winetasting.

Thank you members for pre registering to events as it sure makes it easier for organisers to arrange catering etc. and pre event registration will continue.

So I have spoken to social secretary Anne regarding a somewhat different weekend away this time next year.

The Event we are planning for is "Wings Wheels and Wine" in Mudjee. I have spoken with the Tourist Information Centre at Mudjee regarding the success of this Event which happened in April this year. Although the date for 2022 has not yet been confirmed by the organizer, Anne and I would like to get early expressions of interest from our members.

If you'd like to attend this Event next year jump on line at [www.wings_wheels_and_wine Mudjee](http://www.wings_wheels_and_wine_Mudjee) and have a look then let Anne or me know if you'd like to go.

Although not essential, it would be preferred if you could take your MG as part of this Event will be a display of Hunter MG's.

So don't put it off let us know now as we will probably set a limit of around 20 cars!

The beautiful autumn weather continues and despite another perfect day the April Tuning run was only supported by 6 cars and 12 members. Thanks to President Steve for organising a great spirited backroad run to Sabor Dessert Bar at Pokolbin for coffee and delicious cakes and slices.

We left sunny Pokolbin and hit the sealed backroads again and headed to the Royal Hotel at Singleton for a beautiful lunch and a well earned drink.

Remember trophy points are awarded for all runs you attend so now Covid 19 restrictions are more relaxed fire up your MG and take it on a Tuning or Clubman run and enjoy your car and the friendship of your fellow MG Club members.

You'll never know if you never go!

Enjoy...your Pro with the Mo....Asho

Winter Regalia Orders

MG Car Club Hunter Region clothing is mainly supplied "as ordered" due to the high cost of keeping stock on hand for infrequent requests for shirts, jackets, etc.

It is now time to place an order for Club Jackets for any members that are wanting one.

A sample of each size – Medium, Large and X Large - is available at the clubrooms so that you can be confident the correct size has been ordered.

The jackets are \$90 each which includes embroidery with the Club logo.



Long sleeve chambray blue shirts can also be ordered. These business style shirts are \$55 each.



If you prefer a short sleeve shirt, these can be supplied for \$53 each.



A photo of the jacket and shirts is shown.

If you have any questions I can be contacted by phone, 0417 041 850, or by email at, wendy.croker@yahoo.com.au.

I plan to place the orders by mid May so your requests need to be with me soon after the May meeting night.

Wendy Croker Regalia Officer



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MG Car Club Hunter Region – May 2021

Social Director Report – Anne Pettigrew

I first contacted the Ellalong pub on 12th December last year, making enquiries about having a Club run/ weekend away to explore the beauty (and wineries!) of the Hunter Valley. Finally, more than 4 months later, 29 members and 18 cars, came out to enjoy my very first Social Activity! And what a great day it was. Thanks to Jeff for organising the route, via a morning tea stop at Maitland Park. It was a beautiful drive through Mulbring, Buchanan and Quorrobolong, but especially along Sandy Creek Road.



When we arrived at the pub, it was a full house with cars from the Torana Club, and also some magnificent Harley Davidson bikes. Some lunches were slower to arrive than others, as the kitchen actually served 86 lunches that day, but they were certainly worth waiting for!

After a couple of Irish jokes (very belatedly for St Patrick's Day) some of us headed off to Millbrook Estate Winery & Distillery for afternoon tea in their beautiful grounds; but Jeff and I thought we deserved to enjoy a wine-tasting of their vast range of wines, liqueurs and rum!



Since then, there has been a suggestion of doing something similar, with a whole weekend trip to the wine region around Mudgee. So, keep watching this space!

Meanwhile more social activities for your calendars ...

1st off – Friday 7th May, 7pm in our Clubrooms – new date for screening of the movie 'Ford vs Ferarri'. \$10 will give you pizza beforehand, and a choctop after the show. All members welcome and to bring along any other car enthusiast friends.

Also in May, on **Sunday 16th** is the Tilligery Car Show. As this is our normal Club Run Day, Jeff and I are hoping to find a suitable lunch spot. More information will be available at our next Club night, but please also check the Club's website or fb page for up-to-date details. But let's support other car clubs in our region!

And thanks for supporting ours!

Anne Pettigrew
Social Director



There is a saying that if you want something done, ask a man who is busy. I don't know why but I'm guessing if you know a person who always achieves the delivery date of a project, then ask him rather than live with a promise.

Since taking on the Presidents job at Taree I have been amazed at the many calls you have to respond to, to keep club members happy. I have found I don't commit to memory so good these days, so pen and pocket note pad have become part of my everyday items at hand. Writing for this article is now a last minute operation with little time for thought and planning.

The North Arm wheels group have returned to the monthly lunch get together on the first Thursday of the month at Tuncurry. Next month it will not happen, because many are involved with a six day car rally known as the Long Run.

This event will be checking out Singleton, Muswellbrook, Mudgee a winery or two then Bathurst with a spin around Mount Panorama. A trophy to be won, not for speed but driving to a mystery time. Competition is open to men and ladies. Then Cowra, Parkes, Forbes for their historical sites, Dubbo, Narromine, Gunnedah, Tamworth then home. The aim is to enjoy the offerings of these country towns with hearty social dinners at the end of each days drive.

Next month Sunday 16th May there are three car clubs Nabitac Donk's, Great Lakes and Taree Historic Car Clubs. Staging a Heritage car show, no prizes, no entry fees, a show to display our vehicles as a break out gesture from Covid restrictions. Any Hunter MG Members wishing to take part in a strong MG line up are welcome to join us. There will be three pre 1910 cars on show, to see these cars in running order will be worth the effort of a visit. For more details contact me on Mb 0407 704 853. Could be a great drive to blow some cobwebs out of your MG.

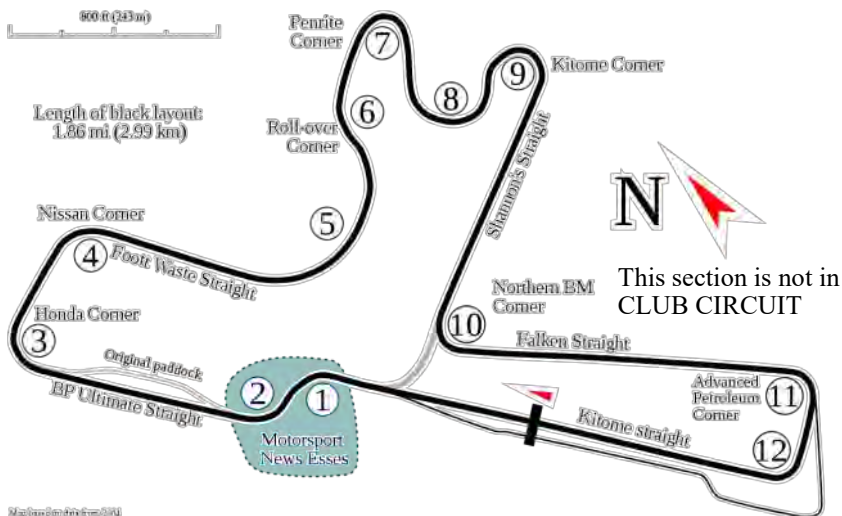
Have Wheels Will Travel
John Fletcher

Well I used to think that Wakefield Park was a fair old trip to have a run on a race track but turns out it's a short distance compared to driving to "Winton Motor Raceway" in Victoria.

With both my logistics managers Tai & Jason tied up with work commitments it was left to me to do the driving on my own (I usually sit in the passenger seat & enjoy the scenery).

The "Team Hunter" contingent left about 4.30am in the morning with the first stop approximately 30 km out of Goulburn. The good news was we still had about 5 hrs driving to go. The next stop for me was Albury and by that time "Max" the D Max towing vehicle was like me on a Friday arvo getting a bit thirsty so a quick fill with diesel & we were on our way again.

We arrived at "Winton Motor Raceway" at around 2.30pm & were greeted by the friendly Winton staff whom then showed us the layout of the complex. We were then able to unload the race cars & get them into the Pit garages before driving into Benalla to find our accommodation. Finally a pub for dinner where the ribs were great but don't tell Steve Jones.



Wednesday morning was cloudy & there were a few spits of rain just as we arrived at the track. Would it be another wet track day? Fortunately the clouds cleared & no rain for the rest of the day.

The day was being run on a "GEAR" format but instead of the groups being named after old racetracks they were named after old air strips that were used for Motorsport events in the old days in Victoria.

A total of 37 cars competed on the day of which 12 were from NSW. Austin Blanch & I competed in a group containing sports cars as well as tin tops. The first session was practice, unfortunately we didn't get to drive on the longer national track but drove the 2km club circuit which was physically demanding & kept you on the ball. One of the older Super car drivers apparently said that Winton was like doing a race in a supermarket car park & I now understand what he meant.

Austin's "A" decided to stop & was towed back to the pits with a suspected fuel pump issue. After further investigation we found that the rotor button had failed. Robert was doing a walk around the pits to try & find a rotor button then I remembered that I'm pretty much like anyone who has fitted an electronic ignition in a MG in that I carry the complete old points dizzy with me! So rotor out & into Austin's "A" then all good with problem fixed & Austin was back on the track. He was doing some quick times & getting quicker as the day went on with having a good tussle with an XU1 Torana in the last two sessions. He finished up taking out fastest time of the day for our group.

I was lowering my lap times by around 0.5 sec each session and also finished up third in the last event. Thanks to Matt & Tim Blanch for their help on the day monitoring tyre pressures after each session, I found Matt's advice helpful & I felt that I learnt a lot on the day.

Thanks to "Winton Motor Raceway" for a great days Motorsport with also a big thanks to Lisa Tobin-Smith (Minister for Midweek Motorsport) With thanks also to the Victorians who organised what will hopefully be the first of many Victorian "GEAR" days.

I would definitely go back for another run at Winton as I thought it was a great little track with good surface & very challenging to drive on.

Coming Events.

Sun May 30 MGCCN Hillclimb Ringwood Park course A2A

Sat 12 Sun 13 HSRCA Sydney Classic . Sydney Motorsport Park

Remember drive them don't hide them, enjoy your MG I know I do

2022 MG National Meeting

Bulletin 1



Greetings to MG enthusiasts around Australia and further afield!

With the 2020 and 2021 National Meetings having been cancelled due to Covid-19, we are thinking positively that 2022 will be a better year for us all and we are well advanced with planning for the 2022 National Meeting.

You are invited to join MG Car Club Newcastle for "MGs by the Lake" 15th to 19th April 2022!

The event will be based around Lake Macquarie over the 2022 Easter Weekend. We look forward to welcoming you and your MG to this beautiful part of Australia. Lake Macquarie is the largest coastal salt water lake in Australia and is renowned for its beautiful scenery and variety of water sports. It is a city in its own right, just 25 minutes' drive from the centre of Newcastle.

Lake Macquarie City Council has come on board as a major sponsor and we are grateful to them for their support.

All the traditional activities and events!

All social events will be held at Club Macquarie in Argenton. A variety of accommodation is available close to the main venues, including 36 rooms on-site at the club's own motel.

Friday - Registration & Noggin n Natter

Club Macquarie is just 5 minutes' drive from the Lake, and is the venue for Registration and all the evening social events. There is ample space for Registration, Scrutineering and the Noggin n Natter including the Rocker Cover Racing.

Saturday -The Concours

The Concours will be held in beautiful Speers Point Park, right on the shore of Lake Macquarie, with a large paved area available on the off-chance of inclement weather. Speers Point Park features many shade trees, picnic facilities and one of the best children's playgrounds you'll ever see. Food and drinks will be available during the event, or there are many cafes and restaurants in Warners Bay - a 5 minute drive around the Lake.

We are planning an optional scenic cruise on the Lake for those who aren't directly involved in the Concours and want to see more of this lovely area.



Sunday - Speed Event

Those with the need for speed will be able to test themselves and their cars on our recently extended and improved hillclimb at the Club's Ringwood Park complex, an easy 40 minute drive north of the Lake.

Monday - Motorkhana

The motorkhana will take place right alongside Lake Macquarie at Rathmines, a 20 minute drive from Club Macquarie. This is where the famous Catalina Flying Boats were stationed during the 2nd World War, and the area is steeped in history. Competitors can be assured of interesting motorkhana tests to challenge their driving and navigational skills.

Sunday and Monday - Touring Events

Lake Macquarie will be the backdrop for the Observation Event and Kimber Run. Participants will enjoy the scenic landscape and interesting roads, and maybe a few testing questions to sort the field.

Saturday and Monday - Social Events

The Theme Night and Presentation Dinner will be held at Club Macquarie. As 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the launch of the MGB, we will be going "Back to the Sixties" for our Theme Night. Ladies, start searching for your old mini-skirts and knee-high boots, and men, dig out those flared trousers and paisley shirts (if you're game!) for a fun time celebrating the "good old days".

Tuesday – Farewell Breakfast

The farewell breakfast will be held right on Lake Macquarie at the Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club. The venue overlooks the sailing boats moored on Belmont Bay, a scenic 20 minute drive along the Lake's edge from Club Macquarie. The Delegates' Meeting will follow at the same venue.

A Special Note about Accommodation

MGs by the Lake will coincide with the Australian Deaf Games being held in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, which will create additional demand for accommodation in the area. The NatMeet website provides a list of hotels, motels and apartments that are convenient to most of the event venues, and we strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure you secure your preferred accommodation. There are 36 rooms at "Macquarie 4 Star", part of the Club Macquarie complex, and these are expected to be in high demand.

To ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the "Express Interest" button and provide your contact details so you will be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.

Contacts for more information:

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Allow me to introduce myself: By Gary Bootes

I am known by my family as **"The B"**. My registration is **MG-2466**

Being driven by Gary Boote for over 40 years has been most enjoyable. I am sad to say that I am looking for someone else to share the magic of top down MGB driving pleasure with me.



Gary chooses not to be defined by his disability, but Parkinson's is slowing down his reaction time.

Sometimes I wished that I had stayed in my garage and refused to start; but I was well maintained by Gary and always started, even on the coldest of MGCC winter woollies runs. Gary refused to put my pack-away hood up. Some suggested that he hadn't read the in-

struction manual. My friend Monty's Driver, Steve Jones put this cartoon in the MGCC Club Magazine.

Club runs were a truly social and family affair with young children fitted in behind my seats with full harnesses installed.



When Jeanne purchased my little sister Midget **MG-2602** we



both had navigators. My other stablemates, "The 1100" and "The GT" left home well before me.

We travelled to MGCC Nat Meets all over Australia, and I spent intimate sessions being lovingly caressed by polishing cloth and chamois prior to the concours d'elegance, participating in hill climbs, standing quarters, race circuits, motorkhanas and touring assemblies. I spent many hours lined up with so many of my fellow MG's; whilst Gary and Jeanne, and later on their children, competed with me as well.

Motorkhanas were our main fun; even though as much as I tried, Gary would force me to go contrary to the motorkhana map layout. So he was known as Gary Boote WD DNF DNS.

It was a proud day when Warwick drove me to his Year 12 Formal. He was driving me in Motorkhanas and other events since he was 12.





Gary pressed me into service to transport his sculptures to various galleries and exhibitions. He sculpted the "Lead Foot" awarded for the club's economy Runs.

When the Newcastle Knights won the grand final in 1997, Alison drove me in the celebration procession with the Johns brothers perched on my back. We drove from Jesmond to the City Hall. The crowds

were so thick and the progress so slow, and she rode my clutch so much that the temperature gauge read 100lbs / square inch. Alison was exhausted, and so was I. My autograph book of processions, now with over 40 entries, didn't get signed by the Johns Brothers; but Alison kept the magnum of champagne found buried in the shredded paper inside me.

Those 'flower power' stickers were not one of Gary's better artistic inspirations. Yeeeeeouch! ... my champion red came off with the stickers; but I did get a repaint.



Gary's driving technique was pedal-to-the-metal and top revs. He never did realise that a smoother take-off and the correct entry point to bends is what wins races; but we still got most of the cheering from the crowd with my display.

We have had such great times together over all those decades. But now I'm hoping to meet someone new to share many more of these fun times.

So check out the For Sale section if you are interested!

Octagonally yours,

MG-2466



MG Pre-War and TYme Event 2021

Event Information and Registration is now available for the MG Pre-War and TYme Event to be held in Canberra from 1 to 4 October 2021.

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Inquiries concerning the event may be sent by email to

mg-pre-war-tyme@mgcccanberra.org.au,

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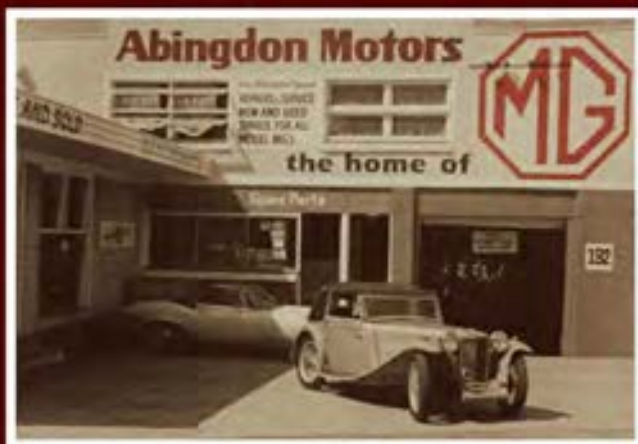




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In my opinion my MGZT 190 is the best car I've ever owned; smooth, powerful, comfortable and well appointed, a great way to travel and it has the right badge too. However, it's not the first MG I've owned and for that we need to go back 30 years or so (cue 'spooky music' for effect).

Back in my early 20's I was a Cub-Scout Leader in Dee Why and David, one of the other leaders, bought himself a 1966 Austin-Healey Sprite in red with a fibreglass Sebring bonnet. I couldn't see the point in a sports car at the time, with just two seats and not much boot. I mean, where do the passengers go?

However, one day we were going to an event and for some reason I didn't have my car, maybe it was being repaired (?), so David offered to drive me there. By the time we got to our destination I could fully appreciate just how much fun a sports car could be – and that was from the passenger seat!

After a bit of thinking I decided I would also get a sports car – who needs passengers.

After selling my Ford Meteor to my Dad I started trawling through the local papers and the Trading Post looking for a sports car. Initially I'd just concentrated on Sprites, but as time went on I read magazines and spoke to people and I widened that to include MGs, Triumphs and even Alfas and Fiats. I remember my mate Richard going with me out to Parramatta Rd to trawl through the dealerships in search of a sports car. A few things were tried that day; a Tr7 (too expensive) a Fiat X-19 (too rusty and a bit like sitting in a tin coffin) and an Alfasud (expensive, rusty and in need of a new gearbox). Anyway, by this time I was getting a bit dispirited about the whole thing.

The following weekend Richard came around to my place and told me there was a Midget for sale in the local rag. Taking a look at the advert I found a 1968 MG Midget Mk III 1275cc in Blue for \$6,000.00 not negotiable (I remember that bit). So I rang the fellow advertising it and went up to Forestville to take a look and a test drive. The fellow selling it was a sour old guy who said it was his Wife's car and considering he had a Frogeye Sprite set up as a track car in his garage this was entirely plausible. I thought he wasn't going to win any popularity stakes but the car was good, certainly the best sports car I'd seen so far. The money was also right so the car was mine.

So, I left a deposit (it was Saturday in the days before ATMs) and

went back Tuesday evening to pick it up. I collected the car from the fellow's Wife, who was lovely, and who also confirmed it was her car. She explained some of the tricks for Midget owning; for example turning the ignition key, waiting for the fuel pump to tick over and a few gentle pumps on the accelerator to prime the carbies before starting the engine. Always worked a treat.

The Midget was my regular driver for about three-or four years, taking me on many pleasurable drives. My favourites were late evening runs down the Princes Highway to visit friends on the south coast, with the top down and the stars filling the sky. I remember my first run down Bulli Pass in the Midget when I did two very slow 360s (a 720?) at the first switchback in the rain, to the amusement of the truckie following me. There was plenty of tread still on the Michelins, but the compound had gone off with age which had me visiting my local tyre shop when I got home.

Overall the Midget was a very capable car, but it didn't like the rain. A few times by the side of the road with a "Bic" lighter trying to dry out the distributor cap certainly added to the legend of "Joseph Lucas: Prince of Darkness".

I did also pack a lot into the car; 3 passengers (2 in the 'parcel tray' behind the seats) on a couple of occasions and in my first band I fit my amp and other gear in by removing the passenger seat and sitting the spare tyre on top of the pile of stuff so I could also fill the boot.

I also dated Heather in the Midget and only ended up selling it to fund an overseas trip to join her in Europe. Overall I've got lots of good memories of my first MG ownership and I'm working hard to add similar memories to my current MG experience.

Andrew Gowans

APRIL 2021 COMMITTEE METING MINUTES

NORMALLY MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MAGAZINE. REGRETTABLY THE MINUTES ARE NOT READY TO BE INCLUDED BUT WILL BE POSTED IN THE WEB PAGE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN READING THEM

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