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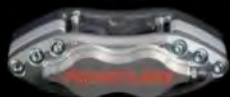
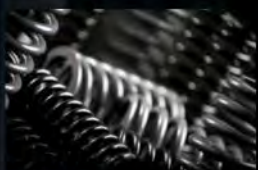


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What's On
MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.



MAY 2022

- ♦ **Tuesday 3rd—Cars n Coffee—meet at 10am**
- ♦ **Thursday 5th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 10th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 11th—Mid Week Gathering *Minmi Hotel*
Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00
Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming**
- ♦ **Sunday 15th—Clubman Run—Leave club at 8am for a setup at
Tilligerry at 9am for car show—Contact Jeff if
attending on **0413 971 154****
- ♦ **Thursday 26th - Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on **0434143242** to register**
- ♦ **Friday 27th—Social Event.—Barefoot Bowls at Merewether
Bowling Club from 4.30pm—Contact Anne
Pettigrew—at.rose.villa@gmail.com**
- ♦ **Sunday 29th—MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb at Ringwood park**

JUNE 2022

- ♦ **Thursday 2nd—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 7th—Cars n Coffee—meet at 10am**
- ♦ **Wednesday 8th—“GEAR” meeting at Wakefield Park.**
- ♦ **Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th—“HRSCA” Sydney Classic
meeting SMP Eastern Creek**
- ♦ **Tuesday 14th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 15th—Mid Week Gathering**
- ♦ **Sunday 19th—Clubman Run**
- ♦ **Thursday 23rd - Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
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**Deadline for the JUNE 2022 edition will be
Thursday 26th May 2022**

NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

The following NEW MEMBERS can collect their club badges when attending a club function .

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Terry / Janine Clifton

John / Anne Marley

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The first MG National meeting since Covid was held over the recent Easter weekend and in last months magazine I encouraged all members and friends to look out for the concours, with 140 cars on display at Speers Point Park open to the public and a pictorial report on some of the excellent cars exhibited can be found on pages 21 to 23 included. The MG classic car movement is alive and well.

There were many more activities over the weekend to occupy competitors and spectators including hillclimbs, motorkhana competitions, a competitive "Observation Run" and a social non competitive "Kimber Run" that kept everyone busy with much to communicate with others at the dinners each night.

Our club was very successful overall as explained in our following pages in this magazine.

I hope you all enjoy reading this issue!

Progress with my MGB.

I have completed the replacement of the cardboard backing of the door cards, similar to how I repaired the top cover of the instrument panel. In that application I replaced the cardboard backing with painted MDF board and glued on new Vinyl. I currently have only replaced the cardboard backing and regluing the original vinyl covering onto the replacement painted MDF board. I have purchased new black vinyl to replace the old covering later.

I have purchased and cut to size the replacement Poly Carbonate rear window (Original was Perspex) of my J&S fibreglass Hardtop and on supply of my new Headlining material will complete that restoration.



Mid Week Gathering MAY

Kay Bowden

Mid Week meeting Wednesday 11th May

venue : **Minmi Hotel**

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming or Denny Bowden on 0402 476 631.

N.S.W. Covid rules, if any still exist, will apply

Thank You, Kay Bowden

Around the bend – ravings of your President

The National Meeting is now done and dusted, the results are etched in the record books forever. Congratulations to everyone that stepped up and stood with pride on the competitor's side of the fence. Thanks to all those that came along to support us, but you really missed a great meeting.

'Never in the field of the MGCCHR and National Meetings was so much owed by so many to so few'. Why do I badly misquote Sir Winston Churchill? It's because a first was achieved at the 2022 MG National Meeting that this club has never achieved in its 35 year history. The MG Car Club Hunter Region came equal 1st in the Nuffield Trophy. This is one of the big two club awards up for grabs at a National Meeting.

"Early in the 1950's, Lord Nuffield commissioned and presented four prestigious trophies to the MG Car Club UK so that they would recognise the achievements of the overseas centres in Europe, South Africa, United States and Oceania" (that's where Australia is).

"The award is based on the Concours and Motorkhana only and each club is represented by 2% of its nominated MG ownership numbers. A minimum of 5 and max 20 (ours would be 3.8 members so we go 5)." The total points scored by our clubs 5 members is calculated and averaged.

"The resultant average will be the measure of the clubs performance. The club with the highest average wins."

Our club had 20 MGs entered in the concours (18 members) and ended with five 1sts, six 2nds and four 3rds. Seven members competed in the motorkhana with a 1st and four 2nds. Fortunately for us, it was the same 5 members that got places in both event. We only just had the numbers to do it. Seven members standing up and representing the club, from over 190 MG owning members, competing in the required events.

Just a quick side, was it Freudian that Bev's National Meeting competition number (#95) was the same as Lightning McQueen? If you saw her in the motorkhana you may think it appropriate.

A massive congratulations to every one of our 18 competitors and 5 social entrants. You all got to enjoy the full experience. It has been a long time and I'm looking forward to the next.

For those that think the National Meetings entry fee of \$375 was too expensive, it was 5 days with 3 catered dinners, a huge catered breakfast, 3 social events, 4 competition events and a social run. I've just received the entry application for the "HSRCA" June race meeting. A jaw dropping \$595 entry with no social or meals plus \$200 if I want a marquee spot, plus accommodation, plus travel, plus meals. Now that's expensive. Over \$1000 for a 2 day event. It is strange as I don't mind paying more than that overall if we're traveling to another state for a meeting, but then the entry costs are less.

"Motorsport Australia" have also massively increased competition licence fees. I think between them, they may have crushed my desire to compete. I might just restrict myself to an occasional "GEAR" meeting, a local hill climb or two, maybe a visit to my MG Racing friends down in Victoria and National Meetings. It's a waste of a nice race car but other organisations making huge profits from me doesn't float my boat.

Talking about attending National Meetings, next year is in Adelaide. Their Bulletin 1 is elsewhere in the magazine. Their concours will be in the usual beautiful Glenelg, with the hot radiator events out at Tailem Bend.

2024 National Meeting will be hosted by "MGCC NSW" in Goulburn (featuring Wakefield Park if it's still there), and 2025 sees the "MGCC Sunshine Coast" hosting in Gympie Queensland. Yes, I always look at where the Sprint is being held. If the Sprint interests me, the National Meeting interests me.

You have to admit, MG's are an extremely reliable car (don't believe some TV hosts or Facebook influencers that have no idea) if you look after them. I'm particularly talking about A's, B's, C's, V8's and Midgets. They are a pleasure to own and if you spend a little, they will reward you with years of fun. Actually, unless you are stupidly abusive (yes, that is letting the car sit there for 6 months without a run), they still give you their heart and soul every time.

I've spent a lot of time and effort with Bev's Midget over the past six months. That will hopefully make up for 20 years of ownership where very little was spent. The B is our touring MG, so too the Midget. I was 'stupidly abusive' and the poor thing probably didn't get started for almost 8 months. A battery explosion saw a new battery put in a while back and she still started first hit.

So, the only true test of your MG is at a National Meeting. This is a big pond thing. To win a class at our club concours, hill climb or mortkhana is still playing in a small pond. To play on the national stage

is a whole different ball game. The nice part is, there are no restrictions with everyone welcome and applauded for just having a go.

It was a bit strange leading up to the meeting because we didn't have to spend a couple of days and a thousand kilometres getting there. It was nice to see the Facebook posts from old and new friends about their journeys. It takes a few meetings to finally build up some friendships but it is well worth the effort.

If all this talk has you intrigued, then you now will have to spend heaps more as you need to travel. It sounds like it will be a long time before we see another National Meeting at home. Our club is not in any position to even think about running one because of the lack of people that are willing to get involved. I'm already working out the logistics of next Easter. What are you doing 7th – 11th April next year? ROAD TRIP!

Steve



I have written a separate article in this Newsletter about my experience participating in the National MG Meeting held over Easter. I hope that it may inspire other members to join in next year in Adelaide? Remember, it's not just about winning trophies. It's about enjoying being an MG owner and having a good time – whether it be showing your car at the Concours, racing around a track in the Hillclimb or the Motorkhana, enjoying the scenery during the Observation Run or Kimber Run, or simply socialising with other MG owners.

And that is what our Hunter Region Club offers here (on a smaller scale) in and around Newcastle to all our members. Your committee puts in a lot of effort to organise a variety of these events throughout the year, and it would be really great if we saw more members join in – especially new members. Don't be shy – we were all new members once! We are also happy to get suggestions of other activities.

To those members who did win trophies at the National Meeting – CONGRATULATIONS; Thanks to those who came along as spectators, and to those members who also volunteered as Marshalls etc, an even bigger THANK YOU!

At our **next Clubnight**, on Tuesday 10th May, we are having a very special CELEBRATION! A '**Show-and-Tell**' night following our very successful National Meeting. Could all members who won trophies please wear them proudly, and anyone having stories to tell (including our poor Club Captain explaining why his car WASN'T in the Concours) please join in the fun of the night.

Friday 27th May, I have booked for us to play **Barefoot Bowls** at the Merewether Bowling Club. All members are welcome, but will need to book in before hand. Please give me your name at the May Clubnight, send an email to me (at.rose.villa@gmail.com) or text me on 0400 432 053.

I have also booked the Royal River Hotel in Morpeth again for **Christmas-in-July** on Sunday 18th July. Numbers are limited to 30, and RSVP'S must be TO ME ONLY up until the week before. Again, more information will be available closer to the date.

Lastly, birthday greetings to all those members who have birthdays in May - "Many Happy Returns"!

Anne Pettigrew



SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

Well it's over done & dusted the "2022 MG National Meeting" the first National meeting since 2019 due to Covid restrictions.

"MG Car Club Newcastle" are to be congratulated on running an excellent event on the shores of the lovely "Lake Macquarie" in near perfect weather conditions.

It was also a celebration of the 60th birthday of the MGB & MG 1100. As an aside just over 9,000 MGB's were put together in Australia between 1963 - 1972.

Friday saw registration, Noggin N Natter night along with Rocker Cover Racing at Club Macquarie & a chance to catch up with people that we probably haven't seen for a couple of years.

Saturday saw the Concours take place at Speers Point Park with 18 Hunter Region cars entered & saw Leo Princzewski MGA, Ross Adams MGB Mk II, Don Noble MGB BL, Bev Jones MG Midget and Elliott Burns P type rolling chassis all taking out first place in their respective classes, well done to the other 13 Hunter Region entrants who all placed well with countless hours spent on all these cars leading up to



ter an event & if it don't make it go quicker don't worry about it.

Sunday saw the Hillclimb at Ringwood Park also with the competitive Touring Assembly around the Lake Macquarie & Hunter region.

the event. I know it forced me to do a tidy up on the old RNB as cars used in Motorsport tend to get a quick clean up & tidy up af-



6 Hunter Region members lined up to contest the Hillclimb.

It was great to see John Stuart renew his acquaintance with the old Ringwood Hill (haven't seen him up there for a while). John got quicker as the day went on as I believed he would.



Right from the start Austin Blanch & I always run pretty close times when Austin runs in the BGT & I knew he was serious when he grabbed a set of Matt's old race wheels fitted with a set of semi slicks, which were probably past their use by date, but Austin had been soaking them with tyre softener in the weeks prior to the event & they were gripping pretty well.

Then there was Evan Redman who was driving Jonesey's "B" Monty & I think Steve told him to drive it like he stole it because he wasn't holding back that's for sure.

At the end of the day there was only 0.24 sec separating the 3 of us over our 3 runs, great fun day.

Steve Jones was always going to be in contention for outright fastest time with his race midget (good to see it up & running again after a crash at SMP almost 12 months ago).



Steve finished up 4th outright & 2nd in Super Specials class.

Other club results were

Evan Redman MGB MkI 5th,
Gary Piper MGB RN 1st,
Austin Blanch MGB GT Mk II 1st,
John Stewart MGB GT BL 3rd,
Bev Jones MG Midget 5th.

Well done to all.

Results for the Touring Assembly were

Alan Wiley MGB Mk II 2nd,
Cindy Dedman MGB Mk II 3rd ,
Elliot Burns MG YT 5th ,
Denny Bowden RV8 7th,
Anne Pettigrew MGF 6th.

I'm unable to give you a report on the touring assembly because I was at the Hillclimb.

Monday saw the Motorkhana at the historic Catalina Park at Rathmines which was once the largest RAAF Flying Boat Base in the Southern Hemisphere.



For me this was the dreaded event of the whole weekend I haven't competed in a motorkhana in over 45 years & my results reflected it, the car was up to it but the driver wasn't.

The stand out performance on the day was Bev Jones in the Midget , although she took it steady up the Hillclimb she wasn't holding back in the motorkhana & was driving the wheels off the Midget & finished up in 2nd well done & if I go to SA next year I will be looking to Bev for some motorkhana coaching.

Steve Jones also drove well to finish 1st in the Super Specials class, Steve always goes well in motorkhanas as he loves them.

Other results were

Evan Redman MGB MkI 4th,

Alan Wiley MGB Mk II 2nd,

Gary Piper MGB RN 2nd,

Austin Blanch MGB GT MkII 2nd,

John Stuart MGB GT BL 4th.

Well done to all our club members in this event.

Special mention must be made of the ladies in the club who competed in the Nationals.

Anne Pettigrew was attending her first National meeting & was rewarded for spending a lot of time on her MGF by finishing 3rd in the concours, great to see.

Cindy Dedman MGB MkII 3rd in Touring Assembly, you can never miss Cindy in the bright yellow B as it is hard for her & Chris to hide.

Bev Jones had a go at everything & finished up with good results.



Next year sees the National Meeting being held in Adelaide SA with the super sprint & Motorkhana being run at “The Bend Motorsport Park” at Taillem Bend which is one of the newest Motorsport complex’s in the country.

I have attended a National meeting in Adelaide & it is a great place for food wine & a good time, so you’ve got 12 months to plan for it.

It’s looking like 2024 National meeting will be at Goulburn, great news. The Motorsport events will probably be held at “Wakefield Park” & hopefully they will have their planned improvements completed by then.



Well done to all our members who attended the National meeting!

How good was it to be joint winners with “MGCC Newcastle” of the “Nuffield Challenge Trophy”?, I consider it great news.

Coming Events

Sunday 29 May “MGCC Newcastle” Hillclimb “Ringwood Park “course A4

Wednesday 8 June “GEAR” meeting “Wakefield Park” Goulburn

Saturday 11, Sunday 12 June “HSRCA” Sydney Classic “SMP Eastern Creek”

Remember drive them don’t hide them enjoy your MG.

Gary Piper

A Newbie's view of the 2022 MG National Meeting

MGs by the Lake - Held around Lake Macquarie, NSW

Our President asked if I could write an article for our magazine on my first experience of a National Meeting, and in particular the Concours (originally French '*Concours d'Elegance*'), as I had never been to one of these before.

The first time I ever heard the term 'Concours' was in the sales blurb when I was buying my beautiful MGF (a.k.a. "Maggie") a bit more than 4 years ago as, apparently, she had *won* a Concours! I had wanted to buy a sports car since I was 16, and my purchase was primarily to be used as my everyday car. Consequently, alas poor Maggie isn't quite as perfect as she was in the show room of the auction house!

Sadly, I missed our Club's last Concours after it was postponed due to the wet conditions in Lambton Park in 2019, despite my having Maggie in tip-top condition again!

So, with a lot of advice and products from my local Repco store at

Green Hills, and encouragement and tips from several commit-

tee members both in our Club and the Newcastle Club, I spent a lot of hours preparing Maggie.

[It should also be mentioned that I also spent a lot of hours (and product!) preparing my '60's theme outfit' for the dinner on the Saturday night following the Concours!]

Fortunately for the organising committee from Newcastle Club and car owners from all over Australia, the weather on Easter Saturday (and the remainder of the long weekend) was perfect.

As I was directed into my car area, I was astounded by the sheer size of the area dedicated to displaying

all the cars, and then the HUGE number of entries, all with boots and bonnets up, dazzling in the bright sunshine after many coats of polish!



But what was even more impressive, was the camaraderie and the compliments from other competitors and spectators. I was so proud and so excited just to be there, knowing that I had prepared my Maggie to look as good as I could (albeit without removing the wheels or putting her up on a hoist to clean underneath!). Everyone cheered when the winners of all 32 Classes were announced. Those cars then had to move to another area for judging 'Best of Show', and which was not announced until the final Presentation Dinner.

The 'Theme dinner' on the Saturday night was very exciting, as all place getters were announced. And what an array of outfits? Including B1 AND B2 (I'm guessing they were from Queensland!), an Elvis outfit, many, many long hair wigs, peace symbols (technically 70's, but all good fun!), fluoro colours, flowers, our own V.P. sporting his black leather jacket (which he proudly could still fit into!), but I only saw one pair of long white boots (mine!) Later on I was absolutely over-the-moon when my name was called out as having come 3rd in the MGF class!!!!

Sunday morning was the 'Touring Assembly' which I really didn't know what that meant, but after a brief description and an alternate name of 'Observation Run', I decided to enter. Very kindly and bravely, our intrepid Editor, Graham Haywood, offered to come with me as my Navigator (and emergency mechanic if necessary!). After a briefing at Club Macquarie, and a large envelope with instructions, photo clues, answer sheet and SOS phone numbers(!), 35 beautiful MG's took off in glorious sunshine, and those with soft tops had their hoods off.

The route of 146 kms was around Lake Macquarie and into the hinterland on the Western side. A superb morning tea stop was lakeside with excellent organisation and refreshments, and off we continued with alphabet letters and another 3 photos to spot, and Lake Macquarie Council signs to count. There was a 4-hour time limit, and a fun throwing competition at the end to be used as a tie-breaker if required.

The only other event that I joined, was the Presentation dinner on the Monday night, and another very happy night. A superb 3-course meal, with wine included, AND an etched, crystal wine glass to take home was included. Lots more winners from Hunter Region but, unfortunately, I left before the BIG one, for the winner of the Club winning the most points. The smile on President Steve's face tells more than I could write here!

A full list of winners and place getters in the Concours and other events at the NatMeet will be seen in another section of this newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS to all Hunter Region members who simply entered and had a good time. Trophies are just a bonus. Events like this don't happen on our doorstep very often, and I am SO GLAD that I didn't worry about the entry fee, as I had such a wonderful Easter break with enthusiastic, like-minded MG owners!

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SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting will occur on the 5th of this month.

Don't be discouraged and think that all we talk about is the "Sq Riggers" as we include discussions on MG Magnette sedans, MGA, MGB or indeed modern MGF, MGTF and MG RV8.



The above & below photographs illustrate that we do include all of the post war MG's with MGB, TF, TD, TC, and MGB RB represented MGA, MGB GT, MG RV8, MG Rover cars, MGF, MGTF missing. Plenty of MG's to talk about and that is not including the modern Chinese built SUV's!

So come along and perhaps more models can be in the next photograph at the usual location "Café Inu" on 43 Denison Street in Carlington for May 5th 2022.

Perhaps the MGB's and possibly MGA's could outnumber the square Riggers?

We can order, then sit inside the Café to eat, drink and chat

Come and join us as you will be welcome.



DINKY TOY RAMBLINGS

THE AUSTIN SEDANS, VANS AND TAXIS.

Searching through my collection I found 8 different Austin models, not including the A90 Atlantic which I wrote about last month, and not including trucks.

The earliest is the Austin 7 modelled on the Austin 7 Opal 2 seat tourer (Dinky no 35D). It was first released in 1938 with a wire windscreen surround and re-released after the war without the windscreen. The model pictured has been non-professionally restored (not by me!) with non standard paint colours and has been fitted with non Dinky spoked wheels.



The other small model is the Dublo scale taxi issued from 1959 to 1966.

These models measure about 5cm in length, compared to the 1 in 43



standard sized Dinkys which are 8 to 10cm.

The “A” series Austins include A30 1952 - 1956, A40 Devon 1947 to 1952, A40 Somerset 1952 - 1954, and A105 Westminster 1958 to 1963.

It seems that the production dates roughly mirror the dates the real cars were in production, though if the models were very successful they would be continued after the real cars were no longer available new.

The number in the designation indicates the horsepower of the engine.

The names were usually English Counties. The A30 didn’t seem to have a name but A40s were initially Devons, then the model changed and was renamed Somerset. There were also A40 Dorsets.

The following picture shows 2 Devons (Green on Left and 2 tone on far Right) with a navy Somerset, cream Westminster and dark blue A30 in the centre.

The other Austin Dinkys include the Austin Taxi, a great representation of the well known London Taxi with no door on the front passenger side (presumably for easy luggage storage, but what about the rain???) produced between 1951 and 1962, and an Austin Van (1954 to 1965) in the centre with a fading “Nestle” decal on the side. The vans were also produced with BP, Shell, and Raleigh Cycles decals, giving a good insight into the advertising designs of the times.



The last picture demonstrates the relative sizes of the models, from R to L, Austin 7, A30, Somerset A40 and London Taxi with the A90 Atlantic (not a county!!) in the background on my untidy desk!

Next month we can look at some of the Dinky models of the American makes .
John Stuart

Bulletin 1

2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/



Welcome to fabulous Adelaide and its stunning surrounds for the 2023 MG National Meeting.

Adelaide's renowned for the ring of parklands surrounding the City, the wonderful beaches in one direction and cool green Mount Lofty Ranges in the other, and of course, the best wine districts in Australia just a short and pleasant MG-ride away!

Whatever you like doing (when you're not in your MG), you'll find it in Adelaide, in abundance.

And it's not just the food and wine that's mouth-watering.

The Easter National Meeting Program is already filling out with great events like these:

Friday April 7

Registration and scrutineering – Kauri Community and Sports Centre, Seacliff

Noggin'n'Natter (including Rocker Cover Racing) – Festival Function Centre, Findon

Saturday April 8

Concours – Wigley Reserve in beautiful Glenelg. The Concours is always a highlight of a National Meeting and everyone who brings an MG to Adelaide will be encouraged to display their car.

Theme party – Stamford Grand, arguably Glenelg's top venue overlooking the State's best-known beach.

Sunday April 9

Motorkhana – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend. SA's newest and arguably best motor sport venue with full facilities including on-site accommodation.

Kimber Run – Southern Adelaide Hills Wine Region with lunch at the Hahndorf Oval in the heart of one of SA's most loved tourist precincts.

Monday April 10

Super Sprint – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend.

Observation run & Social Run – Northern Adelaide Hills Wine Region

Presentation dinner – Festival Function Centre, Findon

Tuesday April 11

Farewell breakfast – return to the Stamford Grand at Glenelg to catch up once more before heading home or spending a few more days exploring what SA has to offer.

Delegates' conference – Glenelg North Community Centre.

Adelaide, the Hills and the Glenelg area have many different types of accommodation available to meet everyone's budget, and we encourage you to make bookings directly with your choice of venue.

You can find local accommodation here:

<http://www.glenelg.sa.com.au/>

While there are many options, we know that Glenelg is always popular during National Meets in Adelaide.

It's easy to get from Adelaide to Glenelg by tram and it has much to offer when you arrive. There is plenty to keep the whole family amused such as fishing charters, sailing, beach volleyball and activities, walking trails, bike hire, the famous Dolphin swim or watch or even a twilight cruise, reserves, playgrounds, BBQ areas, lots of history and an amusement centre.

Expressions of interest and enquiries to:

Tim Edmonds, President, Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au

Chris Bray, Registration, Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

Sandra Cardnell, Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au

See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

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Sunday 19th June

From 8.30am to 1.30pm

Display Vehicle entry fee \$10.00

Newcastle Foreshore Park

Wharf Road, Newcastle East

Food & Drinks available

For more info call Ian Ashton 0429 592 823

All European Marques Welcome!

*Please register your car club 's attendance by
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An Invitation

Dear Fellow Motoring Enthusiasts,

In association with Shannons Insurance and in support of Variety—The Children's Charity and John Hunter Children's Hospital, the *MG Car Club Hunter Region* would like to invite your European car club to join us for

Euro Motorfest 2022 **Sunday 19th June** **Foreshore Park, Wharf Road, Newcastle East**

To assist with organization, we request that all European clubs wishing to participate pre-register their interest. Please email me, Ian Ashton at iashton7@bigpond.com prior to the event with approximate numbers of vehicles attending, no later than 12th June 2022.

A \$10 vehicle display fee will be payable on entry with the event commencing at 8.30am and finishing at 1.30pm. Coffee, food and drinks will be available on site and a raffle will be held.

In the event of wet weather, we will be postponing the event to Sunday 26th June at the same venue.

Visitors to Newcastle may choose to make a weekend visit to our great city by arriving in Newcastle on Saturday. There are plenty of accommodation options, sights to see as well as restaurants and clubs for your enjoyment and entertainment.

MG Car Club Hunter Region is looking forward to your participation in Euro Motorfest 2022, on Sunday 19th June at Newcastle Foreshore Park.

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We advertised our MGF for sale in your magazine

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I must add that John drove his friend to our place where they took off the number plates and drove us all up to NSW Service to complete the changeover.

Then back to our place and replaced the plates as we wanted to retain our own plates
It's a long time since I was treated with such courtesy.

When we asked John what did we owe him

His answer was

"What are friends for"

Thanks John

You restored my faith in human nature

Mollie and Owen Gray



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MG Car Club Hunter Region
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 12th April 2022

Meeting Opened: 6:10 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden. **Minutes:** Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Jeff Lauff, Gary Piper, Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Howard White, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood,

Apologies: Stephen Jones, Greg Jenkins,

In attendance: Nil.

Minutes: Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 8th March 2022, Moved Graham Haywood, Seconded Anne Pettigrew.

Business Arising:

Nil business arising.

Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Possibility that Historic Vehicle registration inspections will have to be done by an authorised inspection station (i.e. pink slip required).

Best wishes for Greg's successful recovery.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2021/22 Membership renewals to date: 68 single and 79 family, a total membership of 226.

NCC paperwork for Euro Motorfest (Sunday 19th June) is nearly ready for submission.

Correspondence received from Ron Robinson (Lambton Mechanics Institute Trust) 12 April 2022:

"We have some leaks at the front of the building.

We can't be sure where they originate.

However, after a builder had a look, a range of potential offenders have been identified.

Most are on the window sills and the 'sills' above the down stairs window.

Fortunately, they can be mostly be accessed by raising the windows (I am sure this will have it one challenges).

We have engaged a builder to do the work.

With Easter, Anzac Day and wet weather, I am not sure when it will be done.

However, this is advanced warning of the pending work.

I will let you know when I have an exact date.”

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

We have approval from Motorsport Australia for the permit to hold Euroday and just need to pay for the Certificate of Insurance.

However, there were some items that I required clarification and have not received a response as yet. Frans and Ian are aware of this.

Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):

Last month's Club Run was large on entertainment, variety of vehicles, & quality though somewhat small on number of participants.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per magazine.

Looking forward to the Nationals next weekend – and hoping for good weather. Big entry for the hill climb (86).

Public Relations (Ian Ashton):

Do we want to join the NSW Historic Motoring Association?

Committee decided we are happy with the CMC group with which we currently belong.

Regalia (Wendy Croker):

Nothing new to report.

Committee Member (Howard White):

Nothing new to report.

Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):

Social evening at the Lambton Park Hotel Friday night, 25th March:

My aim was to have an event that allowed members who are not able to join in other activities during the week as they work or have other commitments. Ironically,

everyone present, except for me, was happily retired!!!!
Oh well, I tried!

No social activity for April:

There is a lot happening this month anyway with Easter, school holidays and, of course, the National Meeting. Hopefully members who have decided not to register will still come along to watch and support our Club members.

Friday 27th May, I have booked for us to play Barefoot Bowls at the Merewether Bowling Club. All members are welcome but will need to book in beforehand. Details will be in the May newsletter and at the April and May Club nights.

I have also booked the Royal River Hotel in Morpeth again for Christmas-in-July on Sunday 18th July. Numbers are limited to 30 and RSVPs must be TO ME ONLY up until the week before. Again, more information will be available closer to the date.

Did we want to set a date to invite Peter to come to our Club night and talk about Armstrong Sidleys?

Will be invited to May meeting.

I have an Easter Egg for tonight's raffle, hot cross buns for supper, and a bag of organic mandarins for people to help themselves.

Lastly, birthday greetings for April include ex-committee member Gary Croker, our magnificent magazine editor Graham Haywood, and our Honourable II Presidente Steve Jones esq.

Happy Easter everyone!

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

Nothing new to report.

General Business:

Jeff has some photos of a T Series steering box and shaft that is up for sale from Lu Taylor. Contact Lu on (0405 186 779).

Apology from Wendy for next month.

Club Website stats for March 2022 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,054 times with peak being 31 March with 63 views – average 34 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages March were:

Site Home Page – 314 views

Magazine Archive – 153 views

Classifieds – 121 views

Club Magazine – 40 views

MGTF 2002 for sale – 38 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing. Updates applied in February;

- ✦ The Events Calendar to 5.14.1 (Events calendar)
- ✦ Ultimate Product Catalog to 5.1.1 (Regalia catalogue)
- ✦ Jetpack to 10.7 (Site security & performance)
- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.5.2.3 (Webpage editor)
- ✦ Knowledge Base to 9.2.1 (Ask an MG Guru)
- ✦ Ninja Forms to 3.6.9 (Webforms maker)

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 248 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 4,232 times (up 12.79% on previous month).

Please take lots of photos at the National Meeting – then put the up on the Club Facebook page.

Meeting Closed 7:08 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10th May 2022

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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 JUNE 2022 edition will be
Thursday 26th May 2022

A gas powered van, towing a diesel generator, charging an electric car.

The future is stupid...



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.

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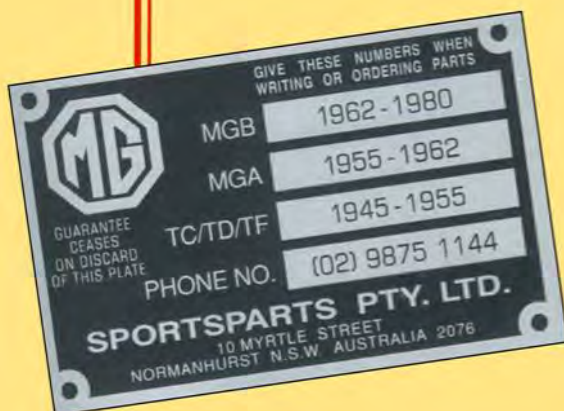
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