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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

JULY 2023

- ♦ ***Thursday 6th — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 11th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 12th—Mid Week Gathering— 11.30 am for 12
Lunch — See page 7 for details***
- ♦ ***Sunday 16th — Clubman Run is to "Xmas in July" lunch at
Lochinvar — Meet at Maccas car park Hexham for
10am morning tea — Alternative go direct to
Lochinvar Hotel for 12.30 lunch***
- ♦ ***Thursday 27th — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Sunday 30th — Ringwood Hillclimb—MGCCN***

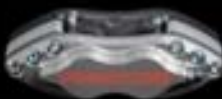
AUGUST 2023

- ♦ ***Thursday 3rd — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Friday 4th to Sunday 6th — Winton Festival of Speed***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 8th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 9th—Mid Week Gathering— 11.30 am for 12
Lunch — See page 7 for details***
- ♦ ***Saturday 12 to Sunday 13th—MG Racing at Sandown***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 16th — GEAR at Pheasants Wood***
- ♦ ***Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th — Leyburn Sprints***
- ♦ ***Sunday 20th — Clubman Run***
- ♦ ***Thursday 24th — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th — Rylstone Classics***

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NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

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

The club badge should be worn during any club function.

Martin / Melanie Campbell

Terry / Janeen Clifton

John / Astrid Perdriau

John Ray

Andy Webmaier

Kevin Bailey

Mark / Karen Hodgen

Jo Barbaschow

Christine Hobson

Jacob Alley-Sonter

Martin Evald

Linda Claydon

Craig Hunt

Bill Pike

Darren Hooper

Tracey Hooper

Marty Elbro

Lisa Eastlake

Scott Brooks

Jason Lay

Peter Davies

Bruce Whitten

Dianne Whitten

Patricia Carter

John Needs

Lisa Needs

Eddy Wedmaier

Hilary Davies

Hong Yan

Kevin Bailey

David Carter

William Hilton

Cheryl Moran

Mid Week Gathering July Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **12th July 2023**

venue : **.Orana Hotel,**

Location : **Pacific Highway Blacksmiths**

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden

Dear Member of the MG Car Club Hunter Region,

Membership Renewals were due by end of June 2023.

1. Those on historic registration

MUST RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP NOW

if not already renewed

because current membership of an approved car club is a necessary condition of their vehicle's registration and insurance.

2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:

Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60

Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$70

Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$25

3. PDF of *On the Marquee* by email is included in Membership.

The last printed copy was published in June 2023 - members are welcome to print off the PDF version at, for example,

Officeworks or their own printer.

4. When renewing it is NOT necessary to complete a Membership Application/Renewal form. If Membership details (e.g. email or postal address, phone number, vehicle details) have changed please advise the Secretary Frans Henskens by email (henskens@henskens.com.au)

5. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

BSB: 062-817

Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region

Account Number: 0090 3262

Description: Name(s) of renewing Member(s)

6. After payment has been made please send an email with payment details, i.e.

date and amount of payment,

renewal type either:

Full Single/Family,

Associate Single/Family, or

Student

to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins (gregjenkins204@gmail.com)

Membership fees became due in June as our membership year is based upon financial year and fees will remain as \$60 for single, \$70 for family.

Our club presented the “Euro Motorfest” in June and it was a resounding success with 300 cars being displayed to the public on the Foreshore in Newcastle. Regrettably I was not able to be present as “Influenza A” took hold of my health on the Wednesday after the club meeting in June. I spent almost a week in bed trying to recover.

Our club members rallied together in June and had an excellent coffee and run to Ma Baker at Booral. Our PRO was an inspiration and obviously this type of club activity is enjoyed by our members.

The Square Riggers Noggin and Natter, Mid Week Gathering, Clubman Run, which was Euro Motorfest, and the Tuning Run were also well attended. Well done members this indicates the club activities organised by your committee are what you the members want.

Our club President and other potential contributors to the magazine sent in their thoughts and expectations on “Concours” judging. As Editor I took the decision to restrict the number of articles with a single point of view for publishing in the magazine. The somewhat limited attitude has been published but I also consider that members would rather see articles reporting on successful activities of our club that encourage social friendship and use of our cars.

Progress with my MGB.

Progress is relatively slow with many detail tasks seeming to take longer than I expected. Many club members whom have restored or done some larger repair work on their cars would understand how time races on whilst I grapple with the -installation of relatively small items like rear view mirrors, wind-screen washers, new rubber seals to door windows and wind-screen etc..



When I started the repaint my expectation was 6 to 8 weeks but here we are with 8 months and still counting.

Enjoy reading this issue.

Ravings of your President.

-I think there are only two on the Car Club's committee that are not retired. I'm one of them. Unfortunately for me, as I head towards retirement at an as yet unknown date in the future, my life seems to be getting busier rather than slowing down. I'm not getting near enough time behind the wheel of any of my MG's but certainly relish any chance I get. With this in mind, I think it might be nice if someone else put their hand up for the position of our club President.

I've been on the MGCC Hunter Region committee for most (though not all) of its existence and I'm sure that at some stage in the future, I'll probably put my hand up again, but while I'm working two jobs etc, it is hard to get to all the events that it is expected the President could or should try and attend.

I've enjoyed my time with my hand on the tiller, though there were too many times where Denny had to take control in my absence.

I'll still be annoying you all with occasional articles and attempts to get some enthusiasm for things that I like (like National Meetings, motor-sport and shed reports), so you won't have too many withdrawals. Do you realise it's been seven years I've been 'raving' on in these articles.

-Back to business, there is a good number of members that have expressed an interest in attending the "National Meeting" in Tamworth next year. If everyone gets there, it could be our clubs biggest attendance in many years. There are about 35 members and just over 20 MG's with their name down. Bev and I have been up to Tamworth and found a Motor Inn that hopefully can fit us all in at the one location. Hopefully everyone has contacted them to reserve their room.

The Motor Inn proprietors said there were two other MG Car Clubs already booked. This will be good as there are many first timers amongst our group. It will be great at happy hour to meet new friends that we can look forward to catching again at future "Nat Meets".

I'm planning on taking two MG's and both require work.

-By the way, when you're talking about the "National Meeting", the

shortened name is "Nat Meet". I recoil massively when I hear them referred to as the "Nationals". To people that have been going for many years, the Nationals refers to the Burnout Nationals and Summer Nationals. It's a totally different demographic and the cringe factor is off the scale. The events at "Nationals" are burnouts (not just in the competition) and dyno shootouts, the preferred haircut seems to be the mullet, and some of the ladies... well, they're a touch less inhibited. Please, please, stick to "Nat Meet" or "National Meeting".

-I had a quick run at the recent "GEAR" meeting to see if I had finally cured the nagging clutch problem I've had for way too long. I'd had the Master and Slave cylinders totally refurbished and new clutch hoses. Alas, it is still slipping. With that I retired after qualifying. At least it made for an early trip home and we missed all the Sydney traffic. Who knows what I'll do next.

The projects are backing up in my workshop with 3 MG's requiring major mechanical work and one some minor cosmetic work. That is 2 engine removals to do and a refurbishment to finish. At least my "B" and Bev's Midget are behaving themselves. I suppose the shed is technically my residential address though I do get to sleep in the big house.

I'm off to Perisher for Fire Brigade work for 6 weeks and when I get back, there's a 2 night run to Glen Innes. Should be brisk with the roof safely stowed in the boot.

Short and sweat (just like me) this month.

Jonesy

Christmas in July. Lochinvar Hotel

This Christmas in July will be held at the Lochinvar Hotel. As per usual this will replace the July Sunday run because of the number of people coming to the event. Thus we will meet at Hexham McDonalds (23 Maitland Road Hexham) for morning tea at 10am. After having morning tea we will continue up the New England Highway towards Lochinvar (approx 30 kilometres or 30 minutes) to the Lochinvar Hotel on the left at 114 New England Highway Lochinvar (Phone Number :- 49307216) for lunch.
Howard White Club Captain

Team Hunter members Austin Blanch & Steve Jones recently competed in the GEAR meeting run on the southern circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek. Austin was having a great day dicing with a Group S midget & a quick FJ Holden & wishing he had another 1000 cc capacity under the bonnet of the A to chase the extra quick 911 Porsche Carrera . Unfortunately during the last event of the day the A decided it wanted to take it easy & started to run on 3 cylinders so that was Austin's day done .

On further investigation after his return home Austin found that the A had blown a head gasket between cylinders 3 & 4 , so not a big problem & should be up & running again fairly soon.



Steve Jones was treating the day as a test & tune day & was looking to see if he had resolved the clutch issues which have been plaguing him recently but unfortunately the clutch issue presented its self yet again so it's back to

the drawing board for Steve .

I recently attended the HSRCA Sydney Classic at Sydney Motorsport Park as a spectator (still waiting on bits for the B) the weather for the event could only be described as perfect winter Motorsport weather with lovely sunny days & not a sight of rain . It was a great opportunity to relax & relive the racing of yesteryear & remember what real cars looked & sounded like .

The Group S (historic sports cars) & Group N (historic touring cars as raced in the 60s & 70s) were great to watch & definitely bring back memories of days at Oran Park , Amaroo Park & Bathurst just to name a few .

It was interesting to see a big Can Am Lola that was actually owned & driven by Paul Newman out there competing one could only guess

what this car is worth , you could feel the ground shake under your feet as it went past what a beast . A great weekend of historic Motorsport & well worth the trip to western Sydney. The next event I will be attending will be the Winton Festival of Speed at Winton Raceway in Victoria, they get over 500 historic cars attending this event to compete on the track or taking part in the displays, probably Victoria's



answer to Goodwood .



Coming Events

Friday August 4 to Sunday August 6 Winton Festival of Speed. Winton Raceway Vic

Sunday August 13 Round 7 State Hillclimb Championship MGCCN Ringwood Park

Wednesday August 16 GEAR Pheasant Wood Circuit Murlan

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

Gary Piper



**Our Annual Concours is planned for the
21st October at Lambton Park
across the road from our club rooms.**

**Gates are to open from 8.30 am and judging from
9.30 am.**

Entry fee is \$10.00 per vehicle

**Hoping the weather will be kind and our event can
occur as planned!**

1965 MG MGB GT half-section

Introduced in October 1965, three years after the MGB Roadster, the GT was conceived as 'the poor man's Aston Martin' and was, according to MG's managing director John Thornley, "a car that no managing director need be ashamed of turning up at the office in".

The bodywork was basically styled by Syd Enever's department at MG's Abingdon works but with some final retouches by Italian designer Pininfarina who was a consultant to the British Motor Corporation.

The GT quickly established itself in the market place, offering the same performance as the Roadster but with the added versatility of children's seats in the back, more luggage space, as well as a roof which made it more sensible for all-year-round motoring.

Known affectionately by our staff as 'the divorce model', this unique MGB was sectioned into two halves for display at the GT's launch at the British Motor Show in 1965. The car was exhibited on the Earl's Court stand complete with the slogan 'MG magic in a new shape'. The MGB show car was subsequently upgraded to mark II specification and displayed at the 1967 Turin Motor Show.





MID WEEK GATHERING JUNE 2023

Another great social gathering organised by Kay Bowden was held at Heddon Greta Hotel .

The location for our meals and the usual enthusiastic conversation ensured a good time enjoyed by all.

Car parking was easy in the ample spaces parking area.

It was a perfect day to bring out the MG's for some exercise



Enthusiastic female members reviewing the lunch menu prior to ordering.

Equally enthusiastic male members wetting their throats and also reviewing the menu





Guys with their pride and joy MG's glistening in the winter sunshine are Charlie and Maggie Head at the white MGBGT, Nev and Andrew at their MGA's, and Denny at his pristine MG RV8.



July Newsletter

Social Secretary's Report

WOW!!!! What a fantastic day on Sunday 18th June for our Club's **EuroDay!** I know that there will be other reports in this newsletter, but it only reinforces that this was a real team effort organised by YOUR Club's VOLUNTARY Committee as well as other enthusiastic club members e.g. Therese who helped Trish sell over \$800 worth of raffle tickets, and Gary Croker who did whatever was needing doing! This was Andrew Gowans first major event after taking over from Ian Ashton as Public Relations Officer, and filled Ian's big boots doing an exceptional job. Also doing mountains of work behind the scenes was our Secretary Frans Henskens, including needing to find another coffee vendor at the 11th hour due to the booked one getting Covid! So it was really fantastic that Frans won the People's Choice Award with his much admired Morris Minor Tourer.



Christmas-in-July – Sunday 16th July and now *only 3 places left!*
So, if you are wanting to attend, BE QUICK! You can send me a text to 0400 432 053, or email me to at.rose.villa@gmail.com, or see me at Clubnight.
This year, we are going to the Lochinvar Hotel for a traditional Christ-

mas lunch for just \$28 per head (payable on the day), with drinks extra.

As usual, there will be a run to Lochinvar in the morning with meeting at the Hexham Macca's for morning tea at 10am. Then leaving from Macca's in convoy to arrive at the Lochinvar hotel at approx. 12.30..

And don't forget to wear something Christmas-y and bring your small change to buy some raffle tickets!



As previously mentioned, the other BIG social event is the celebration for the **100th anniversary of MG's**. This will be a very special sit-down luncheon at the Old Maitland Inn at Rutherford on **Saturday** (yes, SATURDAY) **16th September**, following a run-with-a-difference! So please keep this weekend free!

People wanting to come will need to pay when they book. Please keep an eye on the Club's webpage and fb, to get more details of price and how to book. We are hoping to have 60 people come along - so please do try and join in, even if you are on your own, don't be shy, because lots of us are single members. We have the reputation of being a friendly 'social' club, and I'm sure you will finish the day feeling glad that you came along!

And for those members who don't live in the Hunter Valley, you may want to contact the motel and book some accommodation (phone 02 4932 5255 & mention MG's) – especially as it is probable that we might organise a trip into the wine growing region on the Sunday, where we can sample not only wines grown in the area, but other produce such as olives and dairy.

Lastly, our **Club's AGM** will be held at the August Clubnight. All Committee positions are declared VACANT, and I have decided not to stand again as Social Director. So if you like organising events, including weekends away, please don't stay away, but consider standing for election! It is a fun and interesting activity, and I have really enjoyed getting to know members better than if I just came to Club-nights and the occasional run.

I look forward to seeing you at some MG events – please come and say "hello"! And, as usual ... keep watching this space for updates!

Anne Pettigrew Social Secretary

THE MG CAR CLUB
HUNTER REGION MONTHLY

Tuning Run



Every Fourth Thursday of the month.



Departing Hexham McDonalds promptly at 9am.
Please arrive fully fuelled and ready to go.

Contact Austin Blanch on 0492824245 or Steve Jones on 0412495234.

SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Starting to get a more diverse range of “MG’s” attending which is good to see for the visual impact with the Café clientele.

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting will occur at the usual location “Café inu” on 43 Denison Street in Carrington for Thursday **July 6th 2023**. We will meet at usual time of 12 noon and natter until around 2pm.



As usual we can order, then sit in the outside area, or inside the Café if it is raining, to eat, drink and chat.



PRO Report July 2023 - Euro Motorfest 2023

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at our Euro Motorfest on Sunday 18 June, you made it the successful day that it was. And what a success it was, with 300 cars, lots of people, and wonderful sunny mid-winter weather. Our Treasurer Greg will give an update on the event accounts at the next Club Night, and we'll be able to finalise the donations we can make to "Variety The Children's Charity" and "The John Hunter Children's Hospital". Well done, everyone!

There was some last-minute drama when, the evening before the show, we got told by our coffee vendor that they'd contracted COVID. Frans did a sterling job of ringing around other coffee vendors, and he managed to find one who was able to help by coming down for the show. He certainly earns a great big vote of thanks for all the effort he has put into making the show a success. Thanks Frans, from the bottom of my caffeinated cup.

The day started very chilly, with some of us loading up stuff at the Clubroom, and shepherding the J-Van on its way. Others were at the site whilst our Sponsors and Vendors set up their vans and gazebos. We opened the gates to Newcastle Foreshore Park at 7:45 and cars started to arrive immediately, even though the opening time was 8:30.

Frans, Denny, Neville, Howard and Greg got stuck into collecting monies and Gary Croker started to direct cars and clubs to suitable parking on the park. Michael set up the PA system. Lots of other Club Members got stuck into doing things, directing traffic, setting up our gazebos and banners, selling the Raffle tickets, and the 101 other things that seem to occur at the same time. Thanks everyone!

"Repco" generously donated some big buckets of Bowden's wash products for the Raffle prizes. Many thanks to Trish, Therese, Kay and Anne who sold raffle tickets, took People's Choice voting slips, and answered questions from the General Public. They sold over \$860 worth of Raffle tickets, ran out of ticket books, and had to resort to writing tickets up on slips of paper.

"Tyrepower Gateshead" were the sponsor of our "People's Choice Awards", which attracted a lot of close voting for Best Car and Best Club Display. After all votes were counted the winners were:

1. Morris Minor Tourer (Fran's car)
2. Aston Martin Vantage V12
3. Bentley Turbo R

Best Club Display was the British Car Club Morpeth.

All up the Euro Motorfest was a great success, and we can look forward to running it again next year.



People's Choice winners and their owners

Other upcoming events include “Christmas in July Run” on Sun 16 July, a “Movie Night” on Fri 4 August, our “Club MG Centenary Run & Lunch” on Sat 16 Sept, and our “Annual Concours” on Sat 21 October.

My ZT's coolant leak sounds like it's a receding, or slipped, wet liner. Apparently this is a known issue with the KV6 engine, which was also used in the Land Rover Freelander and Kia Carnival. My mechanic has an engineer friend who has form re-machining both the block and head, which will solve the problem. Hopefully, there isn't also a crack in the head (of the engine!), but I'll have to wait and see. Dum, de, dum, de, dum.....

Cheers,

Andrew Gowans
The PRO waiting for his speedo & engine
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BOORAL RUN TO “MA BAKER” FORECOURT



Meeting at rest stop on main highway to travel as a convoy to Booral.



BOORAL RUN TO “MA BAKER” FORECOURT



Meeting at rest stop on main highway to travel as a convoy to Booral.



DISCLAIMER

Technical tips and methods suggested herein are the views of the person submitting them and the club cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of these whatsoever. Persons following these tips and methods must make sure of their personal safety when applying them.

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

**Deadline for the AUGUST 2023 edition will be
Monday 24th July 2023**

This car has been chosen by the MG Car Club to represent its type at the Intermarque Concours



LIFE'S TOO SHORT NOT TO

Year Made: 1976
Model: MGB Roadster
Colour: Glacier White
Engine Type: 18V B Series 1798cc US Specification
Transmission: Adept at stalling on take off
Power: Very little — Think liner “Queen Mary” powered by a Seagull outboard! Good comparison
Owner: G Haywood — Itt sometimes doesn't want to go! No amount of pleading will move it!

KNOWN HISTORY

This car probably contributed to the demise of the British car industry single handedly. There are more nuts and screws securing the body panels than a whole Jap or Chinese car has.

DRIVING IT

It is exhilarating to man handle it along a winding road and show whom is the Boss.

GREAT TRIPS

Always great to get home and rest the weary arms and legs.

WHY I LOVE THIS CAR

Well I just tolerate it really Love is not earned by something that has skinned my knuckles, tried to behead me and dented my pride. **But it is not for sale!**

This concept has been copied from a document lent to me.

FOR SALE

MG PARTS & JACKS FOR SALE

\$130 for the parcel cover



\$50 for the rostyle wheel nut covers, still in packets, never used



\$40 for the 4 tonne bottle jack, is as new



\$30 for the scissor jack



\$15 for the garage/floor jack

Contact William VanDerVeen on williamvanderveen@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1968 MGB Mk2 Roadster

I wish to sell my 1968 MGB Mk2 roadster. This car has been fully restored by MG Workshops in Melbourne and it is a quality restoration of the car and the engine.

The engine is totally rebuild, balanced and with a fast road cam and is a delight to drive.

The bodywork is restored to a high standard with new floors and sills and fully repainted in the original white colour with a new rag top.

This car is as original except for a very 60s after-market steering wheel and chrome wire wheels from my MGC (I fitted 15 x 6" wheels to my MGC)

Asking price is \$37,500

This car has not even covered 5000 km since restoration.

Howard Anderson howard@andersonwinery.com.au



MGB Parts For Sale

¾" (stiffer) front anti-roll bar \$100

Salisbury style diff. Brake to brake. \$350.

A set of Rostyle steel wheels free!

Phone Alan on 0408608397

FOR SALE

British Racing Green MGB 1967 ROAD-STER MARK 1.5,



4 speed manual
transmission
Compliance plate
1/1967
NSW REGO BSF
75P



Family purchased
14/12/2002 but has

documentation back to 14/12/1990. It has had a part
restoration completed in Dec 2018 including a gear-
box overhaul.

A respected British classic specialist described it as
an 'honest car. It is fully registered for another 12
months 12/12/22 till 12/12/23, It has been garaged
No rust, New roof, Kill switch, Single battery Ex-

cellent exhaust note. Tyres are in excellent condition , Weber carb, Mechanic
happy to discuss engine details.I am looking for a new owner who will have
as much enjoyment as I have.

Asking price \$28,995 June Kentwell 0409441173

**1967 MGB roadster,
monza red, 45734 miles,**

\$32,000

Lovely car inside and
out, very straight body
with no rust, interior and
both tonneau's in excellent
condition
recent engine freshen up,
currently on club rego, in-
spection will not disappoint.
Kind regards
Paul Jacobson 0414 956 459



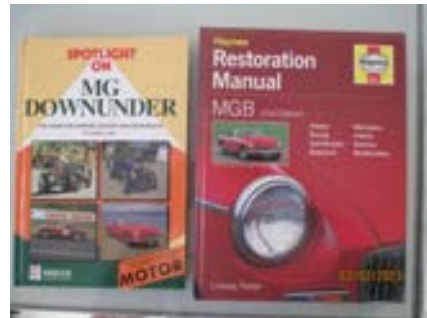
FOR SALE

MGB PARTS AVAILABLE

I have a front cross member for an MGB 1966, and two wheels. Happy for them to go to a good home or make me an offer **Bill Brown 0425246572**



BOOKS FOR SALE



Call Peter 0431891877 for prices



FOR SALE

XPAW ENGINE

I have an XPAW engine which was removed from my MGY for being “Smokey” but was running OK otherwise.

It does not have with it the external metal work that allows an XPAW to become an XPAG but is of course otherwise identical.

Free to a good home, if interested contact me

Bill Pike on “fwpike@yahoo.com”.

I am located at Abernathy near Cessnock

1957 MGA 1600 Roadster

A truly stunning example of this classic English MGA Roadster. Finished in HSV Fire Red with cream leather/vinyl to the original combination.

I conducted a complete car ground-up bare metal restoration painstakingly close to the original factory specification.

The car has matching num-



bers for the chassis and engine. The engine rebuild, to the 1600 specification, was blue printed.

Hard tops (2) are available for restoration.

Original milage 81,269 miles – since restoration (2002) 2,721 miles

Available in Newcastle

EOI – contact John Fraser-Easton – 0409 961 080

MG Car Club Hunter Region
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 13th June 2023

Meeting Opened: 6.05 p.m.

Chair: Stephen Jones Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans, Alan Andoni, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Howard White.

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th May 2023 Approved, moved Gary Piper seconded Andrew Gowans

Business Arising:

Follow-up meeting was held last Saturday re Euro Motorfest arrangements.

Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

Email received from MGCC SA re survey on the Club magazine – answered by both Frans and myself.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2023/24 Membership renewals to date: 30 single and 26 family, a total paid-up membership of 82.

Membership renewals for 2023/24 have been advertised in *On The Marque* and the Club website.

Members with cars on concessional registration must renew before 30 June otherwise their registration and insurance become void.

Approval paperwork has been received from NCC for our 2023 Euro Motorfest. Have posted an advertisement for the event on *What's On in Newcastle*.

Ron Robinson of the Lambton Mechanics Institute Trust (in which we have our Club Rooms) advised that a Trust member has resigned. I have applied to replace him, which will hopefully assist our ongoing position in the building.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Nothing new to report.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marquee*.

Geoff Thomas of Monaco Spares will be guest speaker at the next meeting.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Euro Motorfest

We're getting good feedback on the Euro Motorfest, 12 Clubs have confirmed attendance with an estimated 100 confirmed cars at this stage. The Facebook event has attracted 40 confirmations and another 118 people interested, although this will include some of our Club Members and is changing daily. I'm hoping we'll surpass last year's 220 cars, but time will tell.

The trophies are in, and the merchandise for the raffle is still to be collected.

The weather forecast is good, with the next week being mostly sunny with no indications of rain, and the same for the day of the show.

Annual Concours

I'd like to start publicising our Concours (to be held on 21 October), after the Euro Motorfest is complete.

Movie Night

We will run another movie night on Friday 4 August.

Regalia (Position Vacant):

Nothing new to report.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni):

Nothing new to report.

Social Director: (Anne Pettigrew)

I now have 23 names for the Christmas-in-July lunch to be held July 16 – we can have a maximum of 30 and will incorporate a Run to Rutherford.

I have made contact with the manager of Repco at Rutherford & I asked him for some 'merch' for our EuroDay, but has since told me that he has liaised with Tracey from the Hamilton store, and are donating 5 'buckets' of stuff for our raffle;

He is also coming in his VW to show.

Re 'merch' ... I know that I have previously discussed having something for our 100 year celebration in September, & the committee thought not. But with so many other Clubs doing something, I think it is a shame that we don't offer something for OUR

members!

Greg told me that we need to do a stocktake of our regalia to report to our Audit as at 30th June. I have offered to help him and suggest that we have a 'sale' with reduced prices at next month's Club night.

Lastly, I think that I would prefer to take the Regalia committee position next year, rather than continue as social director. I feel that it would be better if the Social Director was one of a couple, especially if the Club wants to have more weekends away.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

June magazine issued on 2nd June and was e-mailed to all financial members.

Work on upgrading the club library of annual copies of magazines from 2010 to current has commenced but there are several months of printed magazines missing. If any member has copies of the following magazines and are happy to donate them to the Club please notify me.

MISSING MAGAZINES

2017 – May/Jun/Aug

2016 – Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec

2014 – Apr

2012 – Apr/Oct/Nov/Dec.

General Business:

Following submissions from one of our advertisers to do with position in *On The Marque* a subcommittee has been formed to consider costs and processes for charging for advertising now that we are fully electronic.

Accommodation has been booked for Tuning Run weekend away to Glen Innes on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September returning on Saturday 9th. 3 positions are still left.

30 Members involving 19 MGs have expressed an interest in attending the National Meeting to be held in Tamworth 2024. Am working on bookings for our accommodation.

Club Website stats for May 2023 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,347 times with peak being 5 May with 92 views – average 43 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages for May were:

Site Home Page – 317 views

Magazine Archive – 229 views

✦ Classifieds - 82 views

✦ Euro Motorfest 2023 - 57 views

✦ Booral Markets - 46 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing. Updates applied in May were:

✦ Wordpress to 6.2.2 (Website software)

✦ Beaver Builder to 2.6.3.2 (Web Page editor)

✦ Jetpack to 12.1.1 (Site monitoring & performance)

✦ Jetpack Protect to 1.4.0 (Site security)

✦ Ninja Forms 3.6.2.4 (Webform builder)

✦ Events Calendar to 6.0.13.1 (Calendar app)

✦ WP Advert to 2.0.6 (Classifieds)

✦ A full Website backup was done on 21 May.

Facebook stats for May were:

There were 177 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 6,575 times.

Meeting Closed 7:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th July 2023 @ 6.00 pm

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.