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For SQ Riggers Noggin and Natter**

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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

NOVEMBER 2023

- ♦ ***Thursday 2nd — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm
Inu Café Carrington***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 14th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 15th—Mid Week Gathering— 11.30 am for 12
Lunch at See page 7 for more info.***
- ♦ ***Sunday 19th — Clubman Run —Salvos Toy Run and Club
Presentation Meet at "MADDZ CAFÉ" Teralba at 10
am for coffee then depart at 10.30am for Rathmines
See page 19 for details.***
- ♦ ***Thursday 23rd — Tuning Run — Meet for Tuning Run to Nepean
Classics at Paul's Corner for coffee 9:30am***
- ♦ ***Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th — "HSRCA" Summer Festival
at Sydney Motor Sport Park***

DECEMBER 2023

- ♦ ***Sunday 3rd — "MGCC Newcastle" Regularity Hillclimb at
Ringwood Park***
- ♦ ***Monday 4th — "GEAR" at Sydney Motor Sport Park***
- ♦ ***Thursday 7th — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm
Inu Café Carrington***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 12th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 13th—Mid Week Gathering— 11.30 am for 12
Lunch .***
- ♦ ***No Clubman Run for December***
- ♦ ***No Tuning Run for December***



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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

Cheryl Moran

Terry / Janeen Clifton

John / Astrid Perdriau

John Ray

Andy Webmaier

Mark / Karen Hodgen

Christine Hobson

Martin Evald

Jason Lay

Bruce Whitten

Dianne Whitten

Patricia Carter

John Needs

Lisa Needs

David Carter

Elizabeth Hilton

Mid Week Gathering NOVEMBER Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **15th November 2023**

Venue : **.SWANSEA RSL**

Location : **5 Bridge Street Swansea**

Time : approx., 11.30am for 12.00

Members and their wives or partners are able to sit together if they wish.

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden



THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY HIDDEN HERE...

I spy a driver, two Bathurst legends, and an Aussie first.
A honey badger, four tracks, a Martin, a fine four-fendered friend, a bumblebee, and a mad man.



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Regrettably I was unwell for the end of last month so was unable to prepare the October magazine for members reading. Thankfully our hard working "PRO" volunteered to put it together for me. I was not in a good mental state at the time as I worried about the cause of my chest pains.

My brief time in JHH with several tests and xrays confirmed, I was not having a heart attack nor was my Aorta Anneurysim in distress.

A few days after release home the real cause, being Shingles, became evident. All good now.

Our club Concours was well supported on Saturday 21st and results are in this issue. See page 27

Our Vice President has a report on the changes approved at the September Committee meeting for the Clubman points on page 14.

Our Christmas Toy Run and Clubman presentation will be held on Sunday 19th and details on the new starting point are on page 19.

The Mid Week Gathering for October was held at the "Blind Chef" in Cardiff Bowls Club and a report on this function can be found on pages 22 & 23.

A good rollup for the Clubman Run with a welcome barbecue and salad lunch prepared by our Captain waiting for the group on arrival at the Morpeth Park.

I was volunteered to lead the group from the club rooms and arrive at the morning tea location at the Foreshore Park in Raymond Terrace.

However as I was without a passenger and I was unsure of the route to Morpeth Park I transferred that role to Peter and Barbara

LeBreton. See page 24 for a report.

Progress with my MGB.

There is no progress to report on my car other than a wash and polish in readiness for the Concours.

Enjoy reading this issue.

Graham



BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM



1932 MG J2 Midget

The J-type MG Midget was introduced in August 1932, replacing the four year old M-type. Compared to its predecessor, the J-type had an improved chassis based on the chassis of the C-type racing Midget and the engine had a new cross-flow cylinder head but the crankshaft still ran in only two main bearings.

The J-type was available in four different models: the J1 which was fitted with a four-seater tourer or 'salonette' bodywork, the J2 which was a two-seater and the J3 and J4 racing models with supercharged engines.

The J2 two-seater, with its double-humped scuttle, cut-down doors and rear slab tank became the pattern for the MG Midget sports car right through to the last TF in 1955. The 1932-33 models had the cycle type wings seen here, (later cars had swept wings). A total of 2,082 J2 models were built from 1932 to 1934.

This particular car dates to October 1932 and was originally exported to New Zealand from where it was brought back into the UK in recent years. It has at some time been converted from mechanical to hydraulic brakes.

Engine:
4 cyl, 1447cc

Top speed:
75 mph (120 km/h)

Power:
36 bhp

Chassiswork:
Two speed

Price new:
£199

Registration mark:
WLU 501



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Christmas Toy Run and Presentation Lunch

Sunday 19 November meet at 10:30am
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2023 Concours, what a great day that was, although Gary Piper had to work on the day, he did do a lot of the preparation work before hand, Andrew Gowans did his usual sterling performance, Steve Jones not only helped with the judging, he sat for hours putting pen to the certificates, Greg, Frans, Graham, Peter and Howard checked the cars onto the park, Anne sold raffle tickets and Bev Jones did the running for us, chasing anything that was needed and handing out water to the judges.

A special mention to our new regalia officer John Longrigg and his right hand men, grandson's Oliver & Felix, I wish I had that young fellows energy, carrying regalia down to the park at the start, and then bringing the items that had not been sold back up to the club room at the end of the day, maybe the age difference has something to do with it.

Another special mention, to all the judges, I thank you, the pay rate is not very good and it is sometimes a thankless task.

Whist we are on the thankless task issue, if you are someone who thought that they should have done better, you are welcome to contact me, preferably by phone.

I have already had a few question and will try to answer all questions as best as I can.

I will not be handing out judging sheets and will not be doing comparisons with other cars in your class, I will tell you the areas that you scored lower in.

I will not be telling you who the judges were in your class, as I stated earlier, judging is a thankless task and if they were hit with a lot of questions as to why you did not win you couldn't blame them if they refused to judge next time.

All in all it was a very good day, perfect weather good company and a park full of great cars.

It was very rewarding for me to have our committee and members coming up and asking , is there something you need me to do,

Congratulations to All

Octagonally Yours
Denny Bowden , President

Update to MGCCHR Clubman Point Scoring System

Each month our "MGCCHR" Newsletter concludes with an explanation of how these scores are calculated.

Here is an extract:

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.

Our Club receives many invitations/ requests for members to bring their MG's to display at various Car Shows or Community Events. These are usually held on a weekend, and thus intrude on any planned leisure activities for individuals and their families. The event also involves cleaning and preparing our beloved MG's, so that our cars present as well as possible, which is certainly good PR for our Club and the MG Marque.

At the September meeting of the Committee it was agreed that participating in these activities is very commendable and deserving of earning Clubman Points. We have now added an extra category:

(D) member responsible for co-ordinating display of MGs at Car Shows or Community Events (unless there are limits on the number of cars that can participate)

The presentation of these awards for the 2022/23 membership year will be at the Christmas Toy Run and luncheon at Rathmines on Sunday 19th November.

See you there!
Anne Pettigrew
Vice President



I recently attended a “GEAR” Club meeting held at Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek which was run on Amaroo (south circuit). The event was run in near perfect conditions for Motorsport. The event saw 65 entries varying from historic specials, Formula Vee, .Formula Ford, various other open wheelers, sports cars, tin tops including minis, cortina, FX Holden (young Normie again), Alfas, Nissan, also a Chevy Nova 327 & a Dodge Dart (big old Yank machines that sounded great). The standard of the cars entered on the day was exceptional with the presentation just great.

With my “B” not up & running yet (hopefully good for the December meeting) I helped scrutineer & ran the Dummy Grid on the day. I enjoyed a great day.

Team Hunter member Bruce Melville competed in his Lotus Elan S2 which ran well all day & it appears as though he’s got rid of the electrical gremlins which is great.

Bruce has entered in the “HSRCA Summer Festival” & will run in Regularity in the Lotus Elan. The event will be run over the weekend of 25 & 26 th of November at Sydney Motorsport Park & will be worth having a look at with some great historic vehicles competing in various classes. Good luck to Bruce.



Great news about “Wakefield Park” it looks like work is progressing rapidly & the circuit will reopen early in 2024.

The circuit will be renamed “**One Raceway**”. Some of the great things happening with the circuit will be that it will be totally resurfaced & it will be a dual direction circuit i.e. be able to run clockwise or anticlockwise which is unique & exciting also.

All facilities at the circuit will receive an overdue upgrade, also improvements to drainage will be carried out & those of us that have previously competed there in the wet know how much this is needed. If you want to check it out further have a look on the “One Raceway”

website, or have a look at “Re- Building a Racetrack with Kei Truck” done by the guy from “Mighty Car Mods”. It gives you a good look at what’s happening at the track.

I believe that committee members of “GEAR” are meeting with owner Steve Shelley in the near future to discuss “GEAR days for 2024”.

I for one can't wait to get back to have a run there & i am sure that anyone involved in any level of Motorsport feels the same.



“MG Car Club Newcastle” will run a regularity Hillclimb on Sunday 3rd December & hopefully we can get a team together to compete. It is normally a fun day.

Coming Events

Saturday 25, Sunday 26 November “HSRCA Summer Festival” Sydney Motorsport Park.

Sunday 3 December “MGCC Newcastle” Regularity Hillclimb Ringwood Park.

Monday 4 December “GEAR” Sydney Motorsport Park North Circuit.

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

Gary



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PRO Report November 2023

The Club Concours on Saturday 21 October was a great success. Even though we were competing with two other car shows on the Saturday, and the MGCC Sydney Concours on the Sunday, we got a good roll up of MGs and other marques. Everyone pitched in to help on the day, and everything went well. The Sun shined, the breeze was cooling, and everyone was having a great time.

The cars on display were all splendid, particularly Evan Redman and the “TC” - back on the road after many months of engineering toil. Well done!

We also seemed to have dodged the ghost of wet Concours past.

Having successfully run that race, we can look forward to the final Big Event of 2023 - the Christmas Toy Run and Presentation Lunch.

The Presentation Lunch is the culmination of the Clubman and Sporting Points events from the previous 12 months, with lunch at Club Catalina in Rathmines followed by the annual awards. The lunch is preceded by the Christmas Toy Run, leaving the “Maddz Café” Shop at 40 York St. Teralba at 10.30 am, and meeting a representative from “The Salvos” at Rathmines at 11.00 am.

We ask Members to consider needy children at Christmas and to bring along an unwrapped toy for a child that you can donate via The Salvos. If you can't make the run, or your MG is too small (!!!???), you can drop your gift at the Club Night in November or take it to President Denny sometime before the Sunday.

Thanks again to our Captain Howard for organising the Run for this special day.

Lunch on the day can be purchased from the Club Bistro.

I'll be away on holiday in December, so updates to the Website and Facebook may be a little slow. As always, check your Club Magazine for details of coming events.

Since last month I've refitted my speedo and everything is working great. Robert Cronin has done a fantastic job. I can highly recommend him. In fact I'll be sending him my tacho next, for a service & clean whilst I'm away. The ZT is still on the back-burner.

Cheers,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO with Speedo-Au-Go-Go!.

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Teralba to Rathmines

Meeting at 40 York Street Teralba for coffee at **Maddz Cafe** 10am and leaving for Rathmines at 10.30 am.

Since this is a special toy run and not a normal Sunday run we will meet at Teralba at **Maddz Cafe** (40 York Street Teralba) for coffee before driving the short run to Rathmines bowling club (1 Stilling Street Rathmines)

- 1/ After morning tea the cars should continue down York Street towards Toronto and veering to the left onto Toronto road and following to the round about.
- 2/ At the round about take the third (3rd) exit onto Toronto Road.
- 3/ Follow this road towards Toronto (changes name a number of times to Cary Street) and taking the next left after McDonalds onto Victoria Parade.
- 4/ Follow Victoria Parade to the second round about and take the second exit onto the Boulevard (the Main Street of Toronto).
- 5/ Follow the Boulevard to the traffic lights and turn left back onto Cary Street.
- 6/ Proceed along road (now called Wangi Road) to the Rathmines turn off (large round about first exit left) onto Dorrington Road.
- 7/ Follow Dorrington Road to the end of the road and turn left onto Stilling Street.
- 8/ Follow Stilling Street to the entrance of Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club (on right) and park cars.

We have been asked to be there at 11am and it's approx 20 minutes run.

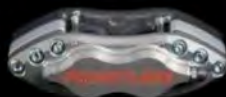
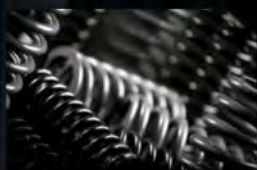




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MID WEEK GATHERING OCTOBER 2023

The October meeting was at the Cardiff Bowling Club to the Blind Chef Café.
Great meals, venue and company.
Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.



Some of the participants cars in the car park.



OCTOBER CLUBMAN RUN

H White

The October Clubman Run was started at the club rooms on Sunday 15th with a drive to Foreshore Park in Raymond Terrace for morning tea.



Some participants walked a short distance to a café to purchase their coffee. They soon discovered a great tasting coffee but in smaller than normal size takeaway cups.



A pleasing view of participants shining MG's and the lovely Mustang Convertible parked at the Foreshore Park



Participants engrossed in discussion whilst enjoying the shade and their morning tea.

After morning tea stop we drove on towards the final lunch destination in Morpeth at the Morpeth Park. A delicious BBQ and salads awaited us that was cooked by our Club Captain Howard whom had gone ahead to do so. We met other members Larry and Shirley whom had driven over from Cooranbong to join us.



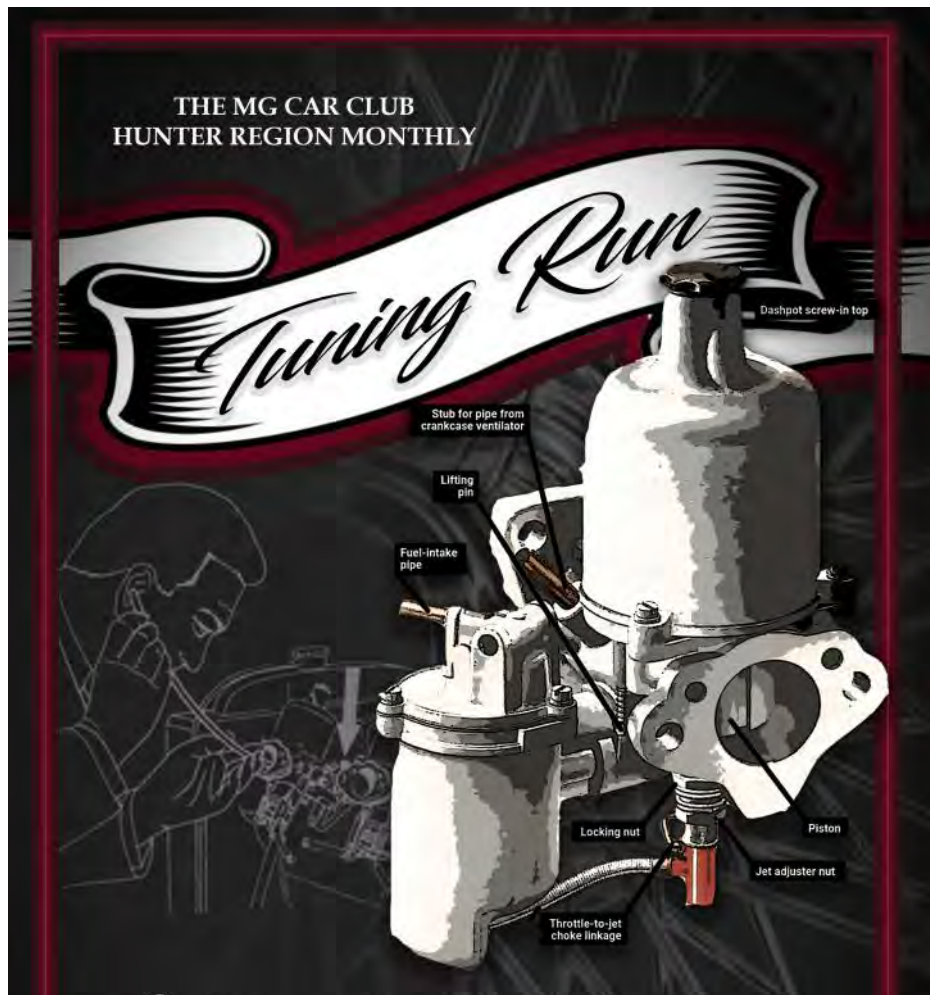
Shirley & Larry to the rear left, Jenny to the rear right then with Phil and Howard with their backs to the camera.

To the left are Jenny, Alistair, Jeff and Sally with to the right from the rear are Peter, Barbara and Graham



THE MG CAR CLUB
HUNTER REGION MONTHLY

Tuning Run



**Thursday 23rd — Tuning Run to Nepean Classics,
meeting at Paul's Corner for coffee 9:30am**

**Regrettably the Tuning Run for October was cancelled
due to fires, extreme weather and road closures.
Hopefully the November Run will not have the same
outcome.**

MGCC HUNTER REGION CONCOURS WINNERS FOR 2023

Class	Class Winners		
	1st	2nd	3rd
MG Prewar	Robert Gibson	_____	_____
MGTF	Denny Bowden	John & Una Greco	Ross Kirby
MG Y types	Elliot Burns	Bruce Melville	_____
MG Magnette	Phil Powell	Neville Schofield	_____
MGA Roadster	John / Fraser Easton	Andrew Gowans	Cenny Wagemaker
MGA Twin Cam	Leo Pinczewski	_____	_____
MG Midget	Bev Jones	_____	_____
MGB Mk1 Roadster	John Morton	Steve Jones	_____
MGB Mk2 Roadster	Alan Wylie	John Longrigg	Greg Jenkins
MGB L Roadster	Don Noble	Doug Campbell	Gary Muirhead
MGB Rubber Nose Roadster	Peter LeBreton	Bill VanDerBeen	Graham Haywood
MGBGT Mk1 & 2	Matt Blanch	Dave Young	_____
MGBL GT	Lois Ippolito	James Hancock	Alastair Leask
MGBGT Rubber Nose	Howard White	_____	_____
MGBGT V8	Don Noble	Noel Armstrong	_____
MGRV8	Jim Dolbel	_____	_____
Modern MGF	Lyall Clarke	Jeffrey Lauff	Anne Pettigrew
Modern MGTF	Arthur Nichols	_____	_____
MG Racing	Phil Powell	Austin Blanch	_____
Non Marque	Alan Blanch	Robert Devereux	Peter Buckley

OUTRIGHT TROPHIES

Outright Pre MGA

Outright Post TF-up to & including R N

Outright post MGB R N

TF	Denny Bowden
MGBGT	Don Noble
MGRV8	Jim Dolbel



Only 181 days to the 2024 National Meeting: Let's Keep the Revs Ticking Over!



We're now less than half a year out from the 2024 MG National Meeting and the team is hard at work preparing a wonderful celebration of our marque. Here are a few facts and updates.

Sporting Events

- A competitive speed event will be held on tarmac at the Tamworth Oakburn Park motorsports complex (adjacent to the Tamworth City Speedway)
- A competitive motorkhana event consisting of three (3) tests will be held at the nearby Gunnedah Airport tarmac airstrip.
- A competitive observation run will require a Motorsport Australia Speed License (Touring Assembly Motorsport Australia determination)
- A non – competitive social Kimber Run requiring a valid driver's license

Concours

The concours will be held in a park close to the main town centre, details will be available once confirmed by the Tamworth Council.

Concours classes will be the same as last year.

Anyone available to help with judging please contact: Stuart Ratcliff at mgcentre@bigpond.com

Social Events

The full line up of Nat Meet social events will be taking place as usual:

- Friday: Welcome evening with rocker cover racing will be held at the Tamworth Town Hall
- Saturday: Country Ball at The Mercure.
- Sunday: Club free evening
- Monday: Presentation dinner - Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre

We need all hands on deck - Please volunteer by contacting:
editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au

Ros Bastian

Bulletin Coordinator



SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting will occur at the usual location "Café Inu" at 43 Denison Street in Carrington for Thursday

November 2nd 2023.

We will meet at usual time of 12 noon and natter until around 2pm.

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

Come and join us as you will be welcome.





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**Deadline for the DECEMBER 2023 edition will be
MONDAY 27th November 2023**



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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.

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Paul Jacobson 0414 956 459



FOR SALE

The car is in very good condition with new Brakes including slave cylinders, new Clutch, brake servo, clutch slave cylinder, new radiator, new muffler, new water pump and motor oil pressure 70bs. Suspension rubbers replaced.
All wet weather gear including hood, Tonneau and side curtains in very good condition.



Include daily log book on all running maintenance including fuel since restoration.
Has been in same ownership for 40 years but stored since 1993.

The price is **\$39,000.00** and any enquiries can be directed to me on mobile **0408653581**. Regards Peter Dever.

FOR SALE

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1951 TD MG



On CRS plates, Top condition,
23,000 since full restoration. 1.25 Ltr engine



TD 1952 plates can be done at purchasers cost
\$ 34,000 ONO
Some spares
Contact Bryson on 0489540311

1950 Morris Minor Tourer,

Mist Green, low-light split screen as original except for alternator and electric fan which takes load off the side valve motor.

Rust free, working trafficators, beautiful little car complete with good roof and side screens, original jack and wheel brace etc.

Also have spare parts e.g. rear wheel spats, guards, wheels, spare side valve motor, rear axle etc that the buyer must take with the car!

Asking \$22,000
Contact Frans
0419561448



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**



For sale 76 Midget 1500cc ,

lot of work done by Bob Rowntree, fast and new German 3.55 Crown Wheel & Pinion.

\$13,500

Selling only as retired and too many MG's. to maintain and rego etc.



Details and info contact Steve in Sydney 96804648 or mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au

FOR SALE

Help Needed

I am missing some single items.
I need one TA/B/C brake shoe of the same type as shown, and one acorn nut for an Altette horn, 1/4" BSF thread.

If you can help, please contact Peter Lloyd by leaving a message on 0439 212 880.



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 mileage 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 10th October 2023

Meeting Opened: 6.08 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Howard White, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans, John Longrigg, Peter Le Breton, Graham Haywood.

Apologies:

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 12th September 2023 were read and approved; moved Andrew Gowans seconded John Longrigg.

Business Arising:

Nil

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew): Centenary Luncheon held on 16th September at The Old Maitland Inn at Rutherford. As per my report in the October magazine, with a couple of extra points:

44 people booked, but I know of at least 2 people who weren't there. We should send them a coaster at least?

We have 3 full boxes remaining i.e. 18

I suggest we sell these @ \$10-00 each to members, \$12-00 to others; and a full set for \$50 / \$60

We also have the little boxes, and I wondered whether we might like to get our logo printed on some A4 paper, and have them cut so that they fit into the boxes as little notes. These would make good Christmas presents!

I received a \$20 cash refund from the bakery, as we changed our order to a smaller cake due to less people coming.

I did hear comments that a Saturday event didn't suit quite a few people

I have been reimbursed for my expenses for the decora-

tions

Lastly, for the record, I just wanted to clarify that, contrary to Denny's report in the newsletter :

"The celebration started with ideas from Anne Pettigrew as to what when and how we should remember 100 yrs. of MG. Anne soon had Andrew on board to assist with venue and times ..."

But it was actually Andrew's idea, and I volunteered to assist. It was only when Andrew became consumed with organising the EuroFest that I offered to take over with all the planning!

Also, Andrew's report in the newsletter referred to my "wrangling the décor". I wish to confirm that there were no noisy disputes or anger, just a lot of consultation with The Old Maitland Inn and lots of trips to Spotlight, florists and Big W!

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2023/24 Membership renewals to date: 71 single and 64 family, a total paid-up membership of 199.

We now have NCC approval for our Concours to be held 21st October. Thanks to Greg Jenkins for his sterling efforts arranging the required PLI policy document.

After communication with its Chair Ron Robinson who advised resignation of one of its members, I have applied to join the Lambton Mechanics Institute Trust. This will enable me to represent the Club's interests on the Trust. No response has yet been received from Crown Lands (the vacancy has been advertised) save a phone call to ask for a copy of my Drivers' Licence. I was invited and did attend last Saturday's Trust meeting as an observer.

Correspondence received: email re currently available development opportunities.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Has been working on weights to hold down the gazebos (NCC ground care requirements).

There is a Run on this Sunday as per the magazine – commencing 10 a.m. Sunday morning: morning tea Raymond Terrace Park, destination Morpeth Park. A sausage sizzle BBQ is planned.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

GEAR Meeting Eastern Creek southern circuit Monday 23rd October.

It is hoped that Wakefield Park may be ready for some racing this December.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Discussion items:

o Trophies for Presentation Lunch

✦ Needs approval to spend on trophies (up from last time)

✦ Approved.

✦ Christmas Toy Run & Presentation Lunch

✦ Has booked room at Rathmines.

✦ Can order food and drinks at bistro and bar.

✦ Committee emails & mailing lists

✦ If any of the Committee would like to use Club accounts for Club business, they are ready to go. Contact Andrew for configuration details.

✦ Can also create distribution lists if wanted.

✦ I am away in December.

✦ Date for VP's Breakfast Run in January

Suggestion is 21st January 2024. As usual will go to Blackalls Park.

Invitation to Cars & Coffee in the Bay at Taylors Beach on 22/10 (day after Concours)

✦ Clashes with Sydney Club's Concours.

Abington Motors has not responded to several contact attempts and have not paid their invoice, so their advertisement will be removed from *On the Marque*.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

A full reconciliation of the Club's Regalia stock has been completed. A summary of the reconciliation will be presented.

Some of the items are soiled.

MG memorabilia has been offered by Bernie Hewitt (a previous early member of our club).

A very nice Club car badge – will investigate procuring.

Regalia sales at Concours.

Propose that store at Concours should concentrate on MG items (of more interest to the public) rather than those including the Club name.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton):

Nothing new to report.

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

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

General Business:

Club Website stats for September 2023 (Andrew Gowans):

In September the Website was viewed 1,905 times with the peak being 16 September with 102 views. The daily average was 63 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for September were:

Site Home Page - 381 views

Magazine Archive - 241 views

Classifieds - 152 views

Club Magazine - 79

Concours UK MGC GT advert - 78 views

The vast majority of Website views come from within Australia, but **we're also seeing traffic from the USA, the UK, Canada, the Netherlands, NZ, Ireland, South Korea, Singapore & South Africa.**

Facebook Stats

In September there were 195 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 7,222 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 18 September. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Planning for the Concours

NCC approval has been received.

Frans will collect the Park key from NCC on the 20th and be at the Park to open up at 8 a.m.

The Coffee Well has been booked to serve coffee, and Crescent Start Food booked to serve Turkish Gozleme.

Bernie Hewitt has donated a collection of metal car badges. Also a set of four framed Steve Jones individually numbered prints.

Should the Club purchase the prints for display in the Club rooms? Will find out how much money would be involved.

Meeting Closed 7:23 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th November 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 (D) member responsible for co-ordinating display of MGs at Car Shows or Community Events (unless there are limits on the number of cars that can participate). 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.