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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

May 2024

- ♦ ***Thursday 2nd — Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"CafeInu" Carrington—
43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm***
- ♦ ***Monday 6th — Gear Pheasants Wood Raceway Goulburn***
- ♦ ***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 am Lunch—contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend.***
- ♦ ***Sunday 19th — Clubman Run — Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.
Morning tea at Maddz Café Teralba — Lunch at Kurri Bowling Club***
- ♦ ***Monday 20th — "Cars and Coffee in the Bay" — Meet at Paul's Corner at 8.30 for
9am in the car park Fingal Bay***
- ♦ ***Thursday 23rd — Tuning Run — Meet for 9.00am start.***
- ♦ ***Saturday 25th — Lake Mac Autumn Fair — Speers Point Park— Club will form up on
Creek Reserve Rd, near the corner of Fourth St from 7:15am to
leave around 7:30. Keep an eye on Facebook and web page a
decision on ground condition to be made on Thursday.***
- ♦ ***Saturday 25th Sunday 26th — Historic Winton — Winton Raceway Victoria***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 28th — Lakeside Morning Coffee — "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at
9.30am to 10.30am.***

June 2024

- ♦ ***Thursday 6th — Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"CafeInu" Carrington—
43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm***
- ♦ ***Saturday 8th Sunday 9th — "HSRCA" Sydney Classic—SMP Eastern Creek***
- ♦ ***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 am Lunch—see page 7
for location—contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend.***
- ♦ ***Sunday 16th — Clubman Run — Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.***
- ♦ ***Monday 17th — "Cars and Coffee in the Bay" — Meet at Paul's Corner at 8.30 for
9am in the car park Fingal Bay***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 25th — Lakeside Morning Coffee — "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at
9.30am to 10.30am.***
- ♦ ***Thursday 27th — Tuning Run — Meet for 9.00am start.***

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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.

Terry / Janeen Clifton	Bruce Whitten
John / Astrid Perdriau	Dianne Whitten
John Ray	Patricia Carter
Andy Webmaier	John Needs
Mark / Karen Hodgen	Lisa Needs
Christine Hobson	David Carter
Martin Evald	Elizabeth Hilton
Jason Lay	Cheryl Moran

Mid Week Gathering May Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **15th May 2024**

Venue : .**"Orana Hotel"**

Location : Pacific Highway Blacksmith.

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

NEXT MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

Please submit your contributions via email to editor@huntermg.com

Deadline for the June 2024 edition will be

FRIDAY 26th MAY 2024



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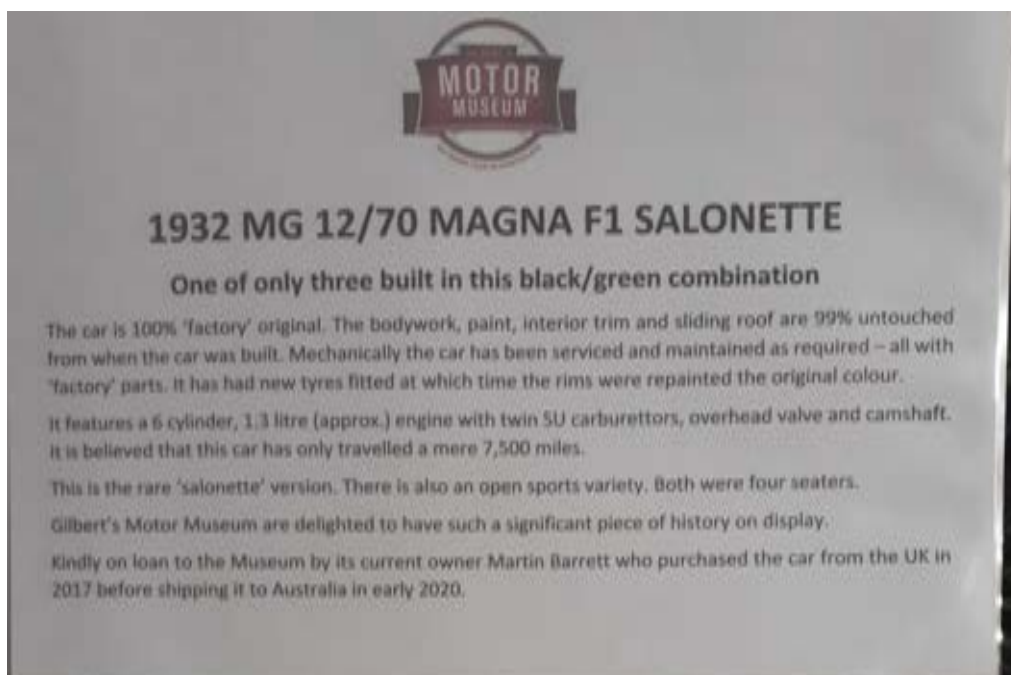
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Our club will be holding the “Euro Motorfest 2024” on Newcastle foreshore on Sunday 30th June, weather permitting, due to a request from NCC and your committee has agreed with the change of date.

Our club representatives whom attended the recent MG Nationals have been successful in many areas of the competition and social activities. Refer to pages 17, 24 and 28 for more detail.

On a recent trip back to my home state of SA I attended a motor museum in Strathalbyn, a Mt Lofty Ranges Hills country town and discovered a rare early model MG.



Progress with my MGB.

Due to a death in my family I returned to Adelaide last week to attend the funeral so I haven't done any work on my MGB excepting for giving her a good external clean

Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!



MGCCHR Presidents report for May 2024

Well, that's another National Meeting over, Congratulations to N.S.W. (Sydney) MG Car Club.

Our club, the MGCC Hunter Region did very well in both Concours and sporting events, I won't be naming winners and place getters, I know that others are putting results in your magazine, but, congratulations to all that attended from our club, you done us proud.

We are already getting back to our normal club activities, with Square Riggers meeting, Mid week lunch run, Clubman run over and enjoyed by good numbers.

Unfortunately, we have had some of our MG's having a little rest during the National Meeting and Clubman runs, most minor and now sorted.

Steve and Gary changed the water pump on Bev's midget during happy hour at our motel during the National Meet, Leo and Frans had generator problems on the Twin Cam part way along the road to the National Meet, a quick trip back home, generator out, rebuilt by Frans and back on the road, arriving in Tamworth around midnight.

I have made those stories short, there was much more to both but I will leave that to those involved to tell.

Octagonally Yours,

Denny Bowden, President



Next meeting is on Tuesday 28th — “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at

9.30am to 10.30am

SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting occurred at the usual location "Café inu" at 43 Denison Street in Carrington on Thursday April 4th 2024.

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd of May.**

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

We need more MG's to turn up as only 3 braved the weather.



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.

MID WEEK GATHERING MARCH 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for April was at the "Junction Inn Hotel" at Raymond Terrace. Great meals, venue and company. Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.



Most male patrons enjoying their meals



Female patrons enjoying the occasion.



A general view of everybody seated for their conversations and meals. Denny stood up to be in the picture as he was seated at the end of the table.

As far as preparation is concerned, NatMeet starts a couple of weeks out from the event as you go over your car and rectify any last-minute issues, give it a good service, and clean and polish your car until the microfibre cloth starts to squeal. All the detailing gives you a great opportunity to give your car the 'once-over'; checking the condition of wheels, tyres, suspension, bushings, hydraulics, brakes, door seals, hood the list goes on, you get the idea.

Not all of this is a burden, as I find I come out the 'other side' with a sense of satisfaction for my car's overall condition, and renewed confidence in its capacity to hold its own against competition. It comes as a pleasant reminder of why you fell in love with your MG in the first place. If only I could approach the event with a similar level of satisfaction in my own overall condition!

Once at NatMeet there are two streams you can follow; sporting or social, although there are some exceptions and you can mix & match events to suit yourself. The exceptions are the Rocker Cover Racing (both social & sporting) and Concours (which is competitive, but not sporting). The major car events over the long-weekend are;

Friday night Noggin 'N' Natter - including Rocker Cover Racing

Saturday Concours

Sunday Motorkhana - definitely Sporting

Sunday Kimber Run - a Social drive through the surrounding area

Monday Lap Dash - also definitely Sporting

Monday Discovery Run - Social, but competitive (can be done just as a local drive).

In addition to these car events, there's also the purely social ones;

Saturday Themed Evening - this year a Country Ball, with dinner, presentations & music

Monday Presentation Dinner - a formal'ish dinner with final presentations

Tuesday Farewell Breakfast - a fine feed to get you on your way.

There's more than enough to keep you busy, but most events finish by 3pm. So you have time to go back to your hotel to rest and share a few nibbles and drinks. If you're really very, very lucky, someone will be practicing motorkhana routes in the car park, or repairing their car for everyone's comments and entertainment. The afternoon's make a good time to socialise with your club mates, and fellow MG folk from all around the country.

On top of all this fun, we had beautiful weather, and Tamworth made a marvellous base to explore the beautiful New England countryside. Thoroughly civilised.

The 2025 NatMeet in Albury/Wodonga is now only 11 months away, plenty of time to think about going. Talk to any of us who attended, if you have any questions.

Coming up in the near future is the Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair at Speers Point on Sat 25 May. Our Club will meet at the corner of Creek Reserve Rd and Fourth St at 7am to move off in convoy. See the Website for further details.

NOTE: the date was changed due to weather issues on the original date.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO at NatMeet

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NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR EURO MOTORFEST



We've received an invitation to the Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair at Speers Point on Saturday 25 May. **Entry is free.** Let me know if you are interested in joining me and Graham.

If you're interested, our Club will form up on Creek Reserve Rd, near the corner of Fourth St from 7:15am to leave around 7:30. Entry is at the southern end of Creek Reserve Rd, just past the public car park. Marshals will direct us to our spot.

The event runs until 4pm, but if you wish to leave earlier you will need the assistance of a traffic marshal to help you negotiate the crowds safely.

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	April 15th	August 19th
	May 20th	September 16th
	June 17th	October 21st



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SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

Well the 2024 MG National Meeting at Tamworth was a great event & well done to MGCC Sydney for doing a great job running the event over the Easter weekend.

Great to see the biggest contingent from our club in quiet a few years attend & compete in all events & achieve great results.

Norman Richardson MG TC finished 1st in the Motorkhana, 1st Lap Dash, he also managed 3rd in the Concours. A quick look at our records by Steve Jones revealed that this was the 13th National meeting that Norman has represented the Hunter Region Club, well done Norman a great result.

Austin Blanch in his MGB GT finished 1st in MGB GT Mk1 & Mk11 in the Lap Dash event driving the wheels off the GT (the only way Austin knows to go). Austin also managed 2nd place in the concours.



The adjacent photograph has both Norm in his MGTC and Austin in his MGB GT out on the lap dash track



From the left: Jason Edwards TD (South Australia), Norman Richardson TC (Hunter), Peter & Delia Rayment TC (Qld), Matthew Magilton TF (Vic) Lap Dash competitors 2024 at Oakburn Park. Photo by Imogene Magilton.



Bev Jones in the MG Midget once again showed that the ladies can get out there and mix it with the guys placing 3rd in the Motorkhana, 3rd in the Lap Dash and with a 1st in the concours.

Well done Bev.

Steve Jones MG Midget Super Special placed third in the Motorkhana, 2nd in the Lap Dash, 2nd Concours & third outright in the Lap Dash.

Great to see Steve has got the race Midget sorted after being plagued by a few issues over the last couple of years.



I decided to take my "MGF" to the Nat meeting because I still haven't got the "B" to where I want it. I must say I had a great trip over and back. I also appreciated having ABS brakes as well as power steering on the track so I definitely didn't hold back & gave it heaps.

I decided not to compete in the Motorkhana (as did Austin Blanch),after seeing the loose gravel on the airstrip and I didn't regret my decision.

I finished up 2nd in the MGF class in the Lap Dash, 16th outright & 4th in concours.

I was pretty happy with my results & the way the car went considering it was a last minute decision to take the "F" .

Club members also performed well in the concours & touring (Discovery Run)

Congratulations & well done.

Special mention must be made of Grant & Louise Leddie for their outright win in the Discovery Run, they must be happy with that.

I believe Andrew Gowans is doing a report on the concours & the discovery run .

Hunter Region MGCC finished 3rd in Nuffield Oceania Trophy & 6th in the Wratten Trophy out of 13 clubs.

Other results:

Concours : Ray Tolcher MGTD 3rd,
Ian Carter MGTF 1st,
Leo Pinczewski MGA Roadster (single cam) , & MGA Roadster (twin cam) 1st.
After a big effort by Leo & Frans to get both cars there for the event, well done boys.
Andrew Gowans MGA Roadster (single cam) 7th.
Grant Leddie MGB Mk 1 push button door handles 3rd.
Alan Wylie MGB Mk II 2nd.
Cindy Dedman MGB Mk II 6th.
Ian Ashton MGB GT BL 1st.
Ken Campbell MGC GT & Roadster 2nd.
Denny Bowden MG Magnette ZA to Mk 4 1st.
Elliot Burns MGY Saloon & Tourer 6th.

Discovery Run : Pre MGA Elliot and Maryann Burns 7th,
Ray Tolcher & Scott Butler 11th
MGA/ Magnette Andrew Gowans & Anne Pettigrew 1st,
Denny & Kay Bowden 3rd .
MGB/GT/V8 Grant & Louise Leddie 1st, Alan Wylie & William Walsh 3rd .

Well done to all .

Rumour has it that Denny gave Andrew & Anne a couple of clues on the way round the run, moral of this story is don't tell anyone any thing because they could finish up beating you.

I must say thanks to those who were sitting around at the motel drinking beer & giving advice to Jonesey and I while we were fitting the water pump to Bevs Midget. I think I might have questioned the sanity of the BL engineers on several occasions that night but it all finished well.

One thing about a Nat meeting is that if something fails or goes wrong with your car someone will always be there to help. While I was helping Steve one of the Queensland guys was helping Cindy Dedman with a problem with her MGB. Also when Bev's water pump went one of our Victorian friends towed it back to the motel.

Socially the Nat events are great to make new friends & renew old friendships.

At our last meeting I posed the question would it be possible to consider running the 2026 or 2027 Nat meeting, I envisage we would need a committee of 8 to 10 people to organise the event with others helping out when required.

I will do some research over the next couple of months and I was thinking of running it in the Port Stephens area.

I will be looking into Motorsport venues, concours area & also area for a Discovery Run. Any way have a think about it, it may be all too much but let's have a look at it any way .

Steve Shelley owner & redeveloper of One Raceway track (formally Wakefield Park) has very kindly offered a 1 hour guided track walk with the team from One Raceway and a sausage sizzle in the corporate garages at the circuit on Tuesday 30th April exclusively for "GEAR" Club members. This will be a great opportunity to check out the progress of the track so Austin Blanch and I will be attending, can't wait to have a look

Coming Events:

Monday May 6 "GEAR" "Pheasant Wood Raceway" Goulburn

Saturday June 8 Sunday 9 "HSRCA Sydney Classic" SMP Eastern Creek

Saturday 25 Sunday 26 May "Historic Winton" at Winton Raceway Victoria.

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

Yours in Motorsport Gary





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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APRIL CLUBMAN RUN

G Haywood

The April clubman Run was an unfortunate event for 3 participating cars, with varying outcomes from total failure to finish, to at least a delay then to finish the event.

First our Club Captain Howard in his MGB GT had lost his ability to select or change gears so he waved us on whilst he awaited the rescue flatbed at the junction of the Bypass road and Warners Bay road.

Secondly an Ken's RV8 refused to restart after stopping to assist in moving the MGB GT off the road. Fortunately after a short delay the RV8 was able to start and finish the event.

Thirdly Keith's MGB roadster had the rear muffler support break as it negotiated the speed humps in Warners Bay foreshore. After a short delay in completing a temporary fix supporting the errant muffler the MGB Roadster was also able to complete the event.

The first stop was at the Café at Wangi Wangi where additional members joined the group.



My MGB, Alistair's MGB GT, Andrew's MGA & Denny's Magnette. Keith's MGB Roadster.



Peter's MGB alongside Phil's Morris Minor with Ken's MG RV8 a short distance away.

After refreshments were consumed all participants went back to their cars and began the scenic drive from Wangi to Budgewoi for lunch at the Budgewoi Hotel.



Phil's Morris with my MGB roadster then Denny's Magnette parking in the adjacent vacant lot to the Budgewoi Hotel.



Andrew's and Alistair's MG's parked near the entrance to the vacant lot with Peter and Keith's MG's parked further in.

Alistair found he was parking his car over sandy ground and there was some discussion about his ability to back out without assistance after the lunch meal.

Note Alistair's rear wheel is in loose sand.



We settled in at two adjacent tables to enjoy our drinks and soon after the photographs were taken our meals were ready to pick up and enjoy.

Andrew is missing, as he was our photographer, and he sat with the group above to also have a drink and meal.



CLUBMAN RUN MAY 2024

CLUB ROOMS TO MADDZ CAFÉ

- 1/ Head west on “Elder Street” then left onto “Morehead Street”.
- 2/ Follow “Morehead Street” to “Howe Street” intersection and turn right.
- 3/ Follow “Howe Street” to end of road and turn left at traffic lights onto “Croudace Street”.
- 4/ Follow “Croudace Street” through to change of name into “Bypass Road”.
Continue on “Bypass Road” to second exit on left for “Warner’s Bay Road”. Continue on exit road until roundabout and take second exit. (right turn).
- 5/ Proceed down “Warners Bay Road” until reach “Esplanade Road” and turn right.
- 6/ Follow the “Esplanade” keeping left through “Warners Bay”. past “Speers Point” to “Five Islands Road” intersection and turn left onto “Five Islands Road” and the bridge (first exit) at round about.
Prepare for right turn off “Five Islands Road” bridge
- 7/ Turn right off “Five Islands Road” towards “Teralba” and follow until “York Road “ intersection.
- 8/ Turn left at “York Road” intersection and find a car park near “Maddz Café” on left.

TERALBA TO KURRI KURRI BOWLING CLUB

- 9/ After morning tea do a U-turn continue down “York Road” through the “Anzac Prd” then turn left onto “Short Street”.
- 10/ At the end of “Short Street” turn right onto “Railway Street” follow road across the railway bridge then turn left to follow “Railway Street” and turn right on the third intersection into “Rhondda Street”.
- 11/ Follow “Rhondda Street” to the end of the street (approx. 3 km) and turn left onto “Wakefield Road”.
- 12/ Follow “Wakefield Road” for approx. 7km then at the end of the road turn right onto “Cessnock Road” and follow the road for approx. 3km to the end of the road and enter the round about then take second exit (turn right) onto “Freemans Drive” and follow the road for approx. 12km.
- 13/ At the next round about take the second exit (straight through) onto “Leggetts Drive”.
- 14/ Follow “Leggetts Drive” for approx. 7km and at the end of the road turn right onto “Railway Street”. At the end of the street enter the round about and take the third exit (turn right) and turn into “Kurri Kurri Bowling Club” car parking on the left where we will have lunch.

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National Meeting 2024 – Lets go country

The National meeting lead up was a big surprise for me. The club was actually fielding a very good contingent. This would be the first time in many years, so it was very pleasing. There were quite a few newish members that were attending, and hopefully with a little watching, they might be encouraged to attend again and compete in a few more of what I call the 'hot radiator' events. Time will tell.



With the cars cleaned and nothing to do but pack and repack (trying to whittle down what they're taking to fit it into their MG). The weather forecast was looking good though a recent super cell storm over Tamworth caused some flooding at our accommodation. The motel seem to have juggled rooms around.

A few of us headed up on Thursday so that we could have a run around the 'lap dash' site. This was worth every cent if you want to put your best on the line on the big day. Bev and I met Austin and Sue in their BGT, Gary Piper in his F and Norm Richardson in his TC at the track and the blokes at least had a number of runs until we were happy. We didn't want to have too much cleaning to do.

I had watched several videos of similar cars on Oakburn Park and decided that the 4.2 LSD in my car was too high/ low (I can never tell which way... high number, lower speed) and a 4.875 CIG locked diff centre was fitted. The ratio was just right.



Friday saw the majority of our members arriving though a few had a number of false starts and missed registration (this was done later). The rest of us got the registration and scrutineering out of the way early and headed back for the final de-bugging and cleaning. Fortunately we didn't have any road works with gravel and water trucks on the way up.

Up early (never bright) on Saturday and off to the Concours. It was a grand display that you only ever see at National Meetings. It has been interesting to watch classes evolve over the years. I had a few minutes to spare at home so sat down and went through the results of every Nat Meet that our club has ever attended and put together a spread sheet of all the entrants over the years. It is very interesting reading... yet I digress.



MGAs seem to be the rising class with MGBs shrinking. Leo and Franz had spent a very late night getting to Tamworth and the A Twin Cam onto the park but it was worth it in the end. Several other members were called up for the judging of outright. The originality of Bev's Midget was what got her over the line for a class win.

Sunday for Bev and I meant a drive out to Gunnedah Airport for the motorkhana. Though the Supp Regs said a tar surface, it was far from it. Technically it probably was, but it was hiding under a very heavy layer of gravel. This is where the fun started. Our two Midgets were totally opposite in how you had to drive them.





Bev's Midget had massive understeer if power was applied, my Midget would only turn and had massive oversteer when I hit the accelerator (it might have something to do with the CIG locked diff). In the end I was pleased to actually get all clean runs. Bev was the same except her standard MG whipped my highly modified baby in 2 of the 3 patterns. I did have fun though with lots of under and oversteer.

On her final pattern, Bev's Midget picked up a rock (who knows where it came from) wedged in the front disc. Between that and a leaking water pump we managed to get a tow for the 80km back to our hotel from a Victorian 'MG Racing' mate.



The evenings happy hour was spent outside our room with everyone watching and making suggestions to Gary Piper and me as we went about changing the water pump. Of course I was carrying a spare in my spares kit. The radiator removal was difficult but nothing compared to the refitting. Gary was heard to



Gary Piper doing an after-hours callout

mention several things about the designer's parentage. The pizza takeaway dinner had a delightful tang of oil and gasket goo. The worn out water pump was an original 'Leyland' item. I might try for a warranty claim. I don't think 50 years is enough! Does anyone have an address?



All the work was completed in time for a few hours' sleep then an early start for the lap dash on Monday. Bev and I were again in the same running group so I didn't get to watch her run. My Midget was obviously jealous with Bev's MG getting all the attention so threw a nut from the Weber linkage on the start line with me only making it to the first corner before I rolled to a stop.

We went through every nut in every spares box and there wasn't one 7mm Weber nut to be found. Only Weber seems to use them. A bit of bodgie work was done to cobble it together so I could have my runs. With that in my mind I rolled up to the start line. At that point the event Scrutineer came up and asked if this nut that he found on the start line looked familiar.

Well, well! Myf went beautifully anyway. I gave it my best shot and we'd see how well at the Presentation dinner. The in-car videos of me in the motorkhana and lap dash are on my Youtube channel GriffinRacingMG. I can't believe over 80,000 people have watch my videos.

A quick scrub up and put on a suit and bow tie and it was off to find out all the result. It was a grand affair in the beautiful Art Deco Town Hall. The Team Hunter banner was proudly on display hanging from the balcony.

The club did well with a healthy haul of medals.

Next year's meeting will be in Albury/ Wodonga from April 18th – 23rd. This will be Victoria's 3rd attempt at running the meeting there and I wish them all the best. Bev and I are planning on being there and I hope we'll have lots of Hunter Region friends with us.

If you are interested in going, please let me know. I will be looking for accommodation very soon and need to know numbers. It's only an expression of interest, you aren't locking anything in.

Steve Jones (sbmbjones@optusnet.com.au or 0412495234)



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2024 NATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

JEAN KIMBER-COOK PERPETUAL TROPHY

No Juniors competed in 2024

CHRIS DODDS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Tim Edmonds (South Australia)

NEW ZEALAND PLATE

Jason Edwards (South Australia)

GOLDEN GUDGEON TROPHY

Jason Edwards (South Australia)

TC OWNERS CLUB PERPETUAL PRE-WAR PLATE

Harry Hickling (Victoria)

JOAN RICHMOND TROPHY

Jane Vollebregt (Victoria)

IAN CURWEN WALKER TROPHY

Darren Hodgson (Newcastle)

CECIL KIMBER CENTENNIAL TROPHY

Darren Hodgson (Newcastle)

TOP 10 MOTORKHANA

Participant Name	Centre	Time	Car Model
Matt Johnson	Queensland	98.75	1964 MGB Special
Tim Edmonds	South Australia	99.85	1974 MGB GT V8
Graeme Walker	Queensland	99.99	1967 MGB Mk I
Ric Collett	Victoria	100.32	1957 MGA Coupe (Single Cam)
John Fraser	Newcastle	101.03	2003 MG-TF160
Michael Fraser	Newcastle	101.69	2004 MG ZT220S
Paul Berter	Newcastle	101.81	2003 MG-TF160
Bruce Fraser	Newcastle	101.96	1959 MGA Roadster
Andrew Fraser	Newcastle	103.04	2004 MG ZT220S
Fran Hodgson	Newcastle	103.23	2005 MG ZR

TOP 10 LAP DASH

Participant Name	Club Name	Car Type	Time
Tony Vollebregt	Victoria	2001 MG ZR Super Special	127.374
Craig Ballinger	Geelong	1968 MG Midget Special	127.622
Stephen Jones	Hunter Region	1973 MG Super Specials	129.644
Wayne Lodge	Victoria	1962 MG Midget Super Special	132.118
Paul Berter	Newcastle	2003 MG-TF160	133.651
Steve Perry	New South Wales	1968 MGC Super Special	135.388
Andrew Fraser	Newcastle	2004 MG ZT220S	136.228
John Collins	Newcastle	1999 MG-F	136.492
John Fraser	Newcastle	2003 MG-TF	137.178
David Norris	Victoria	1971 MG Midget	138.235

TOP 10 DISCOVERY RUN

Driver	Navigator	Total	Tie Breaker	Club Name
Grant Liddle	Louise Liddle	63	36	Hunter Region
Syd Reinhardt		63	82	New South Wales
Wes Bray	Chris Bray	61	120	South Australia
Bob Grace	Jan Grace	60	49	New South Wales
Ewan Ward	Sue Ward	60	77	Canberra
David McNabb	Kerry Hugo	60	125	South Australia
Jensine Hough	Colin Hough	59	100	Victoria
Cathy Bartley	Alan Quinan	58	54	Queensland
Wayne Kirwan	Megan Perrett	58	67	Queensland
Walter Magilton	Denise Keele-Bedford	57	200	Victoria

NUFFIELD OCEANIA TROPHY

Place	Club	Total Points	2% factor	Nuffield Points
1	Newcastle	86	5	13.2
2	Queensland	88	7	12.57
3	Hunter Region	36	5	7.2
4	New South Wales	71	11	6.45
5	Victoria	123	20	6.15
6	South Australia	57	14	4.07
7	Wagga Wagga	15	5	3
8	Gold Coast	13	5	2.6
9	Tasmania	12	5	2.4
=10	Geelong	10	5	2
=10	Canberra	10	5	2
12	Sunshine Coast	4	5	0.8
13	MG Restorers	0	5	0

WRATTEN TROPHY

Place	Club Name	Con	Mot	Lap	Dis	Kim	Sum	Fudge Factor	Wratten Final Points
1	Victoria	74	87	84	20	5	270	2.33	629.09
2	New South Wales	168	33	41	29	23	294	1.62	476.28
3	Queensland	91	60	43	21	7	222	1.97	437.34
4	Newcastle	68	62	65	6	2	203	1.88	381.63
5	South Australia	15	43	34	15	1	108	3.08	332.63
6	Hunter Region	97	17	34	28	8	184	1.62	298.08
7	Sunshine Coast	27	2	0	24	4	57	2.43	138.51
8	Wagga Wagga	15	9	9	0	0	33	3.62	119.45
9	Gold Coast	37	4	4	0	4	49	2.15	105.35
10	Canberra	19	9	0	7	3	38	2.34	88.91
11	Tasmania	9	3	2	0	0	14	4.95	69.29
12	Geelong	4	6	9	0	1	20	3.09	61.79
13	MG Restorers	3	0	0	1	0	4	2.52	10.07



The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 30th April and there were three MG's that made the trip with one Porsche one BMW and one Toyota for a total of 8 brave souls.

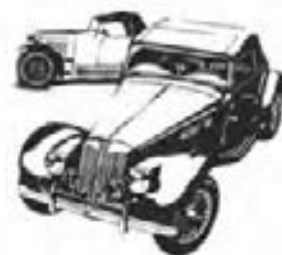
Attendees were on the right of the table Peter LeBreton, Kieth Gibson, Graham Haywood, Gary Muirhead, with on the left of the table Ian Ashton, Trish Ashton, Bill Vanderbeen and Alistair Leask. For a brief visit Suz Views Smith whom agreed to be our photographer for the day.



Pre-war & Pre-1960 M.G. Rally – Gympie, Queensland



14th – 16th May 2024



Dear Fellow MG Enthusiasts,

We have taken a bold move in 2024 to host this event during the week rather than on a weekend. We hope that this may encourage more participants allowing 3 days for travel to/from our event.

Interstate/distant owners are also encouraged to attend the event without their Pre-1960 MG if long distance driving/towing is not possible.

We have chosen the Mary Valley Rattler's Rusty Rails Cafe for our major social events. We are sure you will also enjoy our planned drives around the scenic Mary Valley and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland too. See the entry form for all the event inclusions covered by your registration fee.

Please book your accommodation directly with a Motel/Hotel/AirBnB or other of YOUR CHOICE in Gympie. We were unable to secure any accommodation deals/reservations in advance – times are tough.

Payment for registration can be made via:

a) Direct Deposit:- **D L Slattery** BSB: 645646 Acct: 106692097

b) Cheque made payable to **D L Slattery**

A rally plate will be issued for the event, so provision will need to be made for this to be mounted above/beside your front number plate so our event photographer can recognise you on the road as a participant.

We would like to thank the Committee and members of the Gold Coast MG Car Club for adopting the Pre-war MG Register of Australia Qld members and allowing this event to happen.

Yours in MGs,

Tony and Debbie Slattery

your hosts for this combined "Gold Coast MG Car Club & Pre-War MG Register of Australia" Event

Motels in Gympie (in no particular order)

Mary River Motor Inn	5482 9977	info@maryrivermotorinn.com.au
Gympie Muster Inn	5482 8666	info@gympiemusterinn.com
Shady Rest Motel	5482 1999	stay@shadyrestmotel.com
Y Motels Gympie	5482 3199	gympie@ymotels.com.au
Nationwide Motel	0434 776 635	nationwidemotel@gmail.com
Great Eastern Motor Inn	5482 7288	info@greateastern.com.au

Please use one form per person - This is IMPORTANT
Registration, Catering & Event Bookings
Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th May 2024

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Postcode _____ Mobile _____
(for listing in Event Program & emergency contact during event)

Email (for last minute notifications) _____

MG Model _____ Year _____

Colour _____ Registration number _____

Your Club _____ Member No. _____ Expiry _____

Registration (covers all of these great events & some catering) **\$300 per person**

- Monday - Welcome Pizza Dinner
- Tuesday – Morning Tea of delightful sweet pastries
- Tuesday – Admission to Motor Museum incl. guided tour
- Tuesday – Lunch at a modern & new venue
- Tuesday – Admission for a Classic Silent Movie & Tour
- Wednesday – Lunch at a Country Café
- Thursday – Lunch at Country Pub
- Thursday – 75th Anniversary Three Course Dinner
- Friday - Farewell Breakfast BBQ
- Event Photographer, Rally plate, Program & Route Instructions and Awards

Please advise if you have special dietary requirements

Yes

Yes

Yes

Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____ Dairy Free _____

Other (please advise requirements) _____

Payment sent by direct deposit on ____/____/2024 (include your surname as payment reference)

Direct Deposit to **D L Slattery** Auswide Bank BSB: 645646 Acct: 106692097

We need payment and a copy of this form by 14th April to finalise numbers for catering and venues. We will accept late registrations, but this is dependent on the capacity of our event venues – please register early. We will take late entries only if people drop out after 14 April 2024.

Post your form to Pre-war & Pre-1960 M.G. Rally
 67 Cudgerie Drive
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Please submit your contributions via email to editor@huntermg.com

Deadline for the JUNE 2024 edition will be

FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1970 MGB GT Mk 2



MGB GT well-presented and in excellent condition for private sale

For full details and photographs please email

david.noble070@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



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Phone Alan on 0408608397

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 76 Midget 1500cc ,

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



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

\$13,500

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

FOR SALE

MERCEDES BENZ 350 SL (R107)

1976 Registered on NSW Conditional Plate 90850H. Exp 20/06/23

3.5 litre V8, factory yellow with black interior, soft and hard tops.

Chassis 10704322012192 Engine 11698022008012

This is a replacement R107 SL 3.5 V8 engine from a donor car.

Unusual 2 + 2 configuration with seat belts for the two rear seats.

Fully restored by Mercedes Benz Car Club Newcastle's conditional registration scrutineer, David McKew.

All the filed invoices show he acquired the parts from reputable suppliers. There are some extra spares at Budgewoi including four original wheels and tyres, wiper arms and an air cleaner.

The car has air conditioning, power steering, electric radio aerial, radio and CD player and is fitted with four after-market AMG wheels. A new battery was fitted in early 2023.

New tyres fitted in July 2019 and inflated with nitrogen gas by Jax Tyres, Newcastle, who carried out a full wheel alignment.

Lubrication and oil change service carried out in July 2021 and in December 2022 by Penfold Automotive Services, Newcastle.

An air conditioning system check of all components with gas added was carried out in January 2022 by Freeze Equip Sales and Service, Newcastle.



For offers, more details and inspection please contact Rob at robertanddenny@gmail.com

FOR SALE



1951 MG TD – Unfinished Project

The MG TD in British Racing Green with an Ivory interior, an unfinished project is ready for restoration. In original condition.

1250cc XPAG motor, 4-speed manual transmission, serviceable tyres. All major parts included. Also includes a Rag Top in excellent condition. No structural

issues. The car is solid at its core, free from rust.

Currently not road-worthy and will require a trailer for transportation.

Selling as a project. **\$24,000** Contact pennyfurner@gmail.com



FOR SALE

MGB GT For Sale

I am offering my 1971 MGBGT for sale.

It is mechanically excellent and runs well.

1800cc original engine with twin carburettors and functioning overdrive on 3rd and 4th gears.

Runs on unleaded fuel.

Spares include original Rostyle wheels.

The car was originally imported from US and converted to Right Hand Drive.

I have owned it for 30 years and have documentation of work done over that period including top overhaul, telescopic rear dampers and clutch replacement.

Offers around \$18,000 will be considered.

Phone for a test drive.

John Stuart 0408622674. (Merewether)



MG Car Club Hunter Region
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 9th April 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.08 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

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

Apologies: Greg Jenkins, Steve Jones.

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 12th March 2024 were read and approved; moved Gary Piper seconded John Longrigg.

Business Arising:

Nil.

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

We enjoyed the Nationals at Tamworth and did very well as a Club. Congratulations to those who represented the Club.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2023/24 Membership renewals to date: 80 single and 71 family, a total paid-up membership of 222.

NCC has requested we vacate the Foreshore Park on June 23, and conduct the Euro Motorfest on June 30 with July 7 as reserve date.

Coffee Well and *Sammy's Tucker* have agreed to that change of date.

We have asked NCC to cover the cost of re-doing the advertising etc to reflect the changed date.

Still waiting for details of coffee van for Mercedes Club, and PLI documents for our Club, then our paperwork will be ready for submission to NCC. Organising our PLI is proving to be a major headache, particularly for our Treasurer Greg Jenkins.

Water leak from fridge.

Propose purchase of new fridge, which will seal properly, be more energy efficient, and quieter.

Approved – FAH to organise.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

My apology for tonight's meeting – I have picked up a bug and I am sure you wouldn't like me

to spread it.

At the last meeting I reported that although we had received a permit from Motorsport Australia to hold the Eurofest there were conditions regarding the approval. They were as follows:

Any Clubs in attendance had to be affiliated with Motorsport Australia

Third Party Providers (Food and Coffee vendors or any other vendors attending) had to have both Motorsport and our club (along with Newcastle City Council) noted on their PLI policy and

A list of participants had to be maintained by the organizing club.

I emailed Motorsport Australia seeking clarification and was sent their insurer's handbook. The result was that it clarified point 1 in that provided we had a permit it covered both the public attending and non affiliated clubs. Unfortunately, it raised further questions regarding point 2 in that the requirements in the handbook were different to what was on the application. No clarification regarding point 3.

I emailed back regarding points 2 and 3 and then had a phone call from Nigel Grimshaw from Motorsport Australia. He advised that there was a discrepancy in point 2 however at least our club was to be noted as an interested party on the Third Party Providers PLI policy. He also confirmed that a list of participants was required. I questioned what details were required and he advised that he would seek clarification of points 2 and 3 and get back to me. He phoned again last Thursday to advise that he was waiting on written advice from the Insurer to further advise me. I today left a message on his mobile but as yet no response.

Further from last meeting I was asked to contact our Insurance agent to seek what the cost would be to take out a separate PLI policy like what we used to have.

I contacted AON and was advised that a separate annual PLI policy would cost approx. They were advised of our Eurofest and Concours events. From memory of our previous policy there were no other conditions apart from sighting the Third Party Providers PLI policy.

I also contacted AJ Gallagher and requested a price on a PLI policy just covering our two events. This policy cost was Not much difference between it and annual policy above. The only conditions mentioned in this policy was sighting of Third Party Providers PLI Policy and that engines in the cars were not to be running whilst on display.

Obviously without the response from Nigel (Motorsport Australia) it is difficult to form an opinion. Basically, if we get our own policy there will be an additional cost but if we stay with Motorsport Australia there will or may be additional conditions.

I will further advise when a response from Motorsport is received.

Committee decision is to take out a separate (from Motorsport Australia) annual PLI policy listing NCC as an interested party.

Club Captain (Howard White):

Club runs are done for the next 2 months.

Is going away in May but Run is organised.

Has updated the first aid kit.

Reimbursement approved, to claim from Treasurer.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

Well done to our participants in the Nationals.

How do we feel about hosting the Nationals 2026/27 – perhaps at Port Stevens?

GP to investigate & report back.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Does the Committee feel it is appropriate to approach the NCC for some reimbursement of expenses associated with the rework of our event date?

Thanks for the suggestion, done!

- The Final Results from NatMeet have been released. Is the Committee OK with these being published to our Website & in the next Magazine?
- I've updated the Website & Facebook Event for Euro Motorfest to reflect the changed date of 30 June, with 7 July as backup.
- If the Committee is confident we can go with these dates, I'll start contacting our attending Clubs with a revised flyer and advice on dates.
- Purnells have provided a quote for the event trophies, and I'd like to proceed with ordering these so they can be finished with time to spare beforehand. My recommendation is;
 - o People's Choice Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd) the Fusion Glass Awards in Blue, Green & Red. These are similar to last year's and will cost \$62.17 (inc. GST) each, including engraving. Tyrepower has indicated they're happy to sponsor these again.
 - o Club Display Award the Glass Tailwind in Black at \$56.27 (inc. GST), inclusive of engraving.
 - o A copy of the quote is attached.
- ✦ Approved.
- ✦ I've printed up some replacement flyers for Members to take and replace the previous ones they've posted in their local area.

All British Day is 27 April. Club attendees to gather at carpark at west end of Honeysuckle Drive at 8 a.m. to drive in convoy to Foreshore Park.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Regalia sales at the last Club meeting was \$16.

Qty 10 Club Polo Shirts and Qty 10 Club Baseball Caps were delivered prior to Easter allowing all orders for the MG Nationals Meeting to be supplied.

Qty 2 Small Club Polo Shirts are on back-order and yet to be delivered.

Qty 8 Club Polo Shirts and Qty 2 Club Baseball Caps have been sold totally \$370.

Regalia Officer proposes that a further Qty 8 (minimum order) Club Polo Shirts be ordered. Suggest Qty 2 – Medium, Qty 3 – Large, Qty 2 – XL, Qty 1 – 2XL.

Approved. We need to have stock.

Ordering of Club SPF cotton/polyester shirts.

JL still investigating the supply of these shirts, including an all-cotton shirt.

Regalia Officer to investigate the supply of:

Long sleeve Club Polo Shirts.

SPF arm sleeves used by golfers.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton):

Nothing extra to report.

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

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

General Business:

Club Website stats for March 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In March the Website was viewed 1,578 times with the peak being 17 March with 103 views. The daily average was 51 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for March were;

Site Home Page - 325 views

Magazine Archive - 249 views

Classifieds - 110 views

What is the best size tyre to fit to my MGB? - 64 views

1970 MGB GT Mk2 - 51 views

The vast majority of Website views come from within Australia, but we're also seeing traffic from the USA, the UK, Germany, Sweden, Canada, NZ, Switzerland, France & India.

Facebook Stats

In March there were 314 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 7,891 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 14 March. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024 @ 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.