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*Looking at this pic, one might think the 'Twilight Run' was a 'Ladies' evening out.*



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**General Meetings held at the Clubrooms on the third Tuesday of every month**  
**(fellowship from 7:30, formal proceedings commence at 8:00 p.m.)**  
**All members and visitors are welcome.**



Brian Edwards took out this months raffle



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## Vice President's Voice



As many of you may know, our esteemed president is currently enjoying an overseas holiday. So I find myself with the unexpected pleasure of writing my first Presidents news since December 2013!

As Doug had one foot on the 'plane, he emailed some excellent news, advising that the Club's new Constitution and Rules have been approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and are effective from 25 January 2017. This achievement was not without further pain and suffering for Doug in the form of last minute revisions to meet departmental compliance hurdles. I am sure you will join me in thanking Doug for a job well done in the face of adversity! It's certainly taken a large chunk of his time over the past 12 months or so. Our Webmaster has since posted the documents on the club website for members ease of access.

So far this year, I have the dismal record of having not managed to make a single club event, other than committee and general meetings. This has been due to my being very busy in the workshop beavering away on preparing my MkII MGB for the forthcoming club competition season. I have completed building a new "warm" engine and the front suspension and engine bay contents are currently spread all over my garage. The suspension is in the process of undergoing a full overhaul and a number of modifications. I also have some rust repairs to complete in the engine bay ahead of repainting, before it can all go back together again. There is a mega amount still left to do around the car generally and I think it will be a tall order getting it all done by April. But I will be giving it my best shot!

Speaking of social events, one of the Club's premier events of the year is due to be held on March 19 – the Show n Shine. Preparations are progressing as I write and we are hoping to again to have a great turnout of cars for the event. The TC Owners Club and MG Owners Club will be supporting the event and we hope to have a wide range of cars on display covering all eras. Brendon is still looking for volunteers to assist with judging the Concours and we will need a few marshals to help get vehicles into place (and other odd jobs) at the commencement of the event. Please give Brendon a call if you can help.

A Show n Shine poster and article appear on pages 24 and 25 in the magazine for further details on the event.

Please get your MG down there to help us put on a great show. Restorations in progress attract a lot of interest and make great topics of conversation, so bring yours down!

In recent news, Doug has advised that he will be returning early from his holiday, due to an unfortunate medical issue befalling one of his travelling party. So it looks like he will be back at the helm again early in March.

A very warm welcome is offered to our New Members:



## Welcome to New Members



**Michael and Julie Solomons - 1978 Blue MGB V8**

look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Happy MotorinG  
**PETER HAGARTY**

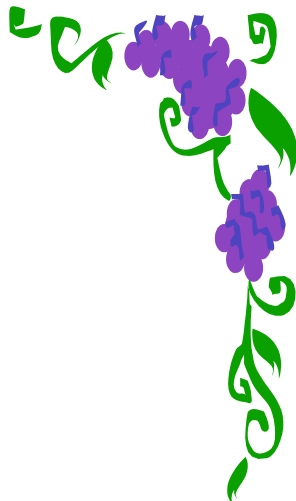
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### ***Heard on the Grapevine....***

A MGF owner bemoaning his vehicle and could now be looking for a “B”

At a recent dinner party, a new lady member suggested “we could have a blind-folded obstacle run with the men’s eyes covered and the ladies topless”.

We believe she meant with the roof down! But the idea has merit.





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**The Deadline for articles to be included in the April edition of the  
Octagon will be Thursday 30th March 2017**

**Thank you **M & G** Editors**





# **Concours d'Elegance 2017 Entry Form\***

*\* Only required if you wish your vehicle to be judged*



## **Event Details**

Date:	Sunday March 19 <sup>th</sup> 2017 (Gate open from 11.00am)
Start Time:	12.30pm - Formalities done and car in place by then please
Prize Giving:	Approximately 3.30pm
Location:	Bayswater Riverside Gardens, Enter off Milne St
Entry Fee:	Gold Coin Donation
BYO:	Picnic
Judging:	Can you help on the Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES
Marshals:	Can you help on the Day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES

## **Please enter my MG in the "MG Concours d'Elegance 2017"**

Name:			
Phone Home:			
Phone Work:			
Email:			
MG Model:			
Rego No:			
Year:			
Colour:			
Class:	<input type="checkbox"/> PREWAR & T TYPES <input type="checkbox"/> MGA <input type="checkbox"/> MGB <input type="checkbox"/> MG MIDGET <input type="checkbox"/> MG MODERN <input type="checkbox"/> MG SPECIALS <input type="checkbox"/> CLASSIC SEDANS <input type="checkbox"/> MGRV8		
Are you a member of:	<input type="checkbox"/> MG Car Club of WA <input type="checkbox"/> MG Owners Club <input type="checkbox"/> MGTC Owners Club		

If you are NOT a member of the MG Car Club of WA please sign the Honorary Day Member Sign-on Sheet on the day.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Post or email your entry form to Brendon Hagarty, 14 Mistletoe Drive Huntingdale 6110 or [brendon9889@bigpond.com](mailto:brendon9889@bigpond.com) Helpful hints: 1) to email: save form to a separate file in your computer before completing it and then email to Brendon as an attachment. 2) To fill in check boxes on your PC, double click on a check box and select "checked".

## **Night Sprint at Barbagallo on 4th February** **organised by Triumph Owner Sports Association**

Starting in the bright warm sunshine on calm Saturday afternoon me along with 50 other cars and their drivers joined together for the event. The Porsche club had also been invited and had an impressive turnout. One car was having its slick tyres put on, obviously they were taking the race very seriously. Cars assembled at 4pm for scrutineering, at 5pm the drivers were given a briefing. Cars were divided into cylinder size groups of ten; each group would do a warm lap which would lead into a flying start. 3 laps of the long circuit were to be driven then a cool down lap before returning to the line-up grid.



Rami Brass from the MGCC was in his Mitsubishi Evo and me, Sarah Fry driving my 1972 MGBGT. The only MG in the line-up so no pressure and a guaranteed first!

The line ups looked impressive with many Porsches as well as several Lotus, Mercedes and various Triumphs.

The atmosphere was friendly and everyone was willing to give me advice on how to optimise my speed and hence improve my position. Despite all that, with my driving skills being very immature, my MG struggled round the bends and after one heart stopping moment for the on lookers when I completed a full 360 degree spin I was back on





track. It was more scary for those watching as I disappeared over the hill, a sigh of relief could be heard as I thankfully reappeared for the downward straight. Lapped on every run I was only permitted to complete 2 of the 3 laps.

As the sun set on the horizon we were momentarily blinded when we came over the hill and the wind began to cool the spectators. The last 2 runs of the evening were completed under floodlights and with the cool breeze the tyres had less grip on the bitumen.

What a lovely evening it was and making it back to the pits with me and the car all in one piece relief was felt by all around. Ok so I wasn't the fastest on the circuit but I had fun and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie. Thank you TOSA.



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## **THE DEDICATED Midweek Runner's**

***Thursday 9th February***

Despite the prediction of heavy rain, the intrepid MG drivers met at the Caltex Servo on Toodyay Rd in Stratton.

There were about 10 cars and twice as many people for our February run. Our intended scenic route to Toodyay and through the Chittering Valley had to be changed due to road closure at Neuman Road. After a briefing and discussion with Eddie it was decided to take a different route.

With plan B in place we headed up the Gt Northern Highway to Bullsbrook then turned onto the Chittering Road following that through until we met up with the Gt Northern Highway again.



We continued heading north to our destination in Bindoon where we gathered at the bakery for a very early brunch.





*It's a mouthful, we may go on a diet after this!!*

That was the journey, now to the weather: it rained and rained and rained. Not only was the car wet on the outside but these MGB's and similar cars tend to leak copious amounts of water. Anyway ours does, does yours?

However, being prepared, we had large amounts of towels, changes of clothes, wet weather gear, gum boots and umbrellas. And that was to use inside the car. Needless to say it was a pleasant run through the Chittering Valley, pleasant company, and good food at the bakery. Thanks to Eddie for organising the event. We all look forward to the next run.

**Maxine Robins**





# SOUTHERN CHAPTER RUN

Sunday 12th February

First of all, Karen and I would like to thank. Ted and Robyn Mullins for organizing this social run which turned out to be a great event. Only 10 brave souls met at the Waroona Bakery for morning coffee prior to our leaving for our 75 km run, finishing at Preston Beach for a picnic lunch.

I am sure the weather forecast which was for showers and possible thunderstorm accounted for the low turn out. As it turned out there wasn't a drop of rain all day plus we had bits of sunny periods. The run itself was well planned along lots of back roads with a brief stop at the burnt out Yarloop Railway Museum. We were all reminded of our first Southern Chapter event roughly two years ago when we all met at this very location. I was very sad to see the total devastation. We left travelling along Johnson Road heading towards the Forrest Highway and eventually to Preston Beach.

There once were pine plantations along Johnson Rd but they have all now gone due to the bush fires. By the time we arrived at Preston Beach the sun was shining. We found there were still a few vacated gazebos. We chose one out of the wind and proceeded to have our picnic lunch. After lunch we all took a stroll along the beach, all agreeing it was a beautiful location. All in all a great run. Looking forward to our next event.

*Colin and Karen Bell*



*The following article was sent in by Patrick Reed*

*I received news yesterday Ken McKimmie's award winning touring and racing M.G. Magnette has been sold to a new owner.*

*As the car has amazing racing and touring history I thought it might interest the newer members of some of the other history of the Magnette which I owned first before it ended up with Ken.*

*It was earlier owned by the Van Dahl family who had very early racing history at Caversham.*

*The following article was written for the then Annual OCTAGON Magazine in 1989.*

## **HELLO OLD FRIEND**

You can imagine my surprise when Ken McKimmie asked me if I would like to have a drive in my old Magnette. In 1976 I found I needed a car that my staff could drive, and be one that I could enjoy too. The choice narrowed down very quickly to an MG "ZA" Magnette Saloon! A 1500cc four with adequate power, good brakes and impressive handling - a true MG.



My car had been fitted with a 1622cc motor and with some "Harper mods" to the carbies, exhaust piping and a big tune-up, went as they say "quite well". It seemed only natural to enter a few events to test the car in action and soon a few trials came my way, then onward and upwards the points rose until it was the final champion event, the "Speed Day" at Wanneroo Circuit. Having been a member and MG owner since 1964 and now within sight of the MGCC Championship in the proverbial double "oldest car, oldest driver". It was heady stuff I can tell you.



Again the Harper super tune, the extensive light weighing allowed in those days, set of Alan Richardson TR5 wheels with radial ply tyres a tank full of "100" octane and the Reed Red Racing Boot!! It was all over in one minute and thirty something and history was made.

I can still hear the roar of the crowd and remember with pleasure the thrill it meant to be on the Club Championship Trophy.

But what is the old girl like now? A tremendous amount of work has completely transformed what was an ordinary road car into an amazingly prepared road/race car. There is new paint in MG factory colours, new wheels, new camber, new suspension mods and wider than ever tyres. Under the bonnet lay a Weber and all kinds of mouth watering goodies. At this stage I think a good blast would be in order.

Getting in over the roll cage support bar is a little more difficult than before and the seat seemed to have "lost" some padding, but no worry I have more of my own now! A quick look around revealed a smaller wheel but everything else looked pretty familiar. Now switch on, wait "tick tick tick" press starter button and "tickle" the throttle ...WHA - BOOM! Love the happy gurgling of a Weber.



A few moments spent warming up gently and examining switching and gear change then Whoosh - we are off! The clutch takes up nicely and power comes in so smoothly as though the race cam has a "soft" profile at low speed, but as revs increase, so does the urgency of the motor to spin the taco around twice! Time to dab the clutch, (snick) press the throttle firmly down, dab clutch (snick) press throttle again and.....aaaarh what a NICE CAR!

The sudden arrival of a left hand corner invites a brake test and the new style linings and booster give a degree of retardation unheard of in my earlier days with the car. A quick "heel and toe" on the well arranged peddles, a grab on the tiny wheel, and around we go, power on, and hey! This is no ordinary Magnette, almost no body roll and the LSD bites early, the torque propels the car firmly and neatly through the apex and beyond.

A red light looms ahead and a Falcon draws along side with "that" pussy look on it's face! I know I shouldn't but I can't resist the temptation! Green light! Whoosh! Bye-Bye! At 60km/hr I button off



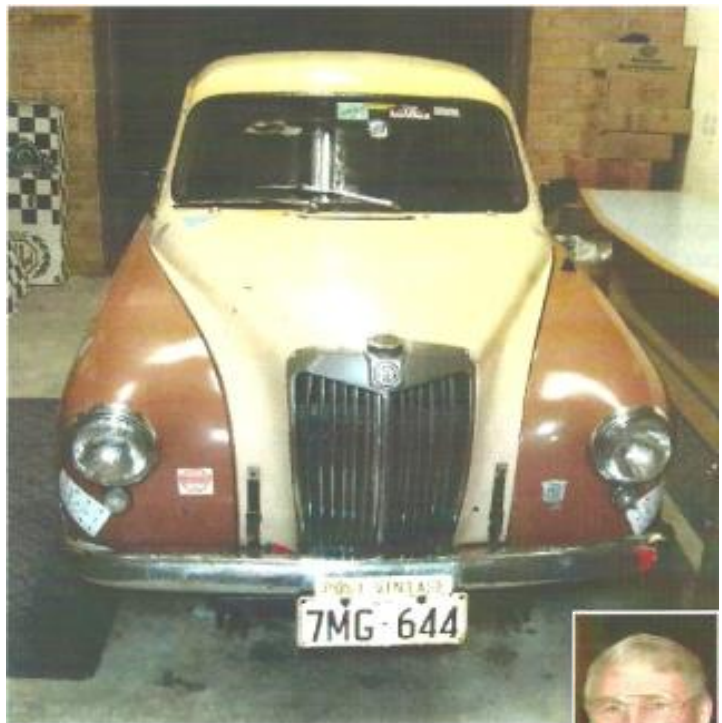


and the Falcon creams past, forgetting that “the fat lady has sung” and it’s all over. Time now to cruise on and just enjoy the oh-so-considerable torque of the sweetly spinning motor.

So what has changed, those years between drives? The machine is harder to get into now but once in, a whole new world develops. The motor is impressively powerful without any fussiness at lowish revs, the gearbox is light and sweet and the LSD is pure pure magic. When I owned my magnificent 270bhp Bathurst Charger, I often used to muse how wonderful it would have been if MG had developed an advanced specification model for general sale. The ride of the Magnette is firm without being choppy and handles suburban roads very well. My ZA was extremely comfortable and I can remember the pleasure it gave at both city and country speeds.

The only real criticism of the new “Z Project” ZA is the considerable noise generated by the race motor and lack of general sound proofing. By the sound the diff made I would say it was the same one I sold with the car and it was noisy even then, now it’s worse!

None of this interfered with the pleasure I received in spending some time with an old and dear friend.



## MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2017

### March

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting		
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	MGA Run	Social	MGA
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Chapter Run	Social	MGCC
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Show and Shine	Social/Comp	MGCC
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting	Social	MGCC
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	MGF Register Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jag Car Club Track Day	Comp	JCC

### April

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northam Flying 50	Social/Comp	VSCC
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting		
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Run	Social	AHC
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Social	MGCC
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Social Run	Social	MGCC
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NatMeet SA	Social/Comp	MGCCSA

### May

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee Meeting		
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Moondyne Joe Toodyay	Social	MGCC
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Run	Social	AHC
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	British Car Day Gingin	Social	MGCC

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## **SOCIAL REPORT**

### **MGA Register Run**

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

This year's first run for all MGA owners, an MGA Register Breakfast Run will be held on Sunday 12th March 2017. The Run will start bright and early at 8am, to beat the heat, from the car park of the Mundaring Village Shopping Centre, off Stoneville Road (just north of the Great Eastern Hwy traffic lights).

The Run will cover approximately 40 km (25 miles) along some great driving roads, through picturesque forest and pastoral scenery, and will finish at the MASON MILL GARDENS (formally the Rose Heritage Café) for breakfast.

Please confirm your attendance by Monday the 6th March to; [cleaver@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cleaver@bigpond.net.au)

Enquiries to Col on 0419 772 554.

### **MIDGET / SPRITE RUN**

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

Organised by the Austin Healy Club this is a run for the little people. Meeting place is The Mean Machines in Rudloc Street Morley at 10.00am. Time for a coffee before we head off for a run through the hills, ending up at Due Jolly Winery for a light lunch.

The winery is located in Merrivale Road, Pickering Brook.

This is a club event and is sanctioned by the Austin Healey Club, therefore concessionally licenced cars can participate.

Brian Jarvis Phone 0407993793

### **SOUTHERN CHAPTER RUN**

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

Meet at the "Crooked Carrot" on Forrest Highway at 09.30 for morning tea.

Lunch at Kirup Tavern. Catering numbers needed, Steve & Jess 0409 958 589

### **SHOW AND SHINE**

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

To be held at the Bayswater Riverside Gardens. This event always proves popular, in the past we have had 50 to 70 MG's attending either in the Show and Shine or just as a social get together for our members. There will be paperwork sent with the Octagon that will be required for those participating in the Concours d'Elegance.

### **MGF Register Run**

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

I will send out details when they become available

***Bill Hildebrand - Social Co-ordinator 0418 919 500***

[hwhvmh@gmail.com](mailto:hwhvmh@gmail.com)



## **MGA REGISTER NOTES** **FEBRUARY 2017**



Welcome, MGA owners, to the latest edition of the MGCC of WA – ***MGA REGISTER NOTES***, an occasional missive designed to cater for the local WA owners of the MGA. This edition details the WA Register's forthcoming events plus MGA News ***Forthcoming Events:***

### **MGA REGISTER – BREAKFAST RUN – SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

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See: <http://masonmillgardens.com.au/> or <https://www.zomato.com/perth/masonmill-family-restaurant-carmel/menu>

The Register went there a couple of years ago & the food & service are just as good, with the then new owners having completed extensive renovations to an extremely high standard. So why not get the MGA out of the shed, dust off the cobwebs and fire it up for an early morning run!

Please confirm your attendance by Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> March to; [cleaver@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cleaver@bigpond.net.au) Enquiries to Col on 0419 772 554.

### **MGCC OF WA – CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE– 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

Bayswater Riverside Gardens – end of Milne St Bayswater.

Participant vehicles to be in place by 12.30pm. See entry form on page 15

Enquiries [brendon9889@bigpond.com](mailto:brendon9889@bigpond.com)

As usual, all model MG's & 'all' MG owners are welcome, bring a picnic & enjoy the afternoon.

### **MG NATIONAL MEETING - ADELAIDE – 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

Early Bird registration closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> February so only 4 days left. The South Australians always put on a really well organized event so don't miss out.

Register here: <http://www.mgccsa.org.au/nationalmeeting/2017NatMeet/default.htm>

### **WA MGA DAY – SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Doug (MGCC of WA President & MGA devotee) & Christine Bush have come up with a terrific suggestion for a **WA MGA Day** to be held on the same day as the UK MGA Day, the big annual day when the MGA Register over there gather, at a stately home for a day of celebration of their cars. Plans are sketchy at this early stage but would involve trying to get as many WA MGA's together for lunch & a photo opportunity to be sent to the UK Event being held 8hours later. ***Stay tuned for further details.***

## THE 25<sup>TH</sup> SILVER ANNIVERSARY SAFETY FAST RUN – 21<sup>ST</sup> to 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017

WA's largest local MG Event now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year is heading down to Margaret River for 3 days.

Latest news indicates the accommodation is filling fast, even at this stage, with some motels already full. If the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SFR was any indication with 103 MG's entered, 2017's - 25<sup>th</sup> Safety Fast Run should be a real beauty...



2016 UK MGA Day 68 MGA's at Charlecote Park, Nr Stratford upon Avon

See Mark Hester's Video [https://youtu.be/\\_brNtmwZ-Zg](https://youtu.be/_brNtmwZ-Zg)

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Graham Howell of the MGCC UK MGA Register has procured reprints of various MGA Service Documents including:

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Schedule of Repair Charges (AKD 1186)

1958 Earl's Court Price List

Warranty Certificate

Owners Service Voucher Books – perforated as originals

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<http://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/merchandise-catalogue-november-2016-2/>



*Colin Cleaver*



# Captain's Natter

We now have a new computer program and database which contains all our membership competition and attendance details.

It is important that you now **print** your name on all relevant sheets for club activities as we need to be able to read them!

Competitive ladies and dames rapides must now sign their names separate from their partner for example:

HILDERBRAND AND RODNEY SCHITELGRUBER will be classed as one entry.

Mrs Hilderbrand Shitelgruber must sign separately (in capitals) from her leibchen to gain individual points for herself.

On another matter some members driving alone have highlighted the very non "Safety Fast" habit of driving while trying to follow a route map. Other members say they don't want to bother with map reading, others say the navigator's directions are distracting - pointing right while shouting *LEFT, LEFT!*

To address this need we could combine a program with a cell phone for a harmonious navigation trip.

Simply enter a car club registration into your cell phone and it will link with the program to give a competence rating. All club vehicles are placed into classifications-

#1 Excellent navigator, follow this car.

#2 Follow if you cannot find a #1.

#3 Ignore. No idea what day it is let alone where to go.

Let us know what you think and we can look at it plus there are many more exciting possibilities.

Happy motoring *Mike Smith.*

In this edition of the Octagon we have had several contributors who have taken photographs or supplied articles that were used throughout the magazine.

**Maxine Robins, Sarah Fry, Colin and Karen Bell, Patrick Reed  
Ian Campbell, Colin Cleaver and Jim Clark**

*Thank you*



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## Twilight Run - Sunday 19th February

Meet at the club rooms at 4-30pm for a 5-00pm departure run to a northerly picnic spot. There it is a direct quote from the Octagon. I arrived at the clubrooms at 4-35pm in time to see the herd disappear in a cloud of smoke along Hardy Rd. Now I was 25 minutes early but was informed you're the reporter for today. How fair is that??



I later learned there were 21 cars ahead of me.

I've seen many route sheets over the years and Bill's was the most professional I've seen.



We not only had street names, there were KM's and miles and tulip symbols complete with coloured traffic lights. First class. All you have to do is read and follow the instructions, however many people seem to be intent on following the car in front -- bad mistake.

I have to confess we got lost last year through not looking at the root sheet properly. We went from page 1 to 3 and missed 2 which was on the back of 1 . Aren't you lucky you weren't following us that day.



Anyway back to 19th Feb. The route followed a series of big loops through Bassendean to Midland, Swan Valley, Bennett Springs, past Whiteman Park to Ellenbrook, across to Gnangarra, north to Marginup, south towards Woodvale





then north again to Wanneroo and the Rotary Park near the lake.

Bill took us there a couple of years ago and it is a lovely area with green lawn and shady trees. Just the thing for a warm evening.



The sun low in the sky kept you on your toes, however I believe everybody made it one way or the other.

Near where we were sitting was a post with all manner of tools suspended on long wires - even a pump. I thought Bill had set it up for ailing MG's but nothing fitted, it turned out the council had set it up for push bike repairs. With a good cycle way through the park, how good is that!



Well we sat and talked, ate and drank and even the ice cream van came in. After dark and having enjoyed the evening we then departed for home.



Many Thanks to the Hildebrands for an excellent event.

*Jim Clark*



Join us for the

# ***MG CAR CLUB's SHOW n SHINE***

Incorporating the Club's  
Annual Concours d'Elegance



**Bayswater Riverside Gardens, Milne Street Bayswater**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**(participant vehicles to be in place by 2pm)**

☎ 0434604800 for further information



## 2017 SHOW n SHINE

### Incorporating the Club's Concours d'Elegance

The 2017 Show n Shine is being held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Bayswater Riverside Gardens (same venue as previous years – see map above). This is a very pleasant and attractive location on the banks of the Swan River.

The emphasis once again this year is on a Show n Shine with Concours entry being optional, as we want to encourage as many MGs to be displayed as possible - of all varieties. The event is a great opportunity to socialise and chat with fellow MG owners, as well as compete in the event if you wish. If you have chosen not to enter the Concours, come along with your MG and add to the display of cars. A great time to invite your friends and family to join us as well. The event offers a great opportunity to enjoy a relaxed picnic (BYO) under the trees on the banks of the river. The club BBQ will also be available.

The MG Owners Club have been invited to participate again this year both in entries and assisting in running the event and an invitation has also been extended to the MG TC Owners Club.

The usual organisational arrangements will apply with access available from 11.30am and all cars required in place by no later than 2.00pm with trophy presentation at approx 4:30pm for those entering the formal Concours. A gold coin donation is requested for all cars entering the reserve. If you receive your Octagon electronically, you will receive an Entry Form by email and also a Judging Sheet to brief you on the judging criteria (forms are included with the hard copy Octagon). Entries will only be accepted on the official Entry Form. **An entry form is NOT required if you only wish display you vehicle and do not want it judged.**

**Entrants please note:** to assist in the smooth running of the event, arrive in time to have your car in place and any paperwork completed before 2.00pm. **Concours entries will not be accepted after 2.00pm and display-only vehicles may be refused entry due to risks that moving vehicles pose to meandering enthusiasts.**

Assistance with marshalling and judging will be required. Please contact Brendon Hagarty on **0434 604 800** if you can assist. **Help the organisers – please submit entry form ASAP.**





## Centenary of M.G.

### Proposal from the Pre-War MG Register to the MG Car Clubs of Australia

#### Introduction

Through a combination of ignorance, apathy and well-intentioned enthusiasm, the MG world is being led to believe that the first MGs were created in 1924. First, in ignorance, British Leyland's marketing department adopted 1974 to "celebrate" the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the release of suitably jazzed up "Jubilee" MGBs, and matching regalia, to boost flagging sales. Then, despite knowing better, in apathy, the MG movement in the UK failed to correct this error when they had the chance with the result that now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and with well-intentioned enthusiasm, the new owners of the hallowed MG trade mark, a Chinese firm with no English heritage, is proclaiming it has been manufacturing MGs "since 1924" and the MG movement is lining up behind this commercial marketing slogan to adopt 1924 as the historically accurate date.

The year 1924 might have been acceptable for the global celebrations of MG90 in 2014, but it is completely unacceptable for the forthcoming Centenary of MG in several years' time. Cecil Kimber would be turning in his grave. The correct year for the start of M.G. production is 1923 and the Centenary needs to be celebrated in the correct year, 2023.

#### Proposal

The Pre-War MG Register of Australia, as researchers and documenters of the early history of MG in Australia, urges the MG Car Clubs of Australia to adopt 2023 as the correct year for the auspicious M.G. Centenary and to declare that the National Meeting in 2023 will be one of the earliest of many international celebrations acknowledging both Cecil Kimber's genius and the creation of the M.G. motorcar.

#### The Facts

The facts are as follows:

Firstly, when contemplating the start date for M.G. car production, the logical choice would be the point at which M.G. cars were first available for sale, and fortunately, there are documents that provide us with precise details on that subject.

The Morris Garages, Oxford, supplied bespoke coachwork built on chassis from various motor car manufacturers, but most commonly Morris. These cars were sold as Morris.

Then in 1923, under Cecil Kimber's leadership, the Morris Garages did something different. They introduced the M.G. octagon emblem, used for the first time in an advertisement in March 1923, and they produced for the first time a sporting 2-seater car, built on a Morris chassis, but advertised as "The M.G. Super Sports Morris". This was the first time the letters M.G. were used to identify a motor car.



The "M.G. Super Sports Morris" cars bore coachwork by Chas. Raworth & Sons of Oxford, and today, the Early M.G. Society in the UK identifies these cars as 'Raworth M.G.s'. The



cars carried features which were to become iconic M.G. details, such as the distinctive triangulated windscreen pillars and marine-style scuttle ventilators.

A batch of six Raworth M.G.s was made but unfortunately none survive. The first person to buy one was a young Mr J. Jemson, a student at Pembroke College, Oxford, who bought his M.G. Super Sports Morris registered FC 5581 on June 1st 1923. Another was purchased on August 8th 1923 by another student at Oxford University, Oliver Arkell (right) from the Arkell brewery family. Arkell's car was finished in yellow and black and was registered FC 5855.



The next line of sports cars produced by The Morris Garages, the very stylish Bullnose 14/28 M.G. Super Sports of 1924, 1925 and 1926, still gave a nod in the catalogue to their parent chassis, the Morris Oxford 14/28.



Secondly, in which year did The Morris Garages Ltd consider that M.G. production began? In January 1928, a guide book entitled "The Story of the M.G. Sports" was issued by managing director Cecil Kimber to Morris Garages salesmen and the very first line of the "Introduction" page says "When the M.G. Sports Cars were first introduced in 1923 ...". So as far as Cecil Kimber and M.G. were concerned, there was no doubt that production began in 1923.

Thirdly, in his authoritative book *M.G. by McComb*, author Wilson McComb relates that Cecil Cousins, who "was there at the start" and went on to be the development guru at M.G., assured him that "the Raworth Super Sports were the first Morris Garages products that may be considered M.G.s."

## Conclusion

As the above discussion shows, and there is more supporting information available in Jennings and Barraclough's seminal work, *Oxford to Abingdon*, and in the files of the Early MG Society in the UK or the Pre-War MG Register of Australia, there can be no doubt that the facts support Cecil Kimber, Cecil Cousins, Wilson McComb and many other key M.G. personalities, who all agreed that M.G. production began in 1923. It follows that the Centenary must be in 2023.

## Recommendation

It is recommended that

- the MG Car Clubs in Australia discuss this issue within their own Clubs before the delegates' meeting at the MG National Meeting in Adelaide on Tuesday 18 April;
- at the delegates meeting, the MG Car Clubs of Australia agree that the Centenary year for MG is 2023 and begin planning for appropriate celebrations;
- the MG Car Clubs agree that the National Meeting in 2023 celebrate the Centenary of MG with a special display of MGs through the ages, perhaps in association with the Concours event.

Ray Fowler  
**Patron**

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**Historian**

Walter Magilton  
**Patron**

Tony Sloan  
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Malcolm Robertson  
**Editor**

Jennie Jackson  
**Treasurer**

## GENERAL MEETING. 21 February 2017: Minutes

**Meeting opened at 20.00.**

Club Vice President in the chair.

**Visitors:** None

**Apologies:** Doug Bush, Terry & Wanda Banton, David & Marion Pitcher

**Minutes of previous meeting:** 17 January 2017 published in the Octagon: Motion to accept Minutes: Proposed by Peter Hagarty and agreed by Sarah Fry as a true record.

**Correspondence.** 4 x Club magazine from other clubs, 3 x Membership Renewals, 1 x Membership card from MGCC UK, 1 x Invoice for Club's PO Box from Australian Post, 1 x Invoice for 9 months Rates from City of Bayswater, 1 x Invoice from Rett Consulting for Our Car Club membership for 12 months, 1 x Affiliation Certificate from CAMS, 1 x email from the Pre-War MG Register about the Centenary of MG, 1 x Email from Trent Matijevic, in Adelaide asking if a club member could check out a MGB GT that is for sale in Carine and report back to him?.

The Correspondence be accepted, moved by Chris Hart, seconded by Annette Gusterson and approved by the meeting.

**Business arising:** Nil

### REPORTS:

**VP's Report:** Peter Hagarty visited the Shannon's new premises in Cannington on 9 February 2017. Club's New constitution approved by Department of Commerce on 25 January 2017 and now on our website. Tony Ford to be this year's NAT Meet delegate. Peter has received some activity around originality inspections generating correspondence and work between himself and Richard Gusterson

**Secretary's Report:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Hart advised that the club funds for the Financial Year to date were \$4000 income above budgeted expenditure. He then asked for the following cheques to be approved for payment;— RET Consulting Pty Ltd – Our Car Club Membership \$250.00, City Of Bayswater - Rates \$614.06, Australian Post PO Box Fee - \$435.00, H Forbes – supper \$55.63, All Sports Trophies – Badges \$120.00. Chris's Proposal was seconded by Val Geoff and approved by the meeting.

**Membership Sec's Report:** Richard Gusterson nominated new members for acceptance, Michael & Julie Solomons 1978 Blue MGB V8 Roadster. The nomination was seconded by Brendan Hagarty and passed by meeting.

Year to date 9 new members and 1 re-joined Year to Date Renewals : Paid 186 Known lapses 10. Comparison to last year's February General Meeting of 159 renewals plus 10 new members.

**Competition:** Brendon Hagarty reported that the Concours is well under way and just finalising details with City of Bayswater. Advertising for the Concourse to be placed in the Octagon regarding competition as we have only 7 members apply.

MGA & TC owner have expressed interest to participate and we are still looking for volunteers to assist on the day.

**Social Report:** Bill Hildebrand advised two runs organised on 12th March 2017

MGA register run breakfast run

Austin Healy Club run for midgets & sprites 10am start in Morley

19 March 2017 Show n Shine

MGF register run 26 March – more detail to follow with email

Volunteers required for two runs: 23 April and 25 June

**Editors:** Graham Mitchinson waiting on report from secretary for the next edition due in two days.

**Safety Fast Run:** Ian Campbell advised run is in final stages of organising, CWA organised for food, early April should see official entries done - Accommodation booking out fast.

**Club Captain:** Mike Smith has reminded that new members have a green circle on their badges and to make them welcome.

**Regalia:** Chris Hart modelled two new hats for sale at \$35 each, new polo shirts in 2 colours (grey/black & red/black) for sale also at \$35 each, there are still some sale items for sale at a bargain price of \$15 each for assorted sizes.

**Librarian:** Nil

**Webmaster:** Approved new constitution is on the website

**Any Other Business:** Reminder to members to print name on register

Shannon's Classic Car Show moved to new venue Ascot Race Way from Whiteman Park bookings must be in by 10 March and an email will be sent out by Richard Gusterson asking who would like to participate.

Pre-War MG Register have written seeking support for the Centenary of MG's to be recognised from 1923 (1st year of manufacture) rather than 1924. Current Chinese MG brand owner is planning to celebrate in 2024 (allegedly perpetuating an error made by the factory in celebrating the 75th Anniversary with a special MGB anniversary edition in 1974) Pre-war MG register seeking support for Centenary to be recognized and celebrated at 2023 Natmeet.

Renee Wylie advised her and Don went to visit Bob Temple who is doing well after heart operation and enquired if he could attend a meeting as a visitor.

Changes to be made by the CCMC regarding 404 form and forwarded to Department of Transports on some wording details. Concession 404 vehicles can be licenced by many owners having ownership to one car as long as they are member of said club,

Discussion at the CMC suggested if a concessionally license vehicle is registered by one owner and only has single membership with club, if that owner dies then concessional license is allegedly cancelled.

Department of Transport has a couple of different forms to fill out regarding joint owners of vehicles.

**Meeting closed at 20: 48pm**

**Alley Mulcahy** Secretary; MGCCWA

## FOR SALE AND WANTED SECTION

### MGB MK 1 1967 Parts for sale

5 x 14" spoke wheels and poor tyres \$100

Chrome luggage rack for boot \$50

Radiator \$50 Voltage Regulator \$25

Extractors for 1954/55 MGTF \$300

Contact: Dave Ashby 0409 154 648.



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Fully prepared, Twin plate ceramic clutch

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3. As shown less Webers, less linkage, less inlet manifolds, less extractors, less starter motor \$10,000
4. As shown less Webers, less linkage, less inlet manifolds less extractors, less starter motor, less flywheel and clutch \$8,000\*\*
5. \*\* Flywheel and clutch as a unit \$2,000 and MUST BE SOLD BEFORE THE ENGINE. So I am prepared to split off the flywheel and clutch from the engine and sell this before the engine. i.e. If the engine sells, I do not want to be left with the flywheel and clutch unit. So if you want the flywheel and clutch then you must find a mate to buy the engine. Or, if you want the engine but not the flywheel/ clutch unit you need to find a mate to take the flywheel/ clutch unit.



For further info contact: Ian Crook 0419 538 707

[iancrook500@gmail.com](mailto:iancrook500@gmail.com)

### MGB PARTS for sale



Fiberglass targa top with MGB six point fitting -

not 'universal' type \$1,350

Black bonnet top condition \$ 750

Driver roll bar aluminum powder coated black \$ 200

Header rail, no rust, with clips, new rubber seal and aluminum retainer \$ 250

Contact: Mike Smith 0413 837 282 [m7rs@icloud.com](mailto:m7rs@icloud.com)



### **1972 MGB - \$18,000**

Fully restored, excellent condition

*For further information contact:*

Anne Beyer 0417 929 588

[tantash1@hotmail.com](mailto:tantash1@hotmail.com)

### **FREE to a good home GEARBOX 4 speed from 1968 B**

Working condition plus Drive shaft

### **WANTED**

Hard Top, Carpets (black) for MGB

*Contact:* Mark Rookledge 0417 092 139 [mtrook@iprimus.com.au](mailto:mtrook@iprimus.com.au)

### **1971 MG Midget - \$10,000**

Good condition, well looked after

Rego till March 2017

*Contact:* MERV 0427 381 810



### **MGB PARTS CLEAR-OUT**

Everything must go – no serious offer refused. Prefer to sell as a job-lot, but if not will separate.

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|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 3 – 5 Bearing Blocks                               | 2 – Gearboxes (not O/Drive) | 2 – Heads.           |
| 2 – Crank Shafts                                   | 2 – Starter Motors          | 4 – R/B Rear Springs |
| 1 – Heater Motor & Case                            | 1 – C/B Tow Bar             | 2 – Rocker Covers    |
| 1 – Dashboard Late Model R/B LHD to RHD conversion |                             | 2 – Crank Pulley's.  |
| 2 – Sumps  | 1 – MGBLE Boot Rack         |                      |

*Contact:* Colin Cleaver 0419 772 554

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