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*Just a small portion of the cars on display for the Natmeet at the very beautiful park
on a perfect day in Ulverstone, Tasmania*



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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.



*Wayne McCulloch
was this months raffle winner.
Here he is trying to entice
Marion to joining him in a wee drink.*



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President's Piece

This has been a busy MaGic month for me. Firstly we [Christine & myself] had a great time attending the 2018 MG Natmeet in Tasmania, over the Easter weekend, in the company of 10 other Club members cars and crews. The MGCCWA group consisted of one NE replica, one 54 TF, 8 MGB's, and one ZR 160. We shipped our ZR to Melbourne, prior to picking it up for transportation to Devonport on the Spirit of Tasmania ferry, overnight. Unfortunately for our section of WA Group, that crossing was rough, the ship was rolling and pitching in a force 7 gale which did not subside until about 04:00. Miraculously, our MG's did not suffer, in spite of not being tied down.

We shared the 'Little House' in West Ulverstone with Peter & Sarah Fry who trailed their B Competition car both ways. Unfortunately for us the Devonport Car Show, due to be held on Sunday 25th March, was cancelled at 06:30 that morning due to the horrendously wet weather overnight that continued well into Sunday morning. We had 6 days of touring prior to the Natmeet and explored some lovely country roads and villages/towns. The country roads were ideal for MG driving, just like those in England but without the traffic.

The Natmeet was enjoyed by the owners of 210 MG's of different age, models and colours. There are I am sure other write-ups in this edition, which will provide readers with the full story of the Tasmania adventures. Our Competitor entrants acquitted themselves very well indeed, returning to WA with a small but well-earned collection of 'Gongs'. The food during the meeting was first-class, the organisation was well executed by a small Committee, helped by numerous volunteers, [sounds familiar!]. As usual with a Natmeet, old friendships were renewed and new ones made. It was a great example of the 'Marque of Friendship' in action.

We departed Tasmania on Wednesday 4th April, again on the overnight Ferry but this time it was a smooth crossing. I will leave my words about the drive from Melbourne to Perth for a later date.

Whilst in Tasmania I received an e-mail from SIAC Motor Australia that they were pleased to announce the establishment of a new MG dealership in WA with John Hughes. This was great news to me as it meant that the MG Marque would again be seen on the roads of WA. The end result is that the Club have now established a direct relationship with John Hughes, to support the promotion of the new MG's to our members and in other ways which will be of mutual benefit to both parties.

The launch on Wednesday 18th was a resounding success and the full range of new MG

models were on show. The build quality looks good and the prices of all models are very competitive. 2018 is going to be a good year for MG and our club.

PS. It was agreed at the Natmeet Delegates meeting, that the 100th anniversary of MG will be celebrated at the 2024 Natmeet [venue not yet determined]



Welcome to New Members



Doug Boardman - 1972 White MGB Roadster
Paul and Heather Rickards - 1968 White Midget

Doug Bush
April 2018



Two of the older MG's on display at the promotion of the new MG release in WA



MGCC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Essential Buyer's Guide for MGF and MG TF has been purchased for the Club Library (see review below). The price of these smart little vehicles has dropped dramatically over recent months and now may be the time to buy, if owning one is your desire.

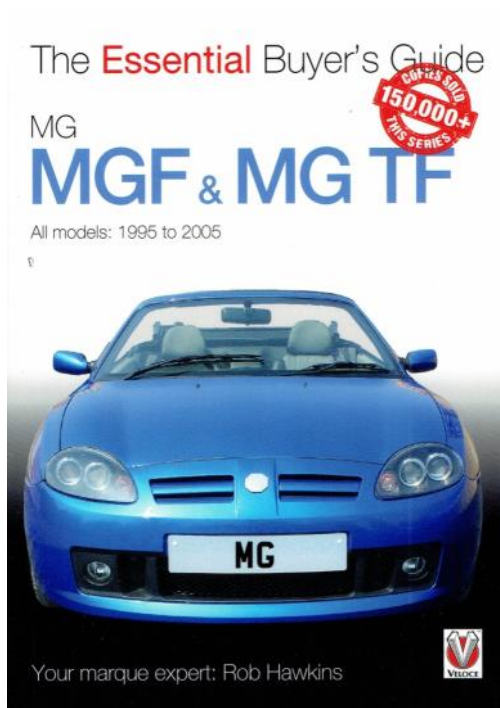
I would remind everyone, more so recently joined club members, that the Library complete stock list, together with book and DVD reviews, is available on the club website - www.mgccwa.com

Simply click on the "About" tab on the task bar at the top of the Home page and select from the options in the drop-down box.

Stock items are sequentially numbered on the library shelves at the club room apart from the Oversize Book section on the lower shelf. Remember to have a look at this section as there are some excellent pictorial books.

David Pitcher
Club Librarian





Packed with good advice - from running costs, through paperwork, statistics, valuation, plus input from the MG community this little book is just like having a real marque expert by your side.

Rob Hawkins is indeed a Guru on this subject with years of MGF and MG TF experience - drawing on his knowledge you will learn how to spot a bad car quickly and how to assess a promising one easily.

This is the Complete Guide to choosing and buying your desired MGF or MG TF.

Get the right car at the right price! Sixty-four pages packed with information and pictures.

Catalogue No. 72.



Sunday 6 May 2018

Undoubtedly, one of the highlights of our social calendar each year! A fun and interesting day in the closed main street of Toodyay, which is invariably chock full of market stalls of all varieties, period characters and entertainment.

The legend of Moondyne Joe, the Avon Valley's legendary bushranger, transforms the picturesque historical town of Toodyay, Western Australia into a lively day-long festival. A highlight of the day being the re-enactment of Moondyne Joe's various escapades throughout the town, his arrests and mock trials. Join in the fun with Moondyne Joe as he runs around town, robbing shops, escaping custody and being a general menace. Cheer on Joe's gang, 'floozyies', coppers, swaggies and the Town Crier.

The MG Car Club has again been invited to display our cars. However, this year we will be located in a shaded area at Duidgee Park, which has miniature trains, BBQ facilities, picnic facilities, public toilets and shelter from inclement weather. Apparently, the change in location is a result of feedback from members of the public, who complained it was too hot on the tarmac in the full sun to spend sufficient time to appreciate our cars 😊. As usual, we need to be in place by 8:45am.

Providing members with the opportunity of an early breakfast and/or coffee, we will meet at the car park of **McDONALDS** (cnr Great Eastern Hwy & Lloyd ST Midland) at "7.00 ish" for a 7.30 departure. Bring your own picnic lunch OR avail yourself of the many food outlets on offer.

After leaving **McDONALDS** at 7.30am (sharp) we will travel in convoy incorporating a pleasant scenic route (with NO questions and arguments).

Should anyone have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on Mob 0413 569 359 or email at phagarty@tpg.com.au.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Peter Hagarty

2018 NATMEET

Ulverstone, Tasmania



We arrived in Tasmania a week before the Natmeet began so it would give us a chance to see the sights and to travel around the island as we had never been there before.



On the ferry over, we travelled with Doug and Christine Bush, Chris Hart and Finch Whitehead, Graham and Heather Forbes and Sarah and Peter Fry. Made for quite a pleasant and lubric evening. There were quite a few other MG owners on board as we noted how many decks had MG's parked on them. Getting off early in the morning gave the Forbes and ourselves chance to find how friendly the natives were. Upon talking to some ladies outside of a closed café, they informed us they worked in the café and were happy to open early and sort out a very hearty breakfast and coffee for us.



We then spent the next week travelling anti-clockwise round the countryside, tasting and appreciating Tasmanian hospitality.

There were two days of rain while we toured the Western side from Stanley to Queenstown but that did not dampen our enthusiasm. Although driving up and over Cradle Mountain was interesting in the wet, the view was fantastic.

As we headed East the weather got better and we were able to drop our roofs and drive the MGB's as they are meant to be driven, fast, topless and us with big grins.

We found a Motel just outside of Hobart and caught the local bus into town and found a tavern for a meal.



Two days later we headed across to Port Arthur then up to St Helens.

Again the weather and the roads were just perfect.

Continuing Northward we crossed to Georgetown, with each and every stop finding comfortable accommodation, happy people, fine food and not a bad wine in sight.

Arriving Thursday afternoon in Ulverstone just in time for the start of the Natmeet.

Early Friday morning Moyra and I drove out to check the hill climb road before returning for the registration which was a bit chaotic but the meal that evening at the Nog-n-Natter was outstanding along with the Rocker cover racing.

Saturday was perfect for the Concours, the park set alongside the water was ideal and the sun shone. As you can see by the photos on the opposite page. That night was a free night so our lot trundled down to the local for great 'seniors' nosh up and of course a few 'bevies'

Sunday started a bit damp causing Sarah and Peter Fry some problems on their hill climbs, although Peter took out 1st place in his class. It was a bit dryer for us in the afternoon with the rain starting up again before the 3rd run was finished and they cancelled our last run. Didn't really matter to us as we were well out powered on the hill.

It was then a quick trip back to town afterwards to get ready for the Theme night, which was a lot of fun, pictures over the page. And just to let everyone know, we walked home dressed like that.

Monday was very windy which made things interesting during the Motorkhanna as the flags kept blowing over. Moyra showed me up by winning our class and I came third. I can't even blame the car!



Peter at Motorkhana start



Moyra on the hill



Sarah doing Motorkhana





The formal evening was again entertaining with all the awards being handed out and all our members who had entered their cars into the different competitions came away with an award.

Whilst in Tasmania the four of us made a very brave effort to try as many local wines as possible, and can gladly relate that we did not manage to find a bad one anywhere.

Tuesday morning was a breakfast gathering, giving everyone the chance to say goodbye to new and old friends. We packed up and loaded all our luggage into the MGB, then toured Sheffield where there were fantastic murals on nearly every wall in the town. Got back to Devonport for the 6.00pm sailing and managed a few drinks before the dawn landing in Melbourne.



With Heather and Graham we weaved our way through the early rush hour to begin the drive back over the Nullarbor. We hoped to do the trip in six days which still gave us time to do some sightseeing without having to bust our guts.

The run along the Great Ocean Drive is definitely one to put on the bucket list, even allowing for the roadworks and foreign drivers, it is an absolute joy in an MG. I even took time out to glance at some of the fantastic homes perched on the side of the cliff. We also stopped along the coast to view the Apostles and take some group photos, the only problem being the dreadful flies.

The next bit of adventure happened after we had stopped in the town of Millicent for a drink and comfort break, Heather unbeknown left her handbag slung over the chair. We had carried on to stop in Kingston for petrol and then drove on for another 100 kms before the loss was noted. Fortunately we remembered the name of the place, phoned them to confirm that the handbag was in their possession then contacted Doug, who was a day behind us, to pick said item up on their way through. The offending item was duly handed over to Heather when they caught up with us in Norseman.

Graham Forbes had been having a problem with his "B" coughing and spluttering, but with expert advice from Doug and Peter Fry, it was soon running better and completed the journey to within a few metres of home. All fixed now so Graham F is smiling.

Stopped overnight in Southern Cross at a friendly Motel run by a Kiwi, had a nice final meal with Doug & Christine and Heather & Graham before pushing on home to our own comfortable and familiar beds. Peter and Sarah had stopped in Coolgardie for their rest point before continuing home the next day.

M & G

Below: Award winners. Bottom right: The boys fixing the B, the girls patiently waiting. Top right: Some idiots we found along the way!





Tasmania Natmeet 2018

To start our adventure we took the cars to Jayde Transport for delivery to Melbourne a week earlier. Then it was a matter of waiting for our turn.

So, with much excitement we set off to the airport to start our trip to Tasmania for the 2018 Natmeet. Got to the domestic terminal to catch our flight to Melbourne, only to discover that Virgin Airlines fly out of the International Terminal – I mean really!!

We spent a couple of days sightseeing in Melbourne, then headed off to Tasmania on the “Spirit of Tasmania” Ferry. Another part of our journey done.

We headed off the ferry in Devonport, after a fun evening with fellow MG friends, turned right and headed up the West Coast of Tasmania with our travel buddies Moyra and Graham, and their trusty Bruiser.



What a beautiful and diverse state Tasmania is, full of history and we learnt so much more of our new adopted country. The West Coast, very hilly, very wet but so beautiful. The East Coast a lot of green hills and much drier, but still beautiful. We had a super week of sightseeing (very briefly) as we had so much to fit in, and so many miles to travel. So much fun, and laughter with our travel buddies, and our rule of the holiday “*What happens in Tasmania stays in Tasmania*” !



Starting on the West Coast, travelling down to Hobart and then up the East Coast back to Ulverstone where we were meeting up with the rest of the MG enthusiasts for our Natmeet over the Easter Week-end.



The Natmeet was lovely and the committee and all its members need to be commended for all their hard work and effect they put into it to make it so. To me, one of the highlights was the Kimber Tea Party theme evening. We had decided before we went that we would all go as characters from the Mad Hatters Tea Party, which was really good and everyone was very enthusiastic! The only down side was that we didn’t all land up being seated at the same tables so a little of the impact was lost. Graham and I went as Tweedledee and Tweedledum (I will leave you to guess which was which)!



Suddenly it was time to say goodbye to all our new and old friends, and head back home. Being brave, we had decided to travel back over the Nullarbor in our trusty MG's again with our travel buddies. Graham had a few car issues in Tassie which were sorted out, but after travelling over 6000km's our car decided in Norseman that enough was enough and was not going anywhere! Friend Brusier and owners tried to help us, but when that didn't happen we had to wait for the cavalry to arrive in the form of Christine and Doug Bush and Peter and Sarah Fry who were about a day behind us to catch up to us and help us out. We will be forever grateful to all concerned for all your help and MG friendship.

What a wonderful holiday and experience we had, something we will never forget!

Heather Forbes



Natmeet Hill Climb

Class	Name	Fastest Time	Class Placing
F	Allan Newton	55.76	1st
J	Peter Fry	47.99	1st
J	Sarah Fry	58.18	
N	Graham Mitchinson	55.37	
N	Moyra Mitchinson	57.6	

Natmeet Motorkhana Fastest Times

Class	Name	Multiple Loop	Modified Historic Slalom	Pine Tree	Total	Class Place
J	Sarah Fry	34.71	18.96	21.94	75.61	1st
J	Peter Fry	WD	18.55	22.84	86.66	
N	Moyra Mitchinson	34.22	18.91	21.77	74.9	1st
N	Graham Mitchinson	35.68	19.32	24.34	79.34	3rd

SOCIAL EVENTS IN MAY

All Club members are welcome to participate in these social events. As they are listed on the Club's events calendar, your concessionally registered car can be driven to, from and during each event.

Moondyne Joe Festival, Toodyay – Sunday 6th May

Our Club has again been invited to display our cars at Toodyay's annual Moondyne Joe Festival, this year in a shaded area of Duidgee Park. We need to be in place by 8:45am. Providing members with the opportunity of an early breakfast and/or coffee, we will meet at the McDonalds car park (southwest corner of Great Eastern Hwy & Lloyd St Midland) at "7.00 ish" for a 7.30am (sharp!) departure for a pleasant scenic drive. Bring your own picnic lunch or avail yourself of the many food outlets on offer in Toodyay. Organiser is Peter Hagarty, email phagarty@tpg.com.au

Classic Midweek Social Run – Thursday 10th May

This month's midweek run is being organized by Arthur Wallis of the Austin Healey Club and will meet at Gingers Puma Roadhouse on Great Northern Highway. Meeting at 10.00 for a 10.30 start.

Nog'n'Natter – Tuesday 15th May

The monthly Nog'n'Natter will be held on Tuesday 15th May, meeting 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. A short briefing on Club matters and events by Committee members will precede the usual convivial Nog'n'Natter and light supper.

Gingin British Car Day/MGA Register Run – Sunday 20th May

The annual British Car Day at Gingin is being held on Sunday 20th May. The MGA Register has organized a run from Gingers Roadhouse (Great Northern Hwy, Upper Swan – meeting 8.30am for an 8.45am start) to Gingin via the Chittering Valley, Bindoon and Mooliabeenie. Enjoy the local displays, support the Gingin community with their food outlets and produce stalls, watch the model boats on Gingin Brook, listen to the bands playing and of course admire the assembled examples of British motoring history.

Southern Chapter Run – Sunday 27th May

Meet at Crooked Carrot Cafe near Myalup on the Forrest Highway by 9.30am for a 10am start, finishing at the Blue Bird Cafe in Dwellingup for lunch. Organiser Colin Bell, colka.bell@bigpondcom

Tony Ford, Social Secretary - tonyford@westnet.com.au

Advance Future Events

Albany Classic – Long Weekend 2nd, 3rd and 4th June

The annual Albany Classic event will again feature the Mt Clarence Hillclimb and State Motorkhana Round 2 on Saturday and the Albany Round the Houses event on Sunday. In 1936, Albany was the first mainland town in Australia to host a 'round-the-houses' car race. The event was run over a road circuit of 2.5 mile (4 km) and the circuit was laid out through the middle of the town. The original event included the Albany Tourist Trophy for cars. The event was highly successful, attracting crowds in excess of 10,000 spectators and continued in this format for nearly 30 years. Each year since 1991 this race has been re-created as a regularity event by the VSCC and the City of Albany for historic and classic cars and is a great spectacle.

The Club does not organize a run to Albany and if you are considering attending you should book accommodation as soon as possible.

SUNDAY 22nd JULY 2018

Christmas in July Social Run to Quindanning hotel

Further details will follow in June Octagon

Contact details: Ted and Robyn Mullins 9537 7424

MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2018

May

Tues 5 th	Committee Meeting		
Sun 6 th	Moondyne Joe Tooyday	Social	MGCC
Thurs 10 th	Midweek Run	Social	AHCC
Tues 15 th	General Meeting	Social	MGCC
Sun 20 th	British Car Day	Social	MGCC

June

Sun 3 rd	Albany Classic Weekend	Social/Comp	VSCC
Tues 5 th	Committee Meeting		
Thurs 14 th	Midweek Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 19 th	General Meeting	Social	MGCC
Sun 24 th	Social Run	Social	D. Bush
Tues 26 th	Jaguar Car Club Track Day	Comp	Richard

NORTHAM FLYING 50 RUN – SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

Some 7 MGs and a 1968 Chevy Impala gathered at Sawyers Valley in the early Sunday morning for a leisurely convoy run to Northam for the annual Northam Flying 50 event for classic and historic cars.

The combination of Kerry Stoke's purple MGF and Lindsay Campbell's lime green Chevy recalled memories of the 1970s. Lindsay was not the only driver piloting a burbling V8 though, with Tony and Ann Bagshaw showing off their newly acquired Damask Red MGB GT V8, as well as John and Val Goff in their RV8.

Alley Mulcahy was delighted to be reunited with her Midget, with repairs finally finished after her altercation with a Nannup dog during last year's Safety Fast Run.



It was a largely uneventful run to Northam, except for Alley's Midget which suffered a stone chip. On arrival, we parked in the Club's usual place, on the grass under the trees by the Avon River, and set up camp. Some went in search of coffee while others inspected the various historic and classic cars parked in the pit area. The supermarket carpark in the centre of Northam was also set aside for a variety of clubs to display their cars, many of which took part in the lunchtime street parade.





The sun shone all day and the roar of competing cars and the close and furious action around the tight street circuit were indeed impressive. The event ran smoothly and safely due to the excellent organisation by the VSCC, the drivers clearly had a ball and the spectators greatly enjoyed the spectacle.



We are fortunate that this 'round the houses' form of motorsport still exists in WA (the only State in which it does) and both the Northam and Albany regularity events are well organised and well supported by competitors, spectators and the local authorities.

TONY FORD




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MIDWEEK RUN – THURSDAY 12TH APRIL

With the Austin Healey Club members away at their National Rally in Ballarat, there was only a modest turnout at the April Midweek Run. It didn't help that the forecast was for a wet day, and so it transpired.

A total of 8 cars, comprising 2 MGAs, 2 MGBs, 1 MGB V8, 1 MGF, 1 MGTF (from the MGOC) and 1 Triumph Stag (from the Triumph Car Club) and their drivers and navigators huddled together in the misty rain at the Olde Narrogin Inn at the requisite start time, waiting to brave the elements on a 100km run through the hills. President Doug Bush managed, with help, to raise the hood on his MGA for only the second time in his many years of ownership, although the absence of side screens presumably reduced its effectiveness in keeping the occupants dry!



Having stopped to put up my MGA's hood (and sidescreens) on the way to the ONI in the rain, I turned on the wipers only to have the driver's side wiper promptly fall off! Fortunately, I had earlier applied Rain-X to the windscreen in case of such an event (the wiper having a history of poor behaviour, despite – or because of? – the wipers and stands being new Moss replacements) so was unaffected by the non-operational wipers. One must be prepared in an MG...



The convoy proceeded in the rain past Canning Dam and Araluen, through Carmel and the picturesque Bickley Valley, then via the Weir to Mundaring for a comfort break. With the rain easing, progress through Stoneville and Gidgegannup was quicker and the home stretch via Chidlow and Mt Helena was easily covered. The lunch destination was the Parkerville Tavern and our reserved table in the restaurant was soon filled with a hubbub of conversation – which promptly ceased when the meals were served! Everyone sang a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday for Christine Bush to help celebrate the day.

Despite the inclement weather, all participants enjoyed the drive and lunch – and of course the camaraderie. With the Austin Healey Club members now back in WA, the May Midweek Run will return to the usual format and mix of classic British cars.

TONY FORD

Birthday Calendar

We welcome all new members to please send through your information to the Editors.

For those celebrating a May birthday,
the committee would like to wish you a **MaGic Day**

Birthdays

Tuesday 1st

Chris Hart

Saturday 5th

Errol Russell-Lane

Monday 7th

Zoi Hagarty

Tuesday 8th

Pat Shaw

Thursday 10th

Peter McGrath

Saturday 12th

Lynette Whitehurst

Wednesday 16th

**Willem DeKlerk
Graham Keenan**

Tuesday 22nd

David Pitcher

Friday 25th

Geert DeKlerk

Wishing you all a very happy time
On your special day



Happy Birthday

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

Pat Shaw, David Pitcher, Doug Bush, Tony Ford, Peter Hagarty, Karen Bell, Iain Trainor, Heather Forbes, Maxine Robins and two lazy Editors.

Thank you

Winner of the 'Hard Luck' story at the 2018 Natmeet

My name is "Bruiser" and this is my story

I'm a 1977 MGB Rubber nose and was all excited to be going over to Tasmania for the Natmeet. I was so happy to be chosen as my owners also have a little red Midget who is the "pretty one" where as I'm the fun one.

I was taken to a trucking yard in Perth along with our other members MG's and told to be a good girl and they would pick me up in Melbourne.

The trucking company hurt me, things are a bit hazy after that and I can't quite remember but I think I may have been dropped. *(Actually a piece of machinery moved in the container and connected with the bottom front end of the MGB)*

I finished up with a busted lip (valance), a broken nose (radiator) and a busted eye socket (front left fender). They told my owners about my nose but not the full extent of my injuries.

My owners were frantic and made many phone calls, trying to find someone to fix me. A nice workshop was found and people rallied around to try and have me sorted and ready to go in time. Alas that didn't quite happen, I was rushed (unfinished) from the panel shop to the workshop to get my indicators screwed back in so that I could be driven again.

I was let out of the workshop at 5.39pm to be driven through Melbourne's rush hour traffic to the docks for a 6.00pm ferry rendezvous by my owners who were by this time, pulling their hair out thinking we wouldn't make it in time. (Thank goodness for Google maps) We made it in the nick of time.

My story won't end here as I still have work needed doing but hopefully I will have a happy ending when I return to Perth.

I would like to thank Nigel Lang from the Geelong MGCC for offering to remove his wife's MGB radiator just to get me on the road. (That was when we didn't know the full extent of my damage)

Cheers *"Bruiser"*

We are happy to relate that "Bruiser" performed very well while in Tasmania and on the drive back across the Nullarbor to Perth. All she needs now is a touch up with some face paint and some re-adjustment of her bottom lip and the transport company are coming to the party.

Garage Open Day - Saturday 12th May, 10.00 till 13.00

Unit 6/110 Briggs Street, Welshpool

Bring any spares to buy, sell or swap. Come for a chat or to pick Tav's brain.

SOUTHERN CHAPTER EVENT

SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2018

This run started from the Waroona Cafe finishing at Hay Park, Bunbury for the yearly Bunbury Show. Karen and I were on our way to the Waroona Cafe when we received a call from Ted and Robyn Mullins saying they had broken down on their way to join us. They had lost all the coolant fluid ie. not a good start!! They contacted a towing company and it was towed to their address. A total of seven MG's arrived at our starting point and, after our morning cups of coffee, we set off down the South West Highway.



At Yarloop we cut across country towards the Old Coast Road, heading south towards Bunbury. After a pleasant one hour drive, we all arrived at Hay Park with no further mishaps. The officials directed our group of MG's to our allocated location, close to the VCCWA who were displaying a variety of classic and non-classic cars.

The event itself was supported by a huge contingent of displays including the voluntary Fire Fighting Units, dog handling, country dancing and singing, children's animal touch area, show jumping and various steam driven equipment. In addition to all these displays, there were dozens of bric a brac selling various country fare, and of course, you couldn't starve as there was food to everyone's taste. You could easily spend a couple of hours just wandering around looking at all that was going on. It proved to be a well attended and successful Bunbury Show. All our members really enjoyed the day.



There was lots to do for everyone and the weather was superb.

I think we will make this an annual event for the Southern Chapter.

COLIN and KAREN BELL

GENERAL MEETING. 17th April 2018: Minutes

Meeting opened at 20.00pm.

Club President in the chair.

Visitors: Alan Morris MGB 1978, John & Muriel Casey MGB 1967 white, Rick (still looking at purchasing, friend of Stephen)

Apologies: Bruce Youngberg, Richard & Annette Gusterson, Terry & Wanda Banton, Mike Smith, Neale Cooper & Paul Edwards.

Minutes of previous meeting: 20 March 2018 published in the Octagon: Motion to accept Minutes: Proposed by Alley Mulcahy seconded by Peter McGrath agreed as a true record.

Business arising: Nil

REPORTS:

VP's Report: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Chris Hart advised that the club funds Year to date, total of all accounts is \$xxxxxxx.

Chris then advised that the following cheques be proposed for payment; D Pitcher – Library \$96.76, Supper \$32.13 Total \$128.89, Allsports Trophies – Badges \$70.00. Approval moved Chris Hart by seconded by Val Goff and approved by the meeting.

Membership Sec's Report: nothing to report.

Competition: Peter McGrath advised Sunday 22 April: State Motorkhana Round 1 - Tiger Kart Club, Neerabup

Sunday 27th May - Coogee (new circuit)

All details in Octagon or contact Peter.

Social Report: Tony Ford advised we had 8 cars for the Thursday mid week run (6 club cars).

8 cars for Thursday mid week run

Sunday 22nd April MGF run leaving from Club rooms organised by Iain Trainor 10am meeting – 10.15am start

Sunday 6th May - Moondyne Joe festival, Toodyay organised by Peter Hagarty – event not in the main street this year but Duidgee Park : 7am meeting McDonalds Midland for a 7.30am start.

Thursday Mid week run 10th May organised by Arthur Austin Healy Club – email to follow or details in Octagon

Tuesday 15th May Nog & Natter (formally know as general meeting)

Sunday 20th May British Car Day Gingin & MGA run all leaving from Ginger Roadhouse 8.30am meeting with a 8.45am start.

Sunday 27th May Southern Chapter meeting at the Crooked Carrot Café 9.30am meeting for 10am start – organised by Colin Bell

Saturday 2nd June Albany Classic Weekend & 2nd round of Motorkhana

Editors: Graham Mitchinson again thanked Colleen Hardie for her work on the March Octagon, Graham asked for people please send in photo's from events they attend.

Safety Fast Run: Ian Campbell advised all planning going well.

Club Captain: Nil

Regalia: Nothing to report

Librarian: David Pitcher advised we have 12 new items in the library, 3 items purchased by the club & 9 items donated by John Benton.

Webmaster: Ian Chapman advised website is up to date.

Any Other Business:

Val Goff advised we have heard from the Senior recreation – Have a Go Day Wednesday 14th November 2018 anyone wishing to display their car to contact Val.

Doug Bush advised MG Car Company SAIC have opened a dealership in WA at John Hughes Victoria Park, formal launch to be on 18th April and some of the members have been invited to the launch.

Doug along with discussion with John Hughes, the MG club would offer a 12 month membership to our club to every new car purchased.

Peter Hagarty received some sad news that Anne Elfgren passed away 12th April, Rod & Anne moved to UK 6 years ago but were long time members – the club sent a card and Doug organised for some flowers to be sent on behalf of the club.

Chris Hart advised that in the September General meeting we will have Rocket Cover Race, so plenty of time to prepare your rocket cover car.

David Rose mention about the latest cancellation of Tav's Garage meeting and suggested some member just rock up to events and that we should keep it booked in.

Meeting closed at 20: 32pm

Shawn Moore won the quiz organized by Alley Mulcahy at the General Meeting. The quiz was to identify whether the name given was a drink or a drive. Was good fun and a few less arguments than usually happens with Terry's questions.





Competition

Motorkhana 22nd April



Peter

I'm thinking it was more like 'soakakhana' and my phones weather report lied saying it wasn't raining over Neerabup. After everyone had arrived and taken care of the formalities, we were called to the driver briefing only to be challenged by the heavens opening with a deluge of rain with thunder and lightning circling around us. We had five competitors from our club with Sarah and Peter, ourselves and it was good to have the experience of Tim Harland back on the circuit.

To try and keep my motorkhana motion sickness at bay I had earlier taken 2 kwell, so by this stage I was walking around like a spaced out junkie. Now with the rain easing it was time to get it underway, I was second driver on the first test and thought I'd take it a little easy as I had not competed in conditions like this before so was unsure how I'd go. Well I had the absolute time of my life and decided I quite liked the wet as it really helped bring my bum around (I think I might have been like an excited school girl).

It's funny how some of the tests jell really well and others it seems you just can't get them to sink into the head (they say it's good to keep our aging brains active and trying to remember each test before you go out there certainly does that, talk about brain drain, I'm afraid 'memory' has never been one of my strong points). Tim has the hardest part doing the reversing tests which are part of the State Championship points and obviously take longer, hence the H/cap time. So by this stage we've all had a few turns on the different tests and the sun has decided to grace us with it's presence (I know we got sunburnt well who would have thought to put sun cream on such a



Tim



Graham



Peter



filthy day?)

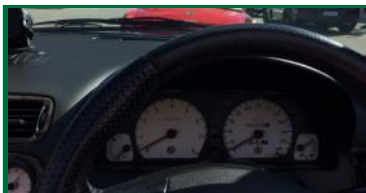
The shoes aren't so squelchy now and the bitumen is starting to dry out so we had a few runs in the dry and then it was time for lunch, alas none of our guys had taken lunch as it has normally been all over just after lunch so I think we were feeling the effects of not having eaten come the afternoon session and my kwell's had lost their effect by this stage so on the tests my stomach just lurched and I'd get dizzy, lucky it's only for those seconds

I'm out there driving. So of course with the afternoon session getting underway the skies decided we needed the circuit to get wet again. There were 33 drivers all up divided into 5 classes, 8 cars with share drivers, 17 different types of vehicles, with many being the 'everyday' drive of their owners.

There are of course with all the differences, many different styles of driving from those who like to make their cars kind of dance around the circuit to those that lay a lot of rubber down to those of us without powersteering are fighting the wheel to get the car around the course but all in all there is a lot of camaraderie and respect between all drivers as our common goal is to get out there and have a lot of fun.

Moyra

Name	Plumb Crazy 1 & 2	Clover- leaf Mirrored 1 & 2	Eighty Eight 1 & 2	Waltz Clover 1 & 2	Bandit 1 & 2	Hopkirk 1 & 2	Total	H/Cap Total	
Tim Harland	28.69 27.13	25.63 24.99	37.45 35.90 ww	41.32 36.64	24.56 23.89	36.44 32.87	376.52	316.23	1
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Graham Mitchinson	29.06 29.11	31.99 30.62	31.79 30.93	28.94 30.18	26.82 25.83	34.96 35.64	365.86		2
Moyra Mitchinson	28.61 27.59	30.30 28.72	40.37 ww 29.18	34.68 G 29.24	27.66 27.25	34.99 32.75	371.33		3
Sarah Fry	33.25 29.05	30.51 30.15	29.59 29.06	62.38 ww 29.98	29.25 25.91	34.45 34.29	397.88		4
Peter Fry	30.98 29.01	31.08 36.16 ww	40.37 ww 35.90 ww	30.10 30.06	35.41 F 32.27 ww	36.79 35.37	403.49		5
Penalties	ww	Wrong way	G	Garage	F	Flag	COT	Club only test	



WACKY RACES

with Peter McGrath

April saw the opening of the new MG dealership in Perth at John Hughes in Victoria Park. I was pleased to attend the launch event and was happy to see the new range of MGs finally available in WA. Whilst the current line up is just hatchbacks and SUVs, they do have a sporty look to them. Alley Mulcahy and I were lucky enough to have a chat with the Events and Campaigns Manager for MG Australia at the launch, David Hearty. He was telling us about a race spec MG6 that they have for events. He indicated that they would like to get it over to WA at some stage. We will need to encourage that. I promised to keep in touch with David and keep him informed of any competition events we as a club take part in.

Looking at the standard MG6, it looks like it could very well be a good car for track days at Barbagallo, with decent power and even paddle shift gears. The MG3 also looks like it could be a good car for Motorkhanas especially. Hopefully some of the new members we gain through buying these MGs will be keen to take part in future events.

I was sad to miss out on round one of the State Motorkhana on 22nd April. Five of our members (Moyra, Graham, Sarah, Peter and Tim) took part. Unfortunately, some brake issues with the MGF meant I couldn't take part myself. It's all sorted now, so the MGF is "Race ready" for future events.

May 27th, sees a new event at North Coogee, organised by the TSOA club. The "Garston Way Autotest" sounds like a lot of fun. I think it will definitely appeal to anyone interested in Motorkhanas or sprint events. Entry costs \$80 via the TSOA, and close on 25th May. We are told that the course is similar to those at the former RAC skid pan with some simple "Challenges"! Helmets and long clothing are required. I'm looking forward to taking part in this event and would love to see as many members as possible take part too. Let me know if you need any more information.

June 2nd - 3rd sees the Albany Classic weekend. A hill climb, Round 2 of the State Motorkhana and the "Around the houses" are on again. Event information can be found on the VSCCWA website. Entries close on 4th May for the Hill Climb and Around the Houses. I will be heading down to watch, but unfortunately the MGF is too new to take part in anything other than the Motorkhana.

Also, on the 9th and 10th of June, for anyone wanting to travel over to South Australia; An invitation has been sent to us and forwarded via email to all members to take part in the annual interstate challenge. This event is usually between Victoria and South Australia, but they have extended the invitation to all clubs around Australia. If you didn't get the email, let me know, so I can forward it on. I'd also love to hear from anyone who plans to go over to take part.

On another note, the F1 and Supercars seasons are well underway now and both are far more interesting than in recent years. The Perth Supersprint round of the Supercars is

on the 4th-6th May at Barbagallo. Spaces are available to display your car in the Car Show as part of the “Off Track” entertainment (info at the WSCCWA website). As usual, if you hear of any events that you think might interest your fellow MGCCWA members, let me know so I can pass it on. Here’s to a rapid and fun May!

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NOTICE BOARD

Greetings Fellow MG Enthusiasts.

Traditionally South Australia and Victoria have had an interstate challenge on the Queen’s Birthday weekend in June. This has included a Hill climb and a super sprint and alternated between Adelaide and Melbourne.

There was a break in 2015 & 2016 due to National Meetings and such but it resumed in 2017 in Melbourne (P.S. SA was victorious!).

Motorsport:

This year it is the South Australian turn and we have arranged a Hill climb at Collingrove on Saturday 9 June and a Super Sprint at The Bend Motorsport Park on Sunday 10 June.

We will be using the East Circuit at The Bend and will be one of the first, if not the first, club to use the new circuit. Have a look at www.thebend.com.au at the East circuit which is 3.93km in length and has quite a bit of rise and fall.

Supp Regs are currently with CAMS but we are flagging this with you following the closure of Nat Meet entries and to give you a chance to plan ahead.

Entries will be through the CAMS Event Entry system accessed through the CAMS member portal.

We anticipate competition costs will be in the order of \$260 to do both events or \$200 for the Sprint alone and \$100 for the Hillclimb alone.

Social costs are yet to be confirmed.

Accommodation:

We have put a hold on some accommodation in Murray Bridge at the Oval Motel and the Murray Bridge Tourist Park and if you wish to take this up you should contact the venues directly.

Follow the link below to the MGCCSA website for more information.

<http://www.mgccsa.org.au/Motorsport/MG%20Challenge.html#accom>

MG Challenge - MG Car Club

www.mgccsa.org.au

2017 MG Car Clubs Interclub Challenge. On the Queen’s Birthday long weekend (10 – 12 June) the 2017 MG Challenge was conducted in Victoria. The Challenge is generally run every year alternating between Melbourne and Adelaide but there had not been one since 2014.

Social & F Register Run Sunday 22nd April

To be sung to tune of "Hotel California"

On some wet little Back Roads, Wind and rain in our hair,
Smell of petrol and oil, rising up in the air
Up ahead in the distance we saw a sharp flash of Light
Our sight was struck by the lighting
It gave us all quite a fright.

There was cloud all around us, we drove on through the rain
And we were thinking to ourselves
"This could be heaven or this could be Hell"
We had to directions to guide us and to show us the way.
There were voices on the radio
I thought I heard them say

Welcome to an MG car club car run
Such a lovely way
To enjoy a day
We're Livin' it up on an MG car club run day
But where are you all. Did you miss the call.

We were now on the switchbacks, up and down we did go
Then the roads which were bendy, left and right was the flow.
Up ahead in the distance was a wide and straight Road
The cloud grew thin and the sun shone
We all knew we were done.

And in the Palace Hotel
We gathered for the Feast
We eat and talked and enjoyed it.
And asked where others were
The last thing we had to do was have a photo to share.
This records that we were there and that we could leave.

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Seriously, the weather was not the best but we did not rust and it was not cold so it was disappointing that the turn up for the run was a mere four cars (five people). In the end only three cars went on the run. Why drive when you can share? We travelled in a nice compact group for the whole way to York on almost deserted roads. The only stop along the way was to repair a set of windscreen wipers which were breaking apart.

It was a well planned route with very little time on the major roads and the views were wonderful even when shrouded in cloud. The meal in York was good and the companionship was excellent as one would expect. Some of the party decided to

explore York more whilst others returned home to write this.

This will be Iain's last time organizing a run as he is stepping down from leading the F register. Sincere thanks go to him for all the time and effort he has put into organizing the F register.

Pat Shaw



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**The Deadline for articles to be included in the June edition of the
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The following weekend is the long weekend and we will be in Albany

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