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The 'Wheatbelt Warriors'
about to embark on their two day trip traipsing around the countryside
perusing various museums and having a fabulous time.



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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.



Paul Bowerman was our raffle winner for this month.

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President's Piece

September was an up and down month for me, I had some good outings in my MGA, all on dry days. I also gave the A its annual service, with oil & filter change, a check of everything else revealed that both of the front left suspension bottom swivel pin link seals were perished and thus had to be changed for new ones. Not a major challenge but one where having my two-post hoist to use, made it much easier. The annoying thing is that I only changed those seals three years ago. The original factory fitted ones were made of rubber and lasted well. Modern ones appear to be made of some sort of plastic. You need to be careful nowadays where you buy your spares from for your classic MG's.

I am looking forward to the Safety Fast Run and hoping for a dry weekend so that we can enjoy the extended event. The Wheat belt tour organised by Tony Ford was enjoyed by all. We visited some wonderful Museums with lots of historical items on show, in various states of condition. It is a pity that modern society does not seem to be concerned about our history, as most of the museums obviously lacked the funding to maintain items in working condition and all were wanting more volunteers. Talking of Museums, the excellent MG display at the Whiteman Park Motor Museum has ended and the cars are all now back in the hands of their owners. Many thanks to all those owners who loaned their MaGic cars.

Moving on to Tyres. I know that we do not have any annual Roadworthy tests in WA [which I think is unsatisfactory]. In the UK, their annual MOT test at an approved garage, serves as a comprehensive safety check by an independent qualified engineer. One of the items checked is Tyres, they have to have a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm over the whole circumference and at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the width of the tread band. It is an established fact that tyres with treads less than the above, decrease the braking performance and the road holding of the vehicle. When did you last check the condition and pressures of your MG tyres? Modern tyres are date stamped with a recommended life of five years. Do you also check your light globes before night driving? I see too many cars at night on WA roads with lights not working.

In nine weeks it will be the Annual General Meeting of the Club. This is when the membership has their opportunity to express their views and opinions on the Club. This can be achieved by submitting an 'Ordinary Resolution' to the Club Secretary, not less than 21 days before the AGM is due. The Committee and Honorary Officers of the club are elected at the AGM. New Committee members will be warmly welcomed, please think hard about stepping forward and nominating for the Committee.

Doug Bush

The Rocker Cover race was held at the Club room after the meeting. There were only a few participants unfortunately but plenty of barracking.

Brian Edwards was the winner with a bottle of wine for his effort.

A big thank you to Graham Forbes for setting up the course and to the other competitors.

We need to get more people to be involved for future efforts.



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WA Motorkhana Championship - Round 4

Sunday 8th September

It was yet again a warm and beautiful spring day, although my wife would have liked it to be a little bit damp to help her car drift around the cones. It took place at the Tiger Kart Track being run and well organized by the Mini Car Club.

We had a good turn-out of 40 drivers in various vehicles including 6 Mazdas with some cars being used by two or more drivers.

The six drivers from our club were William (Green MGB) and Sarah Fry (white MGB GT), Peter McGrath (Green MGF) Moyra and Graham (Blue MGB) and newcomer Bruce Youngberg (Blue MGB) doing his very first Motorkhana and handling the interesting courses very well. Bruce had been involved with speed events before and we hope he will come along to the Autotest held by the TSOA at Kwinana Motorplex later in the year.

Smiles all round with Team MG



Considering we had ten different courses with only one run at each one we had to have our thinking caps on, although mine slipped off completely on one run. (*Lost my bearings halfway through run*)

As usual there was some friendly banter between the MG fraternity, especially when there is just three hundredths of a second separating one married couple on the first course (Bulls Eye).

Considering we were up against quite a few modern vehicles with power steering our times were quite reasonable and thus all the MG's can hold their heads high.

On checking the original results sent out by Dave Elliot, Moyra thought she was in first position with an overall score of 285.56 but then realized that her wrong way had been mis-calculated and because she is very honest (*haha*) she informed Dave of his error.

As we mention every time, if you wish to have some fun in your MG without it costing a fortune in a perfectly safe environment with similar thinking people this is something to think about.

Graham M

	Gate Slalom	Bulls Eye	F & R Slalom	Triple Garage	Big Eyes	Serpentine	Paddy	Pine Tree	Waltz Slalom	Double Hat	TOTAL
William	27.56	31.72	18.69	27.31	55.50	28.24	32.60	21.08	22.07	31.14	295.89
Peter M	24.50	43.39 ww	17.50	26.32	57.39	25.08	31.84	21.09	21.26	31.07	299.43
Sarah	27.95	33.56	19.68	27.76	53.76	29.65	31.52	23.19	24.50	31.50	303.04
Graham	26.87	31.55	18.37	28.27	56.12	29.48	31.84	23.25	23.31	47.23 ww	316.31
Moyra	27.19	31.58	18.58	26.74	67.62 ww	27.88	32.52	23.01	21.80	41.16 flag	318.09
Bruce	32.66	40.14	20.79	34.76	67.62 ww	32.90	36.83	26.20	25.15	34.67	351.70

**The Deadline for articles to be included in the November edition
of the Octagon will be Thursday 31st October**

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

The MaGic WHEATBELT MUSEUM TOUR

September 11 & 12, 2019

Eleven cars and twenty people met at Sculpture Park in **Mundaring**. Upon arriving we could see “men at work” under the bonnet of a blue Midget. It appears that Alley’s car had noisy tappets but thanks to Doug, Ernie and Gavin the problem was soon resolved. Good teamwork guys!

After a briefing from Tony we set off in convoy on Great Eastern Highway. As we got to the Lakes turnoff a scarecrow directed us to turn and head to York.

We continued through York and stopped at the turnoff to Meckering to regroup. However, a green MGF was seen flying past the turn off and despite frantic waves we went unseen. A phone call was made but truly, how many of us can hear our phones ring above the roar of a sports car.



Waiting for a lost MG

To the rescue, Eddie in his MG V8 took chase and we didn’t have to wait long before both cars were back with us and we were under way again and passing Canola fields which were a brilliant blaze of colour and this, combined with the cloudy sky, made it picture perfect and great motoring.



We stopped 12 km south of **Meckering** to view the one kilometre stretch of the 1968 earthquake fault line which is still visible. We very gingerly climb over the barbwire fence to walk up to the billboard not realising that a short distance to our right was a gate. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained while manoeuvring the barbwire.

We continued to follow the Golden Pipeline to **Cunderdin** and upon arriving at the first of our “museums” we found the place to be locked. A grand billboard outside said open daily 11- 4, besides they knew we were coming, so, where were they? Another phone call resulted in them saying they were expecting us the following day and they didn’t have any volunteers available for today.

Oh well, you can’t miss what you have never seen!

On the road again and our next stop is lunch at Succulent Food Café in **Kellerberrin**. We had a good selection to choose from and I didn’t hear any complaints.

A key was collected from the local shire office so we could view the Pioneer Museum in the old Agriculture Hall which was built in 1897 and contained an extensive array of early type farm and household implements.

From there we continued to head east and as we arrived in **Merredin** we passed silos that were adorned with art before stopping at the Military Museum which had a large collection of restored military vehicles and equipment.



Kellerberrin Pioneer Museum



A good night had at the Northside Tavern

We had a few hours of free time, some elected to take a nap and some to browse the local shops, before enjoying our dinner at the Northside Tavern. Food was excellent and they even provided a bus pickup and drop off which meant one could have a drink or three!

Seven cars gathered on Thursday morning at the Railway Station Museum. Two cars had returned to Perth one being Mike Smith whose car was having thermostat problems. Hope you got home without any hic-ups Mike?



The trains will never run straight again

The Railway Station Museum dates back to 1913 with much of the original railway memorabilia still in place including the signal box which houses 95 levers.

Having spent an enjoyable hour looking about it was time to head to Nungarin but before leaving town we did a tour through the industrial area – OOPS! Wrong way, turn back and now we are on a gravel road, where are we going I ask myself. Oh, there's the sign Merredin Peak Reserve and Railway Dam. Up the steps we climbed to the banks of the dam. A stone wall and channel was built all the way around the rock so that rainwater could be collected in the dam and then pumped over to the hospital and railway station. We hadn't got very far on the next leg of this trip, when Ernie and Lyn Whitehurst's MGB came to a halt and it turned out to be a starter motor problem. So, a few able bodies gave them a push start, and this had to be done every time they stopped the car. At least they were able to continue the journey with us all.



The Lads getting some exercise



Nungarin Heritage Machinery and Army Museum was built in 1942 as an ordnance depot out of range of Japanese aircraft. They have an extensive range of machinery along with a collection of dolls, irons and washing machines (for the ladies).



Attached to this building was a café and a few of the locals prepared lunch for us.

The day was warming up and at this point it was 29° under a clear blue sky so we drove on to the C.B.H and Agriculture Museum in **Wyalkatchem** then to the Historic Slater Homestead located 3kms north-east of **Goomalling**.

It was here that we enjoyed afternoon tea of homemade scones, jam and cream. The scones were made by the husband of the couple who were responsible for the restoration of the homestead, and you couldn't help but go back for seconds.

And that brought us to the end of our two day **MaGic** wheatbelt tour. All that was left was to make our way to our respective homes.

Many thanks to Tony and Lesley for all the thought and effort in providing a good itinerary and we shall look forward to another one of these adventures.

Happy MotorinG...

Maxine Robins

More photos over the page





Just some of the places of interest and sights that were viewed on the tour.





Women
in
uniform



*A fun night
was had
by all.*



SOCIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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.

MGF Register Run - Sunday 6th October

The MGF Register Run previously scheduled for Sunday 6th October has been **cancelled** due to the lack of a Register Co-ordinator. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact the Club's Social Co-ordinator Tony Ford (mobile 0400 202 474 or email tonyford@westnet.com.au).

Rotary Como Classic Car Show – Sunday 6th October

The Rotary Club of Como will be holding its annual Classic Car Show on Sunday 6th October at Wesley College. While this is not an MGCC event, you may wish to show your pride and joy or otherwise visit to see a wonderful variety of classic cars.

Entry is free for those showing cars (but you must register), otherwise cost is \$10 (\$8 concession) which goes to charity. All details and online registration are on the website at <http://comorotarycarshow.com/>.

Classic Midweek Run – Thursday 10th October

The October Classic Midweek Run will commence from Ginger's Roadhouse, Great Northern Hwy Upper Swan (unless otherwise advised by email closer to the date) gathering at **10:00am** for a 10:30am start. Join the usual collection of assorted MGs, Austin Healeys, Jaguars, Triumphs, Aston Martins and other classic cars for a pleasant drive and lunch at a country pub. Contact is Richard Gusterson (richgus@bigpond.com).

Southern Chapter Run – Sunday 13th October

The Southern Chapter will be meeting at the 'Ha-Ve' Harvey Cheese Factory in South West Hwy Wokalup on Sunday 13th October at **9:30am** for coffee and a 10:30am start for a leisurely run to Capel Tavern for lunch.

Contact is Ted Mullins 0419 925 632 or David Lovett 0417 922 350.

Nog'n'Natter – Tuesday 15th October

The monthly Nog'n'Natter will be held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 15th October, meeting **7:30pm** for an 8:00pm start. The usual convivial Nog'n'Natter and light supper will follow a short briefing on Club matters and events by Committee members.

MG Safety Fast Run – Friday 18th to Monday 21st October

The 2019 Safety Fast Run is heading down south to Albany. Entries for this fabulous event are closed and event information has previously been provided to all entrants.

Contact is Terry Banton (terwan@iinet.net.au).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Northerners & Southerners Lunch Run – Sunday 3rd November

Continuing a tradition started by the 'Bell Brothers', John and Colin, this is a Club run to bring the northern and southern dwelling MGCC members together for an enjoyable lunch. Northerners will meet at the Clubrooms (110 Hardy Road Bayswater) from 10am for a 10.30am start, while southerners (from the Southern Chapter) will meet at the Crooked Carrot Café (Forrest Hwy, Myalup) at the same time (that's 10am for a 10.30am start) for runs of around 140km each, meeting at a lunch venue near Pinjarra. For the venue's catering purposes, **please advise your intention to attend** at least one week before the event to Tony Ford (tonyford@westnet.com.au or mobile 0400 202 474) or Ted Mullins (robnynted01@hotmail.com or mobile 0419 925 632) for northerners and southerners respectively.

MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2019

October

Tues 1 st	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Thurs 10 th	Classics Midweek Run	Social	MGOC
Sun 13 th	Jack's Hill Climb	Comp	TSOA
Tues 15 th	<i>General Meeting/Nog'n'Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Fri 18 th Mon 21 st	MG Safety Fast Run - Albany	Social	SFR
Sat 19 th Sun 20 th	Coalfield 500, Collie Motorplex	Comp	VSCC
Sun 27 th	State Championship round 5	Comp	MCC

November

Sun 3 rd	Northern & Southern Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 5 th	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Sun 10 th	Brockwell Classic Run	Social	MGCC
Wed 13 th	"Have a go day" Burswood	Social	MGCC
Thurs 14 th	Classic Midweek Run	Social	AHCC
Tues 19 th	Hill Climb, Barbagallo	Comp	JCC
Tues 19 th	<i>General Meeting/Nog'n'Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Sun 24 th	Ladies Very Social Run	Social	MGCC

December

Sun 1 st	Autotest, Kwinana Motorplex	Comp	TSOA
Tues 3 rd	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Thurs 5 th	Classic Midweek Run	Social	MGCC
Sat 7 th	Christmas/Club Awards Night	Social	MGCC
Tues 10 th	<i>Annual General Meeting</i>	Social	MGCC

Have a Go Day Wednesday 13th November.

The annual "Have a Go Day" is coming up quickly. I will need 12 tidy cars (various models) for a static display at Burswood Park. It is always a very pleasant relaxing day talking to different people about the cars and sharing a picnic etc. with other members. You would be required to have your car in position by no later than 8.30am and may leave after 3.00 pm

Please contact Val Goff by phone **9305 1318** or email jvgoff@westnet.com.au.
if you wish to attend.

MG TYme and Pre-War MG Register Gathering

Commencing in 2010, MG Car Club Canberra has hosted a biennial social event to celebrate the T and Y Types. Known as MG TYme, it has been a successful gathering enjoyed by many MG enthusiasts. An MG TYme event would normally have been planned for 2020, but a decision has recently been made to postpone the next MG TYme until 2021. The reason is that MG Car Club Canberra has agreed to a request to also host the Pre-War MG Register of Australia's biennial rally in 2021. The two events will be run concurrently in 2021.

Both events have similar social-oriented formats, and the Canberra Club hopes that they will have great appeal to all owners of Pre-War, T and Y Type MGs. Canberra is accessible, has ideal venues, and will offer a warm welcome to all visitors. Tentative planning indicates that the events will be run over a long-weekend in early to mid-October 2021. This timing will coincide with Canberra's Floriade festival and the spring weather. So, the message to all pre-56 MG owners is watch this space, and make sure that you have October 2021 pencilled in your diary.

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Book review

Daniel Ricciardo “in Pursuit of Greatness” by Nate Saunders

A large hard backed book with beautiful photos. Easy to read and enjoy. The book follows Golden Perth boy Daniel through his rise from 2014 – 2017 whilst driving for Red Bull team.

Since his elevation to Red Bull in 2014, Daniel Ricciardo has cemented himself as one of Formula One’s most exciting talents. He has established a reputation for brilliant one-lap speed, thrilling overtaking and a competitive spirit that has helped him claim some of the most exhilarating race victories in the sport’s recent history.

The self-styled ‘Honey Badger’ has done it all with a smile, displaying the infectious personality that has made him one of the most popular drivers on the grid.

Starting with Ricciardo’s rise in Formula One, this book gives a race-by-race account of the highs, the lows, the controversies and the triumphs. Featuring 150 dynamic colour photographs that take you to the very centre of the action, this is a brilliant insight into the excitement and drama of Formula One, and one of its most popular superstars.

A must book to enjoy and now available to borrow for FREE in the MGCWA library.

Star rating ***** 5/5

Librarian Sarah Fry



COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RUN

THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

We had a grand turnout of six MG's at the starting point at Ye Olde Narrogin Inne at Armadale. This was owing to the fact that many of the usual entrants were visiting the country museums in the wheat belt area on a separate MGCC tour.



It was really warm as we left Armadale and drove up the Albany Highway and after sixty five kilometers we turned left towards Wandering.

Burn offs had recently been taking place along the roadside and embers were still smoldering in one area. Further along the road we noticed a few crops of wheat and Conola which looked magnificent in the warming sun.



The Wandering city centre consisted of a petrol station, a library with a little café and toilets (essential !!) and the local area gardens were ablaze



with colour from the flowering ornamental trees. It was quite lovely. After a twenty minute stopover we drove back to Ye Olde Narrogin Inne (would you believe) for a welcome drink and hot vitals for lunch.

Thank you Arthur and Sandra for another beautiful classic car run.

Lis Campbell



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

Brendan Hagarty, Peter Hagarty, Lis Campbell, Maxine Robins, Sarah Fry, Tony Ford , Steve and Jessie McDonald

If you have a Story about your MG or an adventure with it, please send it in to us.

Thank you M & G



WACKY RACES

with Peter McGrath

September has been a great month for competitive events, starting with the State Motorkhana Round 4 on the 8th September at Tiger Kart Club near Barbagallo raceway. A good turnout from our club as usual, with Graham and Moyra Mitchinson taking part in Bruiser the blue MGB, Sarah in her green race MGB and William Fry in her white MGBGT, Bruce Youngberg in his bluish MGB and me in my green MGF. Overall there were probably less cars than at previous rounds, but it was still a brilliant day out, having some fun in our MGs in a safe and fun environment.

I'm not sure if anyone went along to the WA Sporting Car Club "Come and try day" on the 11th September on the race track at Barbagallo, but if you did, please give us some feedback, so we can promote it to your fellow members for next year. Likewise, the TSOA/HSV Club Barbagallo Super-sprint on 14th September. Let us know how you went if you took part.

The Jaguar Car Club track day was on Tuesday the 24th September. I always book a day off work for these track days as they are excellent value for the time you get on the track, every single first timer comes off after each sprint with a big grin on their faces – and you get lunch included at the completion!

This time around there were less cars than usual, but I'd put that down to the number of competitive events taking part this time of year. I know a few of our regular MG racers were preparing for the Port Denison Sprint, so it wasn't unexpected that they didn't come along this time. Overall there were around 25 cars, mainly BMWs this time, with only a few Jags and just two MGs, with Michael Flanagan in his green MGB and me in my green MGF. Also, from our club was Bob Schrader in his orange Riot open wheeler.

In a way it was good that there were less cars than usual, with around eight cars per group and just three groups going out, there wasn't too much waiting around time before getting back out for each sprint. I managed a healthy 87km around the track in total, which is pretty good for the cost of the day. Most of our sprints were with cars of similar power, but on our final run, we mixed it up a little.

From our group, we had a Lotus 7, MGB, Jaguar E type and me, luckily at the front of the pack in my MGF, with an AMG Mercedes, Jaguar XK8 and BMW M3 lined up behind us on at the start. I was pleased to have reached the final straight on lap 4 before they overtook me. Not bad considering I have 120BHP and they have somewhere in the region of 400-600BHP. Needless to say, all three blasted past me on the straight, with my MGF hitting around 153km/h and I later found out that they were hitting 230km/h, it was pleasing to stay pretty close to them on the final lap too, especially on the twisty section up the hill. MGs really handle well and can be driven closer to the max than most of the other cars taking part. I was happy to get into the low 1 min 20s again - just need some new tyres on the rear now!

Still to come at the end of the month is the Port Denison Foreshore Sprint that takes place on the 29th September. I believe we have a few MGs taking part, so it would be great to hear from them about the event. Hopefully we get to see an article or two in the November edition of the Octagon.

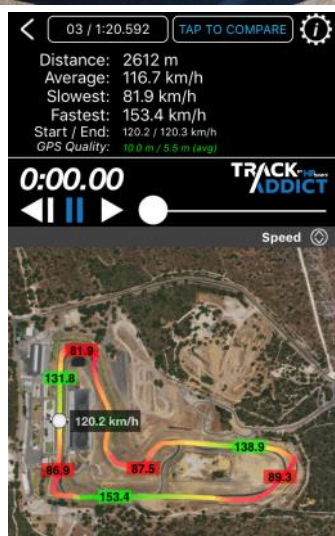
October is busy again, with the **TSOA/Porsche clubs Hill climb** at Jacks Hill on **Sunday the 13th**. The following weekend sees the **Collie 500** taking part on **Saturday and Sunday 19th-20th** organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club.

As part of the **Triumph Sports Owners Association Nationals**, held this year in WA, they have kindly invited competitive drivers from other clubs to take part in firstly the **Busselton Foreshore Sprint on Monday the 21st October** and then three days later, the **Nannup Town Sprint on Thursday 24th**.

To see out the month of October, there is the final round of the **state Motorkhana on Sunday 27th**, Round 5 is taking place at the **Tiger Kart Club** near Barbagallo raceway.

Should you be interested in any upcoming events, let me know if you have any queries, I can easily point you in the right direction. And don't forget, if you're taking part in or hear about an event we haven't promoted, let us know so we can inform your fellow MG drivers.

Here's to a rapid and fun October.



MGA Register Run *15th September*



The MGA Register Run held on Sunday 15th September attracted 10 MGAs (8 being in various shades of red!) to the start at Mundaring.

With all driving topless to enjoy the brilliant spring weather and rolling green countryside, the route led through Stoneville, Mt Helena and Chidlow then via the very scenic Lilydale, Breeze and Mayo Roads to Wooroloo and north on the (rather bumpy) Bailup Road.



A short drive along Toodyay Road and a right turn and the MGAs were in their Safety Fast element along the twisting and very entertaining (for the drivers!) Berry, Clenton and O'Brien Roads.

This being a fine Sunday, the motorcyclists were out in force



Eight shades of MGA red at the start in Mundaring

and a couple of bold bikers showed more courage than sense in passing our little convoy around blind corners across double white lines.

Fortunately no-one came to grief and we turned right onto Lancewood Avenue to experience the double roller-coaster over hills and down dales,

before descending the scarp on a very steep and winding route down into the Swan Valley and on to our lunch destination, Oakover Grounds.

It was indeed very pleasant chatting over a delectable lunch in the lovely Oakover environs, even the multitude of children playing on the lawn beside the lake couldn't detract from a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Commiserations go to new MGA owners Mark and Jen Dickenson, who unfortunately suffered a failed clutch on arriving at Oakover Grounds. Hopefully they will be on the road again by the next MGA Register Run on 17th November.



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VALE - John Hagarty

(Stuart) John Hagarty, my father, was born in Northam WA, the son of Stuart (a WAGR Signaller), and Mabel.

When young the family moved residence several times in connection with railways employment before finally settling in their own home in the inner Perth suburb of Bedford. Like many gifted people, Dad struggled with formal education resulting in the decision by his father that he should pursue a trade and his enrolment at the WAGR Midland Workshops in 1949 at age 14 as an apprentice fitter and turner.

Dad excelled in his trade but hated the workshops environment. I think he struggled with authority his entire life and it is a trait all of his children seem to have inherited to varying degrees, me especially and more than I care to acknowledge. During his time at the

workshops he formed a number of close friendships which endured for life. Most notable, for the resulting introduction to motor sports and automotive pursuits generally, being Brian Sadler who later went on to a successful speedway career and to establish Performance Modifications, Perth's leading engine machining and modification business.

In the late 50s Dad met Mum at a dance at the Embassy Ball Room. Surprisingly, given their first date was a day at Caversham Motor Races (always the romantic he was), the relationship blossomed and they were married in April 1958. Four children followed, Peter, Brendon, Kathryn and Robert, and despite many difficult times the marriage remained strong for over 61 years.

In 1963 Dad left the WAGR and went to work at Don Hall's Speed Shop in Subiaco, the leading supplier of go-fast bits and performance tuning and modification work in WA. During this time he continued and grew his motorsport involvement through assisting Brian Sadler with his speedway super modified car and Dick Ward (later to establish the Go Gear motorsport equipment enterprise) with his self-built Peugeot Elf single seater racing car. As his exposure to the sport grew and his reputation was built, he took on the preparation of Peter Briggs MGB which he developed into an extremely successful race car, often cited as the fastest MGB in Australia at the time. This was followed by an extraordinarily successful relationship with Gordon Mitchell, initially at Caversham with his road going Mk3 Sprite and then, on the move to

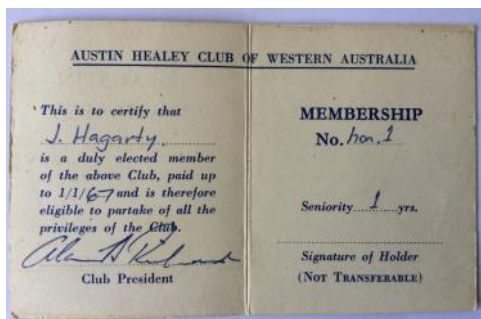


Wanneroo, the development of the legendary and giant killing Mk1 Sprite. During this time Dad also struggled to establish his own business servicing and performance tuning sports cars. Unfortunately, and despite a strong customer base and a sound reputation for quality work, the business failed - mostly due to debts incurred following a break in and theft of and damage to a customer's vehicle. Dad had failed to take out insurance cover for this risk and the financial impact was too much for the fledgling business to absorb.

For the next few years Dad was employed alternately with Terry Lemay Racing Team and John Harris in Morley, both of whom ran teams of highly successful Mini Cooper S cars in various categories at Wanneroo. At Lemay's he was involved in solving the frequent engine blow ups in Peter Briggs' ex Norm Beechey Monaro by custom making big end bolts from special steel. Engine blow ups were a constant feature of the car during Beechey's ownership, but following Dad's modifications there was never another engine failure. During his time at John Harris's he was also involved in the early days of series production racing in WA carrying out tuning and maintenance on several of the front running Torana XU1s.

In 1973 Dad left his job and embarked on a project to construct a series of sports racing cars loosely based on the English Mallock U2 but with significantly enhanced structural rigidity and state of the art suspension design. An initial production run of 11 cars was proposed but subsequently 6 cars were completed and went on to become one of the most successful WA built race cars with a number of State Championship victories and lap records.

During this time Dad's father passed away following a short illness caused by a painful and aggressive cancer. While it was obvious to us that both of these men had enormous love and respect for each other, their relationship was always tense and punctuated by frequent arguments over insignificant trivia. His father's passing had a massive impact on Dad - his world pretty much collapsed around him and he lost all confidence and drive to succeed. Shortly after his father's death English musicians Mike and The Mechanics released the enormously popular song "In the Living Years". It was not until very much later that I came to understand why Dad became what seemed to be a little bit angry and turned the radio off whenever that song was played.



The two membership cards show that John had been one of the first in both clubs

From that time on Dad achieved little in a material sense but he did still manage to deliver many examples of excellence in engineering, motor sport and other endeavours from which he gained a personal sense of value and reward. Many of these in later years centred around helping us kids with our various projects and pursuits such as building and maintenance of successful race cars for Robert and myself and the restoration of the family sports car collection, which of course included his own beloved MGBGT.

As a father he was always “larger than life”. He was an ideas man with an exceptional capacity to make his ideas real. He could look at a mechanical or technical example and with a stick of chalk on the garage floor for the design followed by a flurry of cutting, grinding, welding machining and other activity there would soon be a finished article, usually superior in performance to and made of better materials than the original.

He applied the same skills to virtually anything, from building highly successful race cars, to scale model steam powered railway engines, to repairing musical instruments, helping all of his children build their houses and most recently, building a beautiful grandfather clock with my brother, Peter. His expertise in repair and tuning of performance cars was legendary. Often, he inherited problem cases after others had failed. What’s more, when he fixed something, it usually stayed fixed.

Dad was always strong in his opinions and beliefs and when set on an idea that was it – not negotiable. He was opinionated, sometimes cranky, occasionally belligerent and often short of patience, but he also had a keen sense of humour and the ridiculous. Undoubtedly, he loved us unconditionally, and we loved him in return. We will sorely miss him and already do.

Brendon Hagarty



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**SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER
2019**

THE BROCKWELL CLASSIC CAR RUN

**In memory of Maurice Brockwell,
this year's revamped run will start
from Whiteman Park and finish at
York.**

A pleasant drive to York and then enjoy the hospitality of the town, including reduced price admission to the revitalised community run, York Motor Museum. A choice of two routes will be available

The entrance fee remains at \$10.00 per vehicle and will include free entry to the Whiteman Park Motor Museum, before 10:15am, for the driver and passengers and a free sausage sizzle at York for the drivers.

Gates open at 8.00am and first vehicles will depart Whiteman Park from 10.15am

**Enquiries: 9249 9457
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GENERAL MEETING. 17th September 2019: Minutes

Meeting opened at 19.55 pm.

Club President in the chair.

Visitors/New members : Mike Leijser and Donna Gadd

Apologies: Richard and Annette Gusterson, John and Val Goff, Don and Renee Wylie, Nigel and Lesley Emmans.

Minutes of previous meeting: 20th August 2019 published in the Octagon: Motion to accept Minutes: Proposed by Alley Mulcahy seconded by Graham Forbes and agreed as a true record.

Correspondence: 3 x Magazines from other clubs, Insurance Invoice from Assent Financial Services, 1 x Invoice from Allsports Trophies & 1 x Quote from James Air Con Services for Servicing of the two Air -Con units.

Business arising: Nil

REPORTS:

VP's Report: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Chris Hart advised we currently have a budget surplus of \$2,173.72. Chris then advised that the following cheques be proposed for payment; Assent Financial Services – Club Room contents Insurance \$900.00, Allsports Trophies – 4 Badges \$40.00, James Air-Con Services \$176.00, C Bush – Supper \$45.80, Alley Mulcahy – Raffle Prize \$32.80 & Sarah Fry – Library Book \$29.70. Proposed by Chris Hart seconded by Moyra Mitchinson and agreed as a true record.

Membership Sec's Report: Doug advised on behalf of Richard advised that total membership year to date is 272 and we have Three nominations for new membership : Mike Leijser & Donna Gadd – 1979 Red MGB
Dimity Hector – 1970 Midnight Blue MGB
Ben French – 1980 Blue MGB
Seconded by Graham Mitchinson and approved by the meeting

Competition: Pete advised have had a few date changes and website will be updated.
Tuesday 24th Sep Jaguar Car Club Barbagallo Raceway
Sunday 29th Sep Port Denison Foreshore Sprint
Sunday 13th Oct TSOA & Porsche Club
Sat 19th & Sun 20th Oct Coalfields 500 Collie Motorplex
Monday 21st Oct TOSA nationals in Busselton foreshore sprint
Thursday 24th around the town sprint
Sunday 27th Oct final of Round 5 Tiger Club State Motorkhana
All historic tour has been cancelled – no information received.

Social Report: Tony reported on the successful Wheatbelt Museum Tour, with 21 people participating.

Thursday midweek run 9 cars attended from our club

Sunday 15th Sep: – MGA Register Run with 10 MGA's

October –

Sunday 6th Oct: MGF/TF register run – still requiring a register Coordinator

Sunday 6th Rotary Como Classic Car Show at Wesley College – details on page 14

Thursday 10th Oct: Classic Midweek run

Sunday 13th Southern Chapter Run

Tuesday 15th Nog'n'Natter

Friday 18th, Sat 19th, Sun 20th & Mon 21st Safety Fast run to Albany

November –

Sunday 3rd Nov: Northerners & Southerners Lunch Run

Sunday 10th Nov: Brockwell Classic Car Run cost is \$10 per car organised by Doug Bush & The Motor museum

Wednesday 13th Have a Go day Burswood Seniors Day

Thursday 14th Classic Midweek run

Alley advised Ladies run Sunday 24th Nov

Editors: Nothing to report

Safety Fast Run: Terry advised the final committee meeting will be next week and followed by the number 8 SF update. Plate presentation will be in South Perth 9th October at the Winsor Hotel. 140 people attending.

Club Captain: Julie awarded Mike and Donna their badges and membership cards and welcomed them to the club.

Regalia: Chris advised plenty in stock.

Librarian: Sarah advised she has a new book in library – Daniel Ricciardo Book – In Pursuit of Greatness

Webmaster: Ian advised all ok

Any Other Business:

Doug advised on behalf of the Hagarty Family that they appreciated & thanked all who attended John's recent funeral.

Doug also proposed that Judith Hagarty be formally recognised as a Honorary member of the MG Club and seconded by Iain Trainor and all agreed by the meeting.

Doug asked for a 1-minute silence for the late John Hagarty out of respect for a long time member and excellent guy and superb mechanic.

Supper was provided by Christine Bush

Wayne McCullough has asked if the club had thought of CCTV for safety security of cars around the club, Doug advised the committee will investigate it.

Chris advised that we would have to obtain permission from City of Bayswater to upgrade the outside lights and will raise at next committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.25pm

MURPHY'S LAWS ON TECHNOLOGY

You can never tell which way the train went by looking at the track.

Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence.

Whenever a system becomes completely defined, some damn fool discovers something which either abolishes the system or expands it beyond recognition.

Technology is dominated by those who manage what they do not understand.

If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization.

The opulence of the front office decor varies inversely with the fundamental solvency of the firm.

The attention span of a computer is only as long as its electrical cord.

An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less until he knows absolutely everything about nothing.

Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch to be sure.

All great discoveries are made by mistake.

Always draw your curves,
then plot your reading.

Nothing ever gets built on schedule
or within budget.

All's well that ends.



MURPHY'S BEST FRIEND WAS A COMPUTER.

A meeting is an event at which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost.

The first myth of management is that it exists.

A failure will not appear till a unit has passed final inspection.

New systems generate new problems.

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.

We don't know one millionth of one percent about anything.

Any given program, when running, is obsolete.

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

A computer makes as many mistakes in two seconds as 20 men working 20 years make.

Nothing motivates a man more than to see his boss putting in an honest day's work.

Some people manage by the book, even though they don't know who wrote the book or even what book.

Southern Chapter Run Sunday 15th

All meeting at the Crooked Carrot Cafe on Sunday.

A great cafe lots to see families enjoying themselves and the children playing.

The weather was chilly in the morning but no rain all day. Our run with the MG,s, firstly turning into Forrest Hwy going through a number of back roads.

Then onto South West Hwy heading to Martin Pelusey Rd .The back roads of Argyle tall trees great winding roads and wild flowers.

Stopping at Donnybrook then continuing onto Brookhampton where there is another great scenic road with lots to see.



Arriving for lunch at the Kirup Tavern. Leaving to go home about 2.30am,

Steve and Jess

Birthday Calendar

If anyone would like to add their name to the birthday book, please just send your information through to the Editors, Thank you.



So for those celebrating an October birthday, the committee would like to wish you a **MaGic** Day



October Birthdays

Wednesday 2nd

Mike Smith

Saturday 5th

Andy Shaw

Tuesday 8th

John Bell

Wednesday 9th

Lynette De Klerk

Sunday 20th

Bruce Youngberg

Tuesday 22nd

Betty McKinley

Sunday 27th

Reg McKinley

Wednesday 30th

Jeanette Smith

and

Ted Mullins



Wishing you all a very

Happy Birthday

On your special day

2020 MG Nat Meet

Albury - Wodonga



When and Where

The event will be held in the twin cities of **Albury - Wodonga** over the Easter Weekend, 10th to 14th of April 2020.

Registrations

We are intending to open Registrations at the beginning of November 2019. Early bird entries will be accepted until the end of January 2020 with full price entries available to the end of March 2020.

Registrations will be online only.

Next Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be published during October.

Theme Night

Our Theme for next year's event will be **Australian Movies**.

This will give you all plenty of scope to emulate the characters from Mad Max to Priscilla Queen of the Desert or anything else that takes your fancy.

Accommodation

As previously advised accommodation options include Resorts along the Murray River, Caravan Parks and Hotels / Motels in Albury and Wodonga, some within easy walking distance to the social events.

However, please book early, as the area is very busy over Easter with a number of exhibitions and sporting tournaments. We have heard that many Motels are already fully booked.

Talk to your state coordinator about your Club's preferred location.

Registration of Interest

To ensure you receive the latest information directly to your inbox, email the Secretary - John Lane (see below) with your contact details.

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Allan Fabry - president@mgcc.com.au



FOR SALE AND WANTED SECTION

1974 MGB White - \$16,000

Chrome bumper, with Overdrive,
Engine and interior in reasonable condition

For further information contact:

TARA 0406 450 102



TD Tonneau Cover, second hand

Good condition, Make an offer

Contact: Adrian Walscott

0423 624 796

Jenz_777@yahoo.com



1970 Midget - \$10,750

Excellent condition, interior redone Dec '14

Contact: Richard Rowell 0407 513 884



1969 MGB British Racing Green - \$24,500

Fully restored, over \$21k spent, have receipts
Matching hard top available

Contact: Averell Swiney 0416 611 750



1963 MGB British Racing Green \$15,000

Excellent condition

Contact: Bernadette O'Brien

bernadette2017@optusnet.com.au



For sale - Stainless Steel Exhaust - \$250

Suitable for MGB, been on car 4 months

For sale - Alloy Rocker Cover - \$140

Suit MGB or MGA, never used

Contact: Daniel Leary 0439 694 820

FOR SALE AND WANTED SECTION



2004 MG TF Silver - \$5,250

Replaced Head Gasket, Water Pump, Timing Belt
Removable Hard Top

Contact: Lyndon Mason 0478 111 623
lyndon.mason@outlook.com

Wanted - 1978 - 1980 MGB

Would like manual convertible with overdrive, chrome bumpers,
low kilometres and concours condition.

Contact: Neil Magee 0408 603 012 or neil.t.magee@gmail.com

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