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His story is on pages 10 - 12 of his interesting journey into MG's*



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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.**



Daniel Leary with his raffle winnings, apparently it's a survival box for the SFR according to Alley.

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## President's Piece

Spring is upon us and the weather has been good this past month. We had a MaGic weekend with the Safety Fast Run. Along with many other MG's, we did the moderate distance drive down to Albany on the Friday going in the 'Convoy' run, planned and route mapped by Tony Ford & Lesley. It really was very enjoyable drive, albeit we did it in our tintop ZR [allowing us to share the driving]. The car averaged 47 Miles per gallon, which I thought was pretty good. We did Tony's very challenging, long 'Observation Run' on the Saturday and only got 3 questions out of 72 wrong but we were not even in the top three! Not to worry there is always next year. Doubtless there will be a full report and pictures in the December Octagon.

MG have just launched a new SUV model, the HS in China & the UK. It is an upgrade on the existing GS model, which will be marketed in the rest of the world, as the HS but indications are that MG Australia will continue with the GS name. All models in the range have a 1.6 litre Turbo engine, delivering 162 PS. However, it may not be available in Australia until early next year.

We are coming to the end of the current Membership year of the club and membership subscriptions for 2020 will be due on the first of January. However, NB: those members having vehicles on the Concessionary [Code 404] Licence, **must pay their club subscriptions before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**, in order that they have paid-up financial membership status on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and thus legally remain entitled to use their vehicle on the road.

One date to note for all members is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, which is the date of the Club's 2019 Annual General Meeting, for which you will see the 'Calling Notice' on the opposite page of this Octagon edition. The AGM will be preceded by a free sausage sizzle with Salad and free drinks for members. At the AGM the club Committee will be elected for 2020. The election provides any member with the opportunity to step forward and volunteer to be part of the Club Management team. New members will always be warmly welcomed. I do not apologise for, yet again reminding you again of this important meeting. The MGCC of WA, your club, is a member's club and it needs the support and involvement of the membership, if it is to continue on a positive path into the future.

Lastly, a draft version of a potential 2020 Club Calendar of Events is being considered by your committee and it looks like it could be another busy MaGic year. If **you** have any views on the current club events, we would like to hear them, equally we welcome member suggestions on other events you think might be of interest to members, if so please contact Tony Ford or myself.

*Doug Bush*

**2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 10<sup>TH</sup> December 2019**

**To be held at the Clubrooms  
110 Hardy Road Bayswater. W.A**

**Note the December General Meeting and the AGM is being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December [one week earlier than the usual monthly General Meeting]. All members will be most welcome.**

**Note: the AGM will be preceded by:-**

**6.30pm:** Sausage Sizzle, Salads and free drinks (wine, local beer, soft drinks) for members.

**7.30 pm:** General Meeting

**8.00pm:** AGM commences

**2019 AGM-AGENDA ITEMS.**

Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes – AGM 2018

Business arising

President's Annual Report

Financial Statement – Treasurer

Election of Office Bearers

Consideration of any 'Resolutions' submitted by members, prior to the meeting, for debate

**Election of Office Holders/Committee Members: 2020**

There are 11 positions on the committee and all are declared vacant. Nominations for any of the 11 positions are welcomed from members. The Club Constitution provides for the election of office holders at each AGM by a simple majority vote. An uncontested candidate is elected unopposed. Members are also entitled to submit 'Ordinary/Special Resolutions' on any MGCC matter, for consideration at the AGM. These should be lodged with the Secretary in writing no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

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## Port Denison Foreshore Sprint

*29<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

4 hours north of Joondalup lies a sleepy little town called Port Dennison. It's a few kms from Dongara on the coast. Usually on a public holiday weekend people from Perth make the journey there to enjoy a relaxing time doing some camping and fishing.

However, over the long weekend in September the town comes alive to the roar of engines as it hosts the now annual foreshore sprint organised through Bruce Pollock of the TOSA and the Shire of Irwin. This was the fourth year of running the event and it is increasing in significant momentum. A very impressive mix of highly desirable cars gathered allowing for lots of opportunity for proud owners to have a chat. In order to compete in this historic sprint cars must have been manufactured prior to 1985.

This year included 1966 Ford Falcon XP owned and built by Michael Vanzetti, unfortunately he hit a barrier on his first drive but luckily managed to replace the wheel and continue for his second run. His grandson Taj, 14 years old, drove his speedway car round the course as a demo. a wonderful example for young drivers.



Amongst the many competitors was a very fast Andy Carrick in his MK1 blue Escort. He completed the course by driving most of it sideways, highly entertaining for the crowds.

John Webb drove his black Porsche 911 and managed the quickest run of the day. Kevin Donovan drove his Mini powered by a 998cc Yamaha R1 fuel injected 6 speed gear box.



Andy Hamilton showed us what his newly built Triumph Sedan with performance enhancements was made of. Craig and Vicky Saywell shared their Mazda RX3 with its

twin cylinder 1308cc rotary engine and put in some fast times.

Trying to limit numbers to 50 was impossible with so much interest so this year there were 53 competitors.

Dare I say there were 2 ladies driving in the event sharing cars with their husbands; sadly I was not one of them.' The 2.4kms course commenced down Point Leander Drive, through 2 chicanes', down past the obelisk round the turning circle the wrong way then back through the car park turning right in the middle of the car park and back down past the obelisk a second time then back down Point Leander Drive again towards the end of the car park and coming to a complete stop in the 'garage'. There were no classes or fastest time awards but all competitors received a commemorative medallion.

Peter was the only MG representative in the event taking our Green 1964 B for its paces and managing to keep the head gasket intact. Having competed last year Peter said, '*never again*' and here he is again driving this year! Each car had a practice lap then 3 timed laps through the day.

The weather was superb with sun shining all day. There was also a "show and shine" held at the other end of the foreshore with food stalls and entertainment for the large crowd.

This is one event to mark on your calendars for next year. There are some great viewing points, lots for all to do and wonderful camaraderie

Thanks to the Shire of Irwin and Bruce and his team for making this happen.

*Sarah Fry*



# **MG CAR CLUB OF WA – 2019 “CHRISTMAS IN LAS VEGAS” AND CLUB AWARDS NIGHT**

*SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER*

**PAGODA BALLROOM - DOORS OPEN FROM 6PM**

The **Christmas in Las Vegas** and Club Awards Night will be held at the Pagoda Ballroom in South Perth on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Dress will be 1920s-1930s (the Prohibition Era and all that jazz!) with a scrumptious Christmas buffet, prizes and surprises! Try your luck at the gaming tables (using free tokens, of course), enjoy all the excitement of a Las Vegas casino and dance the night away.

The ticket cost is **\$40pp for Club members and \$60pp for non-members** and is subsidized by the Club. There are only 130 tickets available and registrations of interest to date have been strong!

Payment by EFT is preferred, into the following account:

MG Car Club of WA

BSB: 066 111

Account: 1002 5340

*Please remember to put your surname and ‘Xmas’ in the Description line.*

Alternatively, you can post a cheque payable to ‘MG Car Club of WA’ to PO Box 804 Mt Lawley WA 6929; .

**Payment must be made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please advise Mike Smith by email [m7rs@icloud.com](mailto:m7rs@icloud.com) or mobile 0413 837 282 when you have paid for your tickets!

Please also advise Mike should you wish to reserve a table of 10 (or 12) on the night. Seating will otherwise be unallocated.

The Pagoda Resort & Spa is offering overnight accommodation for those attending the Christmas Party with a room for two people including breakfast and secure parking at \$180. Should you wish to take up this offer (and have not already booked a room), please contact the Pagoda direct on telephone 9367 0300 to book, advising that you are attending the MG Christmas Party.

I look forward to seeing you at the Pagoda on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December for a fabulous evening of entertainment!

***Doug Bush***  
***President***





## CHRISTMAS IN LAS VEGAS

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### MG CAR CLUB AWARDS NIGHT

Saturday 7th December 2019  
6pm - 11pm

Pagoda Grand Ball Room  
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Dress: 1920's - 1930's

Round Table Cabaret Style Seating  
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Christmas Buffet  
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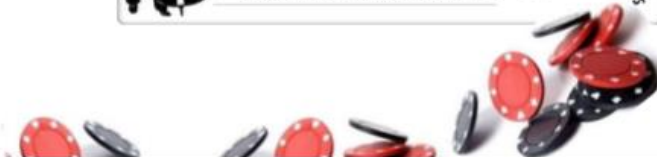
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## MY MG-TD

*John G McCallum*

When I was a young teenager, there was a red open wheel car that used to come down our twin roads in Brunswick Junction, and I always thought that it would be a great feeling to own a car that the roof came down allowing the wind to blow through your hair (I had plenty then).

Maybe my thoughts were that I should buy one when I could afford an open top sports car because the noise it made before you saw it was truly and experience to be hold.

About 2 years ago my wife, a friend of my wife and I went to the Curtain FM car show at TRINITY oval to have a good look at OLD cars.

As we passed a green MG we noticed a sign on the front of the vehicle with the words "MG for sale". I stopped to talk to the owner for a couple of seconds before an "overseas person" interrupted our conversation and talked over me asking how much it was and he would like to buy it and take it back to the OLD DART.

I walked away and my wife asked if I liked the car and if I did I should go back and speck to the owner (when the other person had left) and as most of you know, you don't argue with the **"Trouble and Strife"**.

I when back and we spoke for some time saying that I was interested in the purchase of his MG TD and I would contact him over the next couple of days if the other "overseas person" hadn't.

Its history now that I did purchase my new toy (I also have a 1962 Modified EJ Holden) and drove it home and within a couple of weeks I had stripped it to the bare sub frame at which point my thoughts were "how was I going to rebuild it" knowing my interest was mainly in Holden cars.

Well, over 2 years I have had the car it has been a joy to work on knowing that every nut, bolt and washer were replaced with Stainless Steel parts and all rubbers, gaskets and copper washers were all replaced with original parts obtained either in Australia or overseas using Moss motors in London or Manchester.

The frame and total body were sand blasted by AUTOBLAST in Myaree, the body and paint were done by Romano's in Willetton (they don't do classic cars, it's just that I'm very good friends with the owner) the engine and gear box were rebuilt by a very good friend in Ray Penfolds who used to work at Auto Classics and he remembers seeing this car on the show room floor back in the 80s. The inside of the cab was re done by myself except the hood and seats which still have to be done.

The colour of the car is BRUNSWICK GREEN and the reason for this is that at Bunnings they have spray cans of BRUNSWICK GREEN, so any painting that Romano's didn't do such as stay bars on the radiator or small items I could do this and the paint colour was a perfect match.

The chrome work was done by a company in Maddington and it was a good thing I gave him plenty of time to do the job as his first quote on "time" was 3 months and ended up close to 9 months.

The number plates are from the original Auction sale way back in the 80s and the owner of Auto Classics brought a number of them including BMW MG etc and they are now a valued item as there are a very saleable item that can be auction off if one so needs extra money.

There have been some added safety items such Brake Booster, Indicators, extra L.E.D brake light centred in the spinner of the spare tyre (this is an added bonus as people tell me they see the centre light as the ones on the mudguard are to low and as I'm on my way to Europe shortly, I'm going to purchase LED globes for all lights to make it much safer for "rubber necks" looking at my car and failing to brake to hopefully see a brighter stop lights All electrical wire was replaced with heavier wire and harnessed in conduit showing very little wires other than those coming out of the harness.

The original wheels of the TD were solid steel and the company had add-on wire wheels for the American market and you can purchase remakes from England but I came across a company in Sydney called Classis Wheels and they supplied me with a complete set including the hubs and spinners for a very reasonable price.

I have since found out that the car was made on or about 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1950 but can't find out where it went to from there. It would have gone to a right-hand drive country such as South Africa New Zealand or Australia but the company that did all the export either lost or destroyed all records. There is a better than 50% chance it came to Australia as it would seem unlikely to be shipped from South Africa to Australia for sale.

*These are some of the before and after photos.*

*More photos over the page*



As most of you are aware, it is purely the love of the old cars that make you do silly things such as not adding up the cost of parts, painting, motor, gear box etc that makes it all worthwhile.

I do have all the receipts for all the parts etc but have not had the time or the inclination to attempt to add them up and even if I did it would give my good wife more scope to buy more cloths etc with the added bit of

**"HOW MUCH HAVE YOU SPENT ON THAT MG"**

It is a really great car to drive and I enjoy the looks it gets when ever we go out for a Sunday drive.

Look forward to displaying the MG-TD at the next HAVE A GO day.

*John G McCallum*



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

**Ronice and David Lovett, Lis Campbell, Maxine Robins, Sarah Fry,  
Tony Ford, Peter Hagarty and John G McCallum**

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

***Thank you M & G***

**The Deadline for articles to be included in the December edition  
of the Octagon will be Thursday 28th November**

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



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### MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2019

#### November

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northern & Southern Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Committee Meeting</i>		
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Brockwell Classic Run	Social	MGCC
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Have a go day" Burswood	Social	MGCC
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Classic Midweek Run	Social	AHCC
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night, Warwick	Social	MCC
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	MGA Register Run	Social	MGCC
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hill Climb, Barbagallo	Comp	JCC
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>General Meeting/Nog'n'Natter</i>	Social	MGCC
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Very Social Run	Social	MGCC

#### December

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



## SOCIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

*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.*

### **Northerners & Southerners Lunch Run – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (and if you have not already done so), **please advise your intention to attend** to Tony Ford ([tonyford@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonyford@westnet.com.au) or mobile 0400 202 474) or Ted Mullins ([robbynted01@hotmail.com](mailto:robbynted01@hotmail.com) or mobile 0419 925 632) for northerners and southerners respectively.

### **Brockwell Classic Car Run – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

The annual Brockwell Classic Car Run will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November and the Club is supporting this worthy cause, which raises funds for the excellent WA Motor Museum. The Run, which is held in memory of local classic car enthusiast Maurice Brockwell, will start from the Museum in Whiteman Park at 10:15am and finish at the historic town of York. Entry is \$10 per vehicle which includes free entry to the Museum before 10:15am (gates open at 8:00am) and reduced admission to the York Motor Museum and a free sausage sizzle at York for drivers. Enquiries to Doug Bush ([dougmgwa@msn.com](mailto:dougmgwa@msn.com) or mobile 0452 561 398).

### **Senior Recreation "Have a Go Day" – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Once again we have been invited to put on a display for the annual "Have a Go Day" on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at **Burswood Park**. The static display is always popular with the visitors (mostly seniors) and we do our best to make it as pleasurable as possible for all concerned. Organiser Val Goff would like to have 12 cars of various models and colours for the display so please contact Val by phone 9305 1318 or mobile 0407 026 265 if you are willing to display your car.

Cars have to be in position no later than 8.30am and can leave at 3.00pm. As you can imagine the day is for pedestrians so there must be no movement of vehicles from 9am onwards. Our members always have an enjoyable day and usually bring a picnic or buy food from the stalls. There are also plenty of activities to interest us.

### **Classic Midweek Run – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

The November Midweek Run will start from the Old Narrogin Inne in Armadale at the usual time of 10am for a 10.30am start. Join the usual collection of assorted MGs, Austin Healeys, Jaguars, Triumphs, Aston Martins and sundry classic cars for a pleasant drive and lunch at a country pub. Contact is Richard Gusterson ([richgus@bigpond.com](mailto:richgus@bigpond.com)).

### **Movie Night – FORD V FERRARI – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Our friends in the Mini Car Club have organized a viewing of the movie 'FORD V FERRARI' on opening night (14<sup>th</sup> November, screening at **6.45pm**) at Warwick Cinemas at a discount price of \$11pp and have invited our Club, and others in the WA motoring scene, to join them.

Academy Award-winners Matt Damon and Christian Bale star in FORD v FERRARI, based on the remarkable true story of the visionary American car designer Carroll Shelby (Damon) and the fearless British-born driver Ken Miles (Bale), who together battled corporate interference, the laws of physics, and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary race car for Ford Motor Company and take on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966 – the legendary Ford GT40.

The movie has engendered praise from film critics, particularly the spectacular racing scenes, and opens in the USA on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Check out the [film trailer](#)!

*Please advise Tony Ford by email ([tonyford@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonyford@westnet.com.au)) by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November if you will be attending so that we can let the Mini Car Club know numbers booking from our Club. Payment of \$11pp will be on the night to Warwick Cinemas.*

### **MGA Register Run – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

This will be a lunch run to the Last Drop Elizabethan in Bedforddale, commencing from the car park at the rear of McDonalds in Midland (cnr Great Eastern Hwy & Lloyd St), meeting at 10:30 for a 11:00 am departure to provide the opportunity for a coffee and chat prior to departure. The total run length will be around 68km (42 miles) and should take around 1 hour and 15 minutes.

To ensure sufficient seats are reserved and that we are served our meals promptly, the Last Drop Elizabethan would like confirmation of numbers, as well as pre-ordering of meals by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. **Please email Peter Hagarty ([pjhagarty@tpg.com.au](mailto:pjhagarty@tpg.com.au)) if you are intending to participate** – he will then provide the lunch menu for you to make your meal selection, or alternatively you can download the menu at <https://www.lastdropelizabethan.com/menu>.

*More Events over the page*

## **Nog'n'Natter – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

The monthly Nog'n'Natter will be held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

## **Ladies Very Social Run – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

The Ladies Very Social Run held in June was such an enjoyable success that the ladies have decided to have another one – after all, there's no such thing as too much shopping!

The Run will start from the Clubrooms, meeting at 9:00 am for a 9:15am start. The first stop is Yahava Koffee for a heart-starter and of course social chit-chat, then to Settlers Markets for some Chrissie shopping and thence to Oakover Grounds winery for lunch. The final stop will be Whistlers Chocolates around 3:00pm. Ladies are free to drive whichever car (MG or not) they desire or share the drive.

Enquiries to Alley Mulcahy on [aemulcahy@hotmail.com](mailto:aemulcahy@hotmail.com) or mobile 0458 821 882.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

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## **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.

# MOVIE NIGHT – ‘FORD V FERRARI’

14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

WARWICK CINEMAS – SCREENING 6.45PM

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Academy Award-winners Matt Damon and Christian Bale star in FORD v FERRARI, based on the remarkable true story of the visionary American car designer Carroll Shelby (Damon) and the fearless British-born driver Ken Miles (Bale), who together battled corporate interference, the laws of physics, and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary race car for Ford Motor Company and take on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966 – the

legendary **Ford GT40**.

The movie has engendered praise from film critics, particularly the spectacular racing scenes, and opens in the USA on 15<sup>th</sup> November. There is also much to enjoy for the non-motorsport inclined viewer in this story of big personalities and bigger egos. Check out the [film trailer](#)!

*Please advise Tony Ford by email ([tonyford@westnet.com.au](mailto:tonyford@westnet.com.au)) by **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** if you will be attending so that we can let the Mini Car Club know numbers booking from our Club. Payment of \$11pp will be on the night to Warwick Cinemas.*

## CLASSIC MIDWEEK RUN

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The forecast for a fine and balmy 24<sup>o</sup> day resulted in a packed field for the October Classic Midweek Run at Ginger's Roadhouse in Upper Swan. The MG brigade (from an MGY sedan, MGAs and Bs to the latest SUV model) were early, most cars arriving before 10am – it's amazing what motivation is created by the threat of being last on the attendance sheet and having to do the run write-up for the Octagon! Several Big Healeys, a bug-eye Sprite, a couple of Triumph TRs and Jaguars and a Morgan rounded out the assembled British classics.

Route organiser Arthur handed out the directions while his able assistant Sandra took lunch orders. We then plunged into the heavy traffic of Great Northern Highway heading for our first stop, Bindoon.

A couple of us decided that the Chittering Valley was a much more attractive route to follow than through the extensive roadworks along Great Northern Highway, so speared off at Bullsbrook for

an entertaining jaunt along the scenic and winding Chittering Road. This road has been progressively upgraded in recent years and most sections are now well surfaced and a pleasure to drive.

At Bindoon, the route sheet for the second stage ending at Toodyay was handed out. This entailed a lively drive along the Dewars Pool Road, keeping a weather eye open for bounding wildlife along the largely forested road environs. Traffic was very light and a brisk pace was achieved into Toodyay.

The third and final route sheet showed our destination to be Chidlow Tavern, via Toodyay and Lilydale Roads.

Several drivers (mainly in MGs) chose to ignore the route directions and travel





initially via Sandplain, Salt Valley and Fernie Roads – all wonderful driving roads traversing scenic verdant farming and forest landscapes with virtually no other vehicles in sight before joining the rather more heavily trafficked Toodyay Road.

Lunch at Chidlow Tavern was enjoyed by all with much merriment and banter. The November Midweek Run route will be organised by the MGCC and will start from the Olde Narrogin Inn Armadale at the usual time of 10am for a 10:30am start.

*Tony Ford*





# WACKY RACES

with Peter McGrath

As has been the tradition this year, we had yet another date change/cancellation to the Competition Calendar, as the TSOA/Porsche clubs Hill climb at Jacks Hill scheduled to go ahead on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled. We think there have been a few cancellations on Jacks Hill Climb due to the minimum number of cars requirement to make an event there viable being quite high. Hopefully this can be investigated next year. It's a shame to cancel an event that has been promoted, due to a lack of numbers.

Of Course, the focus within our club during October was the Safety Fast run in Albany from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Although there was plenty of competition of very different natures (observation quizzes, cryptic quizzes, fancy dress outfits etc), there wasn't really any competitive driving – spirited yes, competitive no!

Unfortunately for those of us of a competitive nature, the dates of the Safety Fast clashed with both the Collie Coalfields 500 and the TSOA Busselton Foreshore Sprint. I believe we had some members take part in one if not both of those events, so it would be great to hear from you if you did so.

Also, at the end of October, as part of the **Triumph Sports Owners Association Nationals**, held this year in WA, the **Nannup Town Sprint** is due take part on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**. I believe we have members taking part in this one too. And then on the final weekend of the month there is the final round of the **State Motorkhana on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**, **Round 5** is taking place at the **Tiger Kart Club** near Barbagallo raceway. There's always room for a few more, so if you fancy taking part, check out the Motorkhana WA website for details.

November is the month of Hill Climbs at Jacks Hill. First on **Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>**, the **Jaguar car Club** are holding their first **Hill Climb** here. They hope to have 25-30 cars to make it worthwhile, so if you're interested please join in. Details have been sent out via email, but if you need any more info, please let me know. Then later in the month on **Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>**, the **VSCC have a Hill Climb also at Jacks Hill**. Info for that one can be found on the VSCCWA website. They are really aiming for a minimum of 40 cars to make it viable. Let me know if you need pointing in the right direction.

December is fairly quiet – well it will be after the first weekend anyway! On **Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> December**, the VSCC Vintage Stampede takes place, also on the same day the **TSOA** have an **Autokhana at Perth (Kwinana) Motorplex**. Info has been sent out via email for the Autokhana. Let me know if you didn't receive it.

*Still pending is the CAMS Club Challenge, usually run in August at Jacks Hill. It is still pencilled in for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, but is looking likely to be held in Collie if it goes ahead. I'll be sure to get forward on the details as soon as I receive them.*

That's it for the year for competition. Don't forget trophies will be awarded for this year's Competition winners at the Christmas Party in December. I look forward to seeing you there at the Pagoda.

As always, please let me know if you need any more details for any of the events we promote.

Here's to a rapid and fun November.

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2019**

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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  
Mob: 0455 322 282**

**Email: [manager@motormuseumwa.com.au](mailto:manager@motormuseumwa.com.au)**



## MGA Register Run 17 November

The next MGA Register run will be held on Sunday 17th November. This will be a lunch run to the Last Drop Elizabethan in Bedfordale. Other models of MG are also welcome to participate in the run.

We will be commencing the run from the car park at the rear of McDonalds in Midland (corner Great Eastern Hwy & Lloyd St), meeting at 10:30 for a 11:00 am departure.

This will provide the opportunity for a coffee and chat prior to departure.

After leaving McDonalds at 11:00am (sharp) we will travel in convoy along a very pleasant scenic route. I thoroughly enjoyed the recce and hope everyone else enjoys the route as much as I did when I checked it. The total run length will be around 68km (42 miles) and should take us around 1 hour and 15 minutes.

To ensure sufficient seats are reserved (as we saw last year, the pub is very popular on a sunny Sunday) and that we are served our meals promptly, the Last Drop Elizabethan would like confirmation of numbers, as well as pre-ordering of meals by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. **Please email Peter Hagarty ([pjhagarty@tpg.com.au](mailto:pjhagarty@tpg.com.au)) before this date if you are intending to participate** – he will then email the lunch menu to you, for you to advise your meal selection to him to provide to the pub. The menu is also available from the pub's website <https://www.lastdropelizabethan.com/>.

Any questions, please email or call Peter on 0413 569 359.

Hope to see you for what should be a fabulous run!

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## Southern Chapter Club Run

*Sunday 13th October*

Another day in Paradise as we gathered at the Ha Ve cheese factory and were made welcome by Robert and his friendly staff (Robert has an MGB undergoing restoration – for the last 18 years or so. Seats are out, windscreens off, engine's on the crane but you apparently cannot rush these things .... ).

After a suitably relaxing coffee and catch-up, we were ready to move out. The weather was very pleasant, so it was five cars with top down and one exception (mine!). Little did the group know that the course had been set by a woman, my very own dear lady, Ronice. (Question:

have any other club ladies set courses for club runs?).

A short drivers' briefing, a warning to watch out for the multinova, and the convoy headed South on the South West highway to Burekup. That was the boring bit, but once past the Burekup turnoff, we head-

ed uphill towards the Ferguson Valley. Unfortunately, the weather was starting to turn against us, but the views were still spectacular and we were enjoying a leisurely cruise.

(Another sidebar: two weeks prior, I had checked the course in my MGF



with my son Ben in the passenger seat and the top down. The day was crystal blue, and Ben had brought the GoPro. The video is fantastic!).

As we made our way further into the Ferguson Valley, the sky began to leak, nothing too serious but annoying (almost as annoying as the motorbikes passing over double whites through blind bends – and I wasn't going *that* slow).

Just for something different, we had a regroup stop scheduled at Gnomesville near Wellington Mills. The plan was to take some photos with a difference, but it turned out to be a very short stop due to the drizzle. Oh well, there's always next time.

On through another fun drive through some more winding roads and some more spectacular scenery towards Lowden, and still more drizzle. Next stop was an optional comfort stop in Donnybrook where four of the crews chose to put up the weather protection. Just one hardy crew was now still running with the top down (good effort Colin and Dot).

The final leg took us through heavy rain on the South West highway to Boyanup and then on to our final destination, the Capel Tavern, where we enjoyed a pleasant lunch (thanks Joelene) and some stimulating conversation. It was here that we also caught up with Geoff and Erica Ward who "just happened to be in the neighbourhood" (!), but who usually make the effort to catch up with the club on the Sunday runs anyway. Nice to see you again, guys.

Overall, despite the weather, I'm sure we all enjoyed the run, and were suitably impressed by Ronice's skill in using her local knowledge to plot a great course.

*Ronice and David Lovett*



## GENERAL MEETING. 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019: Minutes

**Meeting opened at 20.00 pm.**

Club President in the chair.

**Visitors/New members:** No

**Apologies:** John Goff, Colleen Harris, Mike Smith

**Minutes of previous meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 published in the Octagon: Motion to accept Minutes: Proposed by Alley Mulcahy seconded by Iain Trainor and agreed as a true record.

**Correspondence:** 3 x Magazines from other clubs, 1 x Invoice from Snap Print & 1 x Letter from Commonwealth Bank re: Term Deposit Account.

**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 \$xxxxx.xx Chris then advised that the following cheques be proposed for payment; C Bush – Supper \$46.90 , Allsports Trophies – Badges \$30.00, Alley Mulcahy – Raffle Prize \$29.65.

Proposed by Chris Hart seconded by Annette Gusterson and agreed as a true record.

**Membership Sec's Report:** Richard advised that total membership year to date is 274 and no new nominations for new membership.

One new renewal to record – Mark Hester member number 543 – 1958 MGA twin cam.

**Competition:** Pete advised have had a Hillclimb cancelled for the 13<sup>th</sup> Oct no information.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Coalfields 500 Collie Motorplex

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct TOSA nationals in Busselton foreshore sprint

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> around the town sprint Nannup

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct final of Round 5 Tiger Club State Motorkhana

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Jaguar Club Hillclimb – Jack's Hill Barbagallo

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Vintage Sport Club Hillclimb – Jack's Hill

Dec

1 Dec – CAM's Club challenge Jack's Hill

1 Dec – Vintage Stampede Barbagallo

1 Dec – TOSA Kwinana

**Social Report:** Tony advised the recent event to be held October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat 19<sup>th</sup>, Sun 20<sup>th</sup> & Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Safety Fast run to Albany November – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Northerners & Southerners Lunch Run Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Brockwell Run cost is \$10 per car organised by Doug Bush & The Motor museum Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Have a Go day Burswood Seniors Day – Val Goff organising Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week run starting from Armadale organised by Tony Ford Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Mini Car Club organised a viewing of the movie Ford v Ferrari at Warwick Cinemas email Tony if interested Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> MGA register lunch run to Elizabethan Pub organised by Peter Hagarty Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Ladies very social run organised by Julie McGrath & Alley Mulcahy Dec Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party – Vegas : places still available

**Editors:** Graham advised everything is going well and Iain Trainor will be doing the December edition

**Safety Fast Run:** Terry advised 130 people attending and due to a couple of people not able to attend – 2 spaces have been made available.

Terry also spoke to Albany Advertiser for an article to be in local paper

**Club Captain:** Julie mentioned new members but not present but mention about the ladies social run.

**Regalia:** Chris advised plenty in stock.

**Librarian:** Nothing to report

**Webmaster:** Ian advised lots of new photo's on web and up to date

#### **Any Other Business:**

Doug also reminded the members the AGM is coming soon

Doug advised there is still places available for the Christmas Party.

Doug mentioned the launch of the MGHS – larger SUV 1.6 turbo engine

Chris mention about recent big lotto ticket , if you invested please see Chirs if you wish for your prize money or wish to re invest.

Wayne McCullough also asked about the possibility of CCTV outside the Club Rooms, Doug advised the committee are still investigating, Tony said we look at improving the lighting around the outside of the Club room building, Ian said we have a problem if we place cctv around building, as we have cars parking down the street.

Committee will discuss and investigate further.

**Meeting closed at 20.40pm**

## 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 November birthday, the committee would like to wish you a **MaGic** Day



### November Birthdays

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Kerry Radicevic**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Neale Cooper**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

**Doug Bush**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

**Peter Hagarty**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Graham Forbes**



Wishing you all a very

**Happy Birthday**

On your special day



## BULLETIN TWO

SEPTEMBER 2019

# 2020 MG Nat Meet

Albury - Wodonga



### 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.

### Contacts for more Information

Website - [www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2020](http://www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2020)

Ian Prior - [natmeetdirector@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeetdirector@mgcc.com.au)

Doug Morrissey - [natmeetdeputydirector@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeetdeputydirector@mgcc.com.au)

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Allan Fabry - [president@mgcc.com.au](mailto:president@mgcc.com.au)

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### When and Where

The event will be held in the twin cities of Albury - Wodonga over the Easter Weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### 1970 Midget - \$10,750

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*Contact:* Richard Rowell 0407 513 884



### 2004 MG TF Silver - \$5,250

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Removable Hard Top

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[lyndon.mason@outlook.com](mailto:lyndon.mason@outlook.com)



### 1963 MGB British Racing Green \$15,000

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