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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.**



Who won the Raffle ????

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# President's Piece

Wishing all members

A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

All too soon another MaGic year is drawing to a close. The year has seen our membership grow slowly and a goodly number of members participating with their MG's in the wide range of events that have been organised by the Club.

Our MG's are made for driving and we have some of the best roads and countryside on our doorstep for doing just that. However, events don't organise themselves. Currently there are a small number of members who do most of the organising, and for that the Club is very grateful, but it would be great if a few more members volunteered to help. I started many years ago in the UK by volunteering to organise a 'Treasure Hunt' for the South East Centre, Christine helped me with the planning and preparation and we found it quite fun. It was rather like the 'Observation Runs' that we do over here, without the CAMS Bureaucracy. On the day we had a good number of MG's taking part and the event finished at a suitable Pub, which allowed us to mark the entries. A small prize was given to the winners. From that small start we went on to organise many more events including trips to the 'Continent', the rest is history. So please give some serious thought to volunteering to help your club out, by organising a 'Social Run'. Lots of help with the route planning and preparation will be available. If I have tempted you, please get in touch with me or Tony Ford our Social Coordinator.

It is your clubs Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Clubrooms in Hardy Road. Please come along and enjoy the Sausage Sizzle, with salad and free beer and wine from 6-30 pm onwards, before the General Meeting commences at 19:30 and the AGM at 20:00. You will be able to hear the Presidents Annual Report and the Treasurers Financial Statement. Then, it will be the election of the Office Holders and Committee Members for 2020. All 11 committee positions are declared vacant and the new nominees are put forward for election. New Committee member nominations will be most welcome.

I would like to put on record my grateful thanks to all my fellow committee members for the excellent support they have given me for the past 11 months, it has been much appreciated. Together, I believe that we have made a good team and have delivered an interesting year of activities for all our members, The 2020 events calendar will soon be finalised and published. So why not make one of your New Year's Resolutions for 2020, that you will attend [with your MG] at least one of the events that are being organised for you. Lastly, if you are thinking of going to the 2020 NATMEET at Albury/Wodonga next Easter, please let me know.

**Doug Bush**

December 2019

**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,

## WA State Motorkhana Championship – Round 5

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

From waking up in the morning you knew we were in for a hot October day. A strong easterly was whipping in some dry heat – and plenty of flies – to create challenging conditions for all the drivers in Round 5 of the WA State Motorkhana Championship at the Tiger Kart Club in Neerabup.

Five different courses were penned in for the club only competitors – all of whom agreed were easier than those from Round 4 where courses for the national championship had been on offer. In total 12 tests would be run in the day with the Club being represented by yours truly, Sarah Fry, and Graham and Moyra Mitchinson.

The usual suspects were also participating in cars including Mazda MX5 and Westfield SE but also some I hadn't seen at a Motorkhana before like Daihatsu Charade and Tesla Model 3 – the latter which showed some impressive acceleration. You'd have to think that electric cars show promise of really challenging the internal combustion-driven cars in the near future. Watch this space.

The day was a closely contested slog, with Sarah at times showing some true composure only to be outdone by Moyra in the next test. Graham, having recently been a bit under-the-weather, was consistent throughout meaning no one had any room for errors on the day. I was performing well – and should have won the day (if I can modestly say) – had it not been for the GT failing me on the 8<sup>th</sup> test. Alas, that is motorsport for you. The car seemed starved of fuel which was perhaps fitting seeing as it was on the stroke of lunch. I guess cars can get cranky too when 'hangry'! Congratulations to Moyra for claiming bragging rights.

In all a good day was had by all and saw out the Championship with some of the best racing yet. Thanks, as always, goes to all the timekeepers and those helping out for making the event run as smoothly as it did. If you've never been to a Motorkhana it's well worth participating in – give it a try!





Name	Diamond Slalom 1&2	Cloverleaf 1&2	Moth- balls 1&2	Waltz Clover 1&2	Corridor 1&2	No- Reverse Paddy	Total
Moyra	30.55	27.04	29.85	26.04	34.33	31.81	355.26
	29.51	26.20	29.24	26.40	32.68	31.61	
Sarah	30.11	28.24	28.93	27.50	33.69	32.08	358.96
	28.95	27.85	28.50	27.66	33.78	31.67	
Gra- ham	29.52	28.08	30.06	27.34	34.36	31.37	359.61
	28.82	27.35	29.52	27.19	34.18	31.83	
William	28.11	26.39	29.56	26.60	33.61	31.98	383.80
	27.78	27.49	29.12	59.33 ww	33.03	30.81	
Bruce	31.01	37.27	31.13	29.88	36.75	35.56	400.95
	36.27	ww 30.27	32.16	29.27	36.59	34.80	





I would like to thank all participants, visitors and the CWA ladies for their participation in the 27<sup>th</sup> joint MG Car Clubs – Safety Fast Run, celebrated for the first time in Albany.

It was quite a surprise, when seeking interest for the 2019 SFR venue, to find a wealth of support for Albany and even a greater surprise to find in excess of fifty Early Bird Car Entries, one hundred persons, prior to Xmas. Unfortunately, we had to cap the registrations at 160 due to the capacity of the room at Le Grande and given this it was a tight squeeze.

The SFR Committee do hope your journey to Albany was mechanically uneventful and you were able to enjoy a scenic Safety Fast drive through the country to Albany. I am sure that the following few days further enhanced “memories of the South West” and encouraged you to visit this wonderful environment again.

The Nog & Natter, on Friday evening, followed by the run and Fancy Dress dinner on Saturday evening, culminating with the run and Presentation Dinner on Sunday contributed to a very successful long weekend. Of course the CWA Lunch on Saturday, provided by the Albany CWA, and the CWA Lunch on Sunday, provided by the Mount Barker CWA were both “Yummy”.

Finally, I must thank ALL of the Safety Fast Committee for their organisational skills in setting out a very successful long weekend. All of the responsibilities were shared by the Committee Members from the MGCC, TCOC and MGOC and it has been a great team to manage.

We will continue to support Canteen and Riding for the Disabled charities and this year the TCOC of WA organised the Canteen Scarves and other items which were purchased during the SFR. We also had the Canteen and Riding for the Disabled MONSTER RAFFLES on the Saturday and Sunday evening events. Both were very successful and resulted in record donations to both organisations.



As with all previous Safety Fast Runs we would be unable to keep our cost down to a minimum without the support of our sponsors and you in turn supporting them namely – Shannon’s Insurance, The Sports Car Garage, The MG Car Club of WA, Auto One Kalamunda, SNAP Printing Northbridge and The John Hughes Group.

***The Organising Committee look forward to sharing another enjoyable and safe weekend, next year at Bunbury, with ALL Members and Privateers.***

### **Prizes and Trophies – 2019 Safety Fast Run**

## **SUNDAY PRESENTATION DINNER**

### **DAY ONE**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom & Anne BULLOCK	Commemorative Pen & 1 Bottle of wine
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John & Ann DAWSON	2 Bottles Wine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Forbes & Anne WATSON	1 Bottle Wine

### **DAY TWO**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael & Irene ABRAHAM	Commemorative Pen & 1 Bottle of wine
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pete & Julie McGRATH	2 Bottles Wine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom & Anne BULLOCK	1 Bottle Wine

Fancy Dress Nautical / Ocean Creatures Prize - Commemorative Pen

Alan & Karen NEWTON \$50.00 Coles/Myer Voucher

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2. ***Hard Luck Prize*** David & Jo BRIERLY Commemorative Pen & 1 Bottle of wine

3. ***Early Bird Prize*** Patsy & Errol RUSSEL-LANE Reimburse Entry Fee

4. Awarding of 5, 10, 15 & 20 year badges.

*Terry & Wanda Banton*

*2019 Safety Fast Run Convenors*

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## Safety Fast Shenanigans





## **SFR Annual Awards**

### **FIVE YEARS**

**C& D Eastick, B Edwards, C Hart, R Whitehead, E&R Floate, D Eustace,  
J Harland.**

### **TEN YEARS**

**D Eustace**

### **FIFTEEN YEARS**

**K&S Ball, B&L Marshall, M Bivens, R&B Anderson, D Eustace.**

### **TWENTY YEARS**

**B&P Dorrizi, N&J Ringrose, R&B Prior**

**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**

## SOCIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

**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.

### Christmas in Las Vegas – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

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, with doors open from 6pm. Dress will be 1920s-1930s (the Prohibition Era and all that jazz!) with novelty gaming tables, a Christmas buffet, prizes and surprises! Cost is \$40pp for Club members and \$60pp for non-members and is subsidized by the Club. **TICKET SALES CLOSE MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER!**

### AGM and Nog'n'Natter – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

The Club's Annual General Meeting and Nog'n'Natter will be held at the Clubrooms on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (one week earlier than the normal monthly meeting). A free sausage sizzle and salads will be provided by the Club from 6.30pm, with the monthly General Meeting held at 7.30pm and the AGM to commence at 8.00pm. The President's Annual Report and the Club's financial statements will be presented, followed by election of the management committee members for 2020.



**The Deadline for articles to be included in the January edition  
of the Octagon will be Thursday 19th December**

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



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

Thank you for your contribution

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

***Thank you M & G***

### MGCC Forthcoming Events in 2019

#### December

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Autotest Kwinana Motorplex	Comp	TSOA
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Committee Meeting		
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>	Annual General Meeting	Social	MGCC



# WACKY RACES

with Peter McGrath

Wacky Races – December 2019

Another great year draws to a close as far as competition goes. It never ceases to amaze me, the passion within our club to use our MGs for what they were intended for. We regularly outnumber other clubs at many events, which is great to see, especially when lined up on the grid at Barbagallo surrounded by other MGs! We also continue to excel at the Motorkhanas and Autokhanas, regularly outperforming “faster” cars.

With only a few published events remaining for the year, unfortunately, the VSCCWA Hill climb at Jacks Hill has been cancelled (due to take part on 30<sup>th</sup> November).

The **Jaguar Car Club** have been more successful with their own hill climb event scheduled for **19<sup>th</sup> November** still going ahead at **Jacks hill** (hopefully reported on elsewhere in this edition of the Octagon).

It's been a strange year for date changes, new events and cancellations. Most months have seen multiple events available for us to take part in, which is fantastic. We hope some of the new events from this year continue on next year. It was good to see the Port Denison Foreshore sprint go ahead again this year, joined by the Busselton and Nannup sprints. Hopefully at least one of these superb challenges returns to the calendar next year. The Point2Point series at Barbagallo looks like it was great fun too, running every month from March to July – let's hope it returns next year. And I'd like to thank the Jaguar Car Club for their regular track days, the Triumph Sports Owners Association for the regular Autokhanas and the Mini Car Club for their running of the Motorkhana series. And let's not forget the Vintage Sports Car Club for Northam and Albany especially – brilliant as always.

December has two events for the competitive driver to take part in: **Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> December**, the VSCC Vintage Stampede takes place at **Barbagallo Raceway**, also on the **1<sup>st</sup> December** the **TSOA** have an **Autokhana at Perth (Kwinana) Motorplex**.

There was no news on the CAMS Club Challenge, which had been scheduled to take part in August at Jacks Hill. A new date was provisionally put forward as being Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December to be held in Collie, but it would appear that it has been cancelled this year. Let's hope it returns to the calendar next year – a great team event requiring five drivers per club. We usually have no problems at all forming a team to take part.

A provisional Competition Calendar will be published shortly for 2020. It looks like there will be plenty going on every month except for January, which is quite normal for the holiday season. There are only nine confirmed dates at this stage, so to avoid too much confusion, we'll promote the other events likely to go ahead in the months that they usually occur as being TBC.

I look forward to seeing you at the Pagoda on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Party. There will be trophies awarded for this year's Competition winners, which hopefully inspires more members to take part in competitive events next year.

As always, please let me know of any opportunities you hear about, to get our cars into their comfort zones, that we may not be aware of. There are many aspiring competitive drivers in our club.

With a lull in the calendar for the next couple of months, I'll take the opportunity to carry out some work on the F – some much needed!

I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar and some new faces out on the circuit/hill climb/obstacle course next year.

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## **Triumph Sports Owners Association events 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Peter and I joined in the Triumphs National Meeting week which was being held in the Margaret River Region. They had combined the week by including 2 of their annual competition events giving the individuals points towards the championship.

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

Peter and I joined 30 others with our prize cars at Busselton foreshore for a 1.5kms sprint. Some drivers came as far away as Tasmanian and Queensland to compete. The event was to take place just a few yards from the famous Busselton jetty. The roads were closed off with bollards and bunting. The event was timed and the results were based on the combined total of all 4 runs. Apart from us with our 1964 MBG there were others invited including Bob Schrader in his Riot, Tony Brett with his Westfield and John Webb in his 911 Porsche. John did 3 fast times but called it a day before completing his 4th run. Bob took out the fastest overall times with Kurt Baur in his Porsche a close second. For the Triumphs, Trevor Allen in the orange sedan was the quickest with Andy Thompson in his TR6 a close second. Quite a few drivers failed to ease off the throttle and ended up getting garage penalties for over running past the cones. The day was well organised as usual by the irrepressible Bruce Pollock and his merry men including Dave Ryder as the front flag man. Peter and I put in some good times and managed placings of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. Another well run and fun day which everyone and all spectators enjoyed.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

This event took place in Nannup 60kms inland of Busselton. Like well-oiled machines the Triumph brigade descended on Nannup at 8.30am to set up the road blocks and timing equipment, this time the 1.5kms sprint was going to be around the internal roads which incorporated the recreation centre and local golf course. Sadly the council had forgotten to remind the Nannup Golf Club and some putters were out on the course where the event was to take place. "Watch out for flying golf balls" warned Bruce. Once again, like the Busselton Sprint this course would closely follow the TARGA west timed stages. The recreation centre provided an excellent spectator viewing point for other national delegates who had made their way to Nannup for the day to watch. A sitting run was followed by 5 timed runs. Again Peter and I both took part with quick change overs in between the other 23 drivers. Mick McGraths Spitfire had a few teething problems which slowed him down Greg Morsillo in his TR7 Sprint had to pull out after 3 runs due to engine trouble. There were 3 nonstarters which left 21 runners including Peter myself and Tony Brett as the only non-Triumph drivers. Once again some pressed the throttle too hard and ended up over running the garage at the end and impeded penalties of an extra 5 seconds for doing so. .

We both put up good times which didn't leave us embarrassed; at time of writing this the official results have not been published. A great morning was had by all with much a friendly banter over a healthy lunch provided. Peter and I rested in Nannup for the night before heading back to Perth nicely rested with smiles on our faces and importantly the car still in one piece

Sarah Fry

## **Poets Corner**

### **2019 SAFETY FAST RUN**

The committee decided it was Albany this year,  
And so we started to prepare all the gear.  
The Le Grande Motel was chosen for size,  
And in hindsight this was proved to be wise.  
The first evening went with quite a roar,  
Especially after a glass or four.  
The CWA lunch in Albany city,  
Was especially good, mores the pity !  
The afternoon views were really good,  
And we arrived back eagerly ready for food.  
The DJ arrived and the fare was ready,  
And we all tucked in, just like "Big Freddie".  
The following day we drove to the port,  
To show our MGs of every sort.  
Next a dramatic spin around the bay,  
And a wonderful drive for the rest of the day.  
Another feast at Mt. Barker Sports Club,  
You can't beat the CWA for wonderful grub.  
The Sunday was really more laid back,  
But by eleven we were ready for the sack.  
Thank you everyone for a great few days,  
You were amazing in so many ways.  
See you all again next year,  
Yes, I'll have a gin & tonic dear.

(Make it a large one !!)

**LIS CAMPBELL**

## Southern/Northern Lunch Run

Sunday 3rd November

The Northerners and Southerners lunch run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November last, was one for the MGCCWA members living as far afield as the Busselton, Bunbury and Mandurah regions to meet halfway with their city members for a “Nog ‘n Natter” over lunch.

This run was originally started a few years ago by Colin Bell who had moved to the Peel region and John Bell (no relation) handling the City contingent.

The Northerners assembled at the Hardy road clubroom at 10:00 for a 10:30am start and at the briefing by Tony Ford, questions were asked about the weather, as some MG's were topless. Tony assured the congregation that he had obtained information 'from a Higher authority' that there would be no rain! (Turned out the info was correct!). Along with his and Lesley's impeccable organising experience, car including MGA's, MGB's, Midgets, F Type (Modern) etc left the clubroom spot on time at 10:30am.



Leaving the clubhouse via the Tonkin Highway to hook up with the South Western Highway at Armadale, we continued on to turn up Jarradale Road (known as Jarradale Hill), passed through the Town and onto the Serpentine Dam, then down **another** hill to re-join the Southwest Highway once more. We then continued on to Dwellingup for a short 'pit stop'.



Our final leg of our journey was to Pinjarra and on to "The Redcliffe on The Murray" restaurant, arriving at 12:45pm with 9 cars carrying 16 people from the Northern group. The Southern group of 9 cars and 18 people had arrive a short time before.

The Restaurant had set aside a covered area for all to enjoy the meals duly served up and a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to Tony and Lesley for this excellent event.

Brian Edwards





## **MGA Register Run**

MGA REGISTER RUN – SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Report by Jim Clark

The weather had been hot so I decided not to arrive early at the treeless parking area at Midland McDonalds. So of course Tony Ford took great delight in saying “you’re last, so you have to write the Octagon report!”.

There was 8 MGAs, 2 MGBs and a Mazda MX5 (in place of an MGA that declined to proceed that morning). Most cars had two occupants and most had their roof down to capture a bit of sunshine. The run started well with several polite motorists hanging back to let us exit the car park in convoy. Organiser Peter Hagarty supplied a good route sheet – which many people seemed to avoid using if possible!

The run took us up Gooseberry Hill, through Kalamunda, various twisty roads across to Araluen and up the bumpy bits past Canning Dam, before heading down the hill to Armadale and the Last Drop Elizabethan Village.

There was a shady area in the car park reserved for us and a table in the garden area where a gentle breeze occasionally wafted through the gazebo. We had a comfortable time for a drink and a yarn before our meals were served – and what giant sized meals they were! Carol and I shared a steak sandwich which was more than sufficient and was blessed with the most tender and tasty piece of steak I have had for years.



Just as the plates were cleared away, a chocolate cake with candles appeared and the group sang a fairly unharmonious rendering of 'Happy Birthday' to Peter Hagarty. Never mind Peter, we meant well!

I think it was a little after 2.30pm when we started leaving. When I arrived home I was a little weary and just managed to get out of the MG and collapse into the pool!

Thanks for organising a fine day out Peter.

*Jim Clark*



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## GENERAL MEETING. 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019: Minutes

**Meeting opened at 20.00 pm.**

Club President in the chair.

**Visitors/New members:** Adrian Webley, Murray Dare, Alfie, Mark Dickenson

**Apologies:** Iain Trainor, Graham & Moyra Mitchinson, John & Liz Cruthers, John Goff, David Rose

Doug awarded Judith Hagarty with her Honorary Membership badge

**Minutes of previous meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 published in the Octagon:  
Motion to accept Minutes: [Proposed by Alley Mulcahy seconded by Tony Ford and agreed as a true record.](#)

**Correspondence:** 1 x Magazines from other clubs, 1 x Invoice from City of Bayswater for Emergency Services Levy, 1 x Membership Application, 1 x Invoice from Platinum Electricians for Supply and Installation of exterior lights, 1 x Letter from Col Cleaver with a nomination for Life Membership to be presented at the AGM.

**Business arising:**

### **REPORTS:**

**VP's Report:** Nothing to report

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Hart advised [we currently have a slight budget deficit of \\$XXXXXXX till memberships are in.](#)

Chris then advised that the following cheques be proposed for payment; City of Bayswater – ESL \$163.23, Platinum Electricians – New Lights \$907.50, R & A Gusterson – Supper \$49.28, Allsports Trophies – Badges \$30.00, Classic Trophies & Darts – Trophys - \$639.10, Classic Trophys & Darts – Mugs (regalia) \$132.00, Alley Mulcahy – Raffle Prize \$25.00 (-\$12.00 for regalia) = \$13.00 .

[Proposed by Chris Hart seconded by Peter Hagarty and agreed as a true record.](#)

**Membership Sec's Report:** Richard advised that total membership year to date is 279 and 4 new nominations for new membership.

Roger Raymond 1955 White MG TF

Adrian Webley 1969 BRG MGB

Murray & Julie Dare 1964 Red MGB

Mark & Jen Dickenson 1956 Red MGA

Proposed by Richard Gusterson seconded by Tony Ford and agreed by the meeting.



Doug said he was pleasant to be sitting here again and say that we have surpassed the number of members that he had seen since in the last past 7 1/2 years, pretty good to come to the end of the year near 280.

**Competition:** Pete advised bit slow into the year, there was an event today the Jag day -first hill climb and we had two members there - Sarah Fry & Alan Newton

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

Dec

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

1 Dec – Vintage Stampede Barbagallo

1 Dec – TOSA Kwinana

January is quiet , nothing on as yet.

Doug mentioned that CAMS has changed their name to MotorSport Australia.

**Social Report:** Tony advised a few events in November – the Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Northerners & Southerners Lunch Run was well attended.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Brockwell Run had 5 members attend total number of cars were 88 cars this event will be yearly.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Have a Go day Burswood Seniors Day – Val Goff advised we had 14 cars, Val thought it was one of the best presentation we had and thanked everyone who attended and also advised she will be stepping down from the organising of this event and Tony thanked her for all her efforts.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week run was at Narrogin Inn Armadale with a pleasant run to Pinjarra and back.

The viewing of the movie Ford versus Ferrari most enjoyable – great movie and encourage you to see it.

Peter Hagarty advised the MGA run was represented by 8 MGA, 2 MGB's & 1 MX - great run.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Ladies very social run – Alley & Julie advised run proposed due to little response – only 3 people

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Mid Week run – Mundaring Sculpture Park

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party – Vegas : tickets still available

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nog & Natter & AGM – sausage sizzle at 6.30pm followed by General Meeting & AGM

**Editors:** Doug advised editors have apologised and Iain Trainor will be doing the December edition but currently having issues.

**Safety Fast Run:** Terry advised that we had a very successful SF this year and 2020's SF to be in Bunbury with similar format to this years.

Doug thanked Terry for all his effort in organising this year's run.

**Club Captain:** Julie presented Alfie with his badge.

**Regalia:** Chris advised we have new mugs for sale at \$12.00 each.

**Librarian:** Nothing to report

**Webmaster:** Ian advised generally up to date and Ian suggested members to look at the home page on our website at the lots of photos of the SF.

### **Any Other Business:**

Doug introduced Gordon Lucas regarding selling his 1 owner MGB 1970, if you are interested, add will be placed in Octagon.

Howard mentioned about the 99 day rule trying to be introduce for use of classic cars & hot rods ect if we were aware of it , Doug mentioned that he couldn't see any changes being made to the code 404 in the near future.

**Meeting closed at 20.30pm**



One of our youngest members tied the knot Congratulations William Fry

## CLASSIC MIDWEEK RUN –

Thursday 14 November 2019

Sunday afternoon after the event Tony Ford phoned me and advised that I had been selected from a cast of thousands to write the last midweek run report. This was unfortunate because on the day I looked at the runsheet and realized the dangerous predicament I was in being “last” on the list, *panic ... the chosen one !*

On the Thursday, salvation was at hand (so I thought) as two latecomers were arriving at the start off car park, one an MGB, the other a more modern model. I waited for them to park and then casually walked over, clutching the list, but one driver assessed the situation very quickly and rushed off to the toilet. I moved quickly towards the second and only remaining hope and triumphantly thrust the list towards him. Alas, this was a wiley fox and he suggested in very few words that I went somewhere else and took the list with me! These two latecomers both skilled operators certainly knew the ropes and were never “last” on the run list.

Thursday the 14 th was hot, some people even had the hood up to keep out the heat. The flies appreciated our presence and they practiced flying circuits as they landed information upon any and all exposed skin. Their communication was amazing as we had most of the flies available that day in Perth. By the way there are no “Flybuys” for this trip!

At last the call to order was announced just before 10.30am whereupon we received a very economic briefing plus a copy of a rubbing from an Egyptian Tomb complete with numbers, arrows and signs directing us to faraway places. At 10.30am precisely, or thereabout, the entourage of nine MG cars, three Austin Healy’s , one Triumph Stag and a ‘wannabe’ MGF with a prancing cat on the front moved out onto the Albany Highway into what will be the setting sun (west).

The entourage jockeyed for position and pace as we followed the signs to Bunbury. Turn left at Byford, pass through Jarrahdale and head towards the picturesque Serpentine Dam, beautiful in all its splendor. Do not be foolish enough to slow down and enjoy the view as the enemy is above waiting to pounce, “ Beware the Bug in the Sun” (war time fighter pilot saying). Quickly leave the danger area, turn left, dodge the Emu’s at Gusterson’s crossing ,slow down sharp bend, take slip lane, do not let that Austin Healy pass you and certainly not the prancing cat mobile. After a very pleasant 130 kms we arrived at the Dwellingup Community Hall Complex to do whatever you like at your own convenience, which was 200 metres to the left. More chat, more waving to the flies then the fast saunter to your chariot so that you do not leave last and end up at the rear of the forthcoming lunch queue.

*Mike Smith*

# BACK TO THE FUTURE

From 1924



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Most members of classic car clubs love and revere the old classics. Some members have been known to cast a scant eye at the MG Rover offerings of the mid 1990's however without new models to "try and buy" the classic restore opportunities will become less and less.

The same applies to membership... Some of our senior members are just memories and unless someone has developed an elixir for eternal youth, one day we will all be memories, so it behooves those of us, who have gray hair or none at all, to encourage younger people to enjoy and savor the marque we love.

**Happy Christmas and a great recruiting New Year.**

Due to a lack of information individuals celebrating a Birthday in December are an unknown quantity. So if you are celebrating.....

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# 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, 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.

## 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)

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*For further information contact:*

George Mills 0412 711 736



### 1969 MGB British Racing Green - \$24,500

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Matching hard top available

*Contact: Averell Swiney 0416 611 750*



### 1970 Midget - \$10,750

Excellent condition, interior redone Dec '14

*Contact: Richard Rowell 0407 513 884*



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

Replaced Head Gasket, Water Pump, Timing Belt

Removable Hard Top

*Contact: Lyndon Mason 0478 111 623*

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

Excellent condition

*Contact: Bernadette O'Brien*

[bernadette2017@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bernadette2017@optusnet.com.au)





## FOR SALE AND WANTED SECTION



**1970 MGB with over drive. \$21,000.00**

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