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DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
10/9 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00pm	M
12/9 FRI	WORKING BEE – Load Armco at Ringwood for K.E.P.	5.00pm	M
12/9 FRI	CLUB NIGHT – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
13/9 SAT	WORKING BEE – Erecting Armco at K.E.P.	8.00am	M
16/9 TUE	K.E.P SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
17/9 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
20/9 SAT	WORKING BEE – Finish erecting Armco at K.E.P.	8.00am	M
24/9 WED	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For October Magazine		
25/9 THU	K.E.P SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
27/9 SAT	Working Bee K.E.P. – Sandbags	8.00am	M
27/9 SAT	WAC – MOTORGAMES KHANACROSS – Awaba (Contact 4958 4581)	2.30pm	NAMS K/C5
28/9 SUN	WAC – MOTORGAMES MOTORKHANA – Awaba (Contact 4958 4581)	10.00am	NAMS K/C5

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3/10 FRI	K.E.P. WORKING BEE – Pick up equipment – set up (See page 23)	5.00pm	M
4/10 SAT	K.E.P. WORKING BEE – Set up	8.00am	M
5/10 SUN	NSW STATE HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP K.E.P. – Round 10	6.00am	
6/10 MON	MATTARA TRI-CHALLENGE HILLCLIMB K.E.P. – Round 4	6.00Am	M, T/C4
7/10 TUE	K.E.P. WORKING BEE – Dismantle and clean up (see page 23)	8.00pm	M
7/10 TUE	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.00pm	M
8/10 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00pm	M
10/10 FRI	CLUB NIGHT – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
11/10 SAT	K.E.P. WORKING BEE – Removal of sandbags	8.00am	M
15/10 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
18/10 SAT	K.E.P. WORKING BEE – Armco removal	8.00am	M
26/10 SUN	MGCC(HR) – MG RE MG CHALLENGE – Presentation run (details in October mag)		M
29/10 WED	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For November Magazine		

Please contact the respective Panel Representative or Peter Robinson to confirm that an event is still being conducted.

LEGEND

C	Club Championship	M/K	Motorkhana
M	Club Member	K/C	Khanacross
R	Register pointscore	RT	Road Touring Series
N	NAMS	N I/C	NAMS Interclub
T/S	Tar Speed Series	MG I/CMG	Interclub
D/E	Dirt Event Series	TC	Tri-Challenge

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INVITATION EVENTS SEP/OCT 2008

DAY	DATE	EVENT
SUN	7/9	WAC – MOTORKHANA AWABA – FATHERS' DAY
SAT	13/9	TSCC – STATE HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP. ROUND 6 OAKBURN PARK, TAMWORTH – PRACTICE
SUN	14/9	TSCC – STATE HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP. ROUND 6. CONTACT: MATT HALPIN 6765 4454
SUN	14/9	NSWRRC – STATE SUPERSPRINT ORAN PARK SOUTH
SUN	21/9	WAC – KHANACROSS, AWABA
SAT	18/10	TSOA – WAKEFIELD PARK (CSCA) TRAINING DAY
SUN	19/10	TSOA – WAKEFIELD PARK (CSCA) SUPERSPRINT

There are many events that you can run in that are not listed above, If you have access to the internet, simply go to the CAMS web site (www.cams.com.au) then scroll down to the section where each of the states appear and click on "New South Wales", there you will find the most recent version of the NSW Events listings. You may have to then contact the organising club for further details. This can be achieved by phone or in many cases by email. There is no excuse for not competing if you really want to!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last month the club conducted the Pit Crew sponsored 5th Round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship at Ringwood Park.

The event was run under near perfect conditions although it did get cloudy later in the afternoon. Most of the 52 competitors completed their 4 sets of 2 runs with a Top Ten shoot-out rounding off a very good day.

There were some very impressive results from our own club members, Peter Robinson, Heath Campbell, Glen Parsonage and Christine Campbell all featured in the Top Ten shoot-out.

Christine's effort was extremely rewarding to finish 10th with a 32.8 against a 5th place on 32.43, for husband Heath.

Meanwhile back in the field other competitive drives were performed by the duo of the Norris family, the young Tim (34.34). giving notice to Jim (34.39) – now that's close. Meanwhile the Parsonage family reversed places with dad Glen 32.76 and son William recording a 32.91.

Another special performance that I noted was that of Darval Thomas, who had returned from a european holiday at 2 am on Sunday morning, fronted the starter to create a new record in a new class, that of Unlogged Sports. Wonderful performance by all our members.

Rick Vincent had arranged for Channel 3 to take footage of the event for the Sunday night news report, I watched the report and must comment how good the Ringwood Park venue appeared on television. The grounds were in excellent condition, clean, tidy, the lawns mown, nice and green. I feel most of us take for granted the excellent work that the Land Panel are doing in maintaining the property considering the panel consists of only a small group of energetic retired members. They have to be commended for their efforts.

Additional King Edward Park issues have developed over the last month. The council wishes for us to give the general public some degree of access to the park over a long weekend. The club has consented to provide commercial high wire fencing around the amphitheatre area. The fencing will cross The Terrace in the south and intersect with the normal hessian clad fencing running along Reserve Road to the Bowling Club. An additional toilet will have to be provided in the amphitheatre area for public use.

A ticket sales point will be stationed across the path leading from the amphitheatre to the rotunda with the latter will remaining under club control.

The car display and the Information Centre will now be moved up to an area between the amphitheatre and the northern pit fence.

It has become obvious that we need to develop the skills of the on track commentary team who man the public address system during the KEP weekend.

To facilitate and develop a procedure the club will conduct a track announcer briefing night where guidelines will be developed for announcers to follow. Such items as a roster, information data, control issues, appropriate commentary, etc. will be addressed.

If you are interested in becoming involved please find the ad elsewhere in this issue and attend the meeting. This is a very important

and often overlook part of the KEP event.

It's now only 9 weeks before the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 14th of November. This is your opportunity to be nominated or to nominate a member who you feel will be of value to the club management team.

As I mentioned last month our Editor Penny Creighton has given notice that she will not be standing for the position next year. As yet no application have been received.

Another position that will be available is that of President, I personally feel that it's time for a change in the top job. After 6 years it's time for a break, as much as I have enjoyed the satisfaction one gets from filling this position, as they say "nothing is forever", and there are other activity's I wish to get involved in before I get much older.

Now I don't expect a rush of applicants but should you like to discuss the details of the position give me a call. I am waiting for the phone to ring.

Kind regards,

Greg Hunter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

It's around to August already and soon to start on the great King Edward Park preparation in readiness for the Mattara Hillclimb.

One of the good things in being secretary is that you get to collect all the mail, and also open and read all the mail.

One of the magazines we receive each month is "Safety Fast" a publication from England. It is the MG Car Club, Kimber House, Abingdon.

From *A word from Andy Knott*, who is the Editor. "August marks a significant step forward in the next chapter of the MG story as the long-awaited MG TF 500 finally goes into production at the Longbridge plant. Speaking to the MG staff at the MGCC Silverstone International it seems that the delay in producing these cars hasn't caused lasting issues with potential customers or the new network of dealers. Of the six colours being offered – orange, black, red, white, grey, and blue, – the waiting list for white and orange is already oversubscribed. Meanwhile, there should be some 50 MG dealers around the UK at launch. We also asked the MG UK staff what the next step would be once the initial run of the 500 cars had produced? The answer was to simply carry on producing the MG TF 135 without

some of the LE goodies, with a production target of around 3,500 cars next year. In the background the substantial R&D effort continues with the TF replacement and an MG saloon planned for 2010. After a disappointing false start by NAC at Longbridge this is now good news all round and we want MG UK to know that the Club is right behind them all the way." I believe MG Car Club Newcastle would have the same sediments as MG UK.

Keep the heart beating fast,

Andy Peters

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SCRUTINY COURSE HELD AT MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE CLUBROOMS

After a few starters and a lot of following up with the other local clubs, I am pleased to say that 14 people attended the course held on 16/8/2008.

It was conduced by David Healey, Chairman of the CAMS Scrutiny Panel under duress as one of the main staff from the Sydney Office Rachelle Anderson had left on the Thursday. All the details were left in the hands of a new staffer Michael Gates who came up with all the necessary paperwork on time.

Morning tea was provided by the club with participants securing their own lunch. After lunch Kevin Edwards brought along his Mitsubishi EVO for the workshop inspections. Our thanks to Kevin who is always ready to help out where he can.

We would like to get Belinda Doyle up for a Timing Course if we can get the numbers. Please contact Judith Rae 4944 7356 with expressions of interest. It would be later in the year.

Many thanks to Doug Rae for the photos.

Judith Rae

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Club night was well attended but finished early so that members could race home to watch the opening of the 2008 Olympic Games from Beijing China.

A big thank you to David Walker who knows how to make the club rooms warm for us.

Number draw now $400 with no winner on 8th August.

The Australia happy wanderers, Joy and Paul Bower are now in Western Australia.

The European wanderers, the Tynan's, Finch's, Dial's, Baverstock's are happily making their way around Europe after having some memorable experiences in the UK.

The Next club night will be held at the Cobby Street club rooms on Friday 12th September 2008, see you there.

There was a good role up at the last **Natter Night** at AnnMaree and Les Harris's home at Greta. Even though the night was cold Les and Ann Marie made sure we were kept warm. Good to see Dale Powell competing with Jamie Harris at the snooker table, they seemed to be having a great time, not sure who won this event. Andy Peters kept the ladies, who were watching the Olympics in the lounge room, happy by zzzzzzzzz his way through the night.

Annmaree

Jamie with the home advantage playing pool with Dale

The "boys group" was in deep conversations by the fire place, made out of recycled truck brake drums in the outdoor area, now there's a novice idea.

Of course AnnMaree and her mum provided their usual delicious deserts.

Thanks to AnnMaree and Les for having us at their home for another enjoyable evening.

Next Natter Night will be held on Saturday 1st November 2008 at Andy and Shirley Peters' home, 38 Edward Street Merewether starting time around 6.30pm……a barbeque and pool party is planned – hopefully the weather will have warmed up by then.

Rose Cogger

Social Secretary
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EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Things are hotting up for the best hillclimb in Australia (my opinion). Hopefully the weather will be kind and we get lots of entrants and spectators. There is so much work goes into an event like this and if you'd like to help out see page 23 for details.

Our webmaster Gregor is doing a fine job (another huge undertaking) in getting the new look website up and running. He informs me there is still a lot of fine tuning to do. Thanks Gregor for the pics from the state hillclimb at Ringwood.

Thanks to John Smith and Bill Pearson for their pics from Oran Park.

As you are aware (if you read this magazine!) that interesting articles and pictures really make the magazine worthwhile – so get writing and send them in! A big thank you to Bill Pearson for two articles in this month's magazine (see pages 18 and 24).

I hope those of you who have had the terrible flu going around are on the mend. Grant and I both got it and the cough still lingers. Come on summer!

The position for magazine editor is still available. So all you budding editors – here's the opportunity you've been waiting for! December magazine will be my last.

Regards,

Penny Creighton

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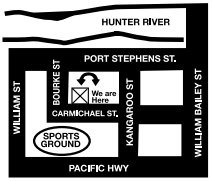
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