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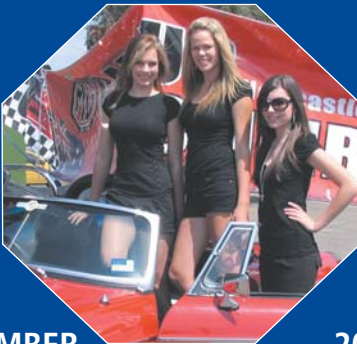
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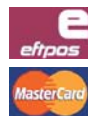
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NOVEMBER 2008 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
12/11 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00pm	M
14/11 FRI	MGCCN – EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
14/11 FRI	MGCCN – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00pm	M
15/11 SAT	WORKING BEE – RINGWOOD (Contact Doug Ray 0434 141 501)	8.00am	M
15/11 SAT	YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE (Contact Greg Hunter 0412 493 711)	11.00am	M
16/11 SUN	MGCCN – HILLCLIMB RINGWOOD (Contact Gregor Dickinson 0413 595 755)	9.30am	NAMS 1/C6 & T/S6, M
19/11 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M
23/11 SAT	MGCCN – ANNUAL CONCOURS (See page 14) (Contact Darren and Fran Hodgson 4946 9989)	10.00am	C/C, MG Reg,
26/11 WED	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For December Magazine		

DECEMBER 2008 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
8/12 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.00pm	M
10/12 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00pm	M
12/12 FRI	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION NIGHT – Highfields Azzuri Club, Highfields (see page 12)	6.30pm	M
17/12 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Club rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30pm	M

JANUARY 2009 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
26/1 MON	AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS – Raymond Terrace Riverside Park	9.00am	M
31/1 SAT	HUNTER ORTHOPAEDIC SCHOOL WARATAH FUND-RAISER – Highfields Azzuri Sports Club		
	Drinks and nibbles	6.00pm	
	“Special Announcement”		
	Dinner	6.30pm	
	Contact John Collins or Rose Cogger 4925 2867 or 0413 222 828		

INVITATION EVENTS NOV/DEC 2008

DAY	DATE	EVENT
SAT-SUN	15-16/11	ARDC – 6 HOUR RACE – MULTI-CLUB EVENT – EASTERN CREEK
SAT-SUN	22-23/11	ARDC – NATIONAL SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP – EASTERN CREEK
SAT-SUN	22-23/11	FOSC – FESTIVAL OF SPORTS CARS RACES – WAKEFIELD PARK
FRI	28/11	HSRCA – TASMAN REVIVAL HISTORICS – MULTI-CLUB EVENT – EASTERN CREEK
SAT-SUN	29-30/11	ARDC – HISTORIC RACES – MULTI-CLUB EVENT – EASTERN CREEK
SAT	13/12	WAC – CHRISTMAS PARTY – CARDIFF RSL

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 website (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!

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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The **King Edward Park** event is over, all infrastructure returned back to storage at Ringwood Park for

another year. Due to rain and bad weather on the Monday, the event was less successful than previous years. It has been many years since we have had to implement a plan "B" to conduct this event, actually that long ago I cannot remember. It is a testing time when outside elements beyond our control happen to force a change to a routine that is our norm, however the team responded and the event proceeded.

Although the spectator numbers were very poor on the Monday, Sunday was excellent. Competitors likewise were satisfied with the best that could be offered under such adverse conditions.

I sincerely thank those who worked on the organising committee, the working bees, the girls for preparing the lunches and the Presentation sausage sizzle. Last but not least all those who acted as officials during the two day event. As in previous years you have served your club well, this team effort is what makes both events so successful and in turn our club so admired by those outside our club.

We are now preparing for the **Annual General Meeting** to be held on Friday the 14th of November. By now you will have received the AGM Notice of Meeting and information documents for this very important meeting.

As always, I encourage new blood to seek a nomination and take up a position. So please, if you aspire to help guide the club now or in the future, take up a position – you will be surprised by the satisfaction one

can obtain by being involved.

Give me a call if you require further information and remember if you want change, the best place to put forward your ideas is at committee meeting.

There are interesting positions available, we do need people with enthusiasm and drive to head the club and maintain the high standard of past years.

A number of the current committee will be standing down this year for a "rest", myself included, and it's imperative that vacant positions are filled.

I have reports from associate members who are confused over the rules which apply to associate members participating in an AGM and the election of club Officers.

This matter has been explained in the AGM mail-out and an advertisement for the AGM on the following page. This statement is in accordance with our club RULES AND OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION.

Whilst on the subject of memberships I take this opportunity to quote from the latter document the following full membership qualifications.

FULL Membership:

- A. Such persons as may be approved by the Committee who own or regularly drive an MG.
- B. Such persons as may be approved of by the Committee who are in sympathy with the objectives of the Club.
- C. Such persons as may be approved by the Committee.

Very good news on the sporting side as MGCCN achieved outstanding success in this year's **NAMS Motorgames Weekend**. The series of events were conducted over two

weekends this year due to a washout of the WAC events.

Our members gained 4 out of the top 5 places, with very keen new member Michael Show taking 1st place on 37 points, Dave Carter of the WAC club 2nd with 35 points, Nigel Dobbie MGCCN 34 points, Dave Atkins 33 points and Bill Pearson 5th on 32 points. Well done by all, especially as there were only 5 points between the first 5 places.

Kind regards,

Greg Hunter



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



John ShingletonFull

Gavan & Geoffrey Reynolds .Assoc

Alan & Matthew BatesAssoc

Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE OPEN TO BOTH FULL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers of MG Car Club Newcastle Incorporated will be held at the Club Rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens, on Friday November 14 2008, commencing at 8pm.

Agenda:

- Apologies.
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, November 9th, 2007.
- Summary of the Club's activities over the past 12 months.
- Treasurer's Report and Report from the Auditor.
- Proposed alterations to Rules and Objectives.
 - A vote will take place to make alterations to "The Committee" of MG Car Club Newcastle.
 - Changes to clause 15 (12). Position of REGALIA to be dropped as a committee position and added in its place MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.
- Election of Officers for the Club Committee for the year 2009. (All positions become vacant).
- Any other business as submitted in accordance with the Club's Rules. (Members are reminded that Special Business needs to be submitted to the Committee before the Meeting.)
- Rules.

Members are reminded of the following:

- Only **Full Members** are eligible to vote.
- Both Full and Associate Members can accept a nomination for a committee position.
- Both Full and Associate Members can nominate any club member for a committee position.
- Associate Members will be granted Full Membership upon being elected to a committee position.
- **Members must be Financial to 31st December, 2008 to be able to vote** – Current Financial Membership Cards should be produced in order to obtain Voting papers.
- Voting papers will not be issued after the current Committee positions are declared vacant.
- Nomination Forms should be completed and posted or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Meeting.
- **Associate members are permitted to cast Proxy votes** for a full member who is absent, only if the Proxy form is completed and posted to or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- **All Nomination Forms must be signed by the nominee.**

Andy Peters SECRETARY



SECRETARY'S REPORT

October nearing its end sees another page in our calendar nearly complete for the year.

Our **Mattara Hillclimb** was successful again; there are a lot of willing workers behind the scene that wholehearted thanks go to. There is a special little group that were put on the spot and come through with shining colours, and most of the people didn't see or even know about.

The story goes this: Starting Monday morning King Edward Park had a rather large dosing of rain (I guess something over 100mm). Of the long-time competitors I spoke to, no one could remember receiving rain like this on a hillclimb day.



Cherry picker in place

I had organised the \$1.5m cherry picker from Boom-Sherrin (the newest, biggest and greatest in their fleet) to attend our Hillclimb for the two days, and was booked out on a job 6.00am Tuesday morning.

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Andy – so pleased to see the cherry picker off the grass!

With all the rain the Driver "Glen", Col Brae or myself could not see the cherry picker navigating around the side of soldiers' point hill without burying itself into the ground as it was so soft from the rain. Glen had used mud mates before on Energy Australia jobs, and they worked a treat. We needed these mud mats desperately. With assistance from Col Bray we contacted Martin Reeves for approval to get and use these life saving mats. Steven Hill, the next piece in the jigsaw, he was unwell and didn't run in the Hillclimb was able to give us access to the depot to collect the mats. Brian Ford's company A.S.A.P. sends a 2t truck around to collect the mats. The mats put around the side of the hill during the last rain storm of the day allowing the truck a path around the hill on the softened ground. We loaded the life saving mats back onto the A.S.A.P truck and nobody knew we had ever been there. The sight of the cherry picker back on the bitumen road was a huge relief to me. Thanks to the small but valuable group who saw the cherry picker off the grass. All the helpers behind the scenes are MG Car Club Newcastle members. Thanks.

People who took photos or DVD's of the Mattara King Edward Park Hillclimb were:
 Jim Fernance Mob. 0439 584 501 – has some great photos and good DVD footage
 Jim Graham www.creatielies.com
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This month from "Enjoying MG" United Kingdom there is a Book Catalogue that range from One & a quarter litre series "Y" Workshop Manual right through to the MG TF Workshop Manual. Driver's Handbook, Service Parts List, Tuning Engine, and History books on MG's are also



Joy Bower and Chris Tynan doing the lunch run



Sausage sizzle at the presentation

in this catalogue. This will be in the Club book shelf after the next Committee Meeting.

Continuing on with the MG TF LE500 story, in England it is known as "The Comeback Kid".

NAC MG finalised the development of the new TF LE500 engine known as the N series. The N series has a stiffer lower engine rail and uses a multi-layer steel shim cylinder head gasket, which can't suffer from the original design's common type of failure. Mechanical Specifications: LE500 comes in only one mechanical specification with a 135bhp EU4 compliant 1800cc engine mated to a five-speed PG1 gearbox. The same applies for the suspension and brakes, with the former being a development of the 2005 model year's softer and significantly more comfortable standard suspension, and the latter being the highly regarded 304mm diameter big

brake spec. with the visibly striking AP Racing four pot (piston) callipers up front. Wheels are also a carry over of the 16" 11 spoke alloys with the same 195/45x16 front and 215/40x16 Goodyear Eagle F1 tyres.

The new models with revised standard suspension are much more comfortable, with little detriment to the cars excellent handling. The test driver confirms the ride of the new LE500 is just as good as the 2005 models he had driven.

High Levels of Safety and Security: One of the most important carry over features is a very good Euro NCAP four star adult occupant and three star pedestrian safety ratings, but still very competitive. Interestingly the four star rating was achieved when the passenger airbag rating was still an option whereas today it is now standard. Let me put this in some perspective. Many cars now receive 5 Star adult occupant safety awards but in the

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whole of 2007 NO car received four stars for pedestrian safety, and over 2/3 of cars tested only achieved 2 Stars, so the TF remains a true leader in this area.

The previous Thatcham category 2 level security has been improved to Thatcham category 1 through various areas having better shielding; although one change to catch out those familiar with previous TF or MGF models will be the way the alarm and boot are connected.

The sound system is a Pioneer (1 DIN sized) radio/CD head unit supplied with a remote control and a flying lead for the IPOD laid in the glove box. There are also electric windows and front and rear fog lamps.

A small but significant improvement is the satisfying 'thunk' when the door closes, rather than the previous 'clang' of the earlier models. Another improved area was the floor carpet fit to stop the pull away near the sills and front lower corner of the door aperture. Boot carpet has extra fixing to improve the fitment in the boot, with better quality carpet used throughout. One

area that really illustrates the drive for better quality that NAC MG has made throughout the car is under the bonnet. Most MGF and earlier TF owners will recall the cheap nasty, flimsy black plastic behind the spare wheel that covered part of the bulkhead area below the windscreen panel. In the LE500 it's a thicker much better self-supporting plastic moulding with a proper shape and very smart. Incidentally the spare is now a full size alloy.

Reporter goes on to say driving the LE500 is probably the most important aspect and the good news here is that he felt that it is the best TF he has driven so far. Another feature is the 'double wipe', which is simply a programmed addition to take care of the extra dribble that occurs after a wash cycle has been completed. Fuel economy for the test car averaged just over 35mpg over all roads and conditions.

Wonder when we will see the first LE500 in Australia.

Keep the heart beating fast,

Andy Peters



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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

At the September Club Night the lucky number prize was not won and the prize is now \$500.

There was a great deal of post King Edward Park talk with members comparing notes on how they went and overall a lot of different views were expressed.

The Ladies Committee have donated money towards the purchase of a new television set and PA system which has been installed by Dennis Tynan and Bryn Baverstock for the next club night. This was a much needed

item for the club room. There should be some King Edward Park thrills to be viewed this Friday.

The next Club Night will be the Annual General which is to be held this Friday 14th November 2008.

Remember a "sausage sizzle" will be available from 6.30pm with the Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

Rose Cogger

Social Secretary
Phone: 0413 222 828



CHRISTMAS CABARET PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 12th December 2008

VENUE: Highfields Azzuri Club, Highfields

COST: \$30 per person – includes venue, meal and cabaret dance music

Plenty of parking available

DRESS: Good casual

TIME: 6.30pm start for 7.00pm sit down progressive dinner.

ENQUIRIES: Rose Cogger 4925 2867 or 0413 222 828

This was a very successful event in 2007
so let's see if we can do the same again.



EDITOR'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Well this is my 2nd last magazine (who's counting?) and there is some interesting

reading and some great pics in the middle spread. There were quite a few of KEP that I didn't manage to fit in this month, so I will put some more in the Dec mag. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Grant and I are off to Bathurst this weekend for the Australian Hillclimb championship. There will be quite a few MGCCN members competing. Grant's really looking forward to it and with 9 in his class has his work cut out. Will let you know how he goes in the Dec mag. I'll take the trusty camera.

We had a great night at Andy and Shirley's

for the Natter Night. They had the pool temperature up to 32° but nobody took advantage. However, I did run into Shirley the next day at Kotara and she informed me she had a swim in the morning and said it was beautiful! Natter Nights are a great way to get to know people. I had a great chat with Marea Semken who I have seen around the traps for so long.

See you at the AGM.

Regards,

Penny Creighton



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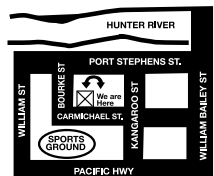
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PUBLICITY REPORT

Seeing October is our most active month of the year, we certainly were in the public eye, we received good

coverage of the KEP event from NBN news, on the two days, they also gave the club a recording of the event, this will be shown at the club rooms shortly.

We received reasonable coverage of the event from the Herald although a considerable amount was sent to them, 2KO and 2NUR FM played a recorded interview with Peter Robinson.

Our entrants in the Mattara Grand Parade had an enjoyable time promoting our club in a very colourful way, although John Finch had a few comments about holding the

Hillclimb banner from Honeysuckle to Nobbys, until the lovely 18 year old models arrived, then he had a new lease of life, which is fair enough he normally chases US around the race track.

Just on another issue the group had a great weekend away recently at Wakefield Park with the CSCA guys, Mal is charging John Finch towing costs during the super sprints good effort by both of them, considerable information was gained by Mal of the Wakefield infrastructure to be used as a guide for the Ringwood development.

That's all from me, see you all at the AGM.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards,

Rick Vincent



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Kevin Edwards – EVO 8



Mal Roach – Ford Escort



Ted Dial – Mazda RX7

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Rick Vincent – MX5



EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT

In last month's report I mentioned that I had talked to Harry Firth at the National Torana Meeting at the

Foreshore Park. At the event, I had ordered a book from him. In the month since, Alzheimer's had set in and I had forgotten about it. Two days ago, my mobile rang and a voice said, "It's Harry Firth" (I have several friends who ring and say famous names like 'Patrick Head here' or 'Frank Williams here') so I said "Oh, yeah ...right."

"No, it's Harry Firth."

"Is that you Keith?"

Laughs "No it really is Harry Firth – I do get that a bit – it's about the book you ordered."

Talk about feel a dope!

At least I don't feel so bad, because a similar conversation took place 40 years ago when Harry rang a young up and coming driver,

Peter Brock to ask him to drive for the Holden Dealer Team at Bathurst. I believe Brockie had to be rung twice.

Unfortunately, my phone call was 40 years too late and it was only about a book I ordered. Still we can always dream!

Errol Mayo and Bill Pearson very kindly sent me some great photos of our car at the Mattara Hillclimb. One photo Errol took in the "Pinch" (see below) has given me some thinking to do. It shows the car on full suspension compression with the front wing and nose actually on the road completely bottomed out – obviously some suspension tuning required there. Thanks guys!

Don't forget the A.G.M. on Friday, 14th November and the Christmas Presentation Night on Friday, 12th December.

Regards,

Peter Robinson



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"MATTARA" WEEKEND

What a drama packed weekend!

The State Round on Sunday was tense both on and off the track with timing glitches due to the overnight rain and some dramas with the "State of Origin" Competition.

Our State Championship visitors enjoyed themselves, as did our visitors from Queensland, Roy Davis in his howling GT6 Triumph and Gary Pitt in his 2 litre MK1 Escort. Both drivers "attacked" the hill from the first run with gusto and did well for newcomers.

Winner, Tamworth's Neil Farr was too good again, showing off a new paint job, reminiscent of the Ansett Team Elfin Formula 5000s of the seventies.



Neil Farr clowning around

Unfortunately, the three championship leaders did not enter (again!) so the championship final point score was unchanged by Neil's win. Ron Hay and Dave Morrow filled 2nd and 3rd places.

A brilliant drive by our club member, Amy Mrcela to 5th outright, made her the fastest "local". Some new slicks, suspension and engine work has transformed the Elfin.

Another top drive was that of Mal Roach in his Escort. Mal's newly "freshened" Phil Horn 1600 had the measure of Queenslander Gary Pitt's 2 litre Escort all day ... just!

Young club member, Glynn Elliott has finally discovered "tar" roads – he did Targa Tasmania with his dad, Daryl, earlier this year, the State round in his supercharged Corolla and then Monday's Tri-challenge in the Newcastle University's SAE Open Wheeler, coming 8th in the Top 10 Shootout.

If we thought it a bit damp on Sunday – what about Monday!! The first run was a washout – literally, with timing breakdowns and "rivers" washing across the track in parts.

Kevin Edwards, Amy Mrcela, Grant Cook were some of the faster "ducks" who swam up the hill early, only to have their results quashed when the event was abandoned. That's Motorsport!

The "new" event on the shortened course was a good compromise under very trying conditions and ultimately had a popular outcome according to most competitors.

Dave Morrow won Outright with a time of 29.94; Amy Mrcela close behind on 30.51 and Peter Robinson, 3rd, just holding off Alan Hides by 7/100th – close!

Interestingly enough, these three drivers were also "podium" winners in the Tri-challenge point score with Peter Robinson (MGCCN) on 38 points; Dave Morrow (Kempsey Car Club) 31 points, and Amy Mrcela (MGCCN), 3rd on 26 points.

Amy will be the one to watch in next year's series if she keeps up her current form.

There is a great shot of Bill Pearson's death-defying two-wheel act through the top of the Pinch (see colour spread) – pretty

impressive Bill!
Some runs are on
You Tube, showing
various drivers'
miscues. Some of
those deserve
mentioning.

Kym Pinkerton
found out that you
can't go straight
ahead at the Pinch
and John Collins
discovered his rear
tyres lacked grip
around the sweeper
before the hairpin – Ouch!



John Collins' next purchase will be a new set of tyres!

The presentations at the Tennis Club on each
day were very welcome after such traumatic
days and the sausage sizzle and cold ale
were certainly popular.

NSW (narrowly?) won the Carline State of
Origin Shield with both "real" Queenslanders
saying they would come back next year.

Considering the incredible weather, it was a
top event although the Club's gate takings
certainly took a huge dive on Monday.

Even though everyone says "Never again",
wait six months and we will be planning next
year's Mattara I'm sure.

Peter Robinson

Kym Pinkerton's Evo in a series of shots caught on camera
by Joshua Stunell starting by clipping a sandbag on the
left to ending up on a picnic table! The look on Kym's
face says it all.



MOMENTS AT THE KING EDWARD PARK HILLCLIMBS – SUNDAY AND MONDAY



Darval Thomas (Pic: Jim Graham)



Adam Ford (Pic: Jim Graham)



Dave Morrow – 1st outright - Mon (Pic: Errol Mayo)



Dave Morrow receiving his trophy



Glynn Elliott in the TAFE UNR 06 (Pic: Jim Graham)



Dennis Tynan presenting trophy to Glynn Elliott



Amy Mrcela – 2nd outright (Pic: Errol Mayo)



Mike Cole in the wet (Pic: Bill Pearson)



Datto boys wondering where to get more power!



Peter Robinson presenting trophy to Phil Limbert



Reece Presland celebrates his engine rebuild (Pic: Bill Pearson)



Bill Pearson's close encounter (Pic: Errol Mayo)



Kevin Edwards (Pic: Jim Graham)



Michael Smola (Pic: Bill Pearson)



Peter Brock (Pic: Jim Graham) More of Jim's photos are on www.creativelies.com or phone 0403 511 968

2008 TRI-CHALLENGE OUTRIGHT POINTSCORE

CLUB	NAME	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	TOTAL
MGCC	Peter Robinson	11	11	6	10	38
KSCC	Dave Morrow		10	9	12	31
MGCC	Amy Mrcela	10	5		11	26
MGCC	Kevin Edwards	5	2	12	6	25
MGCC	Ben Durie	4		7	7	18
MGCC	John Cooper	9	8			17
TSCC	Matt Halpin	6	3		8	17
MGCC	Ed McCane		12	4		16
TSCC	Gundy Hunt	8	7			15
KSCC	Allan Hindes		6		9	15
MGCC	Grant Cook			10	4	14
TSCC	Neil Farr	12				12
MGCC	Adam Ford			11	1	12
MGCC	Mike Cole	1	4		5	10
MGCC	Errol Mayo		9			9
MGCC	Kym Pinkerton			8		8
MGCC	Glenn Parsonage	7				7
MGCC	Phil Limbert			3	3	6
MGCC	Brian Ford			5		5
MGCC	William Parsonage	3				3
MGCC	Glynn Elliott				2	2
MGCC	Tom Clemens	2				2
KSCC	Daryl Watt			2		2
MGCC	John Collins		1			1
KSCC	Daren Read			1		1

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Entry will be from Bond St, Newcastle.

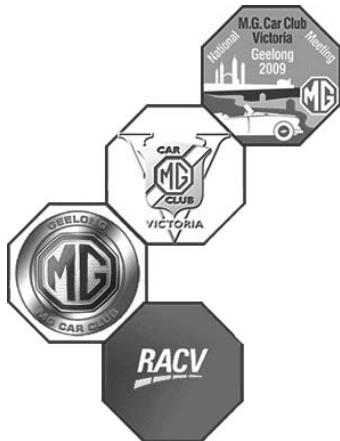
Travel along Scott St, past Newcastle Station, straight through the traffic lights, then turn left at Telford St and left again into Bond St.

Proceed past the Pay Masters Café and turn right into the carpark/access road and drive to the end of the road.

Access to the Park: Follow the signs and directions, drive over the grass and past the railway sheds and pond to the lawn area.

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Enquiries: Fran Hodgson (Event Organiser)
0414 449 252 or 4946 9989 (AH)



Nat Meet 2009

Geelong 10th – 14th April 2009

I have been onto the Nat Meet Website to obtain the latest information re next year's event. Please check it out: www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet09

Websites and email seem to be the increasing trend for information dissemination which puts a lot of the onus back on Club coordinators for the printing and passing on information to members. One down side from websites is that I find it hard to pass on the information to the Editor in electronic format that she can add in without me having to rewrite the whole newsletter.

Maybe I'm not computer literate enough to have worked it out properly!

The latest information on the Nat Meet site is called Newsletter No 1. Not sure what the difference between a Bulletin and a newsletter is, but Bulletin 1 @ 2 listed there contain information about accommodation and a general outline of the events for the weekend.

Accommodation: Thanks to those who have now booked accommodation through me. I have names next to all the cabins I have reserved so if you are thinking of going but haven't let me know yet, please do so ASAP as I will have to try to book some more. Accommodation in Motels in Geelong is very expensive, so don't get caught being late and having to organise your own. I do need some deposit money from a few families so I can finalise the bookings.

Hillclimb: There has been a change to the venue of the Speed Event. Calder Park has been cancelled and this is now a Hillclimb at Mt Leura Camperdown approx 110 km west of Geelong on the Princes Highway. There is a map on the website and of course there will be maps and directions in the Event program.

Entries: Open this month (at time of writing didn't have an exact date) and in keeping with the latest in technology the host club is offering on line registration with a discount of nearly 10% for early bird entries till 15th February 2009. Payment options on line include BPay, Visa, and Mastercard.

There will also be special fees available for children. I am very pleased to see this, as someone who brings children to most of the nat meets. In the recent past, I have had the distinct impression that organising committees have been discouraging children. Of course Competition Fees include all the social events.



The fee schedule is likely to be:

	Early Bird (until 15.2.09)	Normal (after 15.2.09)
Full Competition entry	300	330
Junior Competition entry	225	247
2nd car same driver entry	100	110
Extra Concours Vehicle entry	25	30
Social Entrant	260	286
Social Entrant > 5 yrs	0	0
Social Entrant 5 – 11 yrs	130	143
Social Entrant 12 – 18	200	220

Concours: Another interesting point is that all competitors will be automatically entered into the concours. Plus for the first time, a social entrant can enter 1 vehicle in the concours at no additional cost. I'm not sure about the wisdom of this. I guess it will encourage those social entrants coming for the social events to at least have their cars on display in the park instead of the street, but I also wonder if it will encourage some of the competition entrants to come as social entrants and just enter the concours, thereby further reducing those who would be competing. Each year as the Nat Meet population ages, I see a decreasing in the numbers lining up to be competitive and as one of those people trying to remain competitive, I have been disappointed at the numbers in my class which have only been 3 or above once in the past 4 years and I drive a modern MG!

Theme Night: This year's theme is Masked Carnivale and we need to have masks. I would be happy for any suggestions to get us started on this.

Regalia: The Host Club has sent out a booklet with information and will have regalia available predominantly as a preorder. It is not on the website yet and I am tracking down the booklet, which hasn't made it's way to me yet. If you have it, can you let me know - it seems to have disappeared at the last Club night.

Hawaii connection: Darren & I had the great pleasure of having Dinner with Willie Williams and Mike Ells and their families while we were in Honolulu. Both are looking forward to next years meeting. At least from their end the dollar exchange should give them some cheer and maybe keep some of our own people closer to home! We were very lucky with our transactions, having changed our money when it was 88.8c so getting good value and then with the decrease getting a great exchange rate back for our left over American money! Just of note – we didn't see 1 MG in the whole 5 weeks we were in the USA even though the weather was great and we travelled extensively through California!

I am also sorry to advise that our friend and MG colleague Don Brown (from MG Canberra) passed away last month while we were overseas. Our heartfelt condolences to Margaret and family and all those in the MG Community who knew Don. We have lost a true gentleman and supporter of the Marque.

If you have any questions re Nat Meets please give me a call.

Fran Hodgson, Nat Meet Coordinator

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PART TWO IN A SERIES

BOB JANE



Guess who's Mustang put the tyre marks on Beechey's 3 wheeling Monaro?

Growing up in the inner Melbourne suburb of Brunswick, this man's passion for cars took him to the top of sedan racing in Australia.

He started a business known as "Bob Jane Autoland", concerned with the distribution of parts for Alfa Romeo and Jaguar. Becoming more intimately involved with the auto industry meant it was inevitable that Jane would venture onto the race track. He entered competitive racing in 1956, and by 1960 had developed his skills to such an extent that he was rated as one of Australia's top sedan drivers.

His big break came in 1961 when he and co-driver Harry Firth won the Armstrong 500 held at Phillip Island, driving a Mercedes-Benz 220SE. Jane and Firth won the race again the following year, and continued their success when the race moved to Mount Panorama in 1963. For 1964 he drove with George Reynolds and racked up yet another victory. Some drivers have surpassed the number of victories achieved by Jane in this testing enduro race, but no-one else has been able to string together four successive back-to-back wins.

In the 40 years in which the Australian Touring Car Championship has been awarded, only 16 men have won it, and of those 16, only 10 have managed the feat more than once. During the sixties the Jaguar MkII was one of the most

competitive cars in the hands of top UK touring car drivers like Stirling Moss and Mike Hawthorn. When Bob Jane campaigned one in Australia he won Touring Car titles in 1962 and 1963. Then almost ten years later Bob repeated this dual feat to be crowned champion again in 1971 and 1972. Overall he finished on the podium 21 times from 38 starts in that competition.

He was a fiercely aggressive competitor, one who didn't shy away from swapping paint or leaning on the door handles of anyone alongside him in the era before such



Bob Jane in his 3.8 MkII Jag at Warwick Farm Feb.1965



Jane's first Ford Mustang overheating in the pits at Catalina Park, Katoomba, mid 1960's.

behaviour was frowned upon. He was wholehearted. One day at Warwick Farm in the 1960's I watched in the pits as he climbed in and out of a series of cars, competing in just about every race on the program. I can still remember how exhausted and hot he looked by lunchtime. Little wonder!

Bob campaigned many Fords including Cortinas, Falcons and several Mustangs, Holden Torana XU1s and A9X, an Elfin big banger Can-am style sports car, and a one of a kind all aluminium bodied "Le Mans" E-type Jaguar coupe which I believe he still owns.

When not competing on the track, Jane was able to concentrate on his business interests. The importation of parts, especially tyres, earned him a reputation in the industry for being as tough as he was on the track. In 1965 Bob Jane opened the first "T-Marts" store in Melbourne, which still remains an independent, family-owned business.



Jane (E-type Jag coupe), leads Niel Allen (Lotus Elan), Kevin Bartlett (Alfa GTZ 2) around Paddock Bend at Warwick Farm.



Rocketing over the horse track "Crossing" at Warwick Farm.

Bob Jane retired from racing in 1986, although his many contributions to motor sport would continue. Being a passionate follower of NASCAR, Jane constructed the \$54 million "Thunderdome" at Calder Park Raceway which opened in 1988. Its success was assured when the likes of Bobby Allison, Neil Bonnett and others from the Winston West Series all attended. From 1980 to 1984 he attracted some of the best Formula 1 drivers to the Australian Grand Prix held at Calder Park Raceway (The "Thunderdome"), this event being a precursor to the Australian Formula 1 World Championship Grand Prix held in Adelaide in 1985. From 2002 to 2004 Bob Jane T-Marts held the naming rights sponsorship for the Bathurst 1000, the race Jane had dominated early in his career.

Today his public and bitter divorce feud have shown Bob on our TV screens as a broken man who has battled and known great rise and fall. But let's not forget this man's

personal driving achievements, the huge number of local drivers he put into his team race cars, and what his sponsorships and leadership have done for motorsport enthusiasts in this country.

Bill Pearson



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SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

On Sunday 30th November HSRCA will be conducting a Car Club Picnic Day. This is an opportunity for club members to view cars from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Cars such as Mustangs, Monaros, Lotus (both sports and racing), Morgans as well as open wheelers such as Repco Brabhams and Australian specials such as Nota. All in all a vast range of vehicles that raced over this period.

For club members the entry price has been reduced from \$35 to \$20 which includes access to the pits. However, we need to book a position on the main straight next to the grandstand. If interested please contact me on 4944 7356. It needs to be a bulk booking (see October Magazine article).

Phone Doug Rae on 4944 7356 for more information.

NEWS FROM CAMS STATE COUNCIL HELD 18/10/08



NSW CAMS office is at the beginning of a re-organisation. Two Sports and Club Development Officers have been appointed to look after club needs in the State.

Next year two more officers will be employed to look after affairs in ACT and Northern NSW. Those appointed are:

Doreen Butchers Mobile 0417 363 126
Michael Gates Mobile 0428 397 560

The CAMS office will be moving from Parramatta to:

Sports House, 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay on the 10th November 2008.

However, the phone Number (02) 9635 1366 will be the same for the time being, but will be redirected to National Office in Melbourne, where your enquiries will be dealt with.

We have Michael Smith back as our temporary State Manager, he will travel to Sydney as required.

Doug Rae (CAMS State Delegate)



LAND PANEL REPORT

Ringwood Park maintenance came to a halt since last month, as all efforts were directed towards

King Edward Park Hillclimb. The efforts of the participating members of the Club are to be congratulated for erecting the armco, sandbagging, fencing, the onward battle with authorities and the weather, all of which were overcome by our determined group of volunteers.

These volunteers and the other 400 members of this club, hopefully soon may be called upon by the Ringwood Park Development Committee to assist in the development of a Motorsport and Driver Training Complex on our land north of Raymond Terrace. If we got the same response as KEP this would be a great achievement.

So far the development sub committee are working on a conceptual plan for a club circuit, divided into sections for sprints and drifting. A concrete skid pan and tarred Motorkhana area, whilst still maintaining the Hillclimb and some Khanacross tracks.

However, because of financial restrictions there are certain areas which will require

volunteer labour, these being some tyre walls and buffer's as well as fencing. So if you are interested in the progress and development of the complex, and feel you can contribute in some way, please contact any of the members of the Ringwood Park Development Committee. Grant Liddell, Bryn Baverstock, Mal Roach, Rick Vincent, Mike Cole or myself.

Remember the majority of the club voted for this type of development, now we have to do it.

The good news is whatever work is done at Ringwood Park, it does not have to be pulled down!

See you,
Doug Rae



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POINTSORE REPORT

The pointscore is current to October 27, 2008

Don't forget, if you have any questions regarding the pointscore, give me a call. **Mal**



OUTRIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	POINTS	POSITION
BILL PEARSON	143	1
NIGEL DOBBIE	115	2
ANDREW PETERS	100	3
MIKE COLE	84	4
DAVID WALKER	72	5
GARRY CHRISTOPHERSON	69	6
RICK VINCENT	68	7
JOHN COLLINS	61	8
KEVIN EDWARDS	60	9
TOM CLEMENS	59	10

MEMBERS CHAMPIONSHIP	POINTS	POSITION
ANDREW PETERS	148	1
JOHN COLLINS	129	2
GREG HUNTER	114	3
DOUG RAE	112	4
DAVID WALKER	98	5
MIKE COLE	94	6
ROSE COGGER	90	7
KEN SHORT	85	8
JUDITH RAE	84	9
MALCOLM ROACH	72	10

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP	POINTS	POSITION
CHRISTINE CAMPBELL	35	1
FRAN HODGSON	33	2
ANTOINETTE REDHEAD	33	2
MARTA REDHEAD	32	4
SUSAN THOMAS	20	5
AMY BRIGHT	13	6
JENNI WARNER	13	6
MADOLON CORBETT	12	8
MELINDA SAXBY	12	8
SHAYNE WHITEFORD	11	10
MAREA SEMKEN	11	10

MEMBERS CHAMPIONSHIP	POINTS	POSITION
RYAN McSHANE	115	1
DYLAN GRANT	66	2
BENJAMIN HALL	52	3
BRETT McSHANE	45	4
KEITH HAMMOND	33	5
LEWIS PENFOLD	33	5
NATHAN GRANT	29	7
LUKE BROMLEY	26	8
SHAUN GRANT	24	9
PAUL FRASER	11	10
ASHLEY ROACH	11	10

MGCCN RETAINS MOTORGAMES SHIELD

After a close tussle over three events and two separate weekends (thanks to wet weather), Michael Snow has won first outright for our club. Good on you Michael!

Winning this inter-club series for the second year in a row following over twenty years of domination by the Westlakes Automobile Club is a huge victory. It's testimony to the number of competitive dirt drivers MG currently has competing within it's membership.

Reckon we can get the trifecta in 2009?

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- A scrutineering (safety check) will be carried out on all training vehicles 30 min before the advertised start. Please make sure your vehicle is in a road worthy and safe condition.
- Your car can be a road registered or

unregistered vehicle, single seat competition vehicles are not allowed.

- Safety apparel required is neck to ankle cotton-based clothing with long sleeves. A helmet and flat thin sole shoes are preferred.
- Drivers of open top sports cars must wear gloves and goggles or a helmet with visor.
- Cars should also be equipped with a fire extinguisher, bonnet strap and seat belts in good condition.
- Entry for junior members of the MG Car Club Newcastle is Free.
- Entry for junior members of other car clubs is \$11 dollars. Why not join the MG Car Club Newcastle and gain the free entry.
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REGISTER NEWS

The **Interclub Presentation Run** on Sunday 26th October, started at the M.G.C.C. Hunter Region clubrooms at

Lambton at 10am with 8 M.G.'s and route instruction handed out by Steve Jones.

The tulip style instructions, with no questions to be answered and a highlighted map, made for an easy and relaxing drive. Heading north on back roads, nearly to Morpeth, over towards Nelsons Plains and almost to Ringwood, gave a great chance to see how beautiful and green the countryside is at present, with the 100km drive finishing at the river at Raymond Terrace.

The presentation was a non event this year due to the low number of competitions contested, but gave us all impetus to run the full interclub challenge again next year. Well done to Steve and Bev Jones for a fun morning.

The next event for the M.G. Register point

score is the **Touring Assembly on Sunday 9th November**, and the last for the year in our **Club's Annual Concours on Sunday 23rd November** to be held on the grass at the Newcastle Foreshore with entry via Bond Street, which runs by Paymasters Restaurant (see details on page 23).

Kevin Kirk from M.G.C.C. Canberra had the sad job of notifying all our clubs of the death of **Don Brown**, husband of Canberra Club President Margaret Brown. Don and Margaret Brown have been active members of the Canberra Club for over 30 years and well known to all M.G. members who have attended any National Meeting in that time. Don's health had been deteriorating over the past couple of years. I'm sure you will all join me in sending our condolences to Margaret.

Please don't forget to mark in your calendar our **Presentation night** to be held on Friday 12th December.

'B' seeing you,

David Walker



CONGRATULATIONS

to Peter and Divinia Wilson who were married
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