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DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
8 SUN	DIRT MOTORKHANA (NAMS) - Awaba WAC		M,C, N I/C
9 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.00 pm	M
11 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
13 FRI	CLUB NIGHT - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
14 SAT	MGCC(N) SUPERSPRINT - CSCA - Oran Park G.P. Circuit	7.00 am	M
14 SAT	REGISTER RUN - Hawkes Nest Motorfest		M,R
18 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
21 SAT	JUNIOR TRAINING DAY - Ringwood Park	11.00 am	
21 SAT	NATTER NIGHT, Doug and Judith Rae - 20 Barraba Street Whitebridge	6.30 pm	
21 SAT	WORKING BEE - Ringwood Park (Contact Doug Rae)		
22 SUN	HILLCLIMB (NAMS) - Ringwood Park	8.00 am	M,C N I/C
23 MON	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR - For April Magazine		
28 SAT	MG CHALLENGE HUNTER REGION MOTORKHANA Marque Sportscars only (proposed Nat Meet practise)		

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

You can also view the event calendar at:
www.mgcarclub.com.au

APRIL 2009 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
3 FRI	CLUB NIGHT – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
4 SAT	RALLYSPRINT (NAMS/STATE) - Awaba WAC		
6 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.00 pm	M
8 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
11 SAT	MG NATMEET - Geelong VIC		M, C
12 SUN	MG NATMEET - Geelong VIC		M, C
13 MON	MG NATMEET - Geelong VIC		M, C
15 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
26 SUN	KHANACROSS (NAMS) - Ringwood Park	8.00 am	M,C N I/C
20 MON	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For May Magazine		

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 MAR/APR 2009

DAY	DATE	EVENT
SAT	7 MAR	NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - BATHURST NSW
SUN	8 MAR	NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - BATHURST NSW
SAT	14 MAR	CSCA SUPERSPRINT RD 2- ORAN PARK G.P. CIRCUIT - MGCCN HOST CLUB
SUN	29 MAR	BULLADELAH HILLCLIMB (WAC)
SUN	12 APR	DIRT MOTORKHANA (WAC) - AWABA NSW
SUN	19 APR	NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - KEMPSEY NSW

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

Well I must say its been a busy time since my last report

Rose and I were married at home on the 31st January with family in attendance (someone remind me next year) and then had a "Celebration Fund Raiser" at the Highfields Azzuri Club. I thank the club members who came along. We had a great time and with their support and that of our families and friends we managed to raise \$5560 for the Hunter Orthopedic School at Waratah. They were delighted and immediately ordered a "Smart Board" and a "Data Projector". We presented Allyson, the school principal, the cheque at a lunchtime school assembly and it was a moving experience; once again thanks.

Kirrilee and Brad Smith (Clubtorque editor) won the weekend stay at the Kooindah Waters Resort, Wyong. Greg Hunter won the autographed framed print of Tony Gaze, winning the 1953 Belgium Grand Prix (the first Australian to win such and event). Bernadette Ford was successful in the auction for a Tune and Service at my workshop and several members won some fine wine.

After the rearrangement of committee positions at the last AGM election, we are seeking a member to co-ordinate the purchase of Club Regalia. We have found an embroidery shop that will

make items to order, please give me a call.

I have just come home from our annual Ladies Day Hillclimb at Ringwood Park. This day, for the ladies and juniors, is an opportunity for competitors to prepare their cars for their ladies and juniors, without full competition pressure. Amy Marcela was giving the Elfin VW a bit of a work out, how about 29.6 seconds. There was a lot of concern and pressure on a few men's faces, a fine effort.

The Ringwood Park Development is now such a task, it requires more than a discussion at the committee meeting to put it all together. Members doing work in planning, finance, costing etc. are going to meet at a dedicated committed panel meeting to help resolve these matters and to give instructions to our planner from GLD Pty Ltd .

Some members have indicated that you don't have internet access to download the club calendar. Let our event co-ordinator, John Finch, know and he will post you a copy.

Remember
Support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins

WANTED - Volunteer Officials

To assist at MG Car Club Newcastle Events

We urgently need people to assist the club in the running of events throughout 2009.

Positions Available: Secretary or Assistant Secretary, Clerk of Course, Assistant Clerk of Course, Starter, Time Keeper, Flag Marshall

Events and Dates:

22 March	Ringwood	Hillclimb
31 May	Ringwood	Hillclimb
28 June	Ringwood	Hillclimb
12 July	Ringwood	Hillclimb
1&2 August	Ringwood	Hillclimb
6 September	Ringwood	Hillclimb
5 October	King Edward Park	Hillclimb
22 November	Ringwood	Hillclimb

Please Contact Gregor Dickinson if you can assist at any of these events.



MGCC Club Rooms Sub-Committee to be Formed - Open invitation to all members.

The Club rooms at Cobby Street are one of the Club's major assets and have been upgraded with a number of projects being completed since we moved in. There has been a very small group of people who have maintained this facility for us over the past few years. Hopefully they will continue their involvement.

However with the building we have, there is an ongoing need for maintenance, and also several opportunities for improvements that just need some focus.

I have offered to try to form a Club Rooms Sub-Committee (or Panel) and hope that there are a few members with some time to become involved.

The Club Committee agreed at their meeting on Feb 18, that this would be helpful and have agreed that I call a meeting to gauge what level of interest there is in assisting to maintain this facility.

I have selected Monday 16th March for a kick off meeting. Commencing at 8.00pm at the Club Rooms, Cobby Street. (naturally).

Should you be interested, and wish to contact me before hand on 49566200 or by email datkins49@optusnet.com.au. OR simply turn up at the meeting as everyone is welcome.

Dave Atkins



SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am looking forward to another year of exciting club motorsport.....

I was given tickets to Top Gear Live Show at Christmas and although it was very hot day in Sydney I enjoyed looking at the displays and thought it was a great show and when they tour with another show I would love to go again.

I read an interesting article on defining what makes a car "a classic car".....

Have a think on the following which has baffled classic car pundits and prompted endless debates? Can you define what makes a car worthy of the description 'Classic Car' If you think, "Oh that's easy, I know a classic is... er... just consider these questions. Is a car that's totally restored as "classic" as a totally original car? If an old car is improved with modern suspension, better brakes etc, is it still a classic? (I am thinking here of the improved Aston Martin DB5s shown on Top Gear with modern mechanics - are those cars still classics?) If a 1960's Ford Cortina in impeccable condition is obviously a classic, could the same be said about a battered Ford Cortina in the scrap yard waiting to be crushed? Does a car's make and model or its condition, or its value or its desirability make it a classic car? Is an expensive Porsche a classic or does it become one when it is older? If you set a time limit of what defines a classic, does that description apply across all makes and models? Challenging enough? If you can define what makes a classic car a Classic

please send me an e mail and I will publish the most interesting comments in our next magazine.

(The Classic Car Club of America defines a classic car as a "fine" or "distinctive" automobile, either American or foreign built, produced between 1925 and 1948. Generally, a Classic was high-priced when new and was built in limited quantities. Other factors, including engine displacement, custom coachwork and luxury accessories, such as power brakes, power clutch, and "one-shot" or automatic lubrication systems, help determine whether a car is considered to be a Classic. - Ed)

Auto-heritage.co.uk has added a fine range of giant MG showroom posters to its wide selection of motoring history products that include books, DVDs, prints, pictures, models, signs, postcards and greeting cards. The posters have been printed onto heavyweight, acid-free art paper and have been reproduced from original showroom posters. Most measure 840mm x 595mm, and can be bought either plain, or ready to hang. Many post-war classics are catered for, but the MGs to choose from currently include T-Series TF, ZA Magnette, MGB (chrome), MGB (rubber bumper), Midget Mk111, Midget 1500 and MG TF. To see the full range or to order online, go to www.auto-heritage.co.uk

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Enjoy your motoring
Andy Peters

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EVENT CO-ORDINATION

Hi Members
During the past month several activities have taken place to start the calendar year. One such event was

the presentation night for the CSCA supersprint series for 2008. This event was held at Sports House in the Sydney Olympic Stadium complex. At this presentation our club was well represented in both the numbers participating along with trophies being collected.

Club members that were awarded trophies on the night were:

Kevin Edwards

for winning the NM3B Class and Series along with several round wins at Oran Park and Wakefield Park.

Ewan Jones

NM3B for round wins at Eastern Creek and Oran Park.

Anthony Movigliatti

for winning the Class and Super sprint series in NM3A.

Laurie Movigliatti

for runner up in NM3A.

Mal Roach

for running 3rd in the NM3A class.

Bill Pearson

for winning his class at Oran Park.

Mike Cole

for a round win at Wakefield Park.

Congratulations to these guys for achieving success in what has been a very

competitive year

The 2009 CSCA supersprint series kicked off at Oran Park on Saturday the 14th February on a very wet and ordinary day. The normal crew from Newcastle had travelled down to compete, and were determined to have fun and learn from the experience.

Track conditions were classed as wet during the drivers briefing and deteriorated as the day progressed. I can't speak for all but there were few drivers that had not spun, or drifted wide on corners throughout the day. An excellent learning experience for one and all.

As the day progressed most sane people packed up and headed for home, but the Newcastle crew (Brad and Mal included) could not get enough track time. They continued until they either beached themselves in gravel traps or ran out of fuel. Excellent value for money was had by all.

Round 2 of this popular series is being held on the 14 March 09 and is being hosted by MGCC Newcastle. If you are interested in being an official on this day please give Mal Roach or myself a call.

In closing the dirt Motorkhana scheduled for Sunday 15 February was postponed due the heavy rain during this weekend.

The date for the re-scheduled event will be announced via the club magazine and placed onto the MG website.

John Finch

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RALLY REPORT



One of the other hats I am wearing this year is that of Newcastle Area Motorsport (NAMS), scorer and

also one of our club's NAMS delegates. The last 2008 NAMS meeting discussed the issue of cars being entering into the incorrect class because of the high numbers of local cars running in the wrong class and the indifference of many event officials to enforce the rules.

The CAMS manual says it is every competitor's responsibility to make sure they enter themselves into the appropriate class. Please note that! This means it is YOUR job to read the NAMS rules (www.wac.org.au select "downloads") and know where your car belongs before you come to an event. Not knowing is not a valid excuse for experienced competitors. Should the rules confuse you, then seek my advice. Remember, if you enter the wrong class and then get shifted later in the year to another one you end up with points in two classes and virtually no chance of a series win in either class.

The CAMS manual also lists class compliance checking as the very first duty of every scrutineer. So it is also every local scrutineer's job to know the NAMS rules as part of their duties – and to enforce them. Scrutineers please take note - your job is NOT to only do safety checks!

As a result of the NAMS committee discussions both WAC and MGCCN clubs agreed to give close attention to class compliance right from the start of this year. At our first Ringwood hill climb and the first

Awaba khanacross around a quarter of entrants at both events were found to have entered the wrong class. Funny how they nearly always tend to have put themselves in a lower class than where they really belong. The most common point of ignorance is the consequences of removing the back seat and other interior lightening.

Both clubs also agreed that scrutineers can and will check any car in detail for compliance at any time during the event, not just at scrutineering, and that cars will be randomly selected for thorough checking after racing gets underway. It is also your right as a competitor to bring any car that you think is in the wrong class to the attention of scrutineers, and remember others can do the same about you.

Our NAMS class rules are different to CAMS ones in many ways, and in my view that equals "better". They create a framework that fairly divides grass roots car clubbers against one another for fair competition. If you are competing in an event like the NAMS series, read the rules. Know the rules. Understand where your car belongs and why. Always check the NAMS rules before modifying your car so you can know if you can stay where you've been running, or if you'll need to move to another class.

Ok – so you've got a registered grey import vehicle with some engine modifications and aren't sure where it belongs? Then again maybe you want to know if you can build a 4WD space frame special? Let's talk.

Bill Pearson



MG Car Club Newcastle

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I don't know about you, but it feels like March has just snuck up on me out of nowhere ! Between Top Gear, CSCA

Supersprint, other social commitments and of course the biggest social inhibitor a lot of us face, work, I feel like I suffer from my own Global Financial Crisis in that I am time poor. If any members have any one-owner, low mileage time machines camouflaged in the back of there garage - maybe you need to submit a classified ad to the editor - don't forget to include the full service history and the Dyno graph.

During the past month I have been able to refine the Clubtorque layout hopefully making it a little more readable. Included this month is a busy centre spread highlighting some club related events that have occurred recently. Submissions from any member are always welcome but please be mindful of the submission cutoff dates. I have tried to encourage some members to submit progressive articles sharing the trials and tribulations associated with building/rebuilding a race

car. Just like an edition of Clubtorque - its all in the preparation. John Collin's has a guide to preparation he calls the "6 P's" - if you are lucky he may impart this knowledge onto you one day.

Speaking of preparation, John Finch recently encountered a challenging situation after some suspension bolts worked loose after his race prep - luckily it was picked up during a safety check in scrutineering so all was well. Safety is paramount in motorsport and should never be compromised - hence the need for minimal requirements for competitors and vehicles. I was at Winton Raceway recently and witnessed an offset head on collision between two Porsche's at about 100km/h. Luckily both drivers only had minor injuries due to good safety practices and standards in vehicle structure. The pictures below illustrate how much the vehicles distorted yet stayed intact so to speak - can you find the brake, clutch and throttle pedals in the cockpit shot ?

Race safe and I will see you next month.

Brad Smith



**Deadline for APRIL Magazine submissions is NO LATER THAN
MONDAY 23 MARCH 2008**

(Please email pics separate to article rather than embedded into the article - this allows the pic to be printed well)

YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE – March 21

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Pupils under 18 years of age will require a parent or guardian to sign the entry form to give permission.

- 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.
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Other dates for 2009

SAT 21st May, SAT 27th June and SAT 21st Nov

Starting time will be 11.00 am.

For further information phone Greg Hunter 0412 493 711

SPEED EVENTS



I suppose you could say I have had a “sideways promotion” – from Event Co-ordinator to Speed Event Co-ordinator in this year’s Committee,

having handed over the Calendar Reins to John Finch and accepting John Cooper’s role as Event Co-ordinator.

Speaking of events, I attended the Ladies Day Hillclimb at Ringwood on Sunday 22nd February (as Pit crew!) and in between looking after TWO drivers, managed to watch a couple of other ladies. MEN look out!!

Some of our members would remember Grant Cook’s daughters, Amy and Tracy, both now Mums with toddlers. Both girls use to race go-karts when younger, with quite some success, but then life moved on. Dad however was keen to get them back and bought the old Elfin-VW. This car started life as a Formula Vee and was converted to a rotary back in the early eighties and hillclimbed by Richard and Denise Hatherley. The car then passed to our Club member, Ron Hammond who improved and modified it, also having some top results in the State Championship.

After languishing in a sorry state in Tamworth for some time, Grant bought it a couple of years ago and set about restoring its performance with suspension, new tyres and now a reasonably serious 2 litre VW Ben Durie motor.

Amy helped develop it last year to come 3rd outright in our Tri-challenge Series, getting quicker with each event.

At yesterday’s Practice Day, both girls (ladies) were in fine form with Amy throwing the car around with great skill and commitment to record a best time of 29.67! To put this time into perspective, it is not only the fastest time the car has ever recorded at Ringwood, but would make Amy around the 5th fastest Club member to

have driven there.

Tracy, meanwhile, who had not raced for six years, came up to speed after a couple of laps recording a low (31.2). To round out the “femme fatales” open-wheeler drivers, was Elizabeth Robinson, back at Ringwood after two years away, also quickly getting back into the groove with a huge smile on her face and a 32.19.

Also having fun was regular racers, Marea Semken and Fran Hodgson in their respective MGFs, Shirley Peters (MGB), Noelene Robinson (PRS) and a couple of other ladies that time didn’t allow me to observe.

Marea can’t wait for some new tyres to replace the hard as nails ones she has and Fran enlisted Mal Roach’s coaching expertise to try and gain some more speed. Noelene, in her second ever drive of a racing car, proceeded majestically around the track and said she “enjoyed the experience”.

Getting back to more mundane topics; this year’s Tri-challenge, as mentioned in last month’s issue, will start with two events at Tamworth on 2nd & 3rd May. The Saturday event will be a (horizontal) hillclimb which will consist of almost a complete lap of Oakburn Park. Sunday will be the normal supersprint on the whole track.

The idea of this arrangement is to share some of the income from the series with the two smaller clubs at Tamworth and Kempsey, so the series will rotate with a different club having two events each year. The final will still be held at King Edward Park each year.

Don’t forget that the Tar Speed Series Round 2 is on 22nd March at Ringwood and I’m sure that there will be a couple of ladies with their eyes on an outright win.

Peter Robinson

LADIES AND JUNIOR HILLCLIMB



(Pic - Gregor Dickinson)



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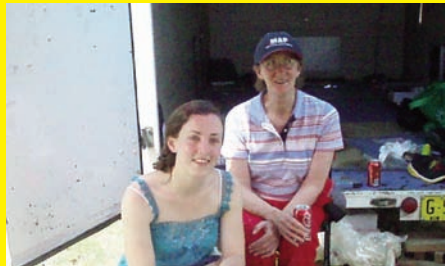
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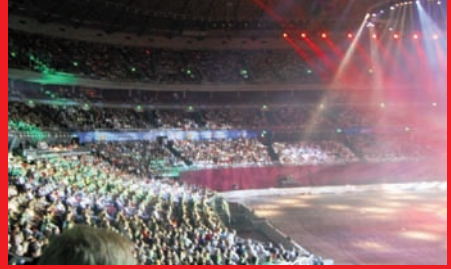
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NATTER NIGHT



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CSCA AWARDS NIGHT



(Pic - John Finch)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



January 2009

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Mark Friend	Assoc	Stephen Chapman	Assoc
Matthew Sneddon	Jnr		

February 2009

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John Roach	Assoc	Rebecca Boland	Assoc
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SOCIAL NEWS



Good to see new members and visitors at last months Club Night. There was plenty of discussion

about changes to members cars and events for the coming year with plenty of events happening in 2009.

John Finch went home a very "happy chappie" with \$600 dollars in his pocket from the "lucky number" draw.....

Next Club night is Friday 13th March, 2009, 7.30 start at Cobby Road Birmingham Gardens Club rooms. Lucky Number draw will start at \$100

Reminder: April club night will be held on Friday 3rd April one week early due to MG Nat Meet

A thank you to Madelon and Bernard Corbett for their hospitality on a very wet and cold Natter Night. Due to inclement whether we all gathered in the garage, this is not just an ordinary 1 or 2 car garage but you could park 5 cars, in a row behind each other and select any car and drive out without having to move the rest and still have space left to use for a workshop. Steve Tapner and Bernard had their Rally cars on display as well as Bernard's BMW M coupe. There was also a gallery of touring sedan cars and photo gallery.

The garage was larger than John Collins workshop an amazing place and we kept

warm and cozy during the evening, very enjoyable for all who attended.

SPA DIP NATTER NIGHT Saturday 21st March 2009

The next Natter Night will be held at Judith and Doug Rae's home at 20 Barraba Street Whitebridge commencing at 6.30 pm: Phone contact, if you need directions, 49447356

Bring your usual barbeque and desert delights plus light refreshments. Final arrangements for the MG National Event to be held at Geelong will be discussed during the evening.

For those members who would like a "SPA DIP" in Judith and Doug's newly installed Spa bring your "Cozzies". Should be an interesting night.

If you would like to hold a "Natter Night" at your home please let me know, you only need to provide your own food and refreshments as members provide their own food and drinks for the night.

Enjoyed the day at "Top Gear" held at the Acer Arena, Sydney. Overall it was a very spectacular event and well worth seeing. On their program a few weeks ago they weren't very kind to MG regalia but a few laughs.

Rose Cogger

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FROM THE PUBLICITY DESK

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Also try and support all companies that advertise within your magazine and

mention the clubs name during purchases as some companies allow a club discount such as Peter Robinson from M.A.P. it all helps.

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MOTORKHANA REPORT

Well once again rain stopped play at Ringwood! I couldn't believe how much rain fell on the

Saturday & Sunday, too much to try & run a motorkhana that's for sure.

Will have to try & work out a date to slot in another one A.S.A.P.

No replies or suggestions as to the trophy question so I guess I will just

work something out myself.

Have a few feelers out regarding a tar venue but don't get too excited hopefully something will come good.

That's about all the news I have at the moment but don't forget the WAC motorkhana on the 8th March at Awaba.

Bryn Baverstock

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REGISTER NEWS

Our Register Run on 8th February was to Mt. Sugarloaf for BYO and cook your own breakfast. Just 4 MGs

and the Ford Territory of Ross, Helen and Nicole Allen left the club rooms at 8.00am an excellent morning for a run with the roof off. With a small deviation (read wrong way) we finally arrived at the picnic grounds and found another 7 MGs and a non marquee and everyone else already cooking, with the smell of bacon, eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes and such wafting in the slight breeze. Lesley had tablecloths out to make the tables more inviting and Les Harris had cleaned the BBQs and seats. It wasn't long before the kookaburras gathered and at one stage there were 5 very hungry beaks closing in on anyone who would sneak them a snack. Great way to clean up the excess food. With the forecast of a 38C temperature, most started packing up around 10.30 – 11am to seek air-conditioned comfort.

The March Register Run on 14th March is to Hawksnest for the Annual Motorfest. This date also clashes with our Oran Park Supersprint – Note this day is a Saturday.

There will be no local Register Run in April as the MG National Meeting is being held in Geelong, Victoria. Fran is doing a great job organizing our participation so I'll leave the details to her.

I have to comment on the Natter Night at Bernard and Madeline Corbett's home. Normally garage inspection is an option but an excellent sized garage was used for the Natter night and a house inspection was

optional. We were made very welcome and it was an excellent evening.

For our Christmas in July this year Lesley has booked rooms at 'Retreat at Wisemans' across the road from the Wisemans Inn at Wisemans Ferry. Resting on nearly 50 acres of grounds, it is nestled on the banks of the majestic Hawkesbury River, with a 9 hole golf course, a 25 m saltwater pool, tennis courts, exercise room and massage and beauty salon. As always it will be a great weekend at approximately \$260 per double for dinner, bed and breakfast on Saturday 25th July. Please email or contact me if interested.

Coming soon, - Triple Z musings. Owning and maintaining a MGZ Series Car, MGZR, MGZS, and MGZT. We now have several in the club and have found some surprises.

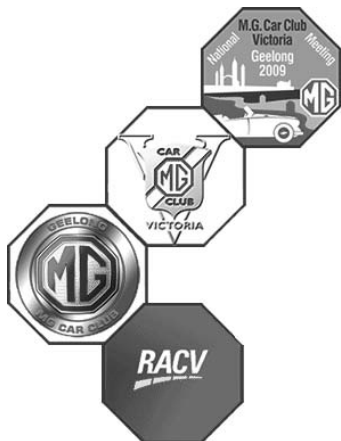
"B" seeing you,

David Walker

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Nat Meet 2009

Geelong 10th – 14th April 2009

I couldn't quite work out whether the next magazine was going to arrive before we head off to Geelong, so I'll take this opportunity to wish all those in Team Newcastle a safe trip down, great racing and fun times and then a safe trip back home.

Early bird entries closed mid last month. Entries are still open for a few more days and then the door will be closed. Hop onto the Nat Meet website which you can access by a link to the Victorian site from our website. Don't forget to pre order your regalia. They

are not promising that there will be the full range available to buy on spec once you're there.

I would like to get a couple of reminders in. I received an email about the Bus to the Factory Outlets. This is leaving from the Concours grounds and is a convenient and cheap way (at \$20 return) to get to some interesting and diversion to shops if the thought of hours of staring at MGs isn't filling your every waking moment! Email through to Wayne and Jenny Hunter at waynehunter6@bigpond.com

Also please let me know if you can help out with Concours judging. This is a great way to get experience. The organisers will team you up with 1 – 2 other judges from other Clubs. I have always learned a lot about the model of car when I have been judging. It doesn't need to last all day – just keep the others moving along and there is still time to take in all the classes. Funnily enough I really only have eyes for the more modern MGs these days! (apart from Midgets of course). We will need to have lots of our members help out with judging in 2011 so start practicing now. Please let me know by the end of March. The Concours Organiser is Denise Fracchia e-mail denmark7@bigpond.com or telephone on 0409 132605.

We seem to have come to agreement about theme night concepts and I have emailed details to everyone going. If you haven't had an email from me please contact me straight away,



I may be using some old contact details. We have tried to go for something coordinated without too much trouble to pack and not requiring too much specialty sewing. Details of the working bee for the masks are included in the email. If you can't make the working bee, especially if you live a little further out of town, I'll be in touch about the arrangements.

Most of our contingent seems to be leaving a few days before the start of Easter. Registration starts on the Friday morning so try not to be too far away the night before if you're not going to make it all the way there by Thursday night. As I have booked the cabins for the Thursday inclusive you must let me know if you are not going to use the cabin on that night. There has been lots of interest from our members to staying the extra day and giving Rob Roy Hillclimb a go. I am hoping that means there will be people volunteering to go to the Delegates meeting on the Tuesday morning. I plan to be off to Melbourne for a few days of shopping – just the girls!

We will be well represented in the MGF class. I really think this class is one of the fastest growing classes at national meetings.

Good luck to all our members whether competing or supporting in a social capacity

In MGFs: Lyall & Jan Clarke, John & Rose Collins, Rick Vincent, Darren Hodgson, Marea & Graeme Semken, Darval & Sue Thomas

In MGBs: David & Lesley Walker, Andrew & Michael Fraser, Bryn & Helen Baverstock, Mike Cole & Shayne; Andy & Shirley Peters

In MGZS: James & Courtney Pearson, Fran Hodgson

In Midgets: Dale Powell, Kerry Woollard, Doug & Judith Rae

In MGAs: Bruce, John & Paul Fraser; Phil & Marta Redhead

With so many cars I'm not sure what he's taking yet class: Jeff Newey

Judith & Doug Rae are hosting a Natter Night this month on Sat 21st March. This should be a great opportunity to firm up travel plans and make sure we have a list of updated mobile phone numbers and last minute costume adjustments! See magazine for more details.

There is also a motorkhana being hosted by the Hunter Region MGCC on Sat 28th that should be a must for practicing those lesser known Nat Meet events. Hope as many Nat Meet attendees as possible can come along and practice.

If you have any questions about National Meetings, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Fran Hodgson

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LAND PANEL REPORT



Quite a lot to report over the last month, starting with preparation for the hillclimb on 25th

January, the first event on the calendar for 2009. The rain damage to the pit area and access road was rectified and competitors were blissfully unaware of the work that was done to make the day enjoyable.

The next event was a Motorkhana as part of a Touring event conducted by AHRG (Aust. Historic Rally Group). The areas were graded and prepared and a token charge was made to cover the cost of fuel.

We have been working towards the next 2 events. The first being a dirt Motorkhana on 15th February, the area was re-graded and rocks that had been brought to the surface collected and transported to the sections of the gutter on the access road which had been washed away. The area was then rolled producing a hard surface for the impending Motorkhana. Then it rained and rained with the result that the event was called off. The pitfalls of dirt events.

Hopefully the second event will take place as it is the Ladies/Junior TAR hillclimb, we seem to have more luck on a tar surface. As well the tractor has cleared about ½ hectare of regrowth between 2 areas and in the future these 2 areas could be joined to give us approx. 100 metres deep by 200 metres long, making a very useable space.

The area in front of the Canteen is being built up ready for grassing, and the Area behind the Office/Canteen has been levelled and backfilled with road base in preparation of the erection of an awning at the suggestion by the Ladies Auxiliary. This will shelter competitors whilst waiting to be processed for events.

The engine has been fitted to the generator, it just needs wiring for key start and the generating capacity to be checked. The 3 different locks on our containers have been replaced by keyed alike locks, so these will be only one key to open all.

2009 looks to be an interesting and exciting year for the Club, so get involved as there is plenty to be done.

See you...

Doug Rae

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media release

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The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) is pledging its support to those affected by the Victorian bushfire tragedy by setting up the CAMS Bushfire Support Appeal.

The appeal will assist the many CAMS members who have been impacted by the devastating fires that have claimed the lives, homes and security of many Victorians.

The appeal has been kick-started with a \$25,000 pledge by the Victorian Rally Panel, whose members and areas used for rallying within Victoria are among the worst affected.

CAMS CEO Graham Fountain encourages everyone involved in motor sport and the broader CAMS family to contribute to the Appeal.

"While this is a tough time for everyone financially, I urge anyone who is in a position to donate to do so in this enormous time of need.

"Everyone at CAMS extends their heartfelt thoughts and sympathy to our members and to all Victorians for what is such a horrific situation.

"Already we are receiving information from our members of the impact this event has had on them and how they now need to turn to rebuilding their lives.

"Our appreciation is also extended to the CFA volunteers and other emergency and relief workers, many of whom are CAMS members, for their tireless efforts during these times of adversity."

Victorian Rally Panel Chairman and Rally Commission member Darryn Snooks said, "This natural disaster of unprecedented proportions has a direct impact on our sport and members.

"It is incumbent on us all to provide support as much as we can, so dig deep and let's show that motor sport, and CAMS, is there to support our people in times of need."

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