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boost'ED'

Our Club is currently engaging in one of the most significant ventures within the past 10 years – I am sure you have read the exciting news associated with the new motorsport complex being conceptualised adjacent to our hillclimb track at Ringwood Park. A positive outcome on this development will undoubtedly benefit our club's members as well as the health and sustainability of our club and motorsport for many years to come. Reading about this activity invokes me to thinking "Where do you see the MG Car Club Newcastle in 5 years? How about 10 years?"

With all due respect to our club members, it is clear we are not a "young" club in terms of member ages, however, we benefit from this statistic as more of our senior members are able to volunteer numerous hours to organise and manage the events we love to attend and compete at. As you will read in the President's Report, member's circumstances change and as such essential people that we have depended on for many years are unable to assist at club activities. Through no fault of anyone's this essential dependency on members' knowledge and ability can complicate and even jeopardise the success of any event within the club – or even the operation of the club in general. Your elected committee has a responsibility to its members to ensure our club survives well into the future, can continue to deliver high quality varying events to its current members as well as appealing to new members looking to join a club.

I have made some points above that may frighten some people, but please this should not be the case. What I am alluding to is that clubs and events need three key ingredients to succeed; members to attend events and activities, finances to fund events and activities and the most important – club members to organise and run the events and activities as well regular operational tasks within the club. Our club has plenty of members, significant finances but is always challenged when it comes to organisers or committee members. I cannot determine why this is the case, but can only speculate that members are worried about taking on specific roles within the club and committee; worried that they may take on more than that can handle, worried they may not have the complete skill set for the role, worried that they may not have the time to help or simply worried that they may not get the help they need in their role. I am speaking from experience because this is how I felt after accepting the Editor role – unopposed. I quickly learnt that the editor's role requires specialised commercial computer software, specialised skills to deliver a quality publication and a significant chunk of time each month to get it to the printers on time. Whilst Clubtorque is enjoyed by many each month, there is also significant negative feedback indicating that the publication is not even read, or that they information is out of date and no longer significant as it is submitted well in advance to the time our members receive the publication.

For six months, I have continued delivering the magazine in a way similar to how the previous editors have created each edition. I have also written articles and introduced new sections but have not been able to reduce the amount of time it takes to create the publication for the printer or reduce the delay time between when the information is submitted to me and in turn published to the members. Many fellow committee members have offered to help, but the specialised nature of the publishing software means I have to turn assistance away.

At the June committee meeting I proposed a change to the way we deliver publications and relevant information to our members. Essentially, this detailed proposal illustrated a transition towards a combination of electronic and paper communications with our members.

So what about the mechanisms behind this change and what will be affected.....?

Website - Our website is already morphing into a more useful tool - Michael Gigli has improved and standardised the website and no doubt more improvement is to follow - change is just part of a website lifecycle and best of all it is easy to change. Unlike printed media, electronic websites can be updated almost instantly and members notified of this update easily.

Advertisers - We can still incorporate our advertisers into a monthly newsletter that will go out to members and/or they can advertise on our website for more exposure - they will not miss out as we need them to help us.

Clubtorque - Clubtorque can remain in its current format with reports from committee members - but these will be more informative and can encompass ideas for future plans in each panel - more of what's coming rather than what has happened. The magazine can be more interest articles than panel reports and as it is only 4 times a year, special interest pieces can be written and submitted over time rather than trying to rush them each month. We can also save significant finances by reducing our printing and posting costs – not to mention impact on our environment

for generations to come.

Smalltorque (Monthly Newsletter) - This monthly newsletter will contain all essential information for our members - coming events, changes to regulations, result updates, panel meeting updates etc - its content will be in a simplistic layout and predominantly text based without the "flashiness" of the current printed monthly magazine. We currently used specialised software to create Clubtorque - the monthly newsletter will be based on software available and useable by more people like Microsoft Word - as a result anyone able to use MS Word will be able to create the monthly newsletter.

Clubtorque copies for other clubs and advertisers - They will still receive a printed copy from our club (Clubtorque will also continue to be available in PDF format on the web as it is now) - just 4 per year and Smalltorque can be printed in small quantities if we desire to send a hard copy each month. More and more businesses, clubs and organisations are embracing electronic communications so emailing or downloading will not be an issue.

Ongoing picture and article contributions from members and committee - We can put more pictures more quickly on our webpage than the select few that currently make it into our magazine - so this won't be a problem. Similarly with articles - based on content they may need to go in the monthly newsletter, alternatively they can get be submitted for the printed quarterly edition. Just remember from a cost perspective we already pay a monthly fee for our website, so potentially there is no additional cost - and we can change it as often as we like for NO COST - similarly with email - frequent and cost effective.

Members without internet access - Remember we are a club and we can help fellow club members out by downloading newsletters - or we can simply print them for a very select few - but remember our club runs such a variety of events to cater for all needs that we see fellow club members frequently, and news does travel very fast by this old verbal communication method. There will also be at least one computer and printer available at the Clubrooms for members to use - most information found on the club Website will be available electronically at the clubrooms.

Membership points for Magazine assembly participants - We will still need to have quarterly magazine assemblies so there will still be points available. Where magazine assemblies cease - no member will be at an advantage over another member for Championship points as no one will be able to get membership points for a magazine assembly that does not occur.

Website/Smalltorque (Monthly newsletter)/Clubtorque coordination - naturally there needs to be strong communication between (similar to what currently exists) between the Editor and Webmaster to ensure that articles are updated and published accordingly - and of course are deemed to be suitable and in the best interest of the club and constitution. It is likely that a Communications Panel would form and would have an editor, webmaster and publicity officer as minimum constituents to ensure that communication is consistent and effective and reviewed accordingly.

National Meeting Competitions - It seems that in future National Meetings, there will be a Judging of clubs' web site as well as magazines. We will be in the forefront of such a competition.

These modified communication methods mean we can deliver the most up to date information to our members and they have a choice whether to read it or not - or only browse specific favourite sections - and it is accessible from anywhere with a computer. It may appear to be a radical change; however, we are not pioneering a new concept either. There are already many groups and organisations adopting a similar communication like CAMS, The Australian Tax Office, all the major telecommunications companies just to mention a few that may affect you.

Let's embrace this change and not be one of the last clubs to better serve their members. This evolution will need tweaking as we move forward, so please feel free to offer comments of improvements to your committee or direct to me. Our first monthly newsletter Smalltorque will be in August, our first quarterly Clubtorque will be the Spring edition in September.

Brad Smith

Deadline for AUGUST Newsletter submissions is MONDAY nd July 2009

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

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CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY 10 JULY 2009 - 7.30PM

JULY 2009 EVENTS DIARY

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | POINTS |
|-----------|--|---------|---------------|
| 6 MON | MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 7.00 pm | M |
| 7 TUE | KING EDWARD PARK MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 8.00 pm | |
| 8 WED | SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 8.00 pm | M |
| 10 FRI | CLUB NIGHT – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 7.30 pm | M |
| 11 SAT | WORKING BEE – Ringwood Park | 8.30 am | |
| 12 SUN | HILLCLIMB - MG Challenge (NAMS) - Ringwood Park | | M, C N I/C |
| 15 WED | COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 7.30 pm | M |
| 18 SAT | NATTER NIGHT - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | | M |
| 18 SAT | RALLYSPRINT (NAMS) - Awaba WAC | | M,C N I/C |
| 19 SUN | ROOKIE HILLCLIMB DAY - Ringwood Park | | |
| 21 TUE | KING EDWARD PARK MEETING - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | | M |
| 25 SAT | CHRISTMAS IN JULY - Wisemans Ferry | | |
| 26 SUN | CHRISTMAS IN JULY - Wisemans Ferry | | |
| 31 MON | DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For August Newsletter - "Smalltorque" | | |

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

AUGUST 2009 EVENTS DIARY

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | POINTS |
|-------------|--|-------------|---------------|
| 1 SAT | HILLCLIMB - NSW CHAMPIONSHIP - Practice - Ringwood Park | | M |
| 2 SUN | HILLCLIMB - NSW CHAMPIONSHIP - Round 6 - Ringwood Park | | M |
| 2 SUN | STATE KHANACROSS (NAMS) - Awaba WAC | | M,C N I/C |
| 4 TUE | KING EDWARD PARK MEETING - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 8.00 pm | |
| 8 SAT | NATTER NIGHT - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 7.30 pm | M |
| 12 WED | SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 8.00 pm | M |
| 14 FRI | CLUB NIGHT - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 7.30 pm | M |
| 15 SAT | MOTORGAMES WEEKEND - NAMS - Motorkhana, Ringwood Park | | M, C N I/C |
| 16 SUN | MOTORGAMES WEEKEND - NAMS - Khanacross, Awaba WAC | | M, C N I/C |
| 18 TUE | KING EDWARD PARK MEETING - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 8.00 pm | |
| 19 WED | COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens | 7.30 pm | M |
| 22 SAT | HEART OF THE HUNTER -Touring Event (Geoff Thomas) | | R/E |
| 22 SAT | "RED MIST" STATE RALLYSPRINT (NAMS) - Ringwood Park | | M,C N I/C |
| 23 SUN | REGISTER RUN | | |
| 24 MON | DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR - For September Magazine - "Clubtorque" | | |
| 29 SAT | HILLCLIMB - TRI-CHALLENGE - Practice - Kempsey | | |
| 30 SUN | HILLCLIMB - TRI-CHALLENGE - Kempsey | | |

INVITATION EVENTS JUL/AUG 2009

| DAY | DATE | EVENT |
|-----|--------|-----------------------------------|
| SAT | 1 AUG | CSCA SUPERSPRINT - WAKEFIELD PARK |
| SAT | 22 AUG | CSCA SUPERSPRINT - EASTERN CREEK |

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!

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

I'm sorry, but it seems at this time of the year, that you have to read this sort of report from your Club President

This year it is very different. We are reeling from last years cash depleted Mattara Hillclimb events. We are finding it difficult to justify us running the event this year. Let's face it; we could have had bad weather on Sunday as well as Monday of this years October long weekend event, who knows?

As it is so often said "with the economy the way it is", the suppliers will be quoting higher prices for equipment and services to run the event. Our sponsors and supporters will be feeling the pinch as well and they will need careful and strong persuasion in order to obtain their backing this year.

One thing that I have learnt through life is the fact that nothing stays the same forever. This is no more so than this year. Previously we had a team of three well experienced people leading us into this venture. Dennis Tynan has closed his Mayfield Car Market and is now "on call" for driving duties for Brian Ford's ASAP courier business. At any time Dennis could be on the way to anywhere, thus taking him out of circulation at any old time, so his input may be very limited.

Greg Hunter, who has been the backbone of the organisation with regard to Working Bees and the establishment of King Edward Park as a competition venue, has advised me that he is unavailable.

With new OH&S compliance work in recent years we have had the assistance of Gregor Dickinson also helping with negotiations, applications and reports to CAMS etc.

I seem to have been kept busy with many things in general as well as setting up the competition side of things, timing and results. With all the changes listed above, I know that it is impossible for me to handle all of these tasks.

The first organisational meeting has been held and we received some phone calls, which indicated that some of our "key" regular helpers intended to carry on with their particular assistance again. I must say thank heavens for about a half a dozen new members who turned up, eager to help. These members will need nurturing in the way the event is organised and how it comes together. To this end we have had an additional, unadvertised meeting (you may have seen it on the web site) and have provided information to them in the form of minutes from last years organisational meetings.

So as you read this magazine, the next KEP meeting will be held at the club rooms on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30 pm. If you have previous experience running KEP and you feel that you wish to help out again, please come along – we need you.

A property sale delegation from the club met with the proposed purchaser (Italia Road Holdings – trading as Ringwood Raceway) of the land for negotiations on the sale price of the land annexed from ours. We have kept a total of 30 hectares which has the hillclimb and infrastructure, along with two motorkhana areas and an area which may be able to be used for a khanacross track in the future. Contracts are being drawn up at the moment.

It seems that our lady members don't miss out on the opportunity to have a breakfast cooked for them, as about 40 members turned up and enjoyed the Sunday morning out at Ducks Crossing, Eleebana

The Committee has decided that the Club Torque magazine will be published quarterly. CAMS are already doing this as well as some other clubs and organisations. Make sure you read Brad's report with regards to this new way of providing current information to members.

Remember, support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins

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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.
- 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.
- Minimum license requirement is a CAMS L1 (come and try) license at \$25 dollars.
- 12 month license will be available on the day.

MARK YOUR DIARIES FOR THE NEXT DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

**SAT 21st Nov
Starting time will be 11.00 am.**

For further information phone Greg Hunter 0412 493 711



RALLY REPORT

7th June Ringwood Khanacross -

Grading and rolling the tracks 3 weeks before this meeting thankfully meant the usual week of rain that seems to precede our dirt events at Ringwood wasn't going to stop us running. However final work on a sandy circuit the day before racing saw the roller fish-tailing in slow motion behind the tractor, picking up so much mud it bogged itself and showed our third track to eventually be just too boggy to use. Not to worry – by re-

routing this one right through the quarry itself (our last option), we still had three good circuits left.

Race day started out bitterly cold, and then a morning shower "drowned" our longest track. Now we had just two tracks we knew the field wouldn't get bogged in, but needed to invent some alterations for their afternoon use.

There were five Juniors and thirty one starters overall, with some coming from as far away as Sydney and even Bathurst to enjoy our facilities once again. Half of the entrants were from MGCCN, reflecting the increasing number of dirt competitors in our club. We scored six of the first ten outright placings, with Ken Duffy topping the list despite not having second gear most of the day.

The last event featured the biggest circle we could fit into the quarry, the huge gravel drifts proving extremely popular with both competitors and the spectators who could see all the action up close from the hill. Every driver I saw coming out of the finish garage literally had ear to ear grins. What is it about playing in the mud that does that?

Thankyou to Bryn Baverstock and all the officials for making this highly enjoyable day possible.

With the sale of these tracks to make way for a tar circuit there will only be one or two other chances to race on them before the development takes over. One of these is our NSW Rallysprint round on 22nd August. Track preparations are well underway on our 3½ kilometer special stage. The work includes carving out new spectator areas right on the some of the tightest, sweeping corners where the dirt will really be flying.

Some of the best current rally drivers in our state will display their skills and cars in spectacular action. Do yourself a favour and write that date into your calendar. This is a never to be repeated event. You'll want to be one of those people who in future years can say, *"I was there when our club raced on the dirt here, and I'll never forget how exciting it was!"*

Excuse my mud.....

Bill Pearson

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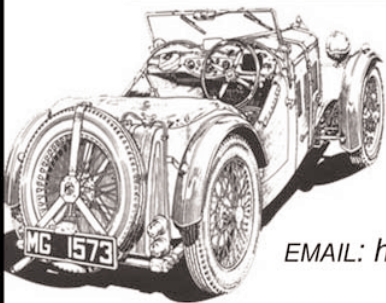
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Celebrating





SOCIAL NEWS

Special guest at the June club night was Col Bray who had entered and completed the Targa Tasmania 2009.... Col has a great deal of experience in "rallies" and this event, of course, goes through some very fast and hilly terrain.....

Col finished his presentation with some very impressive pictures and video of the "Targa".

The lucky number draw is now \$250.00 with no winner at the last club night.

A supervisor from the Newcastle Coal Loader is going to be a guest speaker at the next Club Night.

NEXT NATTER NIGHT

The next Natter night will be held at the Cobby Street club rooms, so bring along your favourite winter food....deserts are also welcome ...with the club rooms new kitchen and adequate heating this can be a night to "natter" and catch up with other members.

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REGISTER NEWS

Well, wasn't the breakfast run popular. The run from the clubrooms to Ducks Crossing at Eleebana was attended by 40 people. After a cool wet week the big fireplace in the middle of the dining room was very welcoming. I had Eggs Benedict (just one of the many egg combinations) and a cappacino, but there were lots of other choices as well. A stroll out into the grounds to check out the duck pond (with stone crocodile) and big waterfall feature gave everyone the chance to mingle and chat. Good to see John and Dian Porters' Grandson, Ethan, who was born so early and so tiny, now a cute one year old.

Next month is **Xmas in July** at Wiseman's Resort. Lesley and I along with Eric and Jan Chandler had a test run a couple of weeks ago to check the road. We will leave the clubrooms at 9.00am on the 25th and travel to Wollombi. We have booked in to "Sheas" for morning tea, allowing an hour or so, then travel to St. Albans for lunch. The turn off to St. Albans is about 24 kilometers south of Wollombi and from there the road is a good dirt surface for 35 klms. (I'll let you know next month everyone's reaction to getting dirty). There is a big room at the back of the Settlers Arm Inn where we are booked for lunch (the soup is delicious) or outside rustic seating if the weather is OK. Then only 20 km of bitumen to Webbs Creek Ferry crossing into Wisemans Ferry and 500 metres to the resort. There is an alternate all sealed road through Bucketty and travel on through Mangrove Mountain, Spencer, Wisemans Ferry and back to St. Albans but it will take a couple of hours longer plus two extra ferry rides.

The Wisemans Ferry Pub is across the road from the Resort for afternoon drinks or for those who need a rest, just settle into your room for a nap before dinner. There will be Christmas music during dinner and we are taking 60's, 70's and 80's music for those with the energy to dance after. Don't forget a Santa gift, about \$10, male and female to be mixed up and handed out during the dinner.

'B' seeing you,

David Walker

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SPEED EVENTS

By the time you read this article, I will be sunning myself in beautiful downtown Bali. However, I would like to make mention of a few points.

“At the last Speed Panel Meeting the Garage Hillclimb was reviewed in depth. It seems to have been a popular format for a novelty hillclimb - so much so that many people expressed the desire that we have a “Fun” series of hillclimbs next year.

Suggestions so far are - Garage, Knock-out, Twilight and Regularity Hillclimbs. If anyone has any other suggestions, bearing in mind that you would want to keep it to no more than four events, please let me know or better still, come along to a Speed Panel Meeting and we can discuss it. (Second Wednesday at 8.00pm at the Club Rooms).

The reason for this being a very short and dull and boring article this month, is because Noelene and I are spending 8 days at Club Med in Bali, courtesy of one of our shop suppliers. They loosely term it as a “Promotional Trip/Conference” . If you like, I could bring my “slides” along to the next Club Meeting!!!

Anyway, see you next month.

Peter Robinson

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The garage hillclimb was a good event and I would encourage members to come and try an event like this next time it is run. I had a lot of fun and it was something different to try.

Some information I have found in the magazines we receive.....

HOT ON THE heels of the MG TF LE500, MG Motor UK Ltd has launched the MGTF 85, a car to commemorate and celebrate the Marque's 85th Anniversary. Whilst production quantity levels are expected to be limited, MG's latest offering has a range of significant improvements as the manufacturer strives to further enhance the ever-popular TF model. Three colours will be available: Intense Cassis, Ice White and Enigmatic Silver, with all cars being decked in



aubergine interior.

The Exterior styling immediately catches the eye; a distinguishing off-centre stripe runs the length of the car and is complemented by contemporary graphics positioned on the body panels. The magic '85' features on both door

panels and the tailgate incorporates a TF85 logo. Styling cues have been sought right across the MG timeline and the results are evident.

Alongside the retro-style graphics are a set of Twist of pepper' wheels, which are razor sharp in appearance. In-house designed, these unique-looking 'Liquid Boron' coloured rims by Rimstock are sure to set tongues wagging right across the World of MG.

Inside, the aforementioned aubergine-coloured seats evoke a comfortable feel and attention to detail is tangible. Particularly noticeable is a gear knob with the 85 logo which yearns to be admired and a duo of tread strips which further exhibit the logo. A newly instated Clarion Radio/CD player radiates an orange display and comes complete with an iPod input port. The door trims are smart, the mats are striking and the interior oozes typical MG charisma.

It's not just exterior and interior styling tweaks that provide the MG 85 with its own identity,

the car has undergone significant suspensions alterations, MG has aimed to achieve, in their own words, “a more mature, dynamic performance with a better quality feel”, Steps to attain such progression have been taken by reworking the chassis geometry and the addition of Bilstein dampers. 6.5” front and larger 7.5” rear-wheel rims. New links from the front and rear lower arm to the roll bar along with improved bushes throughout sees the car ride at 348mm.



It's a testament to MG's continued commitment and zeal that such a relatively small production of cars has undergone such significant investment.

Safety Fast! Magazine....

One of the overseas director of MG UK, Brian Woodhams was at Geelong for the National Meeting over easter and has a two page article on the meeting. He has included a photo of **Fran Hodgson** on the turn 2 of the hillclimb in her 2-ZS 180.

Food for thought.....

“I am growing old disgracefully. As I came out of a chemist with my urgent prescription I noticed a policeman writing out a ticket. I begged him to stop and told him that I was an old man and that finances were tight. He ignored me. My wife then joined in and implored him to go away and when it was obvious that he wouldn't, she told him off and I added that he should spend his time catching real criminals and not harassing law-abiding motorists who fought in the war to save this country and paying the salaries of people like him. When he failed to take any notice at all - we really laid in to him about what a useless policeman he was and he was no better in our eyes than a traffic warden on commission. At this he winced and started to write out a ticket for the slightly on-the-limit front tyre. By the time we had finished insulting him, he had also issued a ticket for a cracked rear light lens and then he demanded to see our licence and rego. At this we walked away and he shouted at us to come back and move our car before he had it towed away. The coup de grace was sweet. “Oh that's not our car, we came on the bus.”

King Edward Park meeting have commenced.....

Hope to see lots of members at the meetings and working bees.

Enjoy your motoring

Andy Peters



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| | | |
|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| 12 July | Ringwood | Hillclimb |
| 1&2 August | Ringwood | Hillclimb |
| 6 September | Ringwood | Hillclimb |
| 5 October | King Edward Park | Hillclimb |
| 22 November | Ringwood | Hillclimb |

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FROM THE PUBLICITY DESK

Hi Guys, How did you all like the mega mag last month Brad had so much in his Inbox he didn't know what to do with it all, the MGCC members had a great day at Oran Park last Sunday until the rain set in again we will get a fine day one day, Brad Smith set a great time, I think he has a turbo in the boot some how *(no turbo, data logging again helped, but the grip a new set of tyres offer is phenominal- Ed)*....watch out Finchy because we can clearly see

the little dogs have stepped off the porch !

Again more promos sent out about our Young Drivers Training on the 27th June this was well received by the radio stations and NBN, there may be a TV interview about the event prior to the Saturday.

Also I would like to draw members attention to our KEP promo day on the 20th September this will be in conjunction with the Shortland Festival & Presentation Day, this is always a huge day raising funds for local charities and bike runs for local children, the event will be at Tuxford Park King Street Shortland from 10.00am to 5.00pm, all members cars that intend to run at KEP or not are requested to attend as this event is the only chance we have available prior to the 4th & 5th October, as our Mattara Parade will be on the 11th October, so we miss the opportunity to promote our KEP event, I will have more information about this great opportunity to promote our event on the website.

Yes more attention is being focused on material for the website, so please get used to the idea of using it, as so much time is being applied to this public window to your club, if any members have good motor sport action photos, please send them in to our overworked and under paid editor Brad, he has some exiting things planned for the Mag & website, so it will be updated on a regular basis with more current information from our user friendly website.

If have recently changed your E mail address or you feel you may not have previously advised the club, please feel free to send it to: Annmaree Harris - laharris86@bigpond.com

I will be away touring Europe for the month of July so my August report wont make it.

Keep your tyres hot.

Rick "The Rocket" Vincent

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JUNE TAR MOTORKHANA

Pics - Bill Pearson

JUNE KHANACROSS

Where in the World is Wyangala ?

John, Peter Cogger and myself ventured south west to Wyangala Recreation Park which is between Bathurst and Cowra.....We left Newcastle on the Friday morning prior to the June long weekend and traveled through Richmond and along the Bells Line of Road, a very picturesque trip (but watch for new 60 kph road signs).

The first stop was at Lithgow for lunch; a very busy town which has a Power Station and Correctional Centre close by and seems to a very busy place these days.

It was then off to Wyangala, via Bathurst, then heading for Cowra...We traveled through some very rich, green pastoral land with very fat, healthy cattle and sheep. This was a good stretch of road with very little traffic so we made it through to Woodstock and onto Wyangala Dam Recreation Park before dark.

The weather was starting to turn cold and as we drove through the park to our cottage we saw dozens of wallabies, rabbits and foxes. The Wyangala Dam controls the flow of the Lachlan River and does not provide irrigation for the surrounding farmland until it is at maximum capacity, but at the moment it only has 6% level of water.



Dinner was at the small local club which caters for the residents of the small village surrounding the recreation park, originally home to the workers who constructed the dam. Peter was trying to come to terms with being out of mobile range, no radio or television but the rest of us enjoyed the peace and quiet of the country.

The following morning, after John prepared breakfast for us all, it was off to Cowra with a

list of requirements for Rachel Cogger and her colleagues. They had been busy for the past two years preparing the exhibition by the University of New South Wales Built Environment Faculty called "Layers, Lenses and Landscapes".

The students had interviewed many residents around Cowra and Wyangala who had worked at Riverview Station over the years and could fill them in on its past history.....Even though the property has been subdivided the parcel of land and buildings for the launching of the exhibition had the woolshed and shearers cottages still standing and in fairly good condition...



The property and woolshed was a "sense of place" to a lot of people who had lived and worked on the property over the years. There was a threat

of demolition of the woolshed but the present owner purchased the property with the idea of saving it. It was great to enter the woolshed and picture the hard work and interesting characters that would have worked there.

The exhibition was held to bring together the families, friends and local community to meet each other on the completion of the assignment.

Following some very good homemade delights it was time to leave this interesting and beautiful part of Australia to return home. Dinner that night was at Katoomba which was cold but a town still with a great deal of history and good food restaurants and cafes, always a great place to visit.

Rose Cogger





Accommodation for next year.

Lesley Walker was on the ball while we were in Geelong and after receiving the pack of goodies from the SA stall at registration got onto the phone and rang around a few of the recommended accommodation venues. To her dismay she discovered that the prices quoted in the handouts were quite out of date and some of the prices being put forward by the Motels were some \$30 per night more expensive.

So she did some more ringing around and discovered the Adelaide International Motel. She managed to reserve 15 rooms on the spot, most are set up for couples with a queen bed rooms and we have reserved a few family type configurations.

Thanks to Lesley for her fast action. I contacted the Motel earlier this week and they are still looking forward to hosting members of our Club next year. They also own some adjacent houses and feel that they have plenty of room for the parking of trailers.

Of course what would sweeten the deal is if they could get some details of members wishing to book a room. I asked about deposits. They are not asking for deposits as such, they are quite happy to take a credit card number at this stage. Of course they don't mind if you wish to pay a deposit. Cheque for \$100 (made out to the Adelaide International Motel) would be fine.

If you would like to reserve a room could you please:

Let me know (phone, email, text message, send me a smoke signal)

Contact the Motel with your credit card details (I don't really want to be responsible for taking down your credit card details) OR

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The theme night is Pirates of Abingdon. Not sure if Abingdon pirates are different from other pirates, but with Johnny Depp as a role model, who wouldn't want to be a pirate for the night! Or indeed a pirate wench – eh Rose. (or should that be ahh Rose.)

At the May get together, we had a lively discussion about a theme for 2011 when we are hosting and would welcome as many ideas as possible. Judith has been working very hard on securing a function area and we are striving to have as many of the events as possible in the same location, so that visitors don't get lost. We are always happy to have lots of discussion about events and are particularly looking for a few more people to be willing to help out with the computer data entry side of things in 2011.

It would be great to have a number of people who are involved in planning our Nat Meet come along to Adelaide next year. So start your planning. I know a lot of things may happen between now and the 2nd – 6th April 2010, but thinking and planning cost nothing.

If you have not attended a National Meeting before and would like to get into the spirit before it comes to Newcastle, or just find out a bit more about Nat Meets, give me a call. You don't have to be super competitive to enjoy yourself and meet lots of fun people.

Don't forget to think about and discuss some of the options detailed in last month's magazine about class sizes and configurations. Maybe there'll be time at Christmas in July or the next Natter Night.

Cheers

Fran Hodgson



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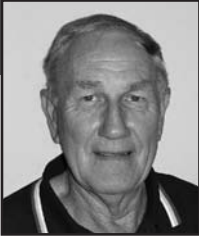
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MOTORKHANA AND KHANCROSS

G'day, Well it's been busy since the last mag with dirt motorkhana, a tar motorkhana & a khancross as well.

I will work backwards with the events that way my memory might work better!

The tar motorkhana on Sunday 21/6/09 at the markets turned out to be a real good day. I had great misgivings about how much room there was to set up the tests thinking we may only get one at a time but as it turned out we ran two at a time no problem. We had six tests for the day making twelve runs all up finishing around Four o'clock, even the weather was kind considering the amount of rain we had the week before. A field of 47 starters was a bit daunting but with some great help from the band of helpers Andy Peters on entries, Paul Bower on scrutineering & timing, Dennis Tynan as the other timer with Alan Bates as the peacekeeper out back! It seemed to run fairly smoothly as Fran Hodgson was keeping them in order (literally) while lining up at the start so I thank you all for your efforts. Great win by Bruce Antaw for first place & James Pearson & Darren Hodgson 2nd. & 3rd. Juniors 1st. place Andrew Chandler (better watch out Eric he's only 20 seconds away!) Results on the web make interesting reading MG's finished 7 out of the top twelve!

Back a bit to the Khancross which was again plagued by wet weather we had to do without one of the tracks due to just to slippery, I think if we had sent the cars out they would still be there! Necessity being the mother of invention Bill (the trackmaker) Pearson set up tracks through the Quarry & motorkhana area which proved very popular with drivers. A good field of thirty starters saw Ken Duffy take first place Evan Van Leeuwen 2nd. Michael Snow for 3rd. outright. Best of the juniors Dylan Grant.

Back some more to the 23 May for a dirt motorkhana & again we had to put up with wet weather I'm sure it rains more at Ringwood than anywhere else! Due to the rain we only had nine starters for the day but I think I can safely say that those who turned up had a good day. We did one test at a time & everyone watched each other & then moved on to the next one, made for a very good event. Bill Pearson took out 1st. place with Keith Hammond 1st. of the Juniors.

Next event on the dirt for us is the motor games weekend on the 15 August a dirt motorkhana followed by the rally sprint on the 22nd. August be there!

Cheers,

Bryn Baverstock



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello once again, all championships are well and truly under way now, but also far from over. We may be half way through the yearly calendar but we are only just beginning to nibble at the Motorsporting calendar.

This issue I have included the event championships results, so take the time to see where you stand. Remember there is still a lot of Motorsport remaining in all event categories. So there are plenty of points to be earned, and fun to be had. 10 championship events that have not yet been scored.

Pointscores up to date as of 18th June. (Sorry no tar motorkhana)

Outright Club Championship

| Surname | First Name | Total Championship Points | From Best "x" no of events |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| PEARSON | BILL | 90 | 8 |
| NEWY | JEFF | 79 | 6 |
| CLARKE | LYALL | 78 | 6 |
| PETERS | ANDY | 68 | 6 |
| McSHANE | RYAN | 63 | 5 |
| BAVERSTOCK | BRYN | 49 | 5 |
| HODGSON | DARREN | 49 | 4 |
| COTTON | RYAN | 47 | 3 |
| COLLINS | JOHN | 42 | 3 |
| THOMAS | DARVAL | 41 | 4 |
| VINCENT | RICK | 41 | 3 |

Bill has staked his official claim on the outright championship, being the first to pass the 8 event minimum to qualify. Not long before he starts his points upgrading. It is interesting to see that most of the leader board is made up of MG drivers, who have refused to be shaken off. We may be seeing a consistent rise of the MG Drivers.

Junior Championship

| Surname | First Name | Total Championship Points | From Best "x" no of events |
|----------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| GRANT | DYLAN | 91 | 7 |
| HALL | BENJAMIN | 83 | 7 |
| GRANT | BEAU | 22 | 2 |
| HAMMOND | KEITH | 22 | 2 |
| BARTLETT | DANIELLE | 18 | 2 |
| BROMLEY | LUKE | 14 | 1 |
| BRAMBLE | JAKE | 12 | 1 |
| FRASER | PAUL | 11 | 1 |
| ROACH | ASHLEY | 11 | 1 |
| GRANT | SHAUN | 9 | 1 |
| BRAMBLE | JENNA | 8 | 1 |

Two new names to the Junior standings. Welcome Jake Bramble and Jenna Bramble. Dylan and Benjamin look to be taking a strong hold on the top 2 positions. Either of the boys could take the prize. If there is one thing I know, it only take one small miss-hap for a championship to dramatically swing in your favor. For those who look to have slipped back, you can also get back into the running. Motor Racing is an unpredictable creature, besides there is still one place on the podium that belongs to anyone at this point. And still at least 7 events for the juniors, not yet scored.

Ladies Championship

| Surname | First Name | Total Championship Points | From Best "x" no of events |
|---------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| SEMKEN | MAREA | 49 | 5 |
| HODGSON | FRAN | 44 | 4 |

| | | | |
|------------|-----------|----|---|
| THOMAS | SUSAN | 43 | 4 |
| JOBBER | BRIDGET | 21 | 2 |
| BAVERSTOCK | HELEN | 9 | 1 |
| MURPHY | SHAYNE | 9 | 1 |
| TYNAN | CHRISTINE | 9 | |
| | 1 | | |

A little quiet on the Ladies Championship, Marea and Fran both banking valuable points toward their scores, still plenty of events to add to all scores. I have heard that at least one of these ladies has her eye on the prize, and she has it all planned for her attack on the trophy. (*game on*).

Event Pointscores

I won't put you all to sleep with commentary on the individual events Championships, other than to say, none are run and won. Plenty of events still on the calendar.

Motorkhana Championship

(minus Motorkhana 20/06/09)

| <u>Surname</u> | <u>Christian Name</u> | <u>Total Points</u> | <u>To Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|

Class C

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----|--|
| McShane | Ryan | 34 | |
| Pearson | Bill | 25 | |
| Dipper | Brendan | 14 | |
| Leask | Joshua | 12 | |
| Tucker | Mark | 11 | |
| Shephard | Mick | 9 | |

Class D

| | | | |
|---------|------|----|--|
| Pearson | Bill | 11 | |
|---------|------|----|--|

Class F (FWD Specials)

| | | | |
|-------|-------|----|--|
| Antaw | Bruce | 22 | |
|-------|-------|----|--|

Junior (Production.)

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----|--|
| Grant | Dylan | 43 | |
| Hall | Ben | 35 | |
| Grant | Beau | 33 | |
| Bartlett | Danielle | 25 | |
| Grant | Shaun | 16 | |
| Bates | Ryan | 13 | |

Junior (Specials)

| | | | |
|---------|-------|----|--|
| Hammond | Keith | 33 | |
|---------|-------|----|--|

Khanacross Championship

| <u>Surname</u> | <u>Christian Name</u> | <u>Total Points</u> | <u>To Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|

Type 1 Over 2000

| | | | |
|-------|------|----|--|
| Lewis | Todd | 11 | |
|-------|------|----|--|

Type 2 Under 2000

| | | | |
|---------|--------|----|--|
| Dobbie | Nigel | 11 | |
| Pearson | Bill | 23 | |
| Bates | Mathew | 11 | |

Type 2 Over 2000

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----|--|
| Campbell | Anthony | 11 | |
| McKenzie | Scott | 14 | |
| Lewis | Todd | 13 | |
| Rowsell | Ben | 11 | |
| Rowsell | Nicholas | 9 | |

Type 3 Under 2000

| | | | |
|---------|--------|----|--|
| McShane | Ryan | 24 | |
| Leask | Joshua | 11 | |
| Harper | Tim | 11 | |

Type 3 Over 2000

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----|--|
| Harper | Tim | 11 | |
| Campbell | Anthony | 22 | |

Type 5 Under 2000

| | | | |
|------|---------|----|--|
| Snow | Michael | 33 | |
|------|---------|----|--|

Type 5 Over 2000

| | | |
|-------|-----|----|
| Duffy | Ken | 33 |
|-------|-----|----|

All 4WD

| | | |
|--------|------|----|
| Tucker | Mark | 11 |
|--------|------|----|

Juniors

| | | |
|---------|-------|----|
| Grant | Dylan | 38 |
| Hall | Ben | 38 |
| Bates | Ryan | 24 |
| Grant | Shaun | 9 |
| Bramble | Jake | 12 |
| Bramble | Jenna | 8 |

Speed Events

| <u>Surname</u> | <u>Christian Name</u> | <u>Total Points</u> <u>To Date</u> |
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Type 1 Under

| | | |
|-------|------|----|
| Roach | John | 11 |
|-------|------|----|

Type 2 Under

| | | |
|---------|----------|----|
| Cotton | Ryan | 32 |
| Smith | Paul | 24 |
| Voysey | Gregory | 24 |
| McGarry | Scott | 15 |
| Stout | Leigh | 15 |
| Day | Jim | 9 |
| Dimmock | Jason | 9 |
| Craig | Mitchell | 7 |
| Day | Michael | 7 |

Type 2 Over

| | | |
|---------|----------|----|
| Chenery | Matt | 12 |
| Cromack | Steve | 12 |
| Churton | Paul | 11 |
| Craig | Mitchell | 11 |

Type 3 Under

| | | |
|---------|-------|----|
| Clemens | Tom | 29 |
| Cook | Grant | 16 |
| Durie | Ben | 15 |
| McShane | Ryan | 15 |
| Ingram | Peter | 13 |
| Brock | Peter | 11 |
| Traeger | Troy | 11 |

| | | |
|----------|---------|---|
| Boland | Paul | 9 |
| Hill | Grant | 9 |
| Hill | Stephen | 7 |
| McElhone | Jarrod | 7 |
| Bates | Mathew | 6 |
| Dickson | Peter | 6 |

Type 3 Over

| | | |
|----------|---------|----|
| Campbell | Anthony | 12 |
| Cavanagh | Craig | 11 |
| Chenery | Matt | 11 |

Type 4 Over

| | | |
|-----------|--------|----|
| Pearson | Bill | 20 |
| Constable | Mark | 14 |
| Constable | Laurie | 13 |
| Symphon | David | 11 |

Type 5 Under

| | | |
|---------|---------|----|
| McCane | Edward | 28 |
| Bromley | Raymond | 23 |
| Mrcela | Amy | 16 |
| Little | Tracy | 13 |
| Butcher | Stephen | 10 |
| Bright | Phillip | 9 |
| Russell | Denis | 7 |

SV Over 3000cc

| | | |
|---------|---------|----|
| Gigli | Michael | 22 |
| Edwards | Kevin | 12 |

CS1 (Road Tyres)

| | | |
|-----------|--------|----|
| Walker | Andrew | 22 |
| Parsonage | Glenn | 12 |

CS2 (Race Tyres)

| | | |
|---------|--------|----|
| Hall | Grant | 23 |
| Maclean | Howard | 23 |

Marque Sports 1401-2000cc

| | | |
|---------|---------|----|
| Newey | Jeffrey | 32 |
| Clarke | Lyall | 26 |
| Peters | Andy | 24 |
| Thomas | Darval | 18 |
| Vincent | Rick | 15 |
| Semken | Graeme | 12 |

| | | |
|------------|---------|----|
| Bright | Phillip | 11 |
| Semken | Marea | 9 |
| Baverstock | Bryn | 7 |
| Cole | Mike | 6 |
| Roach | John | 6 |

Marque Sports Over 2000cc

| | | |
|---------|------|----|
| Norris | Jim | 13 |
| Norris | Tim | 12 |
| Vincent | Rick | 11 |
| Wilson | Dean | 10 |

Ladies

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| Thomas | Susan | 24 |
| Jobber | Bridget | 21 |
| Semken | Maria | 13 |

Juniors

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| Grant | Dylan | 25 |
| Hall | Ben | 20 |
| Bromley-Hall | Luke | 14 |
| Roach | Ashley | 11 |

Road Events

| <u>Surname</u> | <u>Christian Name</u> | <u>Total Points</u> |
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| | | <u>To Date</u> |

DRIVER

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| BALDWIN | RUSSELL | 25 |
| HUNTER | GREG | 16 |
| FERENCE | ANDREW | 15 |
| CORBETT | BERNARD | 11 |
| MURPHEY | SHAYNE | 9 |
| BAVERSTOCK | BRYN | 7 |
| PARNELL | DAVID | 6 |
| VOTSEY | GREG | 6 |
| FORD | ADAM | 6 |
| WARNER | SCOTT | 6 |

NAVIGATOR

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| PEARSON | BILL | 16 |
| PARSONS | ERN | 13 |
| BAYLISS | JAMES | 12 |
| CORBETT | MADOLON | 11 |
| BAVERSTOCK | HELEN | 9 |
| TYNAN | CHRISTINE | 9 |
| SUTRIN | NEVILLE | 6 |
| FORD | BRIAN | 6 |

It is great to see so many members getting out there and having a go.
Good luck to all, and keep competing.

With the new electronic age upon us, I too will be reluctantly dragged into the electronic era. The next Pointscore Update (August edition) will be able to be found via the Web or in the new electronic newsletter "Small Torque".

The next Captains Corner will be in the September Clubtorque.

Please remember to keep me posted if you have any questions or suspect any errors. It is now more important than ever, to keep your eye on the updates, as it will not be in your letter box. Having said that, if you are like me and not a fan of the "www", please give me a call and I will be more than happy to get a hard copy pointscore update to you (*and we will consider displaying them at each event - Ed*).

Until next time,

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Fairer NAMS Classes for Marque Sports Cars ?

A DISCUSSION PAPER by Bill Pearson - MG Nams rep

At present classes for Marque Sports Cars in our NAMS regulations are covered just by a single short sentence: "*Cars eligible as described in the current CAMS Manual of Motorsport*" "*Eligible cars*" appear in a yearly CAMS list of specific brands and models. The only other NAMS Marque Sports rule has been the one which divides them into three capacity classes: 0 – 1400cc, 1401 – 2000cc & over 2 litre.

However the CAMS regulations are broad in the extreme, allowing enough modifications to cover a full five pages in the old printed version. Cars lumped together into this category in our local racing vary from pre 1960 unmodified restored concourse cars, to highly modified 1960's cars, plus the very latest hi-tech purpose built track cars and multi-turbo charged ones running on full slick tyres. This would be as fair as lumping all the non sports cars together into one class!

Competitors will always approach racing differently within whatever class they run. This will range from those who will set their car up how they want regardless of where they are put, to those who will go over every letter of the rules and modify their cars right to the allowable limits. Good luck to both!

We need to avoid creating too many classes, and yet to divide them up in as fair a way as possible. There really are no other clubs in NAMS that are interested much in Marque Sports Cars. If we want the classes changed it's primarily up to our club to come up with a formula to suggest, so we need your comments, ideas & feedback. Below is just a starting point as to how we might spell out and rectify this situation.

Split these cars into three classes called Marque Sports "**Classic**", "**Modern**" and "**Exotic**".

| <u>Marque Sports Classic</u> | <u>Marque Sports Modern</u> | <u>Marque Sports Exotic</u> | <u>Sports Sedans</u> |
|---|---|---|--|
| Date of Manufacture at least 25 years ago | Cars of any age | Cars of any age | |
| No capacity division | Under and over 2 litre class | No capacity division | |
| NAMS type 1 & 2 mods | NAMS type 3 mods allowed | CAMS Marque Sports rules apply | NAMS type 4 mods |
| Road registrable | Road registerable | RTA non compliant | RTA non compliant |
| Original type engine block | Original type engine block | Original type engine block | Non original type engine |
| Standard inlet manifold | Non-standard inlet manifold | Engine mods as CAMS Marque Sports rules allow | Engine mods outside CAMS Marque Sports |
| Normally aspirated | Factory forced induction with restrictor plate. | Forced induction | |
| No significant lightening | No significant lightening | Significant lightening, | |
| | | Fibreglass or Carbon Fibre body panels (including "factory" ones). Lexan, etc. | |
| Road tyres | Road tyres | Tyres marked "Racing Purposes Only" | |
| Made in Australia or manufacturer import | Made in Australia or manufacturer import | "Grey" import | |
| | | Cars generally recognised as being purpose built by the manufacturer for the race track (eg: Lotus Elise) | |

IN ADDITION:

Cars that appear on the CAMS list of Marque Sports Cars to AUTOMATICALLY go into a Marque Sports Car class. Sports cars are by definition and design recognised as having a distinct performance advantage over most sedans, and this has proven overwhelmingly to be the case in local competition whenever Marque Sports cars have competed against NAMS type 1 & 2 sedans.

Whatever is finally decided, the "Checklist" guide at the rear of the NAMS rules would need to be revised to include column/s for Marque Sports Cars.

I have no personal involvement in sports cars and have no "barrow" to push in this at all, but it's come to my notice as one of your NAMS reps that this is of concern to many "Sporties" in our club. It's YOUR opinions that matter in this – not mine. We can change things or leave them as is. It's all up to you. Email your views to me at redliner@exemail.com.au and I'll happily take them (unaltered) to the committee for their deliberation.

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LAND PANEL REPORT

I was going to take a satirical look at technology, but I have been too busy with our Ringwood Development, as now the Committee has decided to sell the major portion of our property, it leaves us with decisions on what to do with the 14 hectares we are left with.

But I digress, the Motorkhana and Khanacross which were held last month, was apparently enjoyed by all competitors, but unfortunately we were left with a lot of cleaning up and putting away of flags and stands. This is not in our contract, so in future could the organisers and competitors of these events put these items away and leave the venue tidy.

The work in hand at the moment, is enlarging our Motorkhana grounds which has required us to removed some large stumps left from tree's that have blown over in the recent storms. The holes left by their removal are being backfilled with gravel to give a firmer surface. Six concrete pipes have been recovered from some of our disused tracks, these will be stored for future use.

Two major events coming up in August need to be addressed.

The first being our clubs round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship, work will be required to bring the hillclimb and surrounding area's up to a standard required after a recent Police inspection on behalf of Dept. of Sport & Rec. It requires some remedial work on the track and major work on damaged surface of track and backfilling of edges, Some broken up sections of the track are being done at this time, with the edges being done before the State Hillclimb on 2nd August. Unfortunately our very full calendar only allows us one major working bee on Saturday 11th July, with a tidy up on Saturday 1st August before Practice starts to get the work done.

Our other major events in August that we are preparing for is on the 15th August the Motor Games weekend and a State Rallysprint on the 22nd. Work has started on joining our 3 Khanacross Tracks and consolidating some soft spots with 12 loads of gravel from the quarry being placed on some corners and graded by Bill Pearson, who informs me that the event will be about 4 klm long and should be good fun for those people with vehicles eligible to run. A working bee has been set down for 8th August.

As you can see by our calendar there are not many spare Saturdays or Sundays to have working bees that is why our Thursday working bees are so important, and I thank those members who give up their spare time to assist the Club. So if you see a working bee on the calendar or can get to a Thursday working bee we would love to find you a job, please call me on 0434 141 501 before you come sometimes the plans are changed because of weather or other commitments that might crop up.

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