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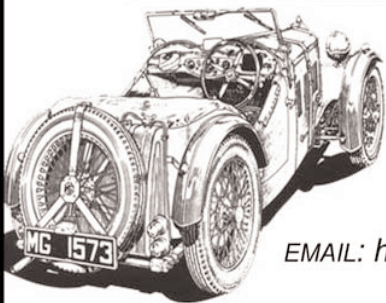
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## boost'ED'

Welcome to the Spring edition of Clubtorque. It is a little slimmer than usual but still contains relevant information from some committee members as well as other article contributions from contributing members - all in all still a reasonable read. This edition also contains two particularly essential pieces of information; dates of events for those participating and assisting at King Edward Park this year, and notification and guidelines for our Annual General Meeting to be held in November.

The past month has seen two specific types of emails straining the the unreasonable confines of my inbox this month; the first type being 100% positive feedback and congratulations toward the creation of our monthly newsletter "Smalltorque" and how easy the layout was to read, the relevance of the articles at the time of delivery and how it is available to everyone with web access and from almost anywhere. The second type of email received was "undeliverable" notifications caused by errors in our membership database or simply people had changed email addresses and not update their details with Annmarie our Membership Secretary. This is one glitch we are working through, however, I also know there are some people who do not wish to disclose their email address. This is quite okay as Smalltorque and Clubtorque are available on the club website - you just have to check here during the first week of each month to look at the latest editions of each publication - other information on the website is also being updated more frequently than monthly so if you get the chance have a look around more than once a month - you may be surprised at what you find. The number of pictures our members capture and publish is phenomenal.

I also learnt two critical pieces of information during August - my faultless (until now) little MX5 taught me that in the cold icy winds and frost at Goulburn in winter it does not like to be left outside overnight whilst I am tucked up in a warm room- refusing to start in the morning. I also learnt that it does not like to bounce of the rev limiter frequently on hot fast days at Eastern Creek - it causes it to stop and not start. Could both these temperature related incidents be causing an intermittent ignition problem ? I wish I knew as the little rocket hasn't played up since ! How do you confidently diagnose something you cant find ? All the technology in the world cant diagnose a fault that you cannot replicate.

Technology eh, It's quite funny, as I compile this magazine edition I am watching NASCAR racing. If you have never seen it, and only watched V8 Supercars or Formula 1, do yourself a favour and watch it. There are no refuelling rigs, no fuel injection, no MoTec electronic components, no single wheel nuts, no doors, no incar sway bar adjustments. It is phenomenal that such a popular multi billion dollar sport can be so primitive - how have these dinosaur's not become extinct ? So how is it I am able to watch NASCAR from the USA in my living room ? Technology of course - it is amazing how it makes day to day life so easy and interesting.

Don't forget to get involved in King Edward Park if you can, and good luck to those competing. You never know you may wish to apply for one of the committee positions at the end of the year because you had such a good time.

"Shake and Bake"

**Brad Smith**

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**Deadline for OCTOBER "Smalltorque" submissions is 30 September 2009**

**Deadline for NOVEMBER "Smalltorque" submissions is 31 October 2009**

**Deadline for SUMMER "Clubtorque" submissions is MONDAY 23 November 2009**

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

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# SEPTEMBER 2009 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
7 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.00 pm	M
8 TUE	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "NUTS AND BOLTS" – Med-Eng Systems, 3/22 Ironbark Close, Warabrook	8.00 pm	
9 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	6.30 pm	M
10 FRI	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "LOAD ARMCO" – Ringwood Park	4.00 pm	M
10 FRI	CLUB NIGHT – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
12 SAT	WORKING BEE – Ringwood Park	8.30 am	M
12 SAT	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "ERECT ARMCO" – King Edward Park Newcastle	7.00 am	M
13 SUN	STATE KHANACROSS (NAMS) – Ringwood Park		M, C N I/C
15 TUE	KING EDWARD PARK MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens		M
16 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
19 SAT	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "ERECT ARMCO" – King Edward Park Newcastle	7.00 am	M
20 SUN	REGISTER RUN		M, C
22 TUE	KING EDWARD PARK MEETING "ACCEPTANCES" – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens		M
19 SAT	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "SANDBAGS" – King Edward Park Newcastle	8.00 am	M
26 SAT	NATTER NIGHT – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens		M
27 SUN	MOTORKHANA - DIRT (NAMS) – Awaba WAC		M,C N I/C
30 WED	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For October Newsletter - "Smalltorque"		



# OCTOBER 2009 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
2 FRI	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "COLLECT EQUIP" – Ringwood Park	4.00 pm	M
3 SAT	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "FENCING" – King Edward Park Newcastle	7.00 am	M
4 SUN	NSW STATE HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - King Edward Park Newcastle	6.00 am	M
5 MON	TRI-CHALLENGE HILLCLIMB - King Edward Park Newcastle	6.00 am	M,C
6 TUE	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "PULL DOWN" – King Edward Park Newcastle	7.00 am	M
9 FRI	CLUB NIGHT – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
10 SAT	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "SAND AWAY" – King Edward Park Newcastle	7.00 am	M
14 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
17 SAT	KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE "ARMCO REMOVAL" – King Edward Park Newcastle	7.00 am	M
21 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
31 SAT	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For November Newsletter - "Smalltorque"		

## 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

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

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You can also view the event calendar at: [www.mgcarclub.com.au](http://www.mgcarclub.com.au)

# NOVEMBER 2009 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	POINTS
8 SUN	GREGOR'S RUN (INC. REGISTER RUN)		M, C
11 WED	SPEED EVENTS PANEL MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
13 WED	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
15 SUN	TAR MOTORKHANA		M, C
17 TUE	KING EDWARD PARK MEETING "DEBRIEF" – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
18 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING – MGCCN – Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
21 SAT	JUNIOR TRAINING DAY – Ringwood Park		M
22 SUN	HILLCLIMB - NAMS - Ringwood Park		M, C N I/C
23 MON	DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR – For December Magazine - "Clubtorque"		
28 SAT	NATTER NIGHT - Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens		M
29 SUN	MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE - Club Concourse		M, C

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# INVITATION EVENTS SEP/NOV 2009

DAY	DATE	EVENT
FRI-SUN	4-6 SEP	SPEED ON TWEED - MURWILLUMBAH
SUN	20 SEP	NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - BULAHDELAH, MYALL LAKES
SUN	18 OCT	CSCA SUPERSPRINT - WAKEFIELD PARK
SAT-SUN	31 OCT-1 NOV	AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP
SAT	7 NOV	CSCA SUPERSPRINT - ORAN PARK

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](http://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!

Dear Jack.....Congratulations on what you have achieved in the past 50 years. You have inspired many motor sport enthusiasts in this country. The old saying "Who do you think you are JACK BRABHAM" to anyone speeding shows how well known you are.

The MG Car Club Newcastle wish you well on your 50th Anniversary and are very proud of the fact that you competed on our hill at KING EDWARD PARK in 1951, and went on to take on the world. We display with pride the photos on our Car Club wall of this special event.

At our recent 50th Anniversary Hillclimb reunion, which you were not able to attend I spent a lot of time with Ron Tauranac and found him to be just delightful to talk to and quite a character. The night was most successful. This event is now being planned once more for the 52nd year on the long weekend in October.

From all at MG Car Club Newcastle WELL DONE.

Judith and Doug Rae - Life Members and hillclimb organisers of MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE

Dear Judith & Doug,

Thank you for your email and the very kind words, it is appreciated. Also thanks to the MG Car Club of Newcastle, a lot of memories there.

My years of racing really were "The Golden Years of Motorsport" and I feel very grateful to have survived them.

Best wishes  
Jack Brabham

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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**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year is almost gone and here we are in spring and the business time of the year is upon us. Yes Mattara is just around the corner. A strong team of enthusiastic members have been very busy over the last couple of months setting everything in place. The best news for everyone was the securing of SHANNONS as the major sponsor for the event. They are going to have a huge presence at King Edward Park, how about four kilometres of

SHANNONS bunting for the spectator areas – should look impressive.

The best part of Mattara is within the word Mattara itself, that is – “hand of friendship”. That is the big thing with the working bees, standing shoulder to shoulder with members who you may not know but by the end of the day you will probably know every one fairly well. Do come along to all the working bees this then means everyone is not overworked and will get home at a reasonable time.

Our State Hillclimb Championship round at Ringwood Park was very successful. It was great to see that Tim Edmondson tied up the Championship for 2009 at our event. Also the ladies competition was the best and closest that I have ever seen.

The internet has taken off like a bush fire. Lesley Walker at our recent Register Run was collecting email addresses of every one so that she will be able to notify those interested of any upcoming events.

Just this morning I received an email from Malcolm Oastler about the Mattara Hillclimb (he was a very prominent engineer in the Formula 1 Grand Prix scene) commented that we had a “great web site”.

Smalltorque is going gang busters, but it has had a couple of teething problems however these are being attended to. If you do have an idea to improve it don't hesitate to drop our editor an email.

Our land deal is progressing in typical council fashion – slowly. As I said today – no good news yet, however there is no bad news. It's good to see that Italia Road Holdings has enough confidence to be progressing with surveys, reports etc. in preparation for the development.

With the interest in the Mattara Hillclimb so high and so many new faces actively on board (the poster was basically arranged by one of our junior Hillclimb competitors, Ryan Bates, a great job) the Annual General Meeting in November should see some new faces competing for Committee positions. There is the usual list of positions and duties listed in this publication, and also the nomination form for the positions. Hope to see you there.

Remember, support the sponsors who support your sport.

Regards,

**John Collins**

# MAXIMUM TORQUE AT 0 RPM

## Converting "Oil Burners" to Plug In Electric Cars.

*Words: Brad Smith, Pics: Ian Hooper*

Recent motoring print and visual media coverage has brought to life names like "Tesla Roadster", "Chevrolet Volt" and every pommy's favourite "G-Whiz" and made them natural topics of discussion at any car nuts gathering and the future of the environment. Why are these vehicles such a hot topic of discussion? Can it be that Joe Average is finally starting to take notice of environmental issues and the impact of the trusty "oil burning" motor vehicle possibly dissolving any legacy we may leave for future generations? The Plug-in Electric Car Revolution has well and truly started but you don't need a "brand name" vehicle if you want to get involved, and hybrids still utilise conventional internal combustion engines combined with electric storage and motor technology. Even CAMS has recognised the need for an Electric vehicle category in some events like hillclimbs. So what if you like the car you already have, just want to make it electric powered? Well read on.....

A spike over a year ago I read a forum article illustrating the desire and process of Ian Hooper converting a conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) Mazda MX5 to a plug in electric vehicle. Whilst the donor vehicle is a small car reasonably light, the packaging of the new drivetrain and energy storage would surely be a problem, wouldn't it? Well believe it or not, after a year and many challenges the Electric MX5 is now completed and running, and available for a test drive if you live in WA.

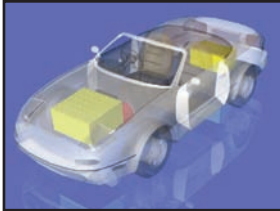
They say don't judge a book by its cover, and of course Ian's MX5 looks just like any other MX5 like it on the road today, it would just sound differently. To quote Ian "The goal for the project is to build an electric sports car with performance exceeding its petrol origins, and a minimum of 100km range on a single charge. Plus, as a demo car for ZEVA, it must look as good as it runs!"



Obviously Ian has extensive knowledge and experience in the technology he transplanted into his MX5, however, this project is not dissimilar to someone putting a Honda S2000 engine in a Datsun 1600 for example - there are key legal, safety and engineering aspects that need to be considered and addressed either prior to the project commencing or working through the issues as the project progresses. Through CAD modelling, component mockup/prototyping and good old "trial and error" Ian has been able to overcome all the hurdles thrown at him to complete his project car. Like the retention of a heater/demister and vacuum assisted braking, vehicle manoeuvrability and reversing, drivetrain failures, packaging all the components of the new powerplant within the existing vehicle structure, rewiring most of the vehicle and of course the inevitable fabrication of engine mounts and other component brackets for all the new hardware.

For anyone that has restored a car back to original, performed an engine transplant

(across manufacturers) or built a dedicated race car, you can relate to massive task that Ian has taken on and completed. The more and more I look at his blog and pictures, the more impressive his creation becomes. The attention to detail, design and quality of the fabricated components and the end result are spectacular and better than a lot of ICE and drivetrain transplants I have seen.



Component layout modelling



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Components in place of fuel tank



Prototype v's finish structure

Currently one of the most inhibitive factors for converting ICE to electric is cost of components - this conversion cost approximatelt \$25K, however, like all things as technology changes and demand rises the cost of components will reduce and the components available will be smarter and more developed.

If you would like to read more about Ian's creation have a look at [www.zeva.com.au](http://www.zeva.com.au) and also [www.evworks.com.au](http://www.evworks.com.au) - there is also a vast array of resources to give you a better understanding of converting ICE to electric - it is more complicated than you think - dont forget to visit the Physics Theory section at EVWorks and keep checking back as technology is developing very rapidly.

Thanks to Ian Hooper for his vision and determination for developing this car and rest assured, when I am next in WA I will be knocking on you door fo a test drive.

#### **Technical Specifications**

##### **Motor:**

NetGain WarP 11

##### **Controller:**

Curtis 1231C (temporarily..)

##### **Batteries:**

40x ThunderSky TS-LFP160AHA

##### **Charger:**

Zivan NG3 with TS90 BMS

##### **DC-DC Converter:**

IOTA DLS-45

##### **Contactor:**

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##### **switching**

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##### **Heater:**

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## REGISTER NEWS

With the current situation of only 4 magazines being posted per year, many of our members are having difficulty in catching up with the Register Runs, normally a very social affair. For those with computer access you need to check out the "Small-torque" part of the website for MG Car Club Newcastle and scroll down to the Register Captain report. However Lesley and I are endeavoring to compile a list of phone numbers (for those unable to connect with the internet) and e-mail addresses of everyone who would care to know when and where and maybe join in the fun of a run to clear the cobwebs, a meal and catch up with those of like minds. We will then contact everyone and hope you will return the favour if we need to give numbers to the venue. If we don't already have yours please ring us on 02 49584941.

Sunday 23ed August was another grand day out. Left the clubrooms nearly on time, with a warm morning and several roofs down (we opened the sunroof) and a few spots of rain as we drove through Shortland. The Wine Country Café served 34 adults and 3 small children everything from raisin toast to the full bacon, eggs, sausages, tomatoes, and everything in between which made for a noisy repast, all in under 1 hour. We were very impressed with the service, but I don't know what all the travelers who stopped to eat or check out the information centre there thought of the invasion. Many then went on towards the vineyards for their own exploring, we certainly had enough food not to worry about the odd sample of wine.

### SEPTEMBER RUN.

Gentlemen, please don't keep this one to yourselves. **'Browny Points' on offer.** High Tea used to be for the uppercrust types last century, however it is now becoming a popular special occasion. On Sunday, 20th September, we are driving to Fishermans Wharf at Woy Woy and are booked in for High Tea at 3pm. Antique three-tier stands are laced with bite size pastries, cakes, tarts and freshly baked scones. The price is \$30 per head (so better be good) Must have names by 11/9.

### OCTOBER RUN

Okay so going to the High Tea last month means the gentlemen need a break this month. It is the Interclub Presentation so have been in touch with Steve Jones of the Hunter Club. 2009 is the 85th Anniversary of M.G. and 60th Anniversary of the M.G.T.D. and the Sydney Club is hosting their "Annual Display day and Concours at Gladesville Reserve, Crown Street, Henley...Off Victoria Road – near Gladesville Bridge. This is an excellent chance to check out many MG Models. \$5.00 entry and if you want you may also enter the concours. The Abbey Jazz Band will entertain, Trade Stalls, Abingdon Café, Regalia and Food and Drinks or feel free to bring a picnic. I have info and brochures. We will probably stop on the way down for morning tea and the presentation of our Interclub Trophies. Details still to be worked out!

### NOVEMBER RUN

Bonus for the boys (so you had better agree to the High Tea) Two runs, one of course being to our Concours on 29th . On 15th Gregor's Run will also be a Register Event. This is a touring road event so check the sporting calendar.

### 2010

First event for the year is always the Australia Day Register Run to Raymond Terrace, come along and fly the flag and let everyone know what a nice bunch of people they have at Ringwood Park.

'B' seeing you there,

**David Walker**

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The motor games weekend was a great weekend of motor sport for our car club. I was an official at the motorkhana and got covered in dust but the enjoyment was there for all the competitors. It was great to see all the junior members who came along as they really enjoyed themselves, while finding the tests in particular the reversing one a little tricky. The twilight hillclimb was heaps of fun, surprising how different it is to drive at night, but some

competitors managed to achieve their fastest time in the dark. It requires lots of work in the setting up and pulling down and many hands make it all possible. We always need extra help for these events and if you have not been able to help previously, please come along. You will not be given a job that you cannot handle.

King Edward Park Hillclimb planning is in progress with working bees about to commence.....help is required here.....further in the magazine you will find a list of dates for the working bees ....please check the dates and come along ....you will be given a job that you are comfortable with doing, and have a great time as well.....there is always lots of stories told, few jokes and we solve the problems of the world all while getting the jobs completed.

Hamilton DC post office is closing so we have relocated to a new Post Office and have a new postal address for our club .....

It is now:—

**MG Car Club Newcastle,  
PO Box 632,  
Hamilton, 2303.**

Would you please update your details?

The annual General Meeting is on Friday 13th November 2009 at 8pm We will have a sausage sizzle prior to the meeting and information on job descriptions are in this magazine.....Please mark this on your calendar and come along.

A snippet from "Enjoying MG magazine"

Paintings by Louise Lawrence.....Louise understands the importance of cars and how they can make an owner feel. Inspired by a love of classic cars she has devised a way to bring your MG from the garage into your living room through the media of paint. A car is not just a piece of metal to get you from A to B. Sometimes they can be a part of the family and owning a painting of your car can be a very personal thing.

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All she would need is a detailed photograph to paint from.

A painting can be a great gift for the car enthusiast in your life. If you are interested or require further information Louise can be contacted by e-mail ([louiselawrence83@hotmail.com](mailto:louiselawrence83@hotmail.com)) prices are reasonable and she can arrange package and posting.

Looking forward to King Edward Park Hillclimb.....see you at the working bees

Enjoy your motoring

**Andy Peters**

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5 October	King Edward Park	Hillclimb
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## FROM THE PUBLICITY DESK

Hi Guys, great to hear about the news of securing Shannon's as the major sponsor for the KEP event our special thanks is extended to Peter Robinson & Judith Rae with their excellent work in securing this valuable sponsor, while I'm on about thanking people, all members of the KEP event committee are to be congratulated due to their enthusiasm towards this MG Car Club

Newcastle motor sport event icon, the reaction from business houses in maintaining the running of the KEP event has been astounding which means we may be obliged to run the event for years to come.

Please don't forget to bring your race cars to Tuxford Park King Street Shortland near the Shortland Wetlands area on the 20th September also the Nobbys Camp Shortland area on Saturday the 3rd October both venues will provide an excellent opportunity to promote the KEP event, cars will be required from 9.00am to 3.30pm on both days, sponsors cars can also be an exhibitor, Klosters have offered a Mini Cooper as a clerk of the course car, plus being a sponsor, so hopefully the car will be a part of our displays.

There will be articles within the Herald leading up to the event if members have any high resolution photos, or stories they feel may be appropriate for publication, please contact me as soon as possible. Also the KEP posters have been produced and need to be distributed to the all the sponsors and any business that would like to promote the event .

Thanks again for your help guys.

Keep your tyres hot.

***Rick "The Rocket" Vincent***

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### **Accommodation for next year.**

Now that Christmas in July is behind us, maybe people can start to think about booking accommodation for the National Meeting next Easter in Adelaide.

So far I haven't had a lot of interest – only 4 rooms worth of people. Given that the following year - 2011 is the year of Newcastle Nat Meet – we will need lots of enthusiastic members there to promote the fun to be had on the coast.

We would like to organise some promotional clothing, so it would be good to have an idea of numbers. The Motel is happy to take a credit card details over the phone or cheque made out to the Adelaide International Motel.

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The theme night is Pirates of Abingdon. We'll have to get our thinking caps on.

### **2011 Nat Meet Newcastle**

The planning group has held 3 meetings so far this year. Our next 2011 Planning Meeting is being held at the Club rooms at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

A lot of progress has been made regarding functions and the theme night. We are now looking to consolidate logos and work on regalia. All ideas are welcome.

Darren is also very enthused about rocker cover racing – which is interesting given that he has never entered one in any of the other meetings. His focus is on using automatic release and how to make the timing more streamlined.

### **Changes to National Meeting configuration**

At present, there is a lot of general discussion about the future configuration of National Meetings to ensure their viability.

A special Delegates meeting has been planned for Sat 24<sup>th</sup> October in Sydney. Our representatives will be Darren Hodgson, Lyall Clarke and Bryn Baverstock.

I detailed some of the suggestions about class sizes in the magazine a few months ago.

But basically the discussions are around the following topics:

- \* Class configuration – the merging of classes and at what stage and for what events.
- \* Trophies – whether they should be for 1<sup>st</sup> only or 1 – 3 with much cheaper alternatives for 2<sup>nd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> places (like certificates).
- \* Can trophies be given out at the end of each day leaving the presentation night for major presentations only.
- \* Social Events vs Competition events

- \* Do we need food at the Noggin n Natter night?
- \* Do we need a farewell breakfast?
- \* There seems to be 2 distinct and opposite views about this topic ;
  - that Nat meets should get back to competition and limit the social costs
  - that Nat meets should become less competition focus and up the social activities
- \* The presentation night could be a barbeque – I'm not cooking a Barbie for 500 people.
- \* BYO food at the Noggin n natter. (I guess that depends on the venue. I can't see Panthers Newcastle being overly keen on that idea!)

It has been suggested that some clubs struggle to entertain the idea of hosting a Nat Meet because they don't have access to speed event or motorkhana venues – which led to the suggestion to have a Concourse & 2 rallies! It has been suggested that this become a set thing every 2 years, or being an option for small clubs to consider if a larger club doesn't nominate to host a traditional type event. I haven't actually heard a lot from these "small" clubs re what their thinking is.

And then there is the daddy of them all and my personal favourite (not) that a super committee be formed to run National Meetings as a business. I couldn't think of anything worse. One of things that I find appealing about the Nat Meets is the individual character that each host club brings to the nat meet scene. I don't always think it works but I can appreciate the effort that goes into it.

I guess I could understand all the fuss if the numbers attending Nat Meets had plummeted. It's true that Nat Meet numbers haven't been 700 for many years (and I really don't miss the queues that were a characteristic of those meetings), but in the last 10 years the smallest has been 350 and the numbers mostly hover between 400 – 500. Not bad for a meeting that some people in other clubs think constitutes a major revamp of the meeting format.

So if you have an idea or a comment, please make sure you catch up with one of our delegates before October.

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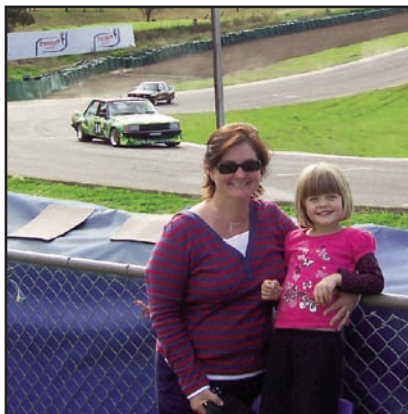
Words and Pictures: Kathleen Evans

Hi all. Well I've never written a magazine article before and who knows this could be the first and last time, hence the title of this article covers a few subjects.

When Mal (Roach) & I first joined the MGCC several years ago I competed in quite a few events and even though I did not do especially well at anything in particular I really did enjoy myself. I think my personal highlight would be a kxanacross at Ringwood. It had not rained for months and even during the reconnaissance of the circuit you could not see more than 2 meters in front of you for all the dust. It got in your eyes, ears, nose, mouth, clothes, everywhere and that was with all the car windows shut. The outside temperature was about 40 degrees so it was like a little tin sweat box inside the car. Phil Horn had given me a few pointers whilst practising my skills (or lack of them) driving around his paddock at Cliftleigh. I loved it when he gave me a ride in the passenger seat. Weeeeeee. What fun! Back to Ringwood and I've never laughed so much going over the very rough and rocky (felt like boulders) ground at the slowest pace of the day and I still managed to get lost but somehow no one noticed! They lost me in the dust.

Along came Kari our daughter who was born on 25/4/04. Mal opted to attend a Hillclimb at Ringwood whilst I was in labour but one telephone call from me screaming my head off got him moving FAST to the John Hunter Hospital. The juggle of sharing a car and baby with Mal was now on. I was so proud of myself when I won the Ladies Championship in 2005. Not from winning any competitions but just from turning up and giving it a go. We mainly raced in a Formula Vee borrowed from Phil Horn. It was old but had grunt. I felt like I was going a million miles an hour sitting that close to the ground. Mal was also very encouraging during this time.

Time passed and Mal started to compete at Wakefield Park, Oran Park and Eastern Creek with his recently restored 1974 Ford Escort Mark 1(2 door). Kari calls this car "the noisy blue car with stickers". I have been in several Supersprints at Wakefield Park and have enjoyed them immensely. I highly recommend this track to all the ladies out there who want to give racing a go as it is a very non threatening circuit and competing is taken as seriously as YOU want it to be.



Since then Mal has had the Escort revamped again and to date he has not let me drive it. Boohoo. My last drive was in September 2007. We really have not seen much of Mal since then.

It's been a while since Kari and I have attended any car related events. Mal's main excuse for us not attending is it is too expensive to take us along. Mal competes, officiates or is playing with one car or another on most weekends so you could say he is a little obsessed by car racing. If he is not at a meeting for the MGCC he can usually be found in his office talking on the telephone to one of the MGCC members about a car/race/event matter. This is how I usually find out what is happening in the MGCC world.

On the weekend of 24/25th June Mal invited me and Kari to Oran Park for the weekend to watch the HSRCA weekend races. Originally Mal was supposed to be competing in this event in his newly rebuilt 1975 Formula Ford Van Deiman but that idea went astray when the car was not ready on time. A very long story that I've heard repeated a couple of hundred times already and really don't want to get into.

Back to Oran Park. I had forgotten the smell that goes with racing. The petrol, grease and burnt rubber. I love it. There was a good assortment of cars there for the weekend. All makes colours and levels of restoration. Slow cars, fast cars and some cars that only lasted one lap of the circuit. I think the one common theme of the event was that everyone was there to have fun and get the most out of their car. I'm not a fan of modern day race cars. The V8 Supercars do nothing for me. There were a few good tussles during the day especially one between a green car and a black car.

I was impressed by the silver car which made me think of how racing must have been years ago. And risky. Apparently seatbelts and helmets were not compulsory for many years. Oran Park is a great circuit for spectators as you can see most of the track from many vantage points. Kari and I walked around 90% of the track taking photos. I especially liked it when a Porsche went wide at the sweep and ran along the concrete barrier. The noise sent a shiver up my spine. Mal spent most of his time in the pits with John Tarrant. Kari and I were fortunate to come across a fully restored 1976 Van Dieman. It was good to see what Mal's car would eventually look like.



It was good to be "on the edge" of the circuit but I must admit it made me want to get in the drivers seat again. I love that nervous excitement sitting in the pits waiting to go on the track. The fear and speed is the attraction for me and I was always amazed how I had no spit left in my mouth when I came back into the pits after a supersprint because of how hard I was breathing. My heart rate was through the roof.

I'm looking forward to the new track being built at Ringwood. I've heard so much about it through ease dropping in on Mal's telephone conversations. I think it will be a benefit to our club and motor sport in the Hunter in general. So maybe when the track is built you will find me "on the edge" but with excitement from being back behind the wheel and not just dreaming from behind the barriers.....



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FRI 11TH SEPT  
STARTING 4.00 PM

Load armco and posts at Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex - Contact Andy Peters 0407 039 495

FRI 11TH SEPT  
STARTING 7.30 PM

Officials Information Night at club rooms. All officials should attend  
Contact John Finch 0434 405 782.

SAT 12TH SEPT  
STARTING 7.00 AM

Erect armco in KEP, bring shovel, gloves, and large shifting spanners - Contact Andy Peters 0407 039 495

SAT 19TH SEPT  
STARTING 7.00 AM

Complete armco erection, level and tighten.  
Contact Andy Peters 0407 039 495

SAT 26TH SEPT  
STARTING 8.00 AM

Fill sandbags and place in position at track.  
Contact Andy Peters 0407 039 495

FRI 2ND OCT  
STARTING 4.00 PM

Collect hay bales, spectator fencing, garbage drums and other KEP equipment from Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex.

SAT 3RD OCT  
STARTING 7.00 AM

Contact Grant Cook 0408 680 424 or Andy Peters 0407 039 495  
Track set-up, erect spectator fencing, tents, marques, etc  
Contact David Atkins 4956 6200.

SUN 4TH OCT NSW CHAMPIONSHIP RD 10  
6.00 AM

Set up track, place hay bales in position. Officials briefing at Pinch exit area - 8.00 AM. Contact Senior Track Official Kenneth Atkins 0438 244 916

MON 5TH OCT TRI-CHALLENGE RD 4  
6.00 AM

Set up track, place hay bales in position.  
Officials briefing at Pinch exit area - 8.00 AM  
Contact David Atkins 4956 6200

TUE 6TH OCT  
STARTING 7.00 AM

Remove spectator fences, garbage bins, clean up park, all equipment returned to Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex for storage. Contact Andy Peters 0407 039 495

SAT 10TH OCT  
STARTING 7.00 AM

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## LAND PANEL REPORT

The work achieved at Ringwood recently includes finishing the retaining wall behind the canteen, which finishes the terracing down to the edge of the track, giving us levelled areas over the 6 foot fall in the terrain. Steps have been provided for easy access to the top levels. Our next project is to erect an awning over the levelled area behind the canteen.

Usual jobs of mowing and back filling took place as well as the Armco pressure cleaned with some sections painted as well as the ripple strips. All this took place prior to our round of the hillclimb championships.

On the day a problem arose with our main water tank at the toilet block being empty and a pump was acquired to pump water from our reserve tank. We are investigating the reason why the tank was empty, as a fortnight earlier it was overflowing. The tanks have now been joined so we now have no need for a pump.

Work has been progressing of the joining of the two lower Motorkhana areas with 2 large stumps being removed with back filling and extensive clearing of undergrowth. Now we need to get committee to OK purchase of 80m of 600mm pipes to lay in the drain so we can back fill and level to join both areas, which would give us an area of approx. 150m x 100m.

Some work has been carried out on our rally sprint track, with the event being postponed to December, because of the previous rain. As well some stumps have been removed and corners reshaped, this does not include the tremendous amount of work put in by Bill Pearson on both the tracks and spectator points. Work had also been going ahead on preparation for the Motorkhana and Twilight Hillclimb which was part of the successful Motor Games weekend, with quite a number of juniors competing made it well worthwhile the effort in the preparations.

Our boundary re-alignment is at present with the Pt. Stephens Council, and the last survey is a Bushfire assessment. A decision should be made in the near future, (Gee don't things move quickly). Also IRH has deposited 10 tonnes of fill into a washed away area to gain access to the side of the property.

On the equipment side of things, preparing the rally sprint tracks has taken its toll on our machinery, with the cutting blade on the front bucket of the backhoe being replaced by Club member Lindsay Chaff which saved the club a considerable amount of money. Our full appreciation goes to Lindsay. The damage of course was done by loading gravel from the quarry. Also a hydraulic hose blew out whilst removing a stump on the rally sprint track, the backhoe will never rust out and my oil soaked jeans are in the wiz bin.

A seal in the ram on the tractor gave up during preparations of the Motorkhana area and the ram needed rebuilding. Our large generator motor is now key started, but is not generating. This is being looked at and appears to be the control panel. At this time I would like to thank on behalf of the club those members who have assisted in developing and maintaining our property.

Lyllal Clarke, Bill Pearson, Lindsay Chaff, Eric Chandler, Gregor Dickinson, Mike Cole, Ken Short, Michael Snow, Bryn Baverstock, Jim Bayliss, Kevin Edwards, Allan Bates, Kenneth Atkins, Glenn Parsonage, Jim Gardiner, Andy Peters, to name a few, and many more who have helped clear prepare and maintain the complex at Ringwood Park.

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**Doug Rae**

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## Annual General Meeting

Notice to All members of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc

The Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers of MG Car Club Newcastle Incorporated will be held at the Club Rooms, Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens, on Friday November 13th, 2009, commencing at 8pm

### Agenda:

- Apologies
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, 14th November, 2008.
- Summary of the Club's activities over the past 12 months
- Treasurer's Report and Report from the Auditor.
- Election of Officers for the Club Committee for the year 2010. (All positions become vacant).
- Any other business as submitted in accordance with the Club's Rules. (Members are reminded that Special Business needs to be submitted to the Committee before the Meeting.)
- **RULES**  
Members are reminded of the following:-
  - Only **Full Members** are eligible to vote.
  - Both Full and Associate Members can accept a nomination for a committee position.
  - Both Full and Associate Members can nominate any club member for a committee position.
  - Associate Members will be granted Full Membership upon being elected to a committee position.
  - **Members must be Financial to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009 to be able to vote** – Current Financial Membership Cards should be produced in order to obtain Voting papers.
  - Voting papers will not be issued after the current Committee positions are declared vacant.
  - Nomination Forms should be completed and posted or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Meeting.
  - **Associate members are permitted to cast Proxy votes** for a full member who is absent, only if the Proxy form is completed and posted to or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting
  - **All Nomination Forms must be signed by the nominee.**

*Andy Peters* SECRETARY

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### COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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Takes the minutes, deals with the incoming and outgoing correspondence, circulates information to members, via the magazine, passes on information to the various panels. Answers inquiries about the club and its activities. Is in touch with CAMS.

#### TREASURER

Handles the Club's accounts receives the money, deals with banking and investments. Is responsible for paying the accounts, keeping records, and making sure that the books are audited at the end of the financial year.

#### CLUB CAPTAIN

Organises the Club Championship Structure and maintains the Club member pointscore, as well as the calendar. Receives results and working bee records for the pointscore. Co-ordinates with panels to organise trophies after the events for distribution.

#### EVENT CO-ORDINATOR

Is an important part of setting up the years calendar along with the Club Captain to construct the Club Championship pointscore. Helps other panel members to promote their events. Is responsible for maintaining current list of calendar with event changes that often happen and supply to Editor a list of coming events for the current magazine. Ideally a NAMS delegate as well.

**REGISTER CAPTAIN**

An MG owner - someone who is likely to attend most of the Club Runs. Organises the monthly Register Runs also the annual Concours. Keeps the register pointscore for MG owners, contacts MG members for promotional parades or displays.

**REGISTER SECRETARY**

Assists the Register Captain to plan and conduct MG events. Ensures inquires and correspondence specifically relating to MG's are considered and answered. May act as National Meeting Co-ordinator organising accommodation and travel arrangements. Looks after the Club's Vintage Plate Registration Scheme. Keeps abreast of MG information in Australia and overseas.

**SOCIAL SECRETARY**

Provides supper for Club Nights each month (does not have to cook) **can be purchased**. Organise other social outings as well as Christmas/Presentation Dinner and Natter Nights. Can form a social committee of helpers if necessary. Help with catering at events if required.

**EDITOR**

DOES NOT WRITE THE MAGAZINE, but receives articles written by others to edit and produce the magazine. Ensures the magazine is delivered to and from the printer. Organises the Magazine Assemblies and posting .Handles gathering of advertisers, artwork and invoices.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Processes new members and keeps a database of club members up to date. Ensures new members receive relevant information on joining

**PUBLICITY OFFICER**

Inform members and the general public of our activities. Always striving to keep a high profile of the Club whenever possible. Extra promotion for large events such as State Hillclimb events at Ringwood, King Edward Park etc. Endeavour to get Club information into newspapers, radios or magazines. May assist the Register Captain with displays and parades, and the Editor with advertisers for the magazine.

**SPEED EVENT CO-ORDINATOR**

Organises Tar Speed events such as Ringwood Hillclimbs, Supersprints etc. This persons does not have to Direct all these events, but is responsible for making them happen and can assist Make sure event permits from CAMS are in place and supp regs are distributed to invited clubs. Make sure enough officials are organised and the venue is ready. Results to go to the Club Captain. Might keep mailing list of competitors.

**MOTORKHANA CO-ORDINATOR**

Organises the Motorkhana/ Khanacross events for the year. Locate suitable venues. Once again does not have to organise all events, but responsible to organise officials, timekeepers, paperwork to CAMS etc. Send results to Club Captain.

**RALLY PANEL**

Organise Rallies/ Rallysprints/ Touring Road Events for the year. Can use other Directors, organise checkers, officials, liase with local authorities, Police, Forestry etc. paperwork to CAMS. Bring rally matters to committee for attention.

**LAND PANEL**

Is responsible for the maintenance of the Track and surrounding area at Ringwood. Organises any work to be done by other parties or organises and advertises working bees of club members for general maintenance of the Complex. Works closely with the Speed Event and Equipment maintenance Co-ordinators

**EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Responsible for the maintenance of mechanical equipment at Ringwood Complex. DOES NOT HAVE TO FIX IT PERSONALLY, organises necessary work to be done by others, so that equipment is fully functionally. Makes recommendations to Committee re equipment needed.

**COMMITTEE NO.1**

This person has no direct responsibilities, helps other committee members with projects., may have previously been on Committee.

**COMMITTEE NO.2**

Must be first appointment to the Committee, assists other committee members. Is a good introduction to the running of the Club and its business and activities.

**NOMINATION FORM - COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2009/2010**

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATED by	SECONDED	NOMINATION <i>ACCEPTES (SIGNS)</i>
PRESIDENT				
VICE PRESIDENT				
SECRETARY				
TREASURER				
REGISTER CAPT.				
REGISTER SEC.				
CLUB CAPTAIN				
SOCIAL SEC.				
EDITOR				
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY				
PUBLICITY				
EVENT CO-ORD				
SPEED EVENT				
MOTORKHANA				
RALLY PANEL				
LAND PANEL				
EQUIP MAINT				
COMMITTEE 1.				
COMMITTEE 2.				

**PROXY VOTING FORM 2009  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13/11/09  
MG Car Club Newcastle Inc.**

I.....being a Full Member of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc. hereby  
**appoint**.....  
of.....

As my proxy to vote on my behalf at this meeting of the Club.

I authorise the Secretary of the Club to complete this proxy by filling in any blanks, there may be within on my behalf.

As witness my hand.....Day of .....2009

Signed by the said appointee.....

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