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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year to you and yours and I hope that it brings everything that you wish and work for.

Our Annual Presentation Night was held, at our Club Rooms, during December and congratulations go to Lyall Clarke, our Club Champion for 2009. Dylan Grant and Fran Hodgson were our Junior and Lady Championship winners respectively. Alan Bates was the Most Outstanding New Club Member of the Year. At the afternoon presentation we were addressed by one of our past presidents, Murray Bingham who attended with wife Barbara. Murray related some of his past experiences and spoke words of encouragement to all. Afterwards a Christmas Party was held and many enjoyed the feast which was prepared by Rose and her Ladies Auxiliary. Lyall was honored, with him cutting the Christmas cake - that was delicious.

After a relaxing Christmas break it was back to work and that included matters relating to the club. This has included the planning to set up a power supply from our reconditioned 15Kva generator to various areas of the Hillclimb facility. Also John Mallam and Michael Snow have been working on our Event Management/Timing System with real time displaying results on large computer monitors. A new office block is being set up from which the Event Secretary will work from.

Our January Club Night was well attended and the set up for the ongoing development at Ringwood Park was explained to all present.

Many questions were asked and answered. Every one seemed to be very happy with the arrangements. IRH are negotiating a licence for us to use the area on which the Hillclimb is located, the six uses of the Skidpan/Motorkhana area and the three uses of the Short Course Club Race Track for ninety nine years for free. It seems that the Skid Pan/Motorkhana Area may be built along side the entrance gate to our facility - that will be very convenient.

Our first Hillclimb was held yesterday (24th January) and was attended by 41 competitors. The event was won by Ray Bromley in his new styled "Gadget" followed by Glenn Parsonage and then by the ever present Tom Clemens. These results are available on our web site.

You may have been surprised to receive this Magazine. It has only come about by the volunteering of Judith Rae that has made it possible. She will be endeavouring to publish it monthly, however it will still be available to any one on the web site. Michael Gigli is doing a great job in developing the site.

Don't leave it for only a few people to do the organizational work for our next three huge events viz. this years and next years Mattara Hillclimbs and our 2011 MG Car Club National Meeting at Easter. As was proven for last years Mattara Hillclimb - Many hands make work easy and pleasurable to do.

Remember, support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins.

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MEMBER'S JACKPOT \$150

**JACKPOT NOT WON LAST CLUB NIGHT.
 WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG NEXT
 MONTH FOR A CHANCE TO WIN**

(Financial Club members only eligible)

CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY 12th FEBRUARY at 7.30PM



FEBRUARY EVENTS DIARY

Date	EVENT	Time	Points
8/2 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY- MGCC Ncle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St Birmingham Gds	7.00 pm	M
10/2 WED	LAND/SPEED PANEL MEETING -MGCC Ncle Clubrooms Cobby St, Birmingham Gds	8.00 pm	M
12/2 FRI	CLUB NIGHT- MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St ,Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
13/2 SAT	JUNIOR DRIVER TRAINING DAY - MGCC Ncle held at Ringwood Park. Contact Greg Hunter PH 4959 2716 Safety check and paperwork 10am	11am start	M
13/2	WORKING BEE AT RINGWOOD ((Contact Alan Bates)	8.am	M
14/2 SUN	JUNIOR/LADIES HILLCLIMB - MGCC Ncle held at Ringwood Park. Contact Rick Vincent 4945 5114	9.30 am	M
19/10 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC Ncle. Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gds PLEASE BE PROMPT MEETING STARTS 7.30PM SHARP	7.30 pm	M
20/2 SAT	STATE RALLYSPRINT RD1 - MGCC Ncle held at Ringwood Park .Contact Bill Pearson 4955 8505 SCRUTINEERING 8.30 for a 10am START	10.00 am	Nams R/S1
20/2 SAT	STATE KHANACROSS RD 1- HDCC. Held at Hampton Court.	TBA	
21/2 SUN	REGISTER RUN - MGCC Ncle (see report Page 10) Contact David Walker 4958 4941	7.30 am	R
27/2 SAT	MOTORKHANA - WAC Held at Awaba Contact Darren Green 4945 4372	12 noon	M/K1 N/C
27/2 SAT	NIGHT KHANACROSS - WAC. Held at Awaba Contact Darren Green 4945 4372	7pm	K/C1 N/C
27/2 SAT	HILLCLIMB - FORMULA VEE CLUB. Held at Ringwood Park. Contact John Collins 4961 4961	TBA	
28/2 SUN	STATE HILLCLIMB RD 1- SDMA held at Fairburn Canberra	TBA	

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Michael Snow to confirm that an event is still being conducted on the date shown above. Cancellations sometimes happen. *You can also view the event calendar at: www.mgcarclub.com.au*

MARCH EVENTS DIARY 2010

Date	EVENT	Time	point
6/3 SAT	JUNIOR DRIVER TRAINING DAY - MGCC Ncle held at Ringwood Park. Contact Greg Hunter PH 4959 2716 Safety check and paperwork 10am	11am start	M
6/3	WORKING BEE AT RINGWOOD ((Contact Alan Bates)	8.am	M
7/3 SUN	HILLCLIMB - MGCC Ncle - held st RINGWOOD PARK Contact Rick Vincent 4945_5114	9.30 am	C/C T/S
8/3 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY. MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St Birmingham Gds	7.00 pm	M
9/3 TUE	NATMEET MEETING - MGCC Ncle - held at Clubrooms . Contact Fran Hdgson	7.30 pm	M
10/3 WED	LAND/SPEED PANEL MEETING -MGCC NCLE At Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
12/3 FRI	CLUB NIGHT- MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St ,Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
13/3 SAT	TAR MOTORKHANA - MGCC Hunter Region. Held at Honeysuckle Dr. Contact Steven Jones 4952 3486	10.00 am	R
13/3 SAT	FLUFFY DUCK TOURING ASS - AHRG- Contact Geoff Thomas 4957 0999 (W)	TBA	T/R R
13/3 SAT	FLUFFY DUCK Khanacross- AHRG- Contact Geoff Thomas 4957 0999 (W)	TBA	T/R R
14/3 SUN	REGISTER RUN - MGCC Ncle - No Details as yet. Contact David Walker 4958 4941	TBA	R
17/3 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC NEWCASTLE. Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gds	7.30 pm	M
20/3 SAT	NATTER NIGHT - MGCC Ncle - Held at The Hodgson's (See Register report Page 17)	6.30 pm	M
21/3 SUN	STATE KHANACROSS Rd2 - MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood. Contact John Roach 0422 558 278	10.00 am	CC/N K/C.M
28/3 SUN	MULTICLUB HILLCLIMB - MLMSC. Held at Bulahdelah. Contact Ross Jones 4997 2299		

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C/C Club Championship M Club Member R Register pointscore
 N Nams N25 Nams Anniv T/S Tar Speed Series D/E Dirt Event Series
 M/K Motorkhana /Khanacross RT Road Touring Series
 N /C Nams Interclub MG /C MG Interclub T/C Tri-Challenge



JUNIORS IN MOTORSPORT

CAR CONTROL COURSE
 RINGWOOD PARK MOTOR SPORT COMPLEX
SATURDAY 13th February 2010
SATURDAY 6th March 2010

SAFETY CHECK AND PAPERWORK 10AM
START TIME 11AM

What a better way to introduce Juniors (12 to 18 years) to Motor Sport than to provide them with a **CAMS approved Driver Car Control Course**. This program is designed for those wishing to **improve their driving skills**, and/or **compete in a CAMS speed event**, participants must have driving experience in Sprint Karts, Motorkhanas, Khanacross or RTA learners permit.

This program contains tutorial on car preparation, safety, driving, car control, enabling competition in an open event at Newcastle MG Car Club's hillclimb course at Ringwood. Driving instruction is on a one to one basis with an instructor in the vehicle with the pupil. The instructors are approved by **Confederation of Australian Motor Sport** for their suitability and experience in driving skills and their ability to instruct.

Safety apparel required is neck to ankle cotton based clothing with long sleeves, also crash helmet. Motor vehicle must pass a safety check but does not have to have RTA registration.

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

CONTACT GREG HUNTER 0412 493 711

**HAVE YOU SENT BACK YOUR
 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL YET !!!**

You might need it for the next event. Exp 1st March

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Thank you to all members who have renewed your 2010 membership to date. Please ensure that you complete all details on the form, in particular your 2009 membership number/s as this makes my job a lot easier.

If you have not received your renewal form please contact me ASAP on 49332 and I will post one to you.

You may have a friend or relation who wishes to join the club, we encourage them to join & participate in club events, either competitive or social. Please make sure that they have 2 people to endorse their application. I have been getting a number of new applications forms with no nominators on them. An easy way for people to correct this is to come along to a club night or an event & make themselves known to club committee & members. In future, new members will be invited to the next club night after they join & be presented with their membership cards & package. Any membership enquiries 49332346.

New Members

Mr Maldwyn Davies	Bolton Point	MG Magnette	Full MG
Malcolm & Leona Bird	Dubbo	Formula V	Associate
Grahame Baxter	Singleton	VL Commodore	Associate
Joshua & Louise Hayes	Taree	Lancer	Associate
David Follett	Wyee	LH Torana	Associate
Warren & Jill Richards	Scone	MGB	Full MG
Mathew Daley	Mayfield West		Associate

Joy Bower

NATMEET PRACTICE MOTORKHANA MARQUE SPORTS CARS ONLY

Saturday 13th March organised by
MGCC Hunter Region

Held at Honeysuckle Drive
(same place as last time)

Using the 9 National Meeting nominated events
8am scrutineering for a 9.30am start

Contact Steve Jones
Phone 4952 3486

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Andy Peters

2010 Motorsport competition is now in progress . Good luck to all competitors. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year at events, club nights, natter nights and working bees.

A reminder to all members, help is always required at our working bees. Dates are available in our magazine or on the website.

This is a good venue to get to know other club members, and there are plenty of jobs available that will help develop our facility.

Also we would love to see new

members at our club nights at Cobby Street Birmingham Gardens, a great place to share information.

We receive many magazines from other MG Car Clubs throughout Australia as well as overseas, which are kept in our library and they are available to all our members to read.

The MG National Meeting in Adelaide at Easter is getting closer and my preparations are in progress.

Happy Motoring.....Andy

REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

Our first Register Run for the New Year was to Riverside Park, Raymond Terrace for the Australia Day celebrations. On an overcast morning a turn out of 9 MG's plus assorted Motor Sport vehicles saw a contingent of 30 club members displaying an excellent selection of cars. We sat around under the trees, keeping out of the hot sun and very humid conditions after the mist lifted.

Great to see Iris & Lyal May out in their GT, we all enjoyed catching up whilst enjoying the coffee, tea and damper organised by the Salvation Army. Several bands kept up the musical entertainment all day whilst the well situated Junction Inn did a roaring trade at lunch time and cars started to disperse around 2pm.

FEBRUARY REGISTER RUN will be on Sunday 21st Feb to Mount Sugarloaf for a breakfast run. This is always

popular and a good way to start the club year after the January holidays.

We will leave the clubrooms at 7.30am usual rules we need a list of people leaving from clubrooms, BYO everything (I am always interested to see how many bring Maccas takeaway from Edgeworth). There are electric BBQ's and plenty of covered seating and we are usually joined by various wildlife. You are welcome to go straight there if you prefer.

No firm decision on where to go for Xmas in July, Lesley and I have a couple of places to check out in the next few weeks after the summer rush.

REGISTER RUNS ARE ORGANISED SO CARS ON CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION CAN TEST THEIR CAR OR BLOW OUT THE COBWEBS. BUT ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER by Scott Mc Garry

Fear, responsibility and brain strain. These are my current feelings as I start my new role as Club Captain. More precisely, the fear of making a mistake with the scoring (but I'm only human), the responsibility of keeping on top of the job of keeping you all informed of your competitive standings, and the brain strain of understanding the scoring systems and implementing the processes to track them all. Perhaps this column of the club mag should be called 'Captain's Cornered'!

But by removing my 'black hat' I realise this is a great opportunity for me to assist and serve a great club to do what it does best...organise and run events for those of us who love MGs and/or motorsports. I thank those of you who have had the trust in me to give me this opportunity to serve on the 2010 committee, and to be the 2010 Club Captain. I'll do my best, and I'm open to criticism. I have no point scores to publish this month, but you should feel no great loss as hardly any competitive events have been held as of writing. Next edition of the magazine will include the first point scores for the year.

As my predecessor Kenneth Atkins (thanks for all your work Kenneth) may have indicated last year, there have been a number changes to the rules for 2010, including some major changes to 'Ladies' and 'Juniors' scoring. I will try to summarise these two scoring changes, below.

Ladies no longer are required to enter a separate 'Ladies' class at series or championship events. Ladies simply enter a class as any 'non lady' does, and points scored within their class are added to their overall score, to determine the Ladies champ at the end of the year. This makes it easier for you female entrants (and the Club Captain) as you no longer have to decide whether to aim for 'Ladies' points or class points, as you get both simply by being a lady entered in whatever class you are in. (I wonder whether I should informally score a 'Gentleman's' class, using the same system, and how I might decide who is eligible!)

Juniors retain their own 'Juniors' class(es) for each event type series, however there are now 2 Juniors classes for each event type (be it Motorkhana, Dirt Speed, Tar Speed etc.). The classes are 'Junior Production' (JP) and 'Junior Specials' (JS). Juniors in Types 1, 2, 3 and Marque Sports are JP. All Type 4, 5, SV/4WD, Clubman competitors are JS. However, for Motorkhana classes all are JP unless entered in classes F or G, which are the specials (JS).

For outright Junior champ, the points gained in nominated Club Championship events in either class JS or JP will simply be totalled to determine the outright winner. Easy. If you have any questions regarding the championship systems or points awarded, please consult the club website in the first instance, and if that doesn't help, contact me for a laugh.

I wish all competitors, organisers, worker bees and officials, good luck for 2010. Keep your eyes on the prize.

2010 LIST OF CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AND SERIES FOLLOWS

2010 MGCC NEWCASTLE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS
N.A.M.S HUNTER INTERCLUB TROPHY EVENTS

Sun 24th Jan	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sat 27th Feb	Khanacross	Awaba 7pm	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 23rd May	Motorkhana	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 6th June	Motorkhana	Awaba	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 15th Aug	Khanacross	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 19th Sept	Khanacross	Awaba 10am	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 21st Nov	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114

TAR SPEED EVENT SERIES

Sun 24th Jan	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sun 7th Mar	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	"	4945 5114
Sun 9th May	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	"	4945 5114
Sun 5th Sept	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	"	4945 5114
Sun 7th Nov	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	"	4945 5114
Sun 21th Nov	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	"	4945 5114

2010 MOTORKHANA SERIES

Sat 27th Feb	Rd 1	Awaba (Dirt) 12	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 11th Apr	Rd 2	Ringwood (Dirt)	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 23rd May	Rd 3	Ringwood (Dirt)	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 6th Jun	Rd 4	Awaba (Dirt)10	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 25th Jul	Rd 5	Awaba (Dirt)10	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 29th Aug	Rd 6	Awaba (Dirt)10	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372

2010 KHANACROSS SERIES

Sat 27th Feb	Night Khanacross	Awaba 7	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 21st Mar	State Khanacross	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 30th May	State Khanacross	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 27th Jun	State Khanacross	Awaba 10	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
Sun 15th Aug	Khanacross	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422558278
Sun 19th Sep	State Khanacross	Awaba 10	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372

2010 TOURING ROAD EVENT SERIES

Sat 13th Mar	Fluffy Duck T/A	AHRG	Jim Pope	jimpope@westnet.com.au
Sat 26th Jun	Night Owl	AHRG	Geoff Thomas	4957 0999 W
Sat 21st Aug	Heart of the Hunter	AHRG	Geoff Thomas	4957 0999 W
Sun 14th Nov	The Short Run	MGCCN	Gregor Dickinson	gregord@optusnet.com.au

2010 OTHER EVENTS (Included in the Outright Club Championship)

Sat 3rd Apr	Nat. Meet. Concours	Adelaide	MGCC SA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
Sun 4th Apr	Nat. Meet. Motorkhana	Adelaide	MGCC SA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
Mon 5th Apr	Nat. Meet. Speed Event	Adelaide	MGCC SA	Fran Hodgson	49469989
Sun 28th Nov	Club Concours	TBA	MGCCN	David Walker	49584941

All events that will count for the Outright Club Championship, Ladies Championship and Junior Championship are taken from the above listed events.

See the "2010 OUTRIGHT, LADIES AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS LIST" for those events. Additional to the above listing, are 3 interclub series available to our members, these being the Tri Challenge Series of Tar Speed Events, the CSCA Super Sprint Series and the MG Car Club Hunter Region Championship (MG and Marque Sports Cars only).

2010 Tri Challenge Series

Sun 25th Apr	Hillclimb	Kempsey	KSCC	
Sun 9th May	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	
Sun 4th Jul	Hillclimb	Tamworth	TSCC	
Sun 29th Aug	Hillclimb	Kempsey	KSCC	

2010 CSCA Series

Sat 6th Feb	Supersprint	Wakefield Park	Club Lotus
Sat 17th Apr	Supersprint	Eastern Creek	MGCCN
Sat 15th May	Supersprint	Eastern Creek	Jaguar
Sat 26th Jun	Supersprint	Wakefield Park	AHOC
Sat 21st Aug	Supersprint	Eastern Creek	MGCCN
Sat 28th Aug	Supersprint	Eastern Creek	Sprite Club
Sun 17th Oct	Supersprint	Wakefield Park	Triumph

2010 OUTRIGHT/LADIES & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Venue	Org. Club	Contact	Phone
24th Jan		Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
	Sunday					
27th Feb		Motorkhana	Awaba	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
	Sat 12pm					
27th Feb		Khanacross	Awaba	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
	Sat 7pm					
7th Mar		Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
	Sunday					
21st Mar		Khanacross	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422 558 278
	Sunday					
3rd Apr		Nat.Meet. Concourse		MG SA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
	Saturday	Adelaide				
4th Apr		Nat.Meet. Motorkhana		MGSA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
	Sunday	Adelaide				
5th Apr		Nat.Meet. Speed		MGSA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
	Monday	Adelaide				
11th Apr		Motorkhana	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422 558 278
	Sunday					
9th May		Tri-Challenge H/climb		MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
	Sunday	Ringwood				
30th May		Khanacross	Ringwood	MGCCN	John Roach	0422 558 278
	Sunday					
6th Jun		Khanacross	Awaba	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
	Sun 10am					
26th Jun		Night Owl TRE		AHRG	Geoff Thomas	4957 0999W
	Saturday	Hunter Valley				
21st Aug		Heart of the Hunter T/A		A HRG	Geoff Thomas	4957 0999W
	Saturday	Upper Hunter				
29th Aug		Motorkhana	Awaba	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
	Sun 10am					
5th Sept		Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
	Sunday					
19th Sept		Khanacross	Awaba	WAC	Darren Green	4945 4372
	Sun 10am					
7th Nov		Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
	Sunday					
14th Nov		The Short Run	TBA	MGCCN	Greg Dickinson	4959 5755
	Sunday					
21st Nov		Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
	Sunday					
28th Nov		Club Concourse	TBA	MGCCN	David Walker	4958 4941
	Sunday					
5th Dec		Tar Motorkhana	TBA	MGCCN	John Roach	0422 558 278
	Sunday					

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SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger

January Club Night had a good attendance being the first for 2010, but once again the Lucky Number Draw had no winner and the prize now stands at \$150. There was a lot of "chatter" about how members spent their Christmas and New Year and some even spent the time fixing and updating their cars ready for a busy 2010 Calendar programme.

If you know of a Guest Speaker for the night please let me know so that we can arrange a date for their visit.

The next Club Night will be held at the Cobby Street Club rooms on Friday 12th February 2010 commencing at 7.30pm. Come along and join other members, this is a good way to meet them and find out the various club activities taking place. Supper is also served.

Next Natter Night:

The next Natter Night will be on Saturday 20th March 2010, venue at Fran & Darren Hodgson's 77 Wynd-

ham Way, Eleebana at 6.30pm phone 4946 9989, for a BBQ, BYO meat & drinks. A discussion will take place regarding the travel arrangements for the 2010 MG National Meeting, which this year is in Adelaide, The Natter nights are held as a social event for members to mix and "natter" and quite often to view a "garage display". Please let me know if you would like to hold a Natter Night at your home, workshop etc. that we can arrange a date for a visit.

Annual Bus Trip

The bus trip this year will be to Darling Harbour for the Motor Show on 24th October 2010. Of course if you don't want to go to the Motor Show you can go shopping or visit the many restaurants in the area.

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PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson

It was great to have a good field at the first Hillclimb of 2010 with 41 entries, including some new and interesting ones - both cars and drivers. Every Club Racer is probably a bit like me, always dreaming and designing the ultimate race car (in your mind), then unfortunately, considering things like time (none), money (none), expertise (none), tools, space, etc. - the ideas go away.

Some people though, do have the ability to convert great ideas into reality. We had Ray Bromley's first creation - an Escort with a Falcon motor shoe-horned in. I believe the budget was so tight that the slicks were about half the cost of the whole car! But what a rocket! Ray has persisted with his ideas to the new "Gadget" (Charade/Honda) again with slicks and a wing, nicely positioned to get uninterrupted airflow through the car and out the rear window opening! Clever - and quick - 32.59!

Another successful debut was that of Lawrie Constable's new Hillman Imp! (Sort of an Imp). Lawrie's project (described elsewhere in this magazine) is something quite different - where do you find '60s Hillman Imps anyway?

Against a lot of experts' advice, Lawrie has produced a very neat little car which is quick, straight out of the box and will improve greatly as further development takes place. How about slicks Lawrie?

I have been a keen follower of Lawrie's development of the Imp and we were very happy to help out with bits and pieces from our Shop. Good

to see Phil and Natalie Horn haven't lost their touch with Phil doing a 33.94 (not bad for an old guy on radials!!) and Natalie 35.12 in her Targa Tassie car.

Don't forget the Young Driver Development Course on 13th February followed by the Ladies/Junior Hillclimb on the 14th.

Tri-Challenge 2010.

This year the Tri-challenge Series dates will be as follows -

Round 1	25th April Kempsey Mt. Cooperabung,
Round 2	9th May Ringwood
Round 3	4th July Oakburn Park Raceway, Tamworth
Round 4	29th August Kempsey Mt. Cooperabung.

The Tri-challenge Championship has been going now since 2002 and is a series designed for people who have been competing in local Club events who want to branch out a bit more.

With only 4 events and only 3 involving travel, it is a bit cheaper than the CSCA Series and good for those people who don't have the time to do 7 - 10 rounds of a State Hillclimb or Supersprint Series. Both Kempsey and Tamworth hold Practice the day before their events and usually competitors have dinner together. If you have never been on a race track before, you can have a go on Tamworth's 1k track which has a combination of tight corners and straights where you can get used to breaking from 140-150kph and hone your cornering skills before you go to either Wakefield Park or Eastern Creek.

MGCC Newcastle Championship Presentation 2009



Outright Winner Lyall Clarke



Alan Bates Best New Member



2nd Outright Bill Pearson



Ladies Champion Fran Hodgson



Andy Peters, John Collins and Greg Dickinson, Club Members of the year



Junior champions with their fathers

RINGWOOD FIRST EVENT 2010



Doug Rae



Tom Clemens



Glen Parsonage



Ray Bromley



Michael Snow



Adam Ford



Dave Atkins



Lawrie Constable

AUSTRALIA DAY 2010 RIVERSIDE PARK



NAMS Championship Presentation 2009



Interclub Winner MG Car Club Newcastle



Bill Pearson



Amy Mrcela



Tom Clemens



Keith Hammond



Glen Parsonage



Jim Sullivan guest speaker presents Ray Bromley



Bill Pearson's 2010 preparations

MGCC Newcastle 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP

At the presentation night held last December the following people were presented with the major trophies for their efforts during the 2009 competition year.

OUTRIGHT CHAMPION

1st Lyall Clark 2nd Bill Pearson 3rd Ryan Mc Shane

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1st John Collins 2nd Andy Peters 3rd Gregor Dickinson

LADIES CHAMPION

1st Fran Hodgson 2nd Sue Thomas 3rd Marea Semken

JUNIOR CHAMPION

1st Dylan Grant 2nd Benjamin Hall 3rd Keith Hammond

BEST NEW MEMBER Alan Bates

Congratulations to all the winners and place gettings in all of the categories. GOOD LUCK FOR 2010

NAMS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS FOR 2009

OUTRIGHT OVERALL CHAMPION

1st Cyril Croker - 2ns Bill Pearson - Ken Duffy

LADIES CHAMPION

1st Tegan Meek 2nd Danielle Bartlett 3rd Jamie Lee Meek

JUNIOR CHAMPION

1st Dylan Grant 2nd Benjamin Hall 3rd Keith Hammond

TAR SPEED CHAMPION

1st Ray Bromley 2nd Amy Mrcela 3rd Glen Parsonage

INTERCLUB WINNER - MG Car Club Newcastle

OTHER WINNERS from MGCC Newcastle included

Michael Snow	Lyall Clarke
Michael Gigli	Greg Voysey
Tom Clemens	Andy Peters
Howard Mac Lean	Ryan Mc Shane



MG National Meeting 2010 Adelaide

South Australia- Easter Weekend 2nd - 6th April, 2010

BULLETIN NO 6

The MG Car Club of SA wishes all MG enthusiasts a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to sharing a weekend full of fun and friendly rivalry with you during Easter 2010.

2010 NATIONAL MEETING TIMETABLE

Monday March 1

Registrations close

Friday April 2

Registration & Scrutineering - 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

- The Shores Function Complex, Corner Hamra & Military Road, West Beach.
- Café open for light lunches

Noggin n Natter - 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm

- The Shores Function Complex, West Beach
- Buffet Meal provided
- Rocker Cover Racing

Saturday April 3

Concours – Competition Event

- Judging commences at 10.00 am
- Elder Park, King William Road, Adelaide

Theme Party - Pirates of Abingdon ☐☐☐ Doors open 6.30 pm

- The Shores Function Complex, West Beach
- Three course meal, & drinks on arrival provided
- Music, prizes, and frivolity.

Sunday April 4

Motorkhana - Competition Event

- Woolworths Distribution Centre, Monarto
- 4 groups, first group starting at 9.00 am

Kimber Run - Social Event

- Commences at The Shores Function Complex at 9.00 am
- Concludes at Monarto

Evening - Free time

Monday April 5

Super Sprint - Competition Event

- Mallala Motorsport Park
- Scrutineering of all cars commences at 8.00 am
- Drivers briefing 9.00 am

Observation Run - Alternative Competition Event

- Commences at The Shores Function Complex
- Concludes in the Barossa Valley
- Lunch included in Registration Fee for competitive entrants
- Additional lunches can be purchased via the Registration Form.

Presentation Dinner - Doors open 6.45 pm

- The Shores Function Centre, West Beach
- Three course meal, and drinks on arrival provided
- Presentation of awards & entertainment

2010 National Meeting Adelaide

Tuesday April 6

Farewell Breakfast - 7.30 am to 9.30 am

- The Shores Function Complex, West Beach

- Full Buffet Breakfast

Delegates Conference - 10.00 am

- The Shores Function Complex, West Beach - Light lunch provided

Visit the 2010 National Meeting website, natmeet2010.mgccsa.org.sa for more information

I think I have caught up with everyone in our merry band of Nat Met attendees who are Adelaide bound. But in case there are any members still considering a late run - entries are open and the early bird rate closes 15th February with final entries accepted until the 1st March. So if you haven't put in an entry as yet, and don't have an entry form please contact me as soon as possible or visit the 2010 National Meeting Website for more information,

The good news is that Mallala Circuit is confirmed for the speed event.

The track is a good hour out of Adelaide but worth the effort. It has been 17 years since I was last in Adelaide. We didn't get there in 2002 - I just couldn't face the Hay Plains with 2 children under 9 in the back of the GT! Now one of those children will be sharing the driving across those Hay Plains in a bid to clock up those all important "Learner hours". SA Club has also decided to run with 4 classes in the Observation Run rather than the 3 as for the Outright Concours Classes.

They have added an extra class for MGBs! Perhaps they are expecting an influx of that model to go on the Run - I would have thought that group would have been keen supporters of the "need for speed" motto! To refresh people's memories, we are staying at the Adelaide International Motel in Glenelg. Those attending include: John & Rose Collins; Andy & Shirley Peters; David & Lesley Walker; James Pearson; Dale Powell; Fran Hodgson; Darval & Sue Thomas; Kerry Woollard; Ken & Robyn Short. We will be keenly watching all aspects of the meeting with our own looming and will be promoting Newcastle 2011 at every opportunity.

2011 Planning Update

The next meeting for this year is on Wed 3rd February when we will be finalising information we need to take to Adelaide, setting budgets and reviewing our logos and Regalia styles. I think this is going to be very exciting as Lesley Walker & James & Courtney Pearson have been very proactive in chasing a new fresh look.

The next 2 planning meetings are scheduled for Tues 9th March & Wed 5th May. In March we will need to pack our promotional bags ready for Adelaide. In May we will be reporting back on our learning from Adelaide.

We really need to be sourcing a Motorkhana venue. There are hopes of course, that if the IRH group are successful with their development application, that we will have a Motorkhana area at Ringwood, but we can't afford to rely on this option and need to be vigilant in checking other areas. It would be useful for people staying in Newcastle over Easter to be on the look out for large sealed areas that are not used at that time.

We also need volunteers to manage the registration process. Please contact myself or David Walker if you are interested or come along to the next planning meeting.

Regards Fran Hodgson

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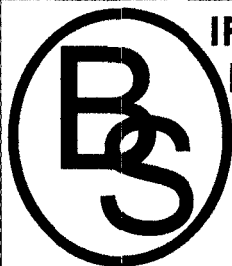
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RALLY REPORT by Bill Pearson

"Red Mist" Rallysprint Supp Regs available from Bill Pearson or Website.

On 20th Saturday February we will have our third attempt at running this high speed rally stage at Ringwood. As this is the first event in the NSW series this year I expect a good sized field and lots of action as the top crews in the state attack the "Tabletop" jump and deep water splash down in what used to be the old off road pits. There is a high spectator mound there with panoramic views now I've cleared low scrub so you can see several corners. Free access is through the property bottom gate at the end of the dirt right of way road to Barley Ranch & the paintball. Please only park on the right as signposted, and bring your cameras to record the spectacle right up close.

Charity Dirt Track Passenger Day for Kids with Cancer

The Hunter Valley Off Road Racing Assoc accepted our invitation and used 3km of our khanacross tracks at Ringwood on 7th February. It's great to see the excitement and enjoyment being a passenger in a bouncing buggy puts on the faces of the parents and children and to be able to freely offer our club dirt facilities for such a worthwhile cause.

NAMS

The 2010 competition rules have at last been finalized and should be on our website by the time you read this. The prestigious NAMS series awards were presented at the Germania Club at 7.00pm on 30th January, the majority being won by members from our club. The two most notable were Ray Bromley's 1st Outright in the Tar series, and Dylan Grant our Junior Club Champion taking out the NAMS Top Junior award. I could only score second outright this year as WAC's Cyril Croker was just too good in his buggy. Congratulations to all our other many winners.

Changes to Hunter Interclub Competition

Since this award's conception circumstances have at times favoured one club then another. The NAMS Committee always wants this to be a competition that any club can win, and so monitor it and adjust it's guidelines occasionally to ensure this is possible given changing trends in local motorsport. Each club earns points from class wins, and at present there are far more classes at hillclimbs than at motorkhanas or khanacrosses. As a result some changes will be trialled for the 2010 season.

Classes will be limited to those that can generally run across the series - specifically Types 1-5 and 4wd/SV, plus the normal wheelbase divisions at motorkhanas. This means that Marque Sports and Clubman classes will not be including in the scoring for this particular interclub contest. Until now this series has comprised 2 hillclimbs, 2 motorkhanas (1 dirt/1 tar), and 2 khanacrosses. An additional khanacross has now been included - one which our club plans to run in August. These alterations will be shown in the 2010 NAMS rules by shading, and will be reviewed for the 2011 season.

Special NAMS 25th Anniversary Competition

Let me draw your attention to these four events over two weekends, using not car classes but the teaming together of pairs of drivers to decide the series winners. All are designed to be really unusual and unique, with the emphasis on mateship and fun. Entry fees will be very low as NAMS is subsidizing the series.

It all kicks off with a night motorkhana at Awaba on Saturday night 6th February in the dark using glow sticks as flags and the difference between team members times as the determining factor. So if you're both slow but as slow as each other you can still be victorious! No watches or outside instruction of any type will be allowed as you try to match your buddy's time. The second round is on the following day at Ringwood where a regularity hillclimb will demand team mates to be equally consistent. Like I said - these events are designed to be different and fun!

Civic Conversion

My pic shows I have been busy over the break replacing the stock 1.6 SOHC with this 2 litre DOHC engine with it's gearbox and entire wiring loom. 50% more power and double the torque and it's still standard! This car belongs to one of our Juniors and I expect him to be very fast and successful in competition this year. You have been warned.

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EDITORIAL by Judith Rae

Well after a well earned break as editor I find it necessary to step up to the plate once again. I was very reluctant and was hoping that someone much younger than me, and with more knowledge would offer to take it on. I just want to see the magazine continue as our main source of communication.

We had many people comment to us that they liked to get the magazine posted to them monthly with many of them not computer literate and in fact dont own one. I think the decision to put it on the website was a little hasty and it needs to be accessible my both mediums for a number of years untill the age group takes a big swing to a much younger membership and computer literate.

I will temporarily, endeavour to co-ordinate the magazine on a monthly basis with help from the committee and others with computer knowledge and hopefully someone will take it over.

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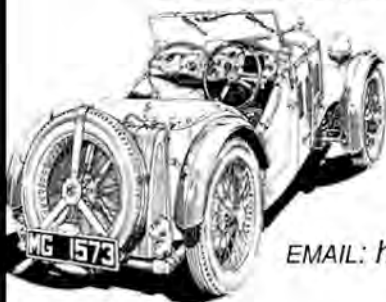
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Celebrating



My Mate "Kermie" by Lawrie Constable

This all began approximately 3 years ago.... seeing how well the Volkswagens were doing at Ringwood, I thought if any vehicle was to challenge them it has to be a rear-engine, rear-wheel drive to get the power to the ground.

Just by chance a Hillman Imp became available.... so started the research. Motors available are only 1 litre capacity, spend a lot of money and time and you might get 115-120 HP. Fit a bigger motor and all you get is wheel stands. So after a lot of research and frustration I gave up on that idea and concentrated on building a "Motorkhana" car, only to be told later that in Type 3 turbos are permissible if fitted with restrictor.... more research!

I was surprised to find out that in the United Kingdom they have been doing this to Imps for the past 10 years or more, getting something like 160 HP. Put that in a car weighing approximately 700 kilograms and its got to be somewhere near the mark, the cost?.... out of reach!

By this stage, in time, the project was progressing nicely.

1st Stage - old power plant (40HP) out.

2nd Stage - fit Skyline R32 independent differential, adapt half shafts to Imp stubs.

3rd Stage - fit Yamaha FJ 1200 motor (approx 130 hp) into left rear seat area cylinders in line.

4th Stage - Bring driveshaft through rear floor, anchor slip yoke in pillow block bearings, lining up for chain drive with motor/drive shaft sprockets all aligned.

5th Stage - It was onto reverse gear, this is simply another shaft running parallel to drive shaft connected by chain, with a drive plate and starter motor. Works like a dream. I will be changing to belt drive to lesson the HP loss, due to this shaft constantly turning while vehicle is moving.

6th Stage - Closing in motor, fitting fans, constructing air chutes to carry air from front of car over a 21 core oil cooler around motor and out the rear.

So far all of this work was challenging and enjoyable.

7th Stage - Headache.... Frustration Spit the dummy!!

PREPARE FOR PAINTING. 2-3 weeks of rubbing down....

Don't want to talk about it

A lot of the parts for 'Kermie' were obtained through MAITLAND AUTO PARTS. Shafts and sprockets were machined by GIBSON DRIVESHAFTS and MORLEY PERFORMANCE ENGINEERING.

'Kermie' did his first Hillclimb competition at "Ringwood" on Sunday 24th January 2010. He did pretty well, doing 34.11 seconds the last run, not bad for a 47 year old car that cost me about \$3,500 so far. I will have to tinker with the suspension over the next year to keep all four wheels on the black stuff, and maybe I might be able to get somewhere near the 'Gadget'. Build time approximately 2½ years, lost a lot of time waiting for parts to be built, plus my back played up twice, putting me out of action for approximately 4 months. I've got to keep telling myself.... he is a Motorkhana car not Hillclimb.

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SPEED EVENTS by Rick Vincent

Last Sunday 24th January was the 1st round of the MGCC Ncle and NAMS Tar Speed Hillclimb series, and proved to be a great success with some interesting entries like Ray Bromley's GADJET and Laurie Constable's Hillman IMP, both being very competitive. As usual Brad Smith played havoc where ever he goes, with a brilliant time of 34.44 in the MK sports U2L being .3 off the record. Some coming events during February with the Regularity Hillclimb last Sunday 7th Feb this was a NAMS 25th Anniversay event and the Junior/Ladies Hillclimb on 14th Feb which is a Come and Try Day. Here is a chance for you Ladies to see what Motor Sport is all about.

Both events should be very interesting. NAMS has offered special prize money for TEAM ENTRIES for the Regularity Hillclimb. An article next month will fill you in on the details of the NAMS (Newcastle Area Motor Sport History) celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year

We are always looking for members to be officials at club events, so if you are interested in participating in the CAMS Officials Training Courses please contact me.

Keep your tyres hot..... Rick Vincent

JUNIOR and LADIES COME and TRY
HILLCLIMB SUN 14th Feb

Entry will be around \$25 depending how much the permit fee is.

A Come and Try Licence is \$25 which covers your insurance for the day. This will be deducted from a full licence if you wish to proceed down that track.

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LAND PANEL by Alan Bates

Things are happening, at this stage we have the generator sited in the shed near the toilet block, it has been test run on a number of occasions and the fuel usage rate is minimal.

The event secretaries building is taking shape, new siding has been bought and the outside should be finished within the next week. The power supply programme is progressing, material supply problems over the Christmas period are now behind us and I am awaiting a couple more quotes so the work can be finalised. Even though the power is supplied from our own generator, we must still provide all the necessary safety requirements to ensure that all users of the Ringwood facility are protected from possible electrical malfunctions.

In my opinion this installation must be in accordance with the current wiring standards so that we have the option of future connection to the power grid that will inevitably come in with the IRH project.

The ever faithful club truck is now located at Ringwood and will be a vital asset to the club members during the weekly/advertised and adhoc working bees, even though it has sustained significant damage, it is primarily of a superficial nature and does not prevent the vehicle being used.

The work on the track proper is taking shape and as the weather gods have been smiling on us the track will be up to speed for the first event of the year.

Our group of workers grow

older by the day, anyone with an interest in maintaining our facilities are more than welcome to attend our advertised working bees, please look in your club magazine or on the website, or you are welcome on any Thursday when the MGCC Shed Day takes place. Please contact myself or Doug Rae for details.

C u later

Alan Bates

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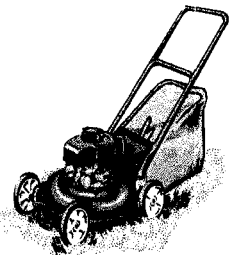
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ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Some useful information for new and old members in filling out entry forms. Both Entrant and Driver sections **MUST** be completed, the entrant is the owner of the car. **AS ABOVE** is no longer acceptable, the same information must be repeated in full. Don't forget to sign the disclaimer.

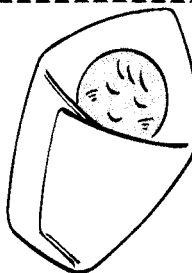
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Congratulations

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