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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With Easter fast approaching, those few members who are going to the MG National Meeting have their preparation in full swing. Next Saturday sees a (practice) Tar Motorkhana at Honeysuckle for Marque Sports Cars organised by the Hunter Club (all Marque Sports Cars can attend).

A Natter Night will be held at the Hodgson's on Saturday 20th March, 2010 to co-ordinate the final arrangements. Promotional bags are to be prepared to take, for distribution and most will have samples of our Regalia to wear in Adelaide so the reaction maybe gauged to the sensational materials and styles. As you can see preparation for next years event is well under way.

The Ladies/Junior Training Hillclimb was held on 14th February, 2010 with a good turn up all having as many runs as they wished, in fact we had to call a STOP so we all could go home. As the day progressed it was great to see everyone enjoying the day and improving their skills.

The first 25th NAMS Anniversary Celebration Event at Ringwood saw a Regularity Hillclimb run on 7th February 2010. After practice each driver had to nominate a time at which they wished to run

and points were lost for each 100th of a second they were either fast or slower. After 3 runs Andy Peters won with on 44 points lost and Andrew Wallin was second with 51 points lost and it was a tie for 3rd with Darval Thomas and Glen Parsonage both finishing on 86 points.

The next Anniversary Event at Ringwood will be held on Sunday 16th May, 2010 and will be a Garage Hillclimb.

On 20th February 2010 we saw the culmination of Bill Pearson's work come to fruition with Round 1 of the NSW State Rally Sprint series being run.

Don't forget to get your entry in for our CSCA Eastern Creek Supersprint on 17th April, 2010 - officials will be needed so give John Finch a call on 0434405782 NOW!

IRH's development plans are still progressing with many of the Specialist Reports completed. Our licence to operate at Ringwood for the next 99 years is with the Solicitors being "Boiler Plated". It will be checked again and then signed off.

Remember to support the supporters who support your sport

John Collins.

**Who turned 60 recently? He runs a wrecking yard and his son works at NBN
Give up! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUSS****

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MEMBER'S JACKPOT \$200

**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 MARCH at 7.30PM



MARCH EVENTS DIARY 2010

Date	EVENT	Time	points
8/3 MO	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 Hodgson	7.30 pm	M
10/3 WE	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	MG/IC R
13/3 SAT	FLUFFY DUCK TOURING ASS - AHRG - Contact Vicky Murphy 49601077 for details. Day/Night event starting at Wyong incorporating a Motorkhana at RINGWOOD & finishes at AWABAWAC. Khanacross organised by WAC	9.00 am	T/A
14/3 SUN	REGISTER RUN - MGCC Ncle - Loop of the LAKE Contact David Walker 4958 4941 (See Page 21)	10am	R
17/3 WE	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC NEWCASTLE. Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gds PLEASE BE PROMPT MEETING STARTS 7.30PM SHARP	7.30 pm	M
20/3 SAT	NATTER NIGHT - MGCC Ncle - Held at The Hodgson's (See Social Report Page 26))	6.30 pm	M
20/3 SAT	WORKING BEE - MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood Park to prepare for Khanacross. Ph Alan Bates 0412 280 093	8.00 am	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 NEW TIMING	10.00 am	

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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 I/C Nams Interclub MG I/C MG Interclub T/C Tri-Challenge

APRIL EVENTS DIARY 2010

2/3/4	MG NATMEET - MGCCSA. Held at South Australia	C/C
5/6	Concours/Motorkhana/Speed event/Touring	R
FR/TU	Assemblies and Social Events	
2/3/4	FOSC - Held at Mt Panorama, Bathurst	
5/6 F/T	"THE WAY IT WAS" - REGULARITY FESTIVAL (See page 38)	
3/4	RALLYSPRINT - WAC. Held at AWABA	4pm Nams
SAT	Contact Darren Green 4945 4372	
9/4 Fri	NOTE CHANGE OF CLUB NIGHT TO 16th April	
*****	C A N C E L L E D Due to Easter	
11/4	MOTORKHANA DIRT - MGCC Ncle. Held at	10.00 C/C/N
SUN	Ringwood Park, Ph John Roach 0422 558 278	am M/K/M
12/4	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY- MGCC Ncle. Held at	7.00 M
MON	Clubrooms Cobby St Birmingham Gds	pm
14/4	SPEED PANEL MEETING -MGCC Ncle At Clubrooms	8 pm M
WED	Cobby St, Birmingham Gds	
16/4	CLUB NIGHT- MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms	7.30 M
FRI	Cobby St ,Birmingham Gardens	pm
*****	PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO EASTER	
17/4	CSCA - SUPERSPRINT MGCCNSW / MGCCNcle	
SAT	Held at Eastern Creek. Ph John Finch 4957 3123	
17/4	STATE HILLCLIMB RD 2 - BLCC Held at Mt Panorama	TBA
SAT	Esses. Bathurst	
18/4	STATE HILLCLIMB RD 3 - BLCC Held at Mt Panorama	TBA
SUN	Mountain straight. Bathurst	
21/4	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC Ncle. Held at	7.30 M
WED	Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gds- BE PROMPT	pm
25/4	TRI-CHALLENGE HILLCLIMB- KSCC. Held at Mt.	T/C
SUN	Cooperabung. Ph Peter Robinson (H) 4933 8167	
26/4	RALLYSPRINT COME & TRY - MGCC Ncle. Held at	M
MON	Ringwood.Contact Bill Pearson (H) 4955 8505	

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

ATTENTION

Due to the MG National Meeting being held in Sth Aust. and the FOSC meeting at Bathurst over Easter many of our members may still be away. As well the printer is closed over Easter, so we have decided to move the Mag assembly to 12th April and clubnight to 16th April.

**REMEMBER NO CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY 9TH APRIL
NOW BEING HELD FRIDAY NIGHT 16TH APRIL**

**NATMEET PRACTICE TAR MOTORKHANA
Please note: 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

**OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY TO
DON ANDERSON
FOR THE SAD LOSS OF
HIS WIFE
SHIREEN**

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY by Joy Bower

ATTENTION

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

ONLY FINANCIAL TO 28/2/2010

(as per our constitution if you are not renewing your membership a letter of resignation is required)

If you wish to maintain your number you must pay
by the end of February.

Please advise if you have changed your address

**IF NOT PAID BY END OF APRIL
YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A MAGAZINE**



Welcome New Members

Peter Lenard – VH Comm. Assoc
Harley Price – VS Comm. Assoc
Dean & Robert Morrison – Audi
Assoc
Kimberley Atkins – Subaru -Full

Jason Goulding – Hyundai -Assoc
David Pollock – Lantra -Assoc
Alex Elphinstone –Skyline –Assoc
Alan & Browyn Hinds – Piranha
Formula Libre -Assoc

REGALIA

**There is a small supply of T Shirts, caps, scarves
and stickers available at very reduced prices.**

**These are for sale at Club Night's. the second
friday night of each month. Rose Cogger**

Social Secretary Phone: 0413 222 828

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Andy Peters

Motorsport competition is in progress and I have enjoyed both hill climbs. The regularity hill climb was a new and exciting event for the current competitors as this event had not been run for a long time.

I am sure all of the competitors who entered would like the event to be held again next year. The wet start to the day added some extra challenges for all to enjoy.

Don't forget to have a look at all the MG Car Club's magazines that have arrived for 2010

They come from all areas of Australia plus New Zealand and we have a couple from UK. These are available in our library. MG National Meeting is in Adelaide over Easter and my preparation is in progress but progress is slow at the moment.....

Happy Motoring

CAPTAIN'S CORNER by Scott Mc Garry

Just a few brief comments from me this month. I'd like to remind ALL officials, competitors of any MGCC Newcastle club event to please PRINT YOUR NAME & SIGN the SIGN ON SHEETS. I have noticed on three occasions that people have been present at meetings and NOT signed the sign on sheet. I can only assume this happens at events I don't attend too.

Additionally, a reminder to any organisers of events, be they competitive or otherwise that I need to receive the sign on sheets for OFFICIALS as well as COMPETITORS, as well meetings attended etc. Events attended provide points for the Mick Neilson, Club Member of the Year award (as listed in HOW IT WORKS). I'd like to give some feedback on the current

standings in the Member's point score, but I feel the 5 outstanding sign on sheets prevent the scores from being accurate. My contact details are in the front cover, or you could simply leave sheets at the clubhouse from where I will collect them. Thanks to those organisers who have returned officials sign on sheets.

Keep your eyes on the prize,

At the most recent committee meeting, some changes to the prizes and, subsequently, the wording of 'How It Works' for the 2010 Pointscore have changed. The changes should follow this column and be shown as shaded text or underlined

The Year 2010 Pointscores. (How it works!)

THE MICK NIELSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

FOR CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

This award will be made to the member who obtains the highest number of points awarded for involvement in the club's activities. The award will be marked by a perpetual trophy to be held by the winner for 12 months.

The award will also entitle the winner to a presentation gift / trophy / cash to the total value of \$100.00.

Points will be scored in the following manner:- ***PLEASE NOTE: additions or changes in HOW IT WORKS are those in shaded type and / or underlined**

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 1) Officiating at an event conducted by the MGCC Newcastle | 6 points. |
| Director/Secretary. | 5 points. |
| Steward | 4 points. |
| Other Officials. | 2 points. |
| 2) Competitor in a Club run event | 4 points. |
| 3) Working at a pre-advertised Working Bee | 2 points. |
| 4) Attending a Magazine assembly | 2 points. |
| 5) Attending a Club Meeting (Film Night) | 2 points. |
| 6) Attending a Club Committee Meeting | 2 points. |
| 7) Attending advertised sub-committee meetings | 2 points. |
| (eg. Mattara Hill Climb/National meeting - all members welcome to attend | |
| 8) Hosting a Natter Night | 4 points |

Persons who officiate and also choose to compete, (where applicable) will be scored as a competitor.

To be eligible to score points a person must be a financial member of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc. As defined in the "Rules and Objects of Association" at the time of the activity for which the points are being awarded. Likewise they must also be financial at the end of the period for which the pointscore operates.

Members must nominate MG Car Club Newcastle as their Club when completing an entry form for any of the Championship or Series events listed for the MG Car Club Newcastle Club Pointscores. Should a member choose to nominate another club they will not score points in this Championship.

THE CHRIS DODDS MEMORIAL TROPHY

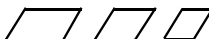
FOR OUTRIGHT CLUB CHAMPION.

This award will be made to the member who obtains the highest number of points awarded for competition results in the events listed for the Club Championship. The events will be competitive by nature and hence will be conducted under a C.A.M.S. Permit. The award will be marked by a perpetual trophy held by the winner for 12 mths

The award will also entitle the winner to a presentation gift / trophy / cash to the total value of \$150.00.

The events which make up this Year's Club Championship will be those listed and advertised as such and will comprise:-

- 1 Six nominated Hillclimbs or other Tar Speed Events.
- 2 Five nominated Motorkhanas at least 2 to be on tar surface & conducted by MGCCN



3. Three Road Event Series - (nominated Touring Road Events and or Touring Assemblies)
4. Four nominated Khanacross or Dirt Sprint events
(including 2 of which will be conducted by MGCC Newcastle.)
5. The MG National Meeting (Being Motorkhana, Speed Event & Concourse)
6. The Annual Club Concours.

The points scored by an individual in their best 12 results will be used for calculation of this Championship.

To be eligible to score points a person must be a financial member of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc. As defined in the "Rules and Objects of Association" at the time of the competition event for which the points are being awarded. Likewise they must also be financial at the end of the period for which the pointscore operates. (currently, the calendar year).

Should the results of an event be calculated using a different set of classifications, to that of our club (ie NAMS classifications as nominated in the 2010 NAMS Regulations), then that Event's results will be re-calculated according to the normal set of classifications used by MGCC Newcastle for the purpose of points distribution to the Club Championship.

The Club Captain will use the competitor's classification scored in previous events in the same car in that year, as being the classification to be used. Should an event have to be re-scored, competitors so affected will be notified accordingly. Should the competitor wish to change from the classification previously entered, they must notify the Club Captain of this within 72 hours of that notification.

Where the classifications are as per the Current NAMS Regulations, the classification noted in the results will be taken as that which the competitor intended to compete in at the time, regardless of previous event results. (This would apply where a competitor purposely "enters up a classification")

Points will be awarded for places earned by our members relative to each other. Outright places will be used in Touring Assemblies if there are no classifications used and any event where competitors are not placed in classifications, otherwise your position relative to other MGCC Newcastle members in the same classification will be used.

Where points are awarded based on classification placing in events, additional "Bonus points" will be available to place winners in larger classification group as shown:-

C L A S S	P L A C E	Base Points for Competing = 6	Extra Points for place in Class	Bonus Points if Applicable based on Number of Members in Classification					
					1	2	3	4	5
		Number of Members			2	3	4	5	6
1		Base Points = 6	5	0	1	2	3	4	5
2		Base Points = 6	5	0	0	1	2	3	4
3		Base Points = 6	4	0	0	0	1	2	3
4		Base Points = 6	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
5		Base Points = 6	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
6		Base Points = 6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7		Base Points = 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	on	Base Points = 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Competitors must meet minimum requirements as spelled out in the individual event type series to be eligible for the minimum 6 points awarded for competing. To be eligible for place & bonus points, a competitor must be classed as “a finisher” as defined in the current C.A.M.S. Manual of Motor Sport for the event type concerned. For the Outright Championship a minimum of 8 club championship events must be contested before a trophy will be awarded.

ENTERING UP A CATEGORY CLASS.

Should an entrant wish to enter a vehicle up a classification, then such vehicle must comply with ALL requirements for that classification. According to the current CAMS Manual of Motorsport.

CLUB LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Ladies Champion will be the lady driver who scores the most points in nominated club championship events conducted throughout the year.

The Ladies Championship works in the same way as the Outright Club Championship and is scored on the same events. Lady members who compete in this Championship will have their points calculated on their position relative to all other members of the club in their vehicles classification.

(Note: it is no longer necessary to enter into a ladies class. The points scored as per event results, will be the score carried across to the ladies championship points table).

This means that technically a lady competitor could potentially win both the ladies championship and the outright championship.

For the Ladies Championship a minimum of 8 club championship events must be contested before a trophy will be awarded.

PAUL DALEY MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPION.

The Junior Championship also works in the same way as the Outright Club Championship. Junior Members must enter and compete in the “Juniors Class” and will be awarded points based on their position relative to other junior members of the Club, who have competed in the classification. Should a Junior compete in an event where no Junior Classification is provided they will be awarded points relative to others Juniors competing in the event as if a classification had been provided. In Motorkhanas there can be two Junior classifications, points will be awarded for place in each.

To be eligible to compete as a “Junior” the competitor must meet the following requirements:-

1. Competitors eligible to compete in Junior classifications shall only be those students under 18 years of age at the start of the calendar year and financially dependant on their parent or guardian.

2. For a Junior member to receive free entry into a Club event, the Junior must nominate MGCC Newcastle as their club on the entry form. Should another Club be nominated then the entry fee will be 50% of the normal adult fee.

3. The membership card will carry a “J_____” member number.

For the **INDIVIDUAL EVENT TYPE SERIES** only, juniors will be classed into 2 vehicle categories “JUNIOR PRODUCTION VEHICLES” & “JUNIOR SPECIAL VEHICLES”

For the Motorkhana series, JUNIOR PRODUCTION VEHICLES will be all production vehicles. JUNIOR SPECIAL VEHICLES will be classes F & G. For Both the Dirt Speed and Tar speed series, JUNIOR PRODUCTION VEHICLES will be all type 1,2,3 & marquee sports vehicles. JUNIOR SPECIAL VEHICLES will be all other classes.

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To score events where results are not calculated in a way that allows all competitors to be ranked formally against each other, (eg MG National Meeting Concours) points will be allocated in the normal way to those who have been scored and classified in order. The remaining competitors will be grouped together, and the total of their possible points divided between them equally.

TIE BREAKER.

In the case of a tie in the Outright, Ladies or Junior Championships a tie breaker will apply.

The winner will be determined by a count back of the highest points earned for any event by the competitors concerned, then the next highest, until there is a difference, the higher points scorer will be the winner.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT TYPE SERIES.

For each series, the competitor who has the highest points for a given classification, totalled across events within that given series will be deemed the class winner. Four major event groups will be contested as follows:-

Points will be allocated for individual event type series as follows (calculated as for the Club Championship):-

Event points allocation

No in Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
Place in Class							
1st	11	12	13	14	15	16	16
2nd	NA	11	12	13	14	15	15
3rd	NA	NA	10	11	12	13	13
4th	NA	NA	NA	9	10	11	11
5th	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	9	9
6th	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7	7
7th +	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6

1) Motorkhana Series.

Six Motorkhana events will be nominated for the “Motorkhana Series”.

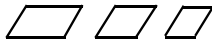
Points will be awarded for place in classification relative to other members of our club.

All 6 results count toward a Class Series Score.

Only six points can be scored by a competitor who successfully completes one of the nominated tests but does not qualify as a “finisher” as defined in the current C.A.M.S. Manual of Motorsport, National Motorkhana Code.

To be eligible for a Motorkhana Series Class Trophy a member must compete in the same classification in at least **4** of the events included in the series.

(events for the Outright championships are to be selected from these 6 events)



2) Tar Speed Event Series.

Six events will be nominated for the Tar Speed Event Series. To be eligible for the Class Trophy in the Speed Event Series, a member must compete in at least 4 of the nominated events in the same classification. Points must be scored in the capacity grouping within the classification. Points scored in another classification will only stand for that particular classification.

All 6 results count toward a Class Series Score.

To score points in the Speed Events Series a competitor must complete at least one official timed run.

(events for the Outright championships are to be selected from these 6 events)

3) Road Event Series.

The Road Event Series will be contested in two sections:-

a) Drivers Section.

Points are awarded to the driver on the basis of place in class relative to other members from this club. If the field is not split into classifications, the outright position will be used to allocate points.

A competitor must enter and complete the first competitive section of the event to qualify for the 6 points for competing. To gain points for a place (and any bonus points) the driver concerned must first be classed as a "finisher" as defined by the current C.A. M.S. Manual.

b) Navigators Section.

Points will be calculated on the same basis as the Drivers Section, ie. place relative to other navigators who are members of this club.

The Road Event Series will be contested over **4** events. A member must compete in **at least 3 events** to qualify for the series trophy.

(events for the Outright championships are to be selected from these 6 events)

4) Dirt Event Series

This series will comprise of 6 nominated Khanacross Events or Dirt Sprint Events. A member must compete in a minimum of 4 events in the same classification to qualify for the series trophy for that class.

All 6 results count toward a Class Series Score

Points will be awarded based on position relative to other MGCC members in the respective classification.

(events for the Outright championships are to be selected from these 6 events)

ENTERING UP A CATEGORY CLASS.

Should an entrant wish to enter a vehicle up a classification, then such vehicle must comply with ALL requirements for that classification. According to the current CAMS Manual of Motorsport

REGISTER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1) **The David Huck Perpetual Trophy** for the MG driver who scores the most points in nominated club events conducted throughout the year. An "Event" can be a recognised event run by another club, and will include 7 events covered by the Outright Club Championship, 3 events from the MG CAR CLUB National Meeting and 4 events from the MGCC Interclub Competition.

Therefore 14 events in total. Only 10 of the 14 will be scored, these will be the 10 events with the highest points.

During 2010, Social events will also count these being for example "Register Events" such as processions or Register Runs where notification has been given. Only 7 of these will count towards this trophy. "Register Pointscore" events will be marked as such in the "Coming Events" with the letter "R" published in "Clubtorque" each month.

Six points will be scored for participation in a non-competition event, while the point scoring system for competition events will be as for the Club Championship Pointscore (Refer also to the Motorkhana Pointscore,) Bonus points will also be awarded. Should events be cancelled then the amount of events counted will also drop by the corresponding number. To score points for this trophy an MG car MUST be driven in the event or to the activity concerned.

2) **Lions Club Trophy** for best performance by an MG competitor in C.A.M.S. competition. This trophy is scored using points as allocated for the Club Championship and will include the all 22 events listed for the Club Championship plus any other events included in the MG Interclub Series. Only the best 10 results will be scored. All events must be conducted under a C.A.M.S. permit. An MG car must be used to score points for this trophy. Should there be less than 10 events, then all the scored events will count.

There is one other perpetual trophy to be awarded that being:-

The Bill Martin Trophy for The Best Performance by a New Member.

The award will be made by decision of the Committee based on the overall assessment of the effort and involvement put into the Club and its activities by a "new" member.

A "New Member" is any member in their first period of membership of the Club.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT ANY PART OF THE CLUB'S POINTSCORE SYSTEM, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB CAPTAIN OR THE PERSON ELECTED TO COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PARTICULAR ACTIVITY. THEY WILL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY THEY CAN.

Scott Mc Garry CLUB CAPTAIN

2010 MGCC Newcastle CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS (cont)

Sun 7th Feb	Regularity Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sat 13th Mar	Hunter Region Motorkhana (MG Cars only)	Honeysuckle Dr	MGCC HR	Stephen Jones	4952 3486
Sat 26th Jun	Hunter Region Motorkhana (MG Cars only)	TBA	MGCCHR	Stephen Jones	4952 3486
Sun 5th Sept	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114

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REGISTER CHAMPIONSHIP (David Huck Trophy (MG Cars only))

Sun 24th Jan	Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sun 7th Feb	Regularity Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sat 13th Mar	Hunter Region Motorkhana (MG Cars only)	Honeysuckle Dr	MGCCHR	Stephen Jones	49523 486
Sat 3rd Apr	Nat.Meet.Concourse	Adelaide	MG SA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
Sun 4th Apr	Nat.Meet.Motorkhana	Adelaide	MG SA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
Mon 5th Apr	Nat.Meet. Speed	Adelaide	MG SA	Fran Hodgson	4946 9989
Sun16th May	Novelty Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sun 6th Jun	Garage Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sat 26th Jun	Hunter Region Motorkhana (MG Cars only)	TBA	MGCCHR	Stephen Jones	4952 3486
Sat 22nd Aug	Twilight Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sun 5th Sept	Tri-Challenge Hillclimb	Ringwood	MGCCN	Rick Vincent	4945 5114
Sun 14th Nov	The Short Run	TBA	MGCCN	Greg Dickinson	4959 5755
Sun 28th Nov	MGCCN Concourse	TBA	MGCCN	David Walker	4958 4941
Sun 5th Dec	Tar Motorkhana	TBA	MGCCN	John Roach	0422 558 278

VICE PRESIDENT NOTES by Bryn

Just a few notes to put you all in the picture regarding what the race-track & now hillclimb panel have been up to over the last few weeks/months.

As you know Doug Rae, Mal Roach, Rick Vincent & myself were asked by the committee to see what the club could do to get itself a race track after the finish of the agreement between Peter Lee & the club. As we now know IRH has come on the scene & so far it's looking good for a track to be built.

We have now been asked to look into the hillclimb. If the sale goes through & funds are available what would we want from our hillclimb? At a meeting of the speed panel where we offered several ideas to work on it

was thought that a survey/ questionnaire might be a good idea to involve all the club members & get some feedback on WHAT YOU WANT!

So over the next month we (the panel) will try & put together a meaningful piece of paper that hopefully you will all participate in. At this stage it was also decided to include sections on the club nights (how to improve & popularise) Now over the next few weeks I would appreciate any input from any person who can offer advice, ideas or any input what so ever on what should be in the survey remember it's your club so lets see if we can get some good ideas going Get your thinking caps on!

Cheers



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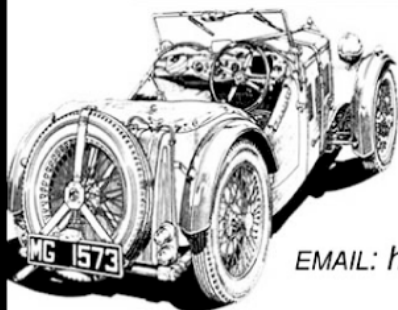
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A DAY AT THE DRAGS by Michael Gigli

For me the social aspect of motorsport is as important as the competition. Simply making it to a race track that you see on "Inside Sports" and getting your car onto the track is nowhere near as much fun as if you do it with a bunch of good friends. A lot of people who enjoy motorsports will agree with me.

This story starts in mid December. A mate of mine (who I will refer to as Morgan) and myself were sitting around playing Forza 3 on Xbox. From what I remember we were thrashing an 1800hp Toyota Supra at the drag strip and laughing about what realistic engine mods we could do to our own cars.

Getting the Supra off the line was a mission but because my actual car is AWD I disregarded the annoyances of the game by "talking up" the merits of my Laser TX3. I'm not sure at this stage if that "talking up" heightened Morgan's competitive nature but quickly we found a date that WSID (Western Sydney International Dragway) was holding a public drag event.

Fortunately Saturday 19th of December had a "Race for Real Event" where for \$50 you could take your car and drag race on an international drag strip. Most people in the MGCC Newcastle would be laughing by this time, and a few sniggering comments like "can't get it to corner, take it to a drag strip"

The event was scheduled to start at 5pm so just the wait to go pick up the car trailer was hard for me. At the best of times I'm easily excited. I washed the TX3 to soak up some time, then made a few phone calls to see who was going. My mate Morgan had his SR20DET S13 180SX ready to go. He seemed more excited than I! We had a small group consisting of an XR6 turbo, VL Turbo, an R33 Skyline and an SS ute willing to make the trek. We travelled in a convoy of Newcastle cars to WSID. The accessibility to WSID is good, and unloading the car there was easy. The scrutineering caused a spot of bother as my helmet was out of regulated date. I borrowed one off a mate to get through scrutineering and then the butterflies started in my belly.

I found the right lane to be in and waited my turn. A short time later I passed under the commentary boxes and onto the drag strip. And I was ready to stage. The burnout area of a drag strip is usually wet, so an AWD car gets a better launch if they drive around the water. The Marshals made me pass through the water and later a friend of mine explained that all cars must pass through the water this year due to a rule change.

With AWD TX3s, the weakest link is the gearbox. The surface of the track is very sticky and a big launch could end my fun before I start, with a broken gearbox. So with both pre-stage and stage lights on I pull the handbrake on extra hard, bring the revs up, let the clutch out slowly and load the transmission. Boost comes up, the tree flicks yellow, yellow, yellow then green. Handbrake off, clutch sidestepped, and accelerator hard to the firewall. I think the adrenaline and the G-Force all at once made me feel a little light headed, but in no time I'm done with 1st then 2nd then 3rd. It's all pretty easy from there on as

I didn't miss any of the gear changes and looking down at the speedo, I'm travelling at a dollar seventy. An anxious drive back on the return road and to the timing booth to collect my time slip takes for ever. I look at the numbers on the slip and I'm happy with the TX3. The launch is the strength in my car with a 1.8s 60ft. I cross the 400 mark at 99MPH and do that in 13.6s. That's what I was aiming for, and I achieved it in the first pass.

I made 6 passes in total but didn't better those numbers. It seems that my car runs better cold, and I put that down to organic clutches heating up and engine heat soak. I manage to get 2 passes against Morgan, I'm happy to say that I won one of them. I guess Forza 3 is useful to practice getting your reaction times down, but at least I experienced a real drag strip. I loaded my car intact and headed back to Newcastle with all my time slips.

I recommend you try drag racing at an international drag way at least once in your life - but take some mates with you.

REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

Something must be wrong - Our Register Run on 21st February, for breakfast at Mt. Sugarloaf went according to plan!!!! Good weather; on time; and just to make sure we didn't get lost, I went last in the line.

Thirty two adults, several children (not that we saw much of them with all that intendo action) and thirteen MG's plus several other marques, and two off road motorcycles (good to see Martin Reeves and Col Braye using all that testosterone on another motor sport) Louise, Alexander and Michelle arrived in their newest car a ZR (sporting number plates that used to be on the 4.4litre MGB) which looked good on display with those of Fran, Annemaree, Doug and Judith.

Fran mentioned that the Z class may, at this stage, be the largest class at the Adelaide Nat. Meet., closely followed by the MGA's! What happened to the MGB's?

Darval brought the newly painted and repaired MGF for a run, testing out the ABS which has been

playing up. All advice on this problem, gratefully received. Good to see Alan and Gina Bates, Alan is last years best New Member and has also joined the merry band of workers at Ringwood. Plenty of activity around the 4 electric BBQ's and some took the opportunity to hand feed the kookaburras. Great morning to catch up, and do some organizing for our costumes for the Adelaide Meeting.

March Register Run -

Sunday 14th will will leave the clubrooms at 10.00 for a **loop of the Lake**. We will stop in at Morriset Hospital Grounds for a break and a drink and finish for lunch at Bargo House, Nesca Recreation Area on the **Old Pacific Highway** south of Swansea (where the M.A.D.day is held) We have permission to go on to the property thanks to Martin Reeves and there are toilet facilities, and a covered area available.

This will be a picnic lunch - again please bring your own everything including chairs and rugs.

B' seeing you,

RED MIST RALLYSPRINT



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Scrutineering at Red Mist



Michael Gigli at the Drags

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Rose Cogger & Glen Parsonage



Shirley Peters



Ryan Bates

Camryn Edwards

**Breakfast
at
Mount
Sugarloaf**



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Bill Pearson and Mark Turon.**

2010 National Meeting Adelaide

The countdown is on. Easter rolls on at the end of this month. David Walker has caught the Rocker Cover Racer bug and has designed several models. He will have his first go at competition at this year's Nat Meet and then we will need to have lots of practice for 2011.

A couple of convoys are heading off to Adelaide. John & Rose Collins (F), Andy & Shirley Peters (BL), Darval & Sue Thomas (F) and Fran & Belinda Hodgson (ZR) are heading off via Dubbo and Broken Hill.

Dale Powell (Midget), Kerry Woollard (Social), Annmaree Harris (ZR) & Jan Chandler (Social) are taking the more direct route leaving a day later.

James Pearson & David Walker (ZS) are leaving earlier for a leisurely run. Ken & Robyn Short (social) are also heading off early to visit friends along the way.

Lesley Walker (social) is taking the most comfortable alternative of air

travel. I am anticipating that this year might be a big year for Modern Z cars.

Our costumes are coming together for the theme of Pirates - even if a little bit of poetic licence has been taken with our interpretation.

It should be another fun and exhausting gathering. I should wish well those members going to Bathurst because there'll be no such allowance made next year!

2011 Planning Update

The next meeting for this year is **Tues 9th March & Wed 5th May at 7.30 pm at the Clubrooms**. We will be packing our promotional packs and reviewing our plans.

Don't forget if you are in Newcastle over Easter please keep an eye out for a Motorkhana area, any large area of sealed surface. Not right in the middle of suburbia would also be preferable!

Regards Fran



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SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger

Another Club Night with no winner for the lucky number prize which now stands at \$200.00

You have to be in it to win it and club nights are also good for members to catch up and talk about the various meetings, events they have attended and modifications to their cars.

Some suggestions for Club nights are:

1. Rocker Cover racing
2. Duel position Sega simulator racing

The next club night will be on Friday 12th March 2010 commencing at 7.30pm. **David Walker is organising a Rocker Cover Race in preparation for the National Meeting, So if you want to enter you better start working on one. Prizes will be awarded**

NB: April club night will be changed to Friday 16th April 2010 due to some members returning from the MG National event in Adelaide and also the Easter long weekend.

The last Natter Night held at Chris and Dennis Tynan's home proved to be a very happy event, the rain stayed away even though Dennis was well prepared for any showers.

Thanks to Chris and Dennis for what turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

NEXT NATTER NIGHT

The next Natter Night will be held on Saturday 20th March. Fran and Darren Hodgson have offered to have us at their home at 77 Wyndham Way Eleebana Phone: 49469989.

The usual BYO barbeque, drinks and desert with a starting time of 6.30pm. Final arrangements for the MG National in Adelaide will be advised

On Saturday May 1st the Natter Night will be held at the Cobby Street Club rooms, it shouldn't be too cold and the mosquitoes will have vanished.....further details in the April magazine.

Don't forget to let me know if you will be travelling to Sydney on the Bus Trip to the Sydney Motor Show, this is always a fun day with several different things to do..... please phone me if you will be going.

Rose Cogger

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RALLY REPORT by Bill Pearson

“Red Mist” Rallysprint

After two previous attempts at running this event we at last were able to go ahead, with perfectly mixed weather of sun, heat and light drizzle in the week beforehand ensuring the track was in top race condition. Thank you to Doug Rae and Allan Bates for their help in getting fill into the last few rough spots. Unfortunately not all of our UHF radios worked properly on the day. Perhaps we should have bought higher wattage units after all, or one or two of the older ones might need replacing. Allan Bates suggested we need a brief set of guidelines to advise people how to use them more professionally in accordance with his past work experience... a great idea.

Sadly we only had ten entries on the day. After eighteen months work was I disappointed? Was I frustrated? Was I depressed? Who wouldn't be! With this small a field at what was the first state round I fear for the future of the NSW Rallysprint series. I know part of the problem are very high licensing and log book requirements for competitors, which will hopefully be overcome if and when CAMS releases it's paperwork so we can run one of the proposed new "Level 1" rallysprints. These will allow khanacross competitors to run with just a L2S license. One competitor told me *"Ringwood's reputation precedes it"*, and I know the site has it's problems. But if such apprehension was what deterred more patronage I think it failed to consider how much work had been done getting our tracks up to the required high standard. I've raced in events at Awaba that were so rough my wife was cured of rallysprints forever after just two runs.

Thank you to all those who officiated in the dirt and dust, especially those who came along and volunteered without even being asked. Most of the racers did not like the "Tabletop" jump and water splash. I'll need to decrease the approach angles a bit for these turbo cars which are faster than what we've had at khanacrosses using this track feature. I was proud of the way we ran the event, considering we haven't done one of these in around twenty years. Our Safety/Recovery crews were right on the ball, and Gregor has literally produced the manual for this particular job thanks to Murray from HVOORA. Our Safety plan also received special praise from the Area Co-Ordinator. The Supp Regs alone were twelve pages, so we've now established a big administrative base for running such events in the future... IF we can find new dirt grounds, and IF rallysprint competitors will give us a worthwhile patronage to justify all the work.

Thanks to the WAC crew who came and used their timing to produce the results, and our local RFS trucks from Raymond Terrace & Medowie for attending, and Rose & Shirley for the canteen service.

You can see a U-Tube video of the event which features the awesome *"Flight of the Celica"* at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_r4x2pmF5Y or via the link on our club website.

Feedback from competitor emails and forum discussions

“Lots of fresh blood out there today trying to make the day work, 1st time for many“.
 “Great day - well organised.”
 “Thanks MGCC for an entertaining day. There were more officials than competitors, which was a bit of a disappointment, but you guys worked your butts off and it's much appreciated.”
 “Thanks to Greg, Bill, Gregor and their team of helpers. The day was well run; facilities and catering excellent.”

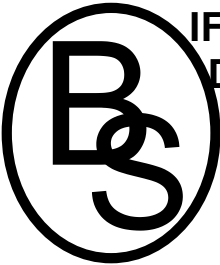
Charity Dirt Track Passenger Day

Overnight rain preceding the Hunter Valley Off Road Racing Assoc's use of our dirt facilities required some last minute re-routing on 7th February.

Feedback indicates drivers, paying passengers and all officials had a great day, with HVORRA delighted to raise significant funds for their charity donations. Even though the ground was quite wet very little damage was done to our tracks, in fact they did more good by compact-

ing - leaving several tracks previously unsuitable for 2wd traffic now ok for that task.

We ran a hill climb at Ringwood on the same day as these buggies. Other than some enjoyable and mutual cross spectating I am not aware of any problems arising from this dual use as signage and bunting prevented either competition from interfering with the other. Dust was no issue due to the wet conditions and choice of dirt tracks.



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EDITORIAL by Judith Rae

Well I am happy to say that the re-instatement of the magazine was well received with many phone calls to confirm that the majority of members still want a hard copy magazine on a monthly basis.

With the help of the Committee and computer savvy people like Mike Cole, Gregor Dickinson and Michael Gigli we are sorting out the technical side of things. It has taken me a while to pick up the threads as technology moves faster than my brain. I produced the magazine for 5 years finishing in 2006 but boy have things changed since then.

I like to print as much information as I can especially for new members who might not know how things

work, so if you want to know something probably other people do as well. Either phone or email me and I will be happy to seek out the information and supply it.

We had a good turn up at the magazine assembly, the usual nice little social group, we have a nice time chatting as we put the magazine together and prepare it for posting ready to land in your letterbox. If you would care to join us you are most welcome, a chance to meet other club members.

If you have attended an event and taken any photos, please check with me I may be in need of some, or if you have any information to share this is what the magazine is all about.

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Young Driver Development Course Conducted at Ringwood Park Learn to be a competent driver

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Driving instruction is on a one to one basis, with instructors approved by Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS). It is preferred that participants have some driving experience in sprint karts, motorkhanas, khanacross or RTA learners permit.

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

A scrutineering (safety check) will be carried out on all vehicles 30 mins before the advertised start. Vehicles must be in a safe and roadworthy condition, though it does not have to be road registered. Single seat and dedicated competition vehicles

(Buggys') are not permitted without the approval of the Chief Instructor. Safety apparel required is neck to ankle cotton-based clothing with long sleeves. A safety helmet in good condition and thin soled shoes are preferred.

Drivers of open topped sports cars must wear gloves and goggles or a helmet with a visor.

Cars should also be equipped with a fire extinguisher and seat belts in good condition.

Entry for junior members of MGCC Newcastle is free.

Entry for junior members of other car clubs is \$11.

Minimum requirement is a CAMS L1 (Come & try licence (\$25) which is a one day licence, but a CAMS L2SJ junior licence is available on the day for the lower cost of \$15 this licence is valid for 12 months.



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YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2010

By the time you read this article we will have conducted two Young Driver Development Course training days this year with 4 more planned throughout the rest of the year. The final day for this year will be held in November. Please refer to the full page information/ advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue of Clubtorque.

During this year we will endeavor to promote our training activities towards the general public. The first promotion will be a display at the very popular Jaguar Owners and Driver Club Hunter Region All British Display Day to be held 9.30am Saturday 31st of July at the Foreshore Park, The promotion will consist of a display of cars and their drivers, DVD's showing aspects of our Young Driver Development Course.

Currently the Jaguar Owners and Driver Club are conducting a promotion and sponsorship for young drivers. It has been very successful with 10 students expressing interest in attending the YDDC event at Ringwood on the 6th March.

In November last year we trained 8 students under a similar arrangement where we do the training and the Jaguar Club pays the expenses.

We have plenty of time to gather ideas for this promotion, you all are invited to make a contribution. Two Heads are better than one, as they say!

I sincerely hope the development of the Junior Programme can expand throughout this year. Over the last 12 months I have been particularly impressed with Juniors such as Ben Hall, Luke Bromley, Dylan Grant, Ryan Bates and Camryn Edwards.

Camryn took part in the YDDC event on the last month with father Wayne Edwards and long time member, grandfather Dick Edwards looking on. At this point I must add that Camryn and Wayne have regularly travelled from Blaxland in the Blue Mountains to attend the YDDC events over the past 12/18 months. Camryn who is 14 years of age will turn 15 in September has previously completed his training in a Nissan Pulsar Hatch, a perfect vehicle for training. Dick, was so impressed with Camryn's ability that he offered his Clubman sports car for Camryn to drive in the timed training day on the following Sunday. Big mistake Dick!!

From a Pulsar to a Clubman is a mighty step for a 14 year old, but not from Camryn who drove just like an expert and with maturity far beyond his age. I will only comment by stating that Camryn's times were far below that of grandfather Dick's, by the way has anyone seen Dick since!! In closing Camryn's e-mail address is ayrtonsenna2009@live.com.au just for fan mail of course, is this young man keen or what.

I can confirm that the minimum age for single car speed events (Hillclimbs) is still 14 years in New South Wales because of conditions set by the NSW Dept. of Sport, Recreation and Racing, in other states the minimum age is 12 years..

Regards *Greg Hunter*

SPEED EVENTS by Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

I thought I might reflect over some of the numerous meetings we seem to have in keeping up with various club projects.

Firstly great news about the Skid Pan that is proposed to be constructed adjacent to our new boundary, the skid pan will be included within the IRH - DA, it has been proposed that the club will have free access to this world class facility 6 times a year, really great venue for the young driver training program.

Secondly the club is in great need for CAMS officials if you have attended any officials course and have not advised the club of attaining such levels, please advise me, either mobile or e mail please refer to the contact details within the Committee Section.

We are trying to instigate training programs for new officials Please ring me to register, new officials will be requested to participate in one event per year, excluding the KEP event, so please consider it.

Considerable discussions have been held regarding the upgrade of the existing hillclimb, many suggestions have been proposed all look absolutely first class, as that is our intention, too many years have gone by without any real action, and now only wait for the final Licence Agreement before details are proposed to members for their reactions your committee is very anxious in moving forward on the upgrade.

Many club members are enjoying the CSCA events, the next event that the club will be involved in is round 2 at Eastern Creek on the 17th April the MG Car Club Sydney will be co hosting the event, which will require (here we go again) OFFICIALS owing to the size of Eastern Creek we need many hands to run this popular event so please keep it in mind as it's a great day out, even if I cant try out the new MX5 motor, sorry Brad.

The recent Regularity Hillclimb proved very successful for Andy Peters, being the closest to his nominated time being fast doesn't win this one. Also the Ladies Day - Training and Come & Try Day was well attended Rose has her eye on any Clubman,s that may be for sale, I dont know if John is aware of this, but she had a great time in the Clubman of Glen Parsonage.

My thanks go to all Officials that have attended this years events it was most appreciated.

Regards and keep your tyres hot.

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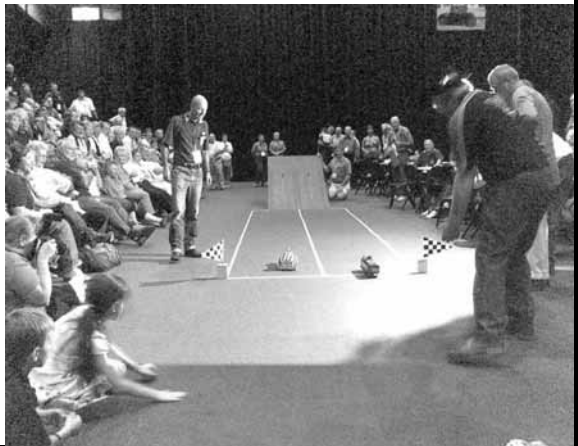
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Friday 12th March

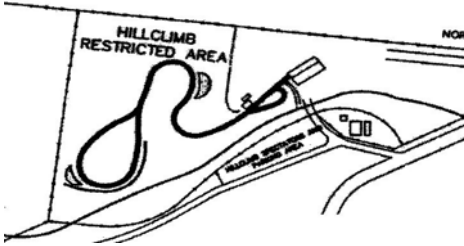
If you haven't made one yet you better get started.

There will be some prizes for each round winners.

Phone David Walker for details
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LAND PANEL by Alan Bates



It seems like it was only yesterday that I wrote the last report, here it is a month has gone by and the work goes on.

During the month we have had two advertised working bees and our usual Thursday shed day.

The power poles are now standing and ready for the next phase of the operation wiring will commence ASAP.

The original contractor who was going to auger the holes became unavailable at the eleventh hour and a few days were lost in finding someone else to do the job at short notice. A local to the area was sourced by Ryan and he bored the holes for us and we saved a few dollars in the process.

The Eastern wall of the event secretaries Bldg. has been sheeted and the door hole on the western side has been covered in.

Drawings are being prepared for the interior layout so I can get the benches and cupboards made. All the armco at Ringwood has been painted as have the tyre barriers. A lot of work has been going on to have the dirt track ready for the upcoming events. The first event was held on the 20th February.

A replacement for the ever faithful tipper has been acquired and will be in action shortly. The tipper is now housed up with the tractors in a more secure area. **Terry Hartman from ADZ Towing has been providing tilt tray services without cost to the Club. For this we are very thankful!**

Don't forget to keep an eye on the working bee dates that are coming up. This year is shaping up to be very busy for the club and it's members.

Hope to see you at the working bee's, the next scheduled date is the 20th March. Or you can come to the track any Thursday for our SHED DAY. Please contact myself or Doug Rae for details

C U LATER

**THE NEXT OFFICIAL
WORKING BEE AT
RINGWOOD PARK WILL
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PLEASE BRING GLOVES
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**Contact
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- Vehicle must be as close to original condition as possible, with NO alterations except for safety features such as seat belts, turn indicators, and roll protection or period accessories and options if desired, and maintained in this condition.
- Proof of Club Membership is provided to the RTA prior to establishing or renewing conditional registration.

Vehicle Roadworthiness

- As the club does not have a Registered Inspection Officer on the committee.
- A Safety Inspection Report (pink slip) issued by an Authorized Inspection Station is required.
- A copy or the original Pink Slip must be returned to the MGCC Newcastle Register Secretary along with the Historic Vehicle Registration Club Record Sheet.

Vehicle Use

- Vehicles can only be used for events or travelling to or from events organised by our Club.
- Events that our club has an official invitation, and is minuted in the Club meeting minutes.
- For servicing within a short distance from its place of garaging. (Short – round trip to be less than 8 kms)
- For Inspection of the vehicle.
- For longer journeys it is necessary to notify the Register Secretary so the details are registered in the Day Book.

Vehicle owner and Club Responsibility

As you are the owner and know the details about your vehicle, including servicing, inspection, testing, and originality, you will be asked to sign a form agreeing to the Historic Vehicle Registration conditions.

The Register Secretary will keep these records on an Annual basis.

THE MOUNTAIN IS CALLING YOU by Paul Bower**Officials wanted for FoSC BATHURST EASTER Meeting 2nd to 4th April 2010.**

For those members not attending the MG National Meeting in South Australia and wanting to be involved in an extended weekend of Motor sport this may be for you.

This year the additional categories include historic groups C and A, Commodores and Toranas plus a variety of Fords, Jaguars, Dolomites, Celicas, Escorts etc. Plus the traditional FoSC categories of historic and modern sports cars, historic touring cars, improved production and touring cars, plus regularity events for various categories.

Officials also wanted for FoSC Car Clubs of Australia Regularity 5th @ 6th April 2010.

A new event for this year which has created a lot of interest with some 300 cars competing in a Relay style event of which over half are reported to be Porsches, the mind boggles. I have been told Officials will be offered free paddock camping, or subsidised Goldfields accommodation, some meals, drinks etc. A cooked breakfast in the newly constructed "Officials Hut" each morning, fresh lunches and a party or BBQ each evening.

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PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson

As Car Club competitors move onwards and upwards gaining more skills in their chosen motor sports competition area, Clubs need to keep recruiting and training new members, helping them along in their ongoing motor sport "Career".

In our Club, we progress through Motorkhanas, Hillclimbs, Lap Dashes, Supersprints and Circuit Racing on Tar or through the Dirt side of the sport with Motorkhanas, Khanacross, Rally sprints and Rallies.

Some Club members have reached the highest levels of racing but are now quite happy to do super sprints or hillclimbs, whereas others have not wanted to progress that far and are happy to compete at their chosen level.

As people move on, we need to keep new members keen by showing them there is the "next step" just around the corner.

Over the last year or two, we have seen quite a few competitors move from the N.A.M.S Series through the Tri-Challenge Series and on to the State or CSCA Super Sprints and State Hillclimbs. We try and encourage younger ones coming through or new (older) members with not much time (or money!) that the sport has a niche for everyone.

The reason for this long winded article is to encourage newer members to have a go at this year's

Tri-Challenge Championship.

The Series only has 4 events; at Kempsey, Ringwood, Tamworth and back at Kempsey.

Each away event involves practice to

familiarise yourself with a new venue, without pressure, to get some practice and experience on board so that when or if you go to a circuit like Eastern Creek or Wakefield Park, you are more familiar with your car's reactions at speeds faster than Ringwood, but not straight onto a track as fast as a high speed motor racing circuit.

The 1 kilometre hotmix Oakburn Park at Tamworth is a perfect example with the fun of a race track but at half the speed! The Oakburn Park track even has practice on the Saturday before and the event is run with 2 cars (half a lap apart) doing a warm up, 3 laps and a cool down lap. Speeds are mostly 2nd and 3rd gear up to 140kph down the straight. The dates have been mentioned before, but here they are again -

Rd1 25th April - Mt.Cooperabung, Kempsey

Rd 2 9th May - Ringwood

Rd 3 4th July - Oakburn Park Raceway, Tamworth

Rd 4 29th August Mt. Cooperabung.

Each away venue is approximately 3 hours travelling time and usually the host clubs arrange discounts with local motels or hardy souls (July!) can camp at the track. Actually, Tamworth is quite civilised with large brick Club rooms, hot showers, kitchen etc.

These events are good fun and are relatively cheap, so we hope to see many new competitors this year.

Any inquiries about any aspect of the series can be directed to;-

Peter Robinson

at 49338355 or 0411487640.

Peter Finlay Retires.

After 40 enjoyable years teaching advanced driving, Peter Finlay has retired from that activity.

The driving school, which Peter and his wife, Gaye, purchased from Peter and Denise Wherrett in 1980, has been sold to Doug Cadden who has, participated in some of Peter's courses. He will be ably assisted by Scott Bucton. Scott trained with Peter and went on to achieve some considerable success in circuit racing. Currently he drives a Commodore in Improved Production.

Doug and Scott will run the four Formula Ford training cars at Garry Willmington's Marulan Driver Training Centre under the recently revised rules of acceptance for participating vehicles. Doug may be contacted on 04118 407 285 or email: toyocare@bigpond.com

It is planned that the Racing Drivers' School and the Car Control courses will be re-established at suitable venues. Hopefully, in due course dates will be scheduled at the planned development at Ringwood.

Peter and Gaye would like to thank all those members of the M.G. Car Club (Newcastle) who participated in their driving courses for their patronage. We also look forward to our involvement in the 2011 M.G. National Meeting at Easter with our M.G. TC.

EDITOR NOTES

On behalf of MG Car Club Newcastle I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and Gaye for their support of this club. For many years they have been associated with the KING EDWARD PARK HILLCLIMB by donating a Driver Training Course as an incentive to the many Officials that we require to run this event. Many grateful people have had their name drawn to take part in Peter Finlay's International Racing Drivers School.

Others did the course to sharpen their driving skills to make their competition more enjoyable. Everyone who did the course had nothing but praise for the manner in which it was conducted. Peter certainly had plenty of experience to pass on and did it with passion. I know for a fact that he has a soft spot for King Edward Park, for many hill climber's it is their favourite track. I hope the club can keep it going with new members stepping in to replace the older ones. It is a lot of hard work (don't I know it) but we have lost too many venues lately and we all hope the complex at Ringwood can go ahead this time to fill the void.

We wish Peter and Gaye well in their retirement, they certainly deserve a break, and I feel we will be seeing plenty of them doing the things they did not have time for. To the new owners we wish them many successful years ahead.

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