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Monthly Meetings

2nd Friday of month 7.30pm

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A new direction for Club Nights on the second Friday of each month. Besides the occasional Guest Speaker the evening will be a "Games Session". From some of the committee's suggestions we will have in place a Pool Table, which has been donated by **Alan Evans**. We will be able to play "Kelly Pool", \$1.00 in for each game - winner of each game takes the money.

Also a Rocker (Cam) cover racing will take place. The track has now been completed and the Drag Strip type starting system has been completed by **Darren Hodgson**. I think the rules of racer construction are detailed elsewhere in this magazine by **David Walker**. For the club nights it will be open to all marques of Rocker covers. The competition will take the form of practice runs and then a Knockout Elimination series run. The best of three runs progressing to become the "Top Eliminator". \$1.00 in winner takes all.

With the National Meeting done and dusted for 2010 the count down is now on for the National Meeting Newcastle 2011. The next organisational meeting will be held at the Club Rooms on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm. Come along and check out ideas and find a way in which you may be able to make a contribution.

The prototype National Meeting regalia was modelled in Adelaide and the majority thought it looked sensational. The few who didn't were assured that a more conservative line would also be available.

We are working in conjunction

with the Adelaide club as well as the Tasmanians who will conduct the meeting in 2012.

We are now about to start to organise the **King Edward Park Matarra Hillclimb** for this year **TO BE HELD ON THE 16th AND 17th OCTOBER 2010**. After the successful event last year with the organisational and operation teams last year we will do the same again this year with some improvements. The first meeting will be held at the club rooms on Wednesday 23rd June 2010 (4th Wednesday of the month).

The Tri-club Challenge got off to a flying start, on the Anzac weekend, at Mt Cooperabung, Kempsey - Tamworth and Kempsey were in the top outright placing. The second round was held last Sunday at Ringwood and I hope you had a successful day.

The next rounds of the NAMS 25th Anniversary events will be held on the weekend of 25th and 26th this month. They are: a **Teams Khana-cross** held at Awabawac on Saturday and a **Garage Hillclimb** (running in the regular direction this year) at Ringwood on Sunday. As with all events the entry forms and regulations are available on the web.

The preparation of Italia Road Holdings' Development Application is steaming ahead, without a hurdle that hasn't been able to be jumped yet and the transfer of land is just about to be finalised. I'm hopeful that the facility will be available for Easter next year. They think it will be sooner, let's hope

The committee has decided that besides the painting of the Club Rooms which is being organised to be done there is a need of other "housekeeping" tasks which also needs doing. A list is being prepared; it will be advertised in the magazine as well as on the web site.

So all you handy men and DIY experts get your gear out and come along. Remember - support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins



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Wednesday 26TH MAY

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CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY 14th May at 7.30PM

MAY EVENTS DIARY 2010

Date	EVENT	Time	points
9/5 SUN	TRI-CHALLENGE HILLCLIMB. Rd 2 - MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood. Contact Rick Vincent 4945 5114	9.30 am	C/C M T/S T/C
10/5 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY. MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St Birmingham Gds	7.00 pm	M
12/5 WED	SPEED PANEL MEETING -MGCC NCLE At Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
14/5 FRI	CLUB NIGHT- MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St ,Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
15/5 SAT	CSCA SUPERSPRINT - Jaguar Drivers Club. Held at EASTERN CREEK . Ph John Finch 4957 3123		
15/5 SAT	WORKING BEE - MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood to prepare for Garage H/Climb Ph Alan Bates 0412 280 093	8.00 am	M
15/5 SAT	NAMS 25TH TEAMS KHANACROSS - WAC Held at Awa-bawac Contact Darren Green 4945 4372	2.00 pm	N25
16/5 SUN	NAMS 25TH GARAGE HILLCLIMB- MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood. Contact Rick Vincent 4945 5114	9.30 am	N25 M/R
19/5 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC NEWCASTLE. Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gds BE PROMPT	7.30 pm	M
22/5 SAT	AHRG - EVAN GREEN MEMORIAL TOURING ASSEMBLY Held in the Upper Hunter Ph Hal Moloney 0432 227 203. Starts Stratford (see Ad Page 8)	12 noon	
23/5 SUN	NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMP. RD 4. KSCC. Held at Mt. Cooperabung. Regs on MGCCN Website		
23/5 SUN	MOTORKHANA DIRT- MGCC . Held at Ringwood Contact John Roach 0422 558 278	10.00 am	M M/K N/C N
29/5 SAT	WORKING BEE - MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood Park to prepare for Khanacross. Ph Alan Bates 0412 280 093	10.00 am	M
30/5 SUN	STATE KHANACROSS Rd3 - MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood. Contact John Roach 0422 558 278	10.00 am	CC/N K/C.M

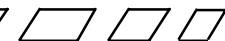
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JUNE EVENTS DIARY 2010

Date	EVENT	Time	points
2/6 WED	NATMEET MEETING -MGCC Ncle Contact Fran Hodgson 4946 9989	7.30	M
5/6 SAT	NATTER NIGHT–MGCC Ncle– Held at Alan & Gina Bates home at Medowie (See Page 32)	5pm	
6/6 SUN	STATE MOTORKHANA - WAC. Held at AWABAC Contact Darren Green 4945 4372	10.00 am	C/C N M/K
6/6 SUN	CLUB NOVELTY HILLCLIMB–MGCC Ncle. Held at Ringwood Park Ph Rick Vincent 4945 5114	10.00 am	M/ R H/N
7/6 MON	MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY. MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St Birmingham Gds	7.00 pm	M
9/6 WED	SPEED PANEL MEETING -MGCC NCLE At Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gardens	8.00 pm	M
11/6 FRI	CLUB NIGHT- MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms Cobby St ,Birmingham Gardens	7.30 pm	M
13/6 SUN	INTRODUCTRY RALLYSPRINT- MGCC Ncle held at Ringwood . Ph Bryn Baverstock 4965 7137	10.00 am	M
13/6 SUN	NSW HILLCLIMB CHAMP. RD 5. GSCC. Held at Graf- ton Mountain View		
16/6 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC NEWCASTLE. Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Birmingham Gds BE PROMPT	7.30 pm	M
19/6	RALLYSPRINT Multiclub–WAC at Awabawac	4pm	
20/6 SUN	REGISTER RUN –MGCC Ncle To DUNGOG for lunch. Contact David Walker (see Page 9)	9.30 am	R
23/6 WED	KEP PLANNING MEETING–MGCC Ncle. Ist meeting to organise this important event. Plenty of jobs.	7.30 pm	M
26/6 SAT	TAR MOTORKHANA–MGCC Hunter Region at Hon- eysuckle Ph Steve Jones 4952 3486 (H) (See Pg 34)	9.30 am start	R
26/6	NIGHT OWL RALLY–AHRG Ph Geoff Thomas 4957 0999	TBA	C/C
27/6 SUN	STATE KHANACROSS–WAC. Held at AWABA Contact Darren Green 4945 4372	10.00 am	K/C N

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Michael Snow to confirm that an event is still being conducted on the date shown above. Cancellations do happen.



ATTENTION

The latest versions of Club Calendars (Release 4) is on the MGCC Newcastle website. If anyone does not have access to the Club website please request a printed copy from :-
Michael Snow (H) 02 4020 3008 or (M) 0432 772 044
The NAMS point scores are also available on MG Car Club and Westlakes Auto Club websites
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EVAN GREEN MEMORIAL
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REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

The April Register Run to the National Meeting hosted by the South Australian MG Car Club in Glenelg, Adelaide was, for those participants, a great experience over a perfect Easter Weekend.

Our drive down and back in the MG was comfortable (after all the car is only 6 years old with all the modern cons.) However not everyone had a pleasant trip down with a plague of grasshoppers causing a massive clean up job to be ready for the Concours.

John Collins had car issues out the back of Broken Hill (great fun with limited phone coverage) and luckily Darval and Sue Thomas were able to take their MGF off the trailer and bring John's the rest of the way for some late night repairs on arrival at the motel.

Darval's tow car then had electrical issues (which John reciprocated by doing a few running repairs and sadly Andy's piston broke at the start of the sprint, taking him out of action for that event.

Congratulations to all the place-getters and particularly to Fran who brought home the Joan Richmond Trophy for the top lady entrant over all events.

What about 31 Rocker Cover entrants at Adelaide.....well that did include one CAM cover. James Pearson will have a rocker cover race view on 'YOUTUBE' coming to a P.C. near you. In case you hadn't noticed, we have a rocker cover ramp in the clubrooms (Electro/mechanical start set up by Darren Hodgson).

Now we need lots of members to start building rocker cover/cam

cover racers. Perhaps we can also have a class for those followers of Felix Wankel. (you work that out). Come on, this is something we can all get into, very little expense, no possible injury (well maybe to pride!) and great fun. Maybe prizes, championship, presentation and glory, come along and have a look.

MAY REGISTER RUN

A nice short drive to the Euro Motorfest at Lambton Park on Sunday 2nd May after leaving the club rooms at 7.45am so we can set the cars up between 8 and 8.30am. An opportunity to see the best of British and Europe autos on display.

JUNE REGISTER RUN

As the weather should have cooled noticeably by June a run to Dungog for lunch on Sunday 20th should put us in the mood for a nice warm lunch. We will leave from the clubrooms at 9.30am (a nice sensible time for a winter run.)

XMAS IN JULY REGISTER RUN.

Don't forget our Xmas in July event (add on Page 26) at the beautiful Oaks Pacific Blue Resort at Salamander Bay, Port Stephens.

Deposits required NOW.

'B' seeing you, **DAVID**

See report from Eurofest on Page 18

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Andy Peters

The National Meeting in Adelaide is one to be remembered for many varied reasons. The weather was delightful and the company fantastic. The whole meeting did appear to be run without any problems.

I encountered some car problems. I was enjoying the practise laps of the speed event in Adelaide when I developed some engine problems. My MGB was delivered back to Newcastle on the back of a truck and is now in the process of repairs.

There has been a constant flow of club magazines again this month all with interesting articles in them. These are available in our club rooms.

Looking forward to seeing you at an event
Andy

Facilities to issue DAY membership will be available at all future events. Members are reminded to always bring their current documentation.

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Organising Committee Meetings dates

**Wed 23rd June - Wed 7th July - Wed 4th August -
Wed 25th August Wed 1st Sept - Wed 29th Sept
Thurs 7th October (acceptance night)**

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Bulletin No 1: NATMEET April 22nd - 26th 2011

MG Car Club Newcastle takes great pleasure in welcoming MG enthusiasts to sunny Newcastle in 2011! Believe it or not it has been 11 years since our Club last hosted the National Meeting.

We will be following the format of previous Nat Meets with the full range of competition and social events over the Easter Weekend, which falls late in 2011 and is at the end of NSW School holiday period (Anzac Day falls on Easter Monday). The days should be fine and the nights cool.

All of our social activities will be based at Club Panthers in the heart of Newcastle, starting with Registration & Scrutineering. As this is a licensed Club, visitors will need to sign in each day. The Bistro will be open on Good Friday for meals and snacks.

We will be holding the Rocker Cover Racing at the Noggin n Natter Night on a track that promises to be state of the art! So get working on those machines. Rocker Cover specifications are in the information bag.

The Concours will be held on the Newcastle Foreshore - close to the beaches and historic areas. There is a historic road tram doing laps of the city and if we are lucky the mall markets will be on that weekend. Saturday Night will be time to break out your best gangster look and bring your favourite lucky charm, there'll be games and dancing a plenty.

Of course you will have heard about a plan by a local consortium to build a race circuit close to our Ringwood Hillclimb complex. That would be great! But at this time we have no way of predicting if this will be realised by next Easter. Stay Tuned. So we continue with Plan A - Hillclimb at our Ringwood Motorsport Park. We are still finalising plans for the Motorkhana. Many venues that we have used in the past few years have become inaccessible. But we still have a few options to follow up.

The Observation Run (Competition) will take in the wonderful country side of the Williams River to Clarencetown before heading across to Branxton and the vineyards region. It will be approx 120 km of good (sealed) roads. We will also be running a strictly social Kimber Run.

There were many suggestions made at the 2nd delegates meeting last October re possible changes that could be introduced at Nat Meet around class structure and trophies. At this stage we are not aiming to change the current class structure.

The only change to the social venue will be for the Farewell breakfast on Tuesday 26th April, when we thought we would be a bit more relaxed and welcome everyone to our Clubrooms and surrounding park. The Delegates meeting will also be held here.

Accommodation: For most of our own members accommodation may not be issue but we do have members who live further afield. A copy of the accommodation is on the website through a link from the bulletin or contact Fran to receive your accommodation list. This is not an exhaustive list and no rooms have been reserved. We recommend you discuss your needs with Newcastle Tourism or directly with the venue. Most Motels have websites that provide additional information.

Program of Events: The following events are being planned

Friday April 22nd

Club Panthers - King Street Newcastle

Registration & Scrutineering - (Club Bistro open for meals & snacks)

Noggin 'n' Natter Night venue Club Panthers with Rocker Cover Racing

Saturday April 23rd

Concours held at Newcastle Foreshore Shortland Lawn.

Theme night held at Club Panthers Newcastle

Sunday April 24th

Motorkhana– Venue to be confirmed.

Kimber Run (Social) and Free Night

Monday April 25th

Speed Event - Hillclimb Ringwood Park Italia Road Balikera.

Observation Run (Competition) Starting Bar Beach Car Park

Presentation Night venue at Club Panthers

Tuesday April 26th

Breakfast venue MG Newcastle Club rooms Cobby Street Shortland

Delegates meeting MG Newcastle Club rooms Cobby Street Shortland.

You can register an Expression of Interest with the Event Secretary and you'll always be kept up to date for the next wonderful gathering of MG Enthusiasts.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

Members of the organising committee are always happy to provide information and answer your questions. Please address your enquiries to the people listed on the following page.

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We look forward to you joining us in 2011

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Fran Hodgson
Nat Meet Secretary

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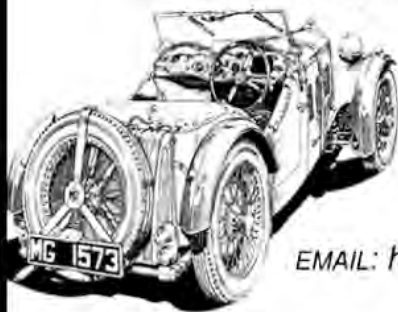
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MOTORKHANA NEWS by John Roach

Well the last event held on 11th April was fun, there were 20 entrants, Michael Snow won by a significant amount (over 20 seconds) and all seemed to enjoy themselves myself included. I got a drive in Michael Snow's buggy which was an experience.

It is very different driving something so light with the engine behind me, but it was good fun.

I've always aimed to drive as many different cars as I can to get a feel for motoring in general and now I can tick another one off the list.

It was interesting to note that half the field at that Motorkhana were juniors.

During the last month I also officiated at the CSCA Super Sprint down at Eastern Creek Raceway. I can recommend this to you, as it is very rewarding and it gives you an appreciation for what goes on behind the scenes.

And now that I've talked it up a bit, do come along and help out at the next 2 events. On the 23rd May is a dirt Motorkhana and the 30th May is a State Khanacross both held at Ringwood.

HELLO FELLOW MG ENTHUSIAST,

I am writing to request your assistance to spread the word about an exciting new event on the MG calendar; ***MG TYme in Canberra 2010***.

MG TYme in Canberra is an event for enthusiasts of the MG T series and the MG Y type. Our event is social, non-competitive, and has a particular aim of promoting camaraderie amongst the T type and Y type enthusiasts.

Our event will be held over the NSW October long weekend. The event dates are **1 to 3 October 2010**. This is the same weekend that the pre-War register gather every two years at Beechworth, with our event being in their 'off' year. So we don't see our event being in competition with any other event; we want it to be a contribution to the promotion of the national MG spirit.

Our event in Canberra will coincide with Canberra's Floriade festival. Our program will encourage participants will take advantage of everything that Canberra and this festival has to offer.

Registration and more information is through the MG Car Club Canberra website at: <http://www.mgccc Canberra.org.au/> ; or I would be happy to respond to any questions by email or phone.

Brian Calder Secretary MG Car Club Canberra Inc
Ph 0434 307742

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS EVENT FRAN HAS SOME INFORMATION SHE CAN FORWARD ONTO YOU

EUROFEST' A EUROFEAST Report by David Walker

Sunday 2nd May started cool and foggy on the run to our clubrooms - I'd forgotten how draughty it is with the roof off in the MGB after playing with the ZT over the past few months.

Mal Davies in his beautifully restored MG Magnette joined us and Lyall Clarke led the way to Lambton Park for the Hunter Region run 'Eurofest'.

We found a spot to park together and settled in to watch other cars arrive and be ushered in to present their cars to the public. Over the first hour about 100 cars turned up and the park was a moving feast of European autos finding an area to show their beauty.

By midmorning there were about 170 Minis; Jaguars; Triumphs; Porsche; Ferrari; Rovers; Lotus; BMW; and Fiats, with a good crowd of onlookers wandering around checking their favourite on a private wish list.

I was really taken by a 1924 Leyland Trojan - just a bit bigger than an Austin 7 but looked similar. Engine under the floor, 2 stroke, 4 cylinder, 2 spark plugs, big flywheel. 2 Speed gearbox chain drive and I could only find one drum brake on the back.

A coffee cart and food van were available to keep everyone well served 'til the late afternoon - a really nice relaxing atmosphere.... **David**

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RESULTS

- 1st Neil Farr**
- 2nd Dave Morrow**
- 3rd Matt Halpin**
- 4th Peter Robinson**
- 6th Kevin Edwards**
- 15th Phillip Bright**
- 17th Lawrie Constable**
- 20th Ryan Bates**
- 21st Darval Thomas**



PHILLIP BRIGHT



KEVIN EDWARDS

PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson

The First Round of the 2010 Tri-Challenge Series had a contingent of enthusiastic MG-ers go up to Kempsey for the Mt Cooperabung Hill-climb, but due to conflicting events and the closeness of events in the calendar, a smaller than usual field fronted the Hill.

If there is one thing about Hill-climbing - the venues, not being "professional" tracks or circuits, provide situations to sort us out and give us challenges that circuit racers do not have to contend with.

I'm sure the Kempsey organiser wouldn't mind me comparing their Hill-climb with the most famous one in the world at Pikes Peak in the USA, in as much as it starts on tarmac and finishes on dirt and gravel. We now know how it feels!

Kempsey Sporting Car Club had gone to much effort over many working bees to re-surface parts of the track. Unfortunately the blue metal has not "stuck" and despite using a road sweeper and blowers, the track was very "gravelly" with sticky tar cov-

ered fine blue metal. Yes, a challenge! Because of that, most competitors were slower than their previous best times in past years. Having said that, skill does show - Dave Morrow's 2nd Outright was just off his fastest - a very good effort.

Kevin Edwards used his 4WD to maximum advantage and his 6th place outright was right amongst the open wheelers. Lawrie Constable thrilled the spectators (and himself) with the Hillman Imp, and newcomers Ryan Bates and brother Matthew (Pulsar) and Jason Dimmock in his re-vamped (ex Phil Horn) Subhorn drove well under trying conditions.

Darval and Sue Thomas upheld the MG Marques honour with 1st and 2nd in Marque Sports Under 2 litres in their MGF.

A Presentation of last year's Tri-challenge Series trophies was held with "Guest" Presenter Gail McCane doing a fine job. More trophies will be presented at the Ringwood event.

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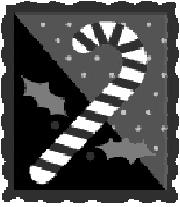
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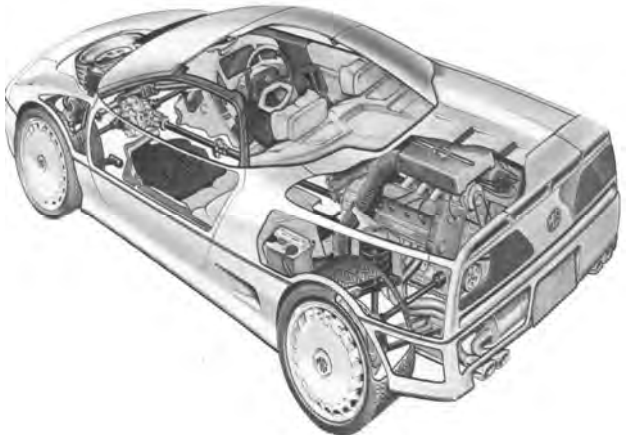
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 The header features the MG logo on the left, followed by the text "EX-E" in a large, stylized, outlined font. The "E" is composed of three horizontal bars. The entire graphic is flanked by horizontal lines on both sides.

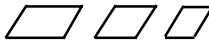

The year is 1985 and MG has released another “EX”.

Afficianados of the famous MG marque will recognise the traditional “EX” prefix code for an experimental MG. “E” signifies a continuation of the distinguished alphabetical lineage of the classic MG two seaters from the MG “A” onwards. By revealing the MG EX-E concept car, Austin Rover was demonstrating just how advanced and imaginative their new product development teams were. MG EX-E is a design exercise exploring a number of new styling ideas and a test bed for a wide range of research and development technologies being evaluated by Austin Rover.

At the same time Austin Rover insisted that its Directors should not exclude the possibility that MG EX-E could provide the basis for a future competition car; and further that some of the concept would be suitable for a possible future production vehicle, even though no consideration has yet been given to potential production.



ENGINEERING Unlike many “Concept Cars” that are built merely for show, EX-E’s design has undergone extensive study of its long term feasibility. Factors such as safety, comfort and practicality have been given equal priority alongside the requirements for



“supercar” levels of dynamic performance. At the heart of EX-E is Austin Rover’s superb lightweight 3-litre V6 power unit, developed for the Group B MG Metro 6R4 rally machine. In competition form, this four valve per cylinder, aluminium unit develops up to 410 bhp; tuned for road use in EX-E an output of some 250 bhp is sufficient to deliver a computed acceleration from 0-100 Kph (0-62 mph) of under 5 seconds and a computed maximum speed of around 275 Kph (170 mph).

Also from the Group B car came the four-wheel-drive transmission components, adapted to suit the low stance of the EX-E. There is a central viscous coupling differential, feeding power to limited slip front and rear differentials.

Double wishbone suspension is used for all four wheels, with the lower wishbones operating coil spring/damper struts. The engineering studies include advanced suspension control, combined with driver-selected ride height. Braking is by ventilated discs all round with anti-lock control.

It is however in the structure where, says Dr. Stan Manton, EX-E moves into a completely new realm, it is designed to be built using an adhesive-bonded, high strength aluminium alloy frame, clad with plastic skin panels. A modular construction allows sub-assembly of complete mechanical and passenger modules of the car, so that final assembly would be largely a matter of bringing together three major units.

The resulting design, with aerodynamics meticulously tuned to give the right balance of down force and a drag coefficient of 0.24, also met John Davenport’s requirements for a possible competition car.



INTERIOR

There is a strong aero-space influence in the styling of EX-E, particularly in the “canopy”-style roof; and Roy Axe has ensured that this theme is sustained in the interior design.

Occupants are ergonomically encapsulated in the EX-E’s sophisticated cabin, which provides Austin Rover with an ideal environment in which to develop many advanced features.

These engineering studies include: door locks operated by a driver’s “credit-card” style magnetic key; in conjunction with the cars central computer, the same card key activates the ignition, adjusts the seats, the exterior mirrors and the air conditioning; rain-sensors on the windscreen automatically activate the wipers and the interior rear-view mirror automatically dips using a light sensor.

Further studies include an “intelligent” instrumentation system which not only provides a normal full-time display of information, but selects limited “priority” data according to circumstances, by an aircraft-style head-up display. During hard acceleration, for instance, a tachometer display would be presented, allowing the driver to concentrate on the road ahead whilst monitoring the rev. Limit. Further tasks for the car’s computer will include a television display unit to provide navigational aid, and to link with telecommunication information display systems via the car’s “hands off” cellular telephone system.

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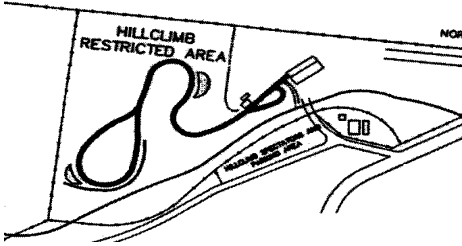
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LAND PANEL by Alan Bates



How time flies when your having fun, I would like to know who said that so I can have a few words with him/her. I am led to believe there was one or more club members around when the Big Fella said "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Well last Thursday the opportunity arose again, and those immortal words were uttered, and guess what, the **lights were on**. We now have power in the park.

As mentioned in a previous report, the new event secretaries building is at lock-up stage. When the interior is improved and the security is upgraded we will move the gear into the hut.

A recently returned club member has stepped forward and has offered to make the security doors/screens for the new building. The forecourt area is taking shape, the footings for the awning will commence this week.

We have managed to place a fence around the canteen cooking area, the question has been asked if the fence is there to keep people in or to keep us out?

The back-hoe still refuses to play and want's to remain on holiday. There has been some work on the

tracks for the up-coming dirt events, more is needed and we will continue. It is pleasing to see a couple of new faces have offered their help on our Thursday Shed Days.

Painting will commence this week, weather permitting, there is a need to freshen up all the facilities at Ringwood, as well as the clubrooms at Cobby St.

With luck I will be able to meet with Bryn and the painter over the next week or so and see the commencement of work at the club house as well.

The blue tractor has been returned to service, with a functioning slasher, thanks to Glenn Parsonage and the ride on is back in service. The grader that is towed behind the tractor is at a point where it requires some serious work or replacement.

When the property sale is settled a decision will be made as to the future of the equipment. Don't forget, DADS ARMY is still looking for new recruits.

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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.

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SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger

Well another month goes by without a Lucky Number winner, the prize at the next Club Meeting on Friday May 14th will be \$300.

The Rocker Cover experience is becoming popular so if you haven't yet made one come along to the next Club Night and I'm sure the experts will fill you in on their manufacturing.

A pool table is about to be placed for the club rooms so I will keep you "posted" on its arrival.

At the last Club Meeting Fran gave a report on the delegates meeting held after the 2010 MG National Event in Adelaide. It's now only 11 months until the next MG National Event for 2011 which will be held in Newcastle.

MAY NATTER NIGHT

The May Natter night held at the club rooms was enjoyed by club members and friends. Once again there was a good selection of main courses including curries, lasagne's and quite a few other delicacies followed by a good array of desserts.

Thanks to James Pearson for providing us with a selection of photographs of the recent MG National Meeting which was held in Adelaide.

JUNE NATTER NIGHT

Saturday June 5th To be held at Alan & Gina Bates 57 Kula Road Meadowie Ph 49818027 around 5 pm.

Bring your BYO for a barbeque and chair as Gina has advised that we will be seated indoors following the cooking of our dinner....Yes they have a cosy wood fire to keep us warm if the evening is cold.....should be a good night .

Please get in touch with me if you would like to host a Natter Night. Not a lot of work for you as everyone brings along a dish/dessert or their meat for a BBQ



Annual Bus Trip

Time to think about the bus trip for 2010 to the Sydney Motor Show which will be on Sunday 24th October 2010, still a few seats left so please contact me if you will be attending. Retail Therapy and a variety of restaurant venues are also at Darling Harbour for your enjoyment.



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EDITORIAL by Judith Rae

Well that month went fast. Always plenty to do clubwise. With the 2010 Natmeet over it is time to get down to business with the 2011 Natmeet, that our club is hosting.

By the way I would like to thank very much James Pearson who supplied the photos and stories from Adelaide (with help from Fran Hodgson) to go in the last magazine, and the others who rushed home to get reports in.

I am glad we pushed back the magazine and club night a week as it was too close to Easter and gave us the opportunity to include the news of the Natmeet

instead of carrying it over another month. Our next Natmeet meeting will be over by the time you get this magazine, but they will be held more regularly from now on with the next meeting being Wednesday 2nd June. There is plenty to be done, so get involved.

Many thanks to those that supply photos and details from events it helps to keep everyone involved. I observed with interest a name from the past cropping up in event results lately.

Great to see Peter Houghton competing once again. He is a life member of our club and has won many titles over the years (particularly in MG's). This time in a Datsun he showed them a thing or two coming third outright in the last dirt Motorkhana.

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SPEED EVENTS by Rick Vincent

As you would have heard by now the Eastern Creek event was a great success thanks to the efforts of John Finch and the club members who assisted as officials to keep the many incidents to a minimum and there were quite a few.

Last weekend was the first round of the Tri Challenge at Kempsey there were approximately 40 entrants who had a bit of difficulty staying on the track due to a new surface being applied also the rain didn't help, however some quick times were recorded. I'm sure Peter Robinson will have a report in his column so I won't steal his thunder.

We have our round of the Tri Challenge coming up on the 9th May at Ringwood so hopefully we have some keen hill climbers attending, if anyone could volunteer to man the top flag point during the day for a few hours would be greatly appreciated if you can assist please give me a call (0418 494 663)

The garage hill climb is scheduled for the 16th May 2010 this event involves the normal hill climb course except the vehicle will have to come to a complete stop adjacent to the top flag point, then proceed at an amazing pace to the finish line it should be a bit of fun for the guys with good brakes.

Getting away from motor sport for a moment we visited Fiji recently after the horrific cyclone which devastated their beautiful country it was incredible how the Fijians just accept storms and still have that wide open smile that depicts their warm nature and their desire that they don't ask for anything, just amazing.

Thanks again to all the officials that assisted during the CSCA round at Eastern Creek, it was really appreciated.

Keep your tyres hot.

Rick

RICK VINCENT



EASTERN CREEK



TROY TRAEGER

**NAMS Series and Overall Point Scores after 6 events.
Juniors and Ladies are scored on their outright placings.**

NAMS Tar Speed Series

Name	Club	Categories Ladies/Junior	24Jan	7Mar	Total	Rank
			TS 1	TS 2		
RAYMOND BROMLEY	MGCCN	5U	12	10	22	1
GLENN PARSONAGE	MGCCN	ClubRoad	10	8	18	2
TOM CLEMENS	MGCCN	3U	9	5	14	3
GRANT HALL	MGCCN	ClubRace	6	7	13	4
ELIZABETH ROBINSON	MGCCN	L 5U		12	12	5
MICHAEL SNOW	MGCCN	5U	5	4	9	6
FRANCESCO MANGANO	MGCCN	5U		9	9	6
LAWRENCE CONSTABLE	MGCCN	5U	8	1	9	6
PATRICK BRAMSTON	MGCCN	SVO	7	1	8	9
JACK WIGHTMAN	NSCC	ClubRace		6	6	10

NAMS MOTORKHANA

Name	Club	Class	27Feb	11Apr	Total	Rank
			MK1	MK 2		
MICHAEL SNOW	MGCCN	G	10	12	22	1
BRUCE ANTAW	WAC	F	12	10	22	1
DYLAN GRANT	MGCCN	J C	1	8	9	3
PETER HOUGHTON	MGCCN	C		9	9	3
JASON SPRUCE	WAC	C	9		9	3
GRAHAM CLARKE	WAC	F	8		8	6
JACK WIGHTMAN	NSCC	C		7	7	7
EVAN VAN LEEUWEN	WAC	G	7		7	7
LEON SWAN	WAC	C	1	6	7	7
NATHAN GRANT	WAC	C	1	5	6	10
ELIZABETH ANTAW	WAC	L F	6		6	10

NAMS KHANACROSS

Name	Club	Class	27Feb	21Mar	Total	Rank
			KX 1	KX 2		
CYRIL CROKER	WAC	5U	6	12	18	1
MICHAEL SNOW	MGCCN	5U	9	8	17	2
EVAN VAN LEEUWEN	WAC	5U	8	9	17	2
SAM EVANS	WAC	J 4WD	12		12	4
JACK WIGHTMAN	NSCC	20	10		10	5
KEITH TOWARD	WAC	5U		10	10	5
SHANE LEARY	NSCC	20	5	4	9	7
DYLAN GRANT	MGCCN	J 3U	1	7	8	8
RICHARD HUNTER	WAC	50	7		7	9
PETER HOUGHTON	MGCCN	3U	1	5	6	10
BILL PEARSON	MGCCN	2U		6	6	10

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NAMS OVERALL

Categories Ladies/Junior

Name	Club	NAMS Champ	Ranking
MICHAEL SNOW	MGCCN	48	1
EVAN VAN LEEUWEN	WAC	24	2
JACK WIGHTMAN	NSCC	23	3
RAYMOND BROMLEY	MGCCN	22	4
BRUCE ANTAW	WAC	22	4
DYLAN GRANT	MGCCN J	19	6
CYRIL CROKER	WAC	18	7
GLENN PARSONAGE	MGCCN	18	7
PETER HOUGHTON	MGCCN	15	9
TOM CLEMENS	MGCCN	14	10

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