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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last month I coerced a few members into competing in the National Meeting later this month. So now I invite all members, free of cost, to be spectators at the Saturday Concours held at the Newcastle Foreshore, the Sunday Hillclimb at Ringwood Park and the Monday Motorkhana at the International Sports Centre. Come along and support your local team.

Make sure you read Rose's report for details of the Clubnight this week.

On Sunday 16th April everyone will have the opportunity to attend a Working "B". One will be at the Clubrooms to put everything in readiness for the National Meeting Tuesday Breakfast. The other will be at Ringwood Park to finish the track preparation for the speed event after the recent resurfacing project. Take your pick - you must come!

The Tri Club Challenge last year was won by the Tamworth Sporting Car Club. Congratulations to them, it was their first occasion to win. Trophies were presented before the first round held at Kempsey on the 20th March. Kempsey is a difficult track at the best of times. Throw on six litres of engine oil from the bottom to the top and then a bit of rain, and it helped to make an unusual result list. Ed McCann topped the table with a local in a V8 Commodore second, both under 30 seconds.

Good luck to those members representing our club at the Nat Meet.

Remember we need helpers to run the events - look to see you there.

Remember, support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins

Club Calendar

The latest version of the Club Calendar is on the MG Car Club Newcastle website www.mgcarclub.com.au. If anyone does not have access to the Club website please request a printed copy from Michael Snow 0432 772 044 (mobile).

The NAMS pointscores are also available on the MG Car Club Newcastle and Westlakes Auto Club websites. If you do not have access to these websites contact Michael Snow for a printed copy.

Release 2 of the calendars are now on the website

SECRETARY'S REPORT Andy Peters

The mail keeps coming and so do the accounts. This along with the meetings and monthly minutes keeps me busy.

I drove my red MGB to Kempsey and competed, then cruised back home. It was its first good run after being off the road for most of last year, and it went really well.

I am looking forward to our National Meeting here in Newcastle this Easter. There have been many hours of work by lots of members. Not long now for us all to enjoy the weekend.

Don't forget to have a look at all the magazines that arrive each month from other MG Car Clubs. There is always something of interest in them.

Drive safely and look forward to seeing you at our next event

Andy



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Belated congratulations to Annemarie Harris and Neville Hooker who married quietly during the January floods in Queensland before honeymooning in Thailand. They have now settled back in Greta and we look forward to seeing them over the Easter weekend.

APRIL EVENTS DIARY 2011

Date	EVENT	Time	Points
2/4 SAT	NATTER NIGHT - David and Lesley Walker	6:30	M
2/4 SAT	Young Driver Development Course - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood	10 AM	
3/4 SUN	HILLCLIMB (Nat Meet Practice) - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood	10 AM	M R3
4/4 MON	Magazine Assembly - Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland	7 PM	M
6/4 WED	SPEED PANEL MEETING -MGCC Newcastle Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland	8.00 PM	M
8/4 FRI	CLUBNIGHT- MGCC Newcastle. Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland	8:00 PM	M
9/4 SAT	NAMS MotorGames Weekend - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood – Motorkhana		M Nmg
9/4 SAT	NSW Supersprint Rnd 2 - ARDC - Eastern Creek		
10/4 SUN	NAMS MotorGames Weekend - WAC - Awaba - Motorkhana		Nmg
10/4 SUN	STATE HILLCLIMB - SDMA - Canberra		
13/4 WED	COMMITTEE MEETING - MGCC Newcastle Held at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. BE PROMPT	7:30 PM	M
16/4 SAT	Working bees at Clubrooms and Ringwood		
17/4 SUN	KHANACROSS - WAC - Awaba		KC3 N
22/4 FRI	MG NAT MEET HILLCLIMB (Private Practice) - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood		M
22-24 APR	Festival of Sports Cars - Eastern Creek		
23/4 SAT	MG NAT MEET CONCOURS - MGCC Newcastle - The Foreshore Newcastle	9:30 AM	M R5 CC7
24/4 SUN	MG NAT MEET HILLCLIMB - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood	7:30 AM	M R6 CC8
24/4 SUN	MG MAT MEET TOURING ASSEMBLY - MGCC Newcastle - Start Bar Beach through Lower Hunter Region	8:30 AM	M
25/4 MON	MG NAT MEET MOTORKHANA - MGCC Newcastle - International Sports Centre Carpark, Broadmeadow	8 AM	M R7 CC9

Young Driver Development Course Conducted at Ringwood Park Introduction car control course

It is necessary to obtain a Young Driver Development Course (YDDC) Information Sheet from Greg Hunter (phone 0412 493 711 or 4959 2716) or Gregor Dickinson.

It is essential you read and understand the information before you attend a YDDC Training Day.

The course is designed for junior drivers from 12 to 18 years of age.

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 before the start. Vehicles must be fitted with 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).

All training days are Saturdays

**All paperwork and safety checks
to be completed by 10:30am,
tuition from 11am**

Dates for 2011

2nd April

28th May

15th July

6th August

3rd September

26th November



COMPETITORS

Having the correct paperwork to enter an event
is your responsibility
(check it out before you leave home)

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

Please remember there are many MG Car Clubs in Australia, always identify our club as MG Car Club Newcastle. Always have ready your current CAMS licence and your current financial club membership card.

If your car has a log book it must always be presented.

If you have not received your CAMS licence before the due date, give CAMS a ring as they can fax you an interim.

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SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger

Peter Finlay was the guest speaker at the Clubnight last month. What a varied life this man has had from leaving school until his retirement. Surprisingly he spent a lot of time overseas in the UK and Europe having varied success in different types of motor sport, not quite making it to the top but quite often, as he said, "the bridesmaid".

He also related some stories about his days at his driving school at Oran Park, Sydney. Quite a few members have participated in courses at the driving school to improve their motor-ing skills.

He also brought with him his Rocker Cover racer which looked as if it was off a 6 cylinder truck. He had it painted up looking like the Newcastle Flyer 3801.

Peter also told us about the modifications to his MG TC in preparation for the National Meeting. He has super-charged it and put it into pre MGA Specials.

The March clubnight saw a large group of enthusiasts trying out their Rocker Cover racers, all very different and multicoloured vehicles. Come

along to the next clubnight. This will be the final trials for Rocker Cover racing before the MG National 2011 to be held in Newcastle over the Easter long weekend.

Next clubnight will be held on Friday 8th April, 2011 at the Cobby Street, Shortland clubrooms. At the clubnight our surprise commissioned reporter who covered the Vodafone Challenge at Bathurst on the 22nd March will be there to let us know exactly how the day unfolded.

The February Natter night held at the home of Bernadette and Brian Ford at Speers Point and was enjoyed by all who attended. The spectacular view from the upstairs windows was a picture to behold as the sun was setting over the lake with a view of the mountains. The night was well attended with plenty of natter about the upcoming MG National Meeting which is fast approaching. Thanks to Bernadette and Brian for inviting us to their home.

The next Natter Night will be held on Saturday 21st May 2011 at a venue to be advertised in the May magazine.

Rose Cogger - 0413 222 828.





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REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

Sunday 26th March dawned overcast and blustery. It was difficult to tell what the day would bring on the run from the clubrooms to Clarence Town Lions Park. We soon found out! A bit of everything!

I handed out information packs to assist those who had never done a run using an instruction sheet on where to turn and how to read abbreviations. There were even a few photos of things to look for on the trip (though Lesley swears one item had disappeared from the landscape). Hopefully some of our newer club members will have an idea of how a Touring Assembly works in preparation for the Easter National Meeting.

We left the clubrooms at 9.45am and travelled on some fascinating country roads, many only a car width wide, over cattle grids, past potato fields, millet and bamboo stands, pumpkin patches and other unidentified crops, over bridges crossing the Hunter and Williams Rivers, through sudden downpours of heavy rain and back out into streaming sunlight again. All tarred road except for one small patch which was being resurfaced.

Some stopped for a caffeine fix at Morpeth but all arrived safely at the delightful park at Clarence Town beside the river. Dave Durie had prior knowledge of the great free electric B-B-Q's and we all assembled our salad rolls while enjoying the aroma of his steak cooking.

There is no club Register Run in April as we will all be too busy with the National Meeting, so our next run will be in May.

With all the excitement of the National Meeting, don't forget to register for Xmas in July at the Carriageway near Dungog on 30/31st July. There are still a few rooms not taken, so please ring Lesley 4958 4951 and book your stay. See page 30 for more details.

Help needed. Information missing. Winners of 2008 and 2009 David Huck Trophy and its current location!

We have been invited to MGCC Hunter Region Eurofest on Sunday 1 May at Lambton Park. Take your Euro Car or just go for a look - always very good.

"B' seeing you,

DAVID.

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EDITORIAL by Mike Cole

In February and March I have been processing registrations for the MG National Meeting, which is being hosted by our Club this year. The first third of registrations arrived in February, the next third in March and the final third on two days at the closing date, not helped by the postal Show holiday.

It has been good to get away from the repetitive processing and onto the magazine. The RSI has subsided.

My apologies for the errors in the coming events over the last two issues. I still struggle to add tables, so left the Diary to last. Hopefully by doing it first I will correct it as I go through the reports and articles.

Mike

Clubtorque is published monthly (except January) on the Tuesday before the Clubnight (which usually falls on the second Friday of the month). The deadline for articles is the last Friday of the prior month, or two weeks prior to the Clubnight date.

The deadline for the May magazine is Friday 29th April 2011.



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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Judith Rae

Have you sent back your Membership renewal yet?

The Club's financial year started 1st March 2011.

If you are entering an event you will need a financial club membership and current CAMS licence.

Please advise any change of details.

As per our constitution, if you are not renewing your membership a letter of resignation is required.

If your membership is not paid by the end of April, you will not receive a magazine.

Please ring Judith Rae 4944 7356 if you require assistance.

**Welcome New Members**

Stephen Hammond	Associate	Hyundai Excel
Dale Mc Culloch	Associate	Hyundai Excel
Brogan Lowe	Associate	Nissan Skyline
Michael Baxter	Associate	Commodore
George Koulis	Associate	Ferrari
Timothy Lees	Associate	Aston Martin
Michael Smith	Associate	Polaris
Clinton Thurling	Associate	Nissan Silvia
Clifford Thurling	Associate	Nissan EXA
Leslie Chivers	Associate	Polaris
Nathan Chivers	Associate	Polaris

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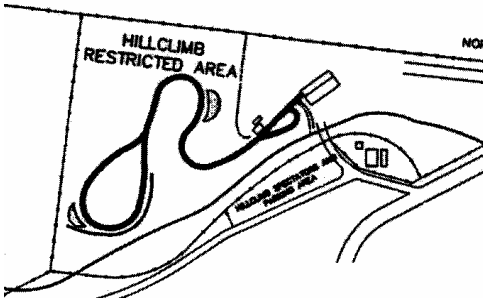
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LAND PANEL by Alan Bates



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That grind I was alluding to in the last report has hit with a vengeance.

The Khanacross has come and gone, but the tracks remain.

Thanks to IRH we had the use of some of the old tracks to add variety to the competition.

Work on the fence line continues.

After a few issues and setbacks the date appears to be set for resurfacing of the bitumen.

With luck and weather on our side the venue should be ready for use in time for the first scheduled practice day in April.

As stated in the last report, the two working bees at the clubrooms were well attended.

Now we need to re-visit the clubrooms and Ringwood to apply the finishing touches in time for the National Meeting in April.

The date that appears to be clear of any other issues is the 16th April.

All members who can attend on this day will be provided with work, food and no pay.

However you will leave with the knowledge that you have achieved.

Could all members please advise by email or phone to myself, Bryn Baverstock or Rick Vincent of your intention.

It would be much appreciated if you were to nominate your intention to attend either Ringwood or Cobby St.

This will allow us to co-ordinate the work requirements.

Look forward to seeing you at the next gathering of the clan.

Regards,

Alan

PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson

The opening round of the Tri-Challenge Series for 2011 took place at Kempsey on the weekend of the 19th and 20th March, with unfortunately the usual Kempsey weather - fine for practice and wet on Sunday.

The track on Saturday felt as good as it gets, with plenty of grip and no loose stones like last year.

Unfortunately, it rained early on Sunday morning which put a bit of a blight on the day and, added to a trail of oil up the track, made it very difficult to get any grip at all with some of the slick-shod cars.

Of course, the 4WDs shone, but the standout efforts were Ed McCane in the new Haywood-Hayabusa (27.58) and amazingly 2nd Outright, local driver, Darren Read in his Holden Motorsport prepared SS Commodore. Darren told us later that the car does 11 second quarter mile times and was prepared for a guy in Melbourne with all the right stuff, but obviously you still need a good driver and Darren certainly demonstrated that with a 28.665, beating five open wheelers and six quick 4WDs.

MG members Adam and Brian Ford and Kevin Edwards also featured in the Top 10 places, with Adam again proving his wet track skills coming in 5th (30.005).

After the open wheelers and 4WD's, MG members Peter Brock and James Pearson had a terrific battle in their RX7's with only 1 tenth separating them, Peter just coming out on top to win Type 3/Over 2L; James winning Marque Sports over 3L.

Mitch Craig won T4 U2 with an impressive drive in the Suzuki GTI (33.06), just in front of Robert Tamini (33.12), also GTI mounted, although in T3 U2.

Darval Thomas (34.73) won Marque Sports U/2, just edging out John Collins (35.07) and Andy Peters (36.42).

Young Andrew Chandler in the ex-Bates family Prelude impressed with a 33.66 to win the Junior Class, although unfortunately was the only Junior present.

Don't forget to register to help out at the MG National Meeting at Easter if you can, so we can put on a professional event.

Peter Robinson

Publicity Officer

19-20 March 2011

Round 1 Tri Series

Kem

DRIVER	TYPE	Class	No	R	DE	CLUB	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	FASTEST	Pos
Edward McCane	Haywood 08	T5 U2	21	✓		MGCC	35.076	29.571	27.538		27.538	1
Darren Read	Commodore	T2 O2	93	✓		KSCC	33.238	29.923	28.665		28.665	2
Matt Halpin	Torana	T4 O2	114	✓		TSCC	38.164	30.756	29.378		29.378	3
Mathew Huxley	Skyline	SV O2	4	✓		KSCC	34.464	30.95	29.752	44.167	29.752	4
Adam Ford	Celica GT4	SV O2	857	✓	X	MGCC	33.3	30.005	30.116		30.005	5
Allen Hinds	Piranha	T5 U2	198	✓		KSCC	35.566	30.143	30.416		30.143	6
Peter Robinson	PRS Ford	T5 U2	64	✓		MGCC	41.872	33.831	30.185		30.165	7
Kevin Edwards	Lancer	SV O2	102	✓		MGCC	35.093	40.237	30.76	32.451	30.760	8
Dave Morrow	Richards 201	T5 U2	8	✓		KSCC	DNS	37.091	30.833		30.833	9
Brian Ford	Celica GT4	SV O2	85	✓	X	MGCC	35.495	31.412	30.902	35.394	30.902	10
Russell Thomas	WRX	SV O2	81			MGCC	36.083	31.814	31.079		31.079	11
Neil McLeod	Maltec-Busa	T5 U2	2			KSCC	38.927	32.828	31.141		31.141	12
Peter Brock	Mazda RX7	T3 O2	178	✓		MGCC	38.648	32.75	31.351		31.351	13
James Pearson	Mazda RX7	MS O2	5	✓		MGCC	33.785	31.475	34.207		31.475	14
Anthony Patterson	Commodore	T2 O2	11	✓		KSCC	39.631	33.836	31.675		31.675	15
Grant Hill	Nissan 180SX	T3 O2	212	✓		MGCC	38.18	33.747	31.789		31.789	16
Craig Albertson	Ford XRGT	SV O2	66	✓		TSCC	40.966	34.082	32.1		32.100	17
Sam Lee	Falcon	T3 O2	41	✓		KSCC	38.907	33.493	32.481		32.481	18
Jason Dimmock	Sub Horn	T5 U2	278	✓	X	MGCC	40.097	32.798	32.997		32.798	19
John Garroway	Nissan 200SX	MS O2	53	✓		MGCC	39.998	32.947	38.014		32.947	20
Mitch Craig	Suzuki GTi	T4 U2	444	✓		MGCC	39.813	33.674	33.076		33.076	21
Robert Tamini	Suzuki GTi	T3 U2	7	✓		KSCC	36.789	34.05	33.123	38.366	33.123	22
John Finch	Datsun 260Z	MS O2	54	✓		MGCC	36.698	33.552	40.461		33.552	23
Matthew Bates	Nissan Pulsar	T4 U2	369	✓	X	MGCC	40.622	35.381	33.62	38.967	33.620	24
Andrew Chandler	Prelude	T3 U2 J	194	✓		MGCC	38.182	34.166	33.668		33.668	25
Mathew Doyle	Skyline	SV O2	77		X	KSCC	41.19	34.076	34.039		34.039	26
Perry Burrow	Fiesta	T1 U2	71			TSCC	36.889	34.246	38.235		34.246	27
Phillip Bright	Sub Horn	T5 U2	78	✓	X	MGCC	44.606	34.965	34.577		34.577	28
Darval Thomas	MG F	MS U2	55	✓		MGCC	39.317	34.737	38.666		34.737	29
Ryan Bates	Nissan Pulsar	T4 U2	69	✓	X	MGCC	39.305	34.925	34.779		34.779	30
John Collins	MG F	MS U2	1	✓		MGCC	37.923	35.079	39.383		35.079	31
Kathy Gouge	Prelude	T3 U2	121	✓		KSCC	38.719	35.671	35.316	37.056	35.316	32
Ted Dial	Nissan 200SX	MS O2	37	✓		MGCC	40.568	35.709	41.778		35.709	33
Tom Hackett	VW Buggy	T5 U2	12	✓		KSCC	41.041	35.889	35.818	41.158	35.818	34
Craig Doyle	Skyline	T2 O2	77		X	KSCC	44.68	37.462	35.891	44.515	35.891	35
Andy Peters	MG B	MS U2	129	✓		MGCC	39.297	36.424	39.744		36.424	36
Jukka Ylinen	VW Ute	SV U2	141			GSCC	38.226	36.605	40.234	39.270	36.605	37
Andrew Ference	MX5	T2 U2	82	✓		MGCC	41.648	36.664	40.552		36.664	38
Stephen Hill	Celica	T3 U2	222	✓		MGCC	44.414	38.869	36.755		36.755	39
Allen Bennett	Nissan Silvia	T4 O2	333	✓		KSCC	48.458	39.83	36.935	47.428	36.935	40
Rick Vincent	MG F	MS U2	99			MGCC	38.36	37.044	40.276		37.044	41
Jamie Latham	Gemini	T3 U2	11			KSCC	39.627	37.182	42.640	44.551	37.182	42
Peter Leicht	Datsun 180B	T2 U2	L			KSCC	37.368	38.378	39.128		37.368	43
Pat Griffiths	Datsun 120Y	T4 U2	777			KSCC	37.934	37.862	39.712	43.053	37.862	44
Graham Orr	Civic	T2 U2	16			MGCC	42.307	39.014	44.154		39.014	45
Danny Bujna	BMW 318is	T1 U2	30	✓		MGCC	46.82	41.342	46.199		41.342	46
Vaughan Thomas	Sprite	MS U1.4	72			KSCC	47.102	43.583	48.778		43.583	47
Kirk Rosewell	Commodore	T2 O2	111	✓		KSCC	DNS	DNS	DNS		0.000	

SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

CAMS would like to encourage more officials to undergo the training involved in becoming a Club Chief. Holding the accreditation of Club Chief allows an official to perform the duties of Clerk of the Course as well as being a Steward at any club and multi-club level events, excluding Race events, Rally events and Off Road events

By having more Members trained in the position of Club Chief, clubs will be able to become more self-sufficient and more productive in the events they hold.

To attain the Club Chief level of accreditation, one must first become a general official and demonstrate an ability to work without supervision at Club or Multi-Club events. This is recognised by logging event activity as an assistant Clerk of the Course and as a steward at two separate events. From this stage the Member needs to enrol in and satisfactorily complete a CAMS accredited Club Chief training module. Once the training module has been completed, an event assessment, demonstrating an ability to perform both the roles of Club Chief (Clerk of the Course and Steward) is required to finalise the process.

The training of multiple officials should be a priority of all clubs. The more Club Chiefs a club has the more events you will be able to run successfully.

CAMS is planning to hold the following Club Chief courses:

- May the 7th (Saturday) at Bathurst Light Car Club's club rooms.
- June the 4th (Saturday) at Sports House, Sydney Olympic Park.

If you would like to enrol in either of these courses please contact me.

The current calendar of planned officials training courses is below.

If you or a club member are interested in becoming a Club Chief or attaining any other CAMS accreditation but are unable to make these courses, please contact me and we can speak about your needs and I can plan future courses to meet those needs.

Should enough members from the MGCC Newcastle wish to participate, a separate course could be arranged to be held at the clubrooms.

For further details please contact Rick Vincent - 0418 494 663 or rick.v@bearingdynamics.com.au

APR	9 th (Sat)	Course Presenter	Sydney	Sports House
MAY	7 th (Sat)	Club Chief	Bathurst	Bathurst Light car club rooms
MAY	7 th (Sat)	Scrutiny	Sydney	Eastern Creek
JUN	4 th (Sat)	Club Chief	Sydney	Sports House
JUN	4 th (Sat)	Silver	Sydney	Sports House
JUL	2 nd (Sat)	Timing	Sydney	Sports House
AUG	6 th (Sat)	Stewards	Sydney	Sports House

AUTOTEST PANEL NEWS

Our first event has finally come around. The State Khanacross at Ringwood held on 13/3/11 didn't get listed in our Coming Events in either the February or March Magazine, so I hope not too many missed out on it.

Once again it was quite warm and hence a bit dusty (good clean dirt!).

Thanks to the reasonably large band of officials that came along to help out with scrutineering, setting up, timing and catering etc. A big thanks to the Thursday work crew, in particular Bryn Baverstock, for persevering with track preparation, and a special thanks to Greg Hunter, who negotiated the access permission to use the tracks on IRH land.

The two points of particular interest were how the dirt crew would handle the black stuff and how the Polaris buggies would go in our type of events. The latter are pretty big time now in USA and are making their way out here. Obviously their owners are looking for somewhere they can play. If you are interested in seeing these in action, there is some good video on the manufacturer's website www.polarisindustries.com.

The field of 26 included 9 members of our club. I hope they tell their mates about how much fun they had and bring them along to the next Ringwood Khanacross on 15th May (and the Motorkhana on 9th April).

There is already some feedback on the event. A positive posting on the WAC Website forum by a red Honda Driver!

"The Sydney boys failed to come up the F3, so the locals who ran on Sunday now have a great chance to dominate the State k/x titles again. Combining dirt and the old tar of the hillclimb made for a very interesting event - especially for the spectators overlooking the hill."

Although I didn't see everyone run, I think the results of the tar drift competition had Steve O'Brien second in the Esky and Glynn first in old faithful.

Five of those Polaris buggies ran. Great bunch of very keen racers, very open to learning our requirements. One tipped over - a somewhat predictable event given their very high ride height. The k/x panel has created a special class just for them, so let's hope we get more of them.

Thanks to Ken and Dave Atkins and all the MG officials for a well run event. One comment I heard as we got underway from a newcomer to Rockwood was, "This is great - no waiting around, just straight into it!"

Good news is that IRH have granted MGCCN permission to use the dirt tracks on their land for the next 2 years. They may be rocky in places - but at least it gives us another viable dirt venue rather than just having Awaba and nothing else. Here's hoping the MGCCN club gives those IRH tracks the grading mainte-



nance they require and deserve, to keep them in the top condition we have seen in the recent past. (Thanks Bill.)

Another bit of positive feed back from a new member and Polaris driving competitor:-

“Hi David, Thanks to you and your crew for turning out a great days racing. We shall return for another dose at every chance. The competitors also are a friendly, helpful bunch, offering assistance to we newbies. Thank you! Michael Smith.”

Prior to this event the action has all been at Awaba with a Motorkhana on 6th Feb, which was a Rd 2 of our CC and MK series. The event attracted 35 starters of which 7 were MGCC members who took out 4 of the top 5 places outright against all the WAC crew on their home turf. Very well done!

Four weeks later WAC conducted a Twilight Khanacross which was also a round of our CC and KC series. This was a big event with 64 starters, 8 from our club against 40 from WAC, and 15 from 5 other clubs. Michael Snow was our top finisher at 5th Outright with Dylan Grant again doing well and even the comeback kid (well not really a kid!) Peter Houghton just made it into the top ten in his blue Datsun 1600. Well done to you all. (Sorry to hear about Michael’s injury, hope it heals quickly and that he can get back competing, it’s a lot safer than helping with timing equipment it seems!)

Our next event is a Motorkhana at Ringwood on 9th of April and is the first event in the traditional NAMS Motorgames Weekend. It will be followed by another Motorkhana at Awaba the next day. I understand that WAC will be trying a novel teams concept for this. Unfortunately as yet I don’t know how this will work.

With regard to future facilities at Ringwood, I have had a few people come forward with views. We need to get some momentum going and start doing the work. It won’t just come to us and be sure to complete and return the questionnaire that is about to be circulated.

Dave Atkins

Autotest Panel Chairman 2011

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Now that April is here we are about to see the fruition of our two years of consistent work in providing a quality MG National Meeting experience over the Easter weekend.

Entries have closed and the program is being prepared and posters printed. The trophies have been ordered and MG owners from the clubs of Newcastle, Hunter Region, Queensland, Gold Coast, NSW, Victoria, Geelong, South Australia and Tasmania will be arriving in just a few weeks. Don't forget to wave to your fellow MG drivers and make them feel welcome. The committee has worked very hard to ensure an action packed weekend and we are confident that there will be something enjoyable for everyone. We need as much help as possible from our members over the weekend. Please let me or someone else on the Nat Meet committee know which days you will be available.

Good Friday: Registration will be at Club Panthers and the action of the Rocker Cover racing will dominate the night gathering. There are over 30 entries which will make for spirited competition. John Collins will also be at Ringwood supervising private practice during the day for those wanting to get acquainted with the track before the official competition.

Easter Saturday: The Concours is at Shortland Lawn on Wharf Road. Come in and see the display of the 150 cars. Judging of cars commences at 10 am. The Historic Tram will be doing half hour tours of the Newcastle precinct starting from the car park and at just \$10 each (and free entry for children under 14 with an accompanying adult) this is much cheaper than the tram rides normally go for. Members of the public and all club members are welcome to enjoy this tour. Tickets will be available from the regalia tent at the park.

Easter Sunday: Head up to Ringwood Hillclimb to watch the action. Those who don't quite feel the need for speed will match wits with the Touring Assembly master Russell Baldwin.

Easter Monday: the Motorkhana will be held at the Hockey Centre Car park on Bridges Road Broadmeadow, while Ken Short has set a lovely social drive through the countryside ending at Hunter Valley Gardens designed to showcase our region.



Easter Tuesday: Breakfast is served at our clubrooms which look brand new due to the renovations.

Hosting the Nat Meet seems to have given us the incentive to complete some of the projects that have been thought of over the past couple of years such as re-surfacing of the Hillclimb, painting of clubrooms and renovation of the bathrooms plus revamping the Motorkhana timing gear. Michael Snow has just about rewritten the Nat Meet database and hopes at the Hillclimb to have the timing system able to record directly into the results.

We hope to see lots of members enjoying these club activities and lending a hand over the Easter weekend. There will be a full report next month on the results with lots of photos! Good luck to the following members who are competing over the weekend: Bryn Baverstock, Alan Beatty, Paul Bower, Lyall Clarke, John Collins, Mal Davies, Peter Finlay, John & Naomi Fraser, Bruce & Paul Fraser, Michael & Raechel Fraser, Andrew & Jenna Fraser, Darren & Fran Hodgson, Angela & Craig Murphy, Jeff Newey, John Pearson, Andy Peters, Peter Polglase, Dale Powell, Doug Rae, Phil & Marta Redhead, Martin & Louise Reeves, Graeme & Marea Semken, Ray Sheather, Darvel & Sue Thomas, Rick Vincent & David Walker.

There will be lots of people to thank for their assistance especially our primary sponsors Newcastle City Council and British Motor Imports. Please support all the businesses that supported us through advertising in the program and providing products. Thanks also to our Stewards Ken Short, Brian Ford and Peter Robinson.

Fran H

2011 National Meeting Committee secretary and in need of a good holiday after 26th April!

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G'day,

In this magazine you will find a survey to help the committee recognise what facilities the club members favour, and I urge you to take the time to fill it out. A few moments of your time is all it will take.

This came about because the original racetrack and hillclimb advisory group presented to the committee at the March meeting what we thought was the best course of action for the ongoing health and wellbeing of our land at Ringwood. For your information the report is set out here for you to read:

Hillclimb group

At last after ten years of being mucked about by outside forces, we are now able to plan our own destiny.

The most favoured plan (attached) as shown on the hillclimb walk and clubnight was well received including by our guest speaker Peter Finlay. However another submitted plan will be considered should the construction costs blowout.

- have a planner tell us what is required by council
- when we have some idea, we can then cost out the work
- we should also plan the pit area to be done at the same time
- report back to the next committee meeting in April

Time to consider a overall plan for site taking in dirt-m/k.

Sprint track, pits, car park plus any suggestions from club.

Dave Atkins and Alan Bates to be part of discussion group.

All major expenditure other than that of a necessary nature to keep operations going should stop until a plan is in place including timing systems.

Bryn, Doug, Rick, Mal

Also on the agenda paper for the night, John Collins (President) had prepared a list of questions to be debated. These are listed below:

Looking for a way forward for the further development of Ringwood Park Hillclimb - some items to be considered:

- Current relevance of the survey done 4 years ago. The then desired race circuit (by 50% of survey respondents) is now in the process of development by IRH.
- Will members be likely to do less hillclimbing and more supersprints when a race circuit is available?
- Will competitors go straight to supersprinting?
- Will major expenditure now prove unwise in the longer term?
- Should we spend money evenly on tar and dirt?
- Look at whether a DA is necessary for an extension over the top. Not being able to clear the trees, would it be necessary to have Armco safety fencing along both sides of the track to protect the trees.

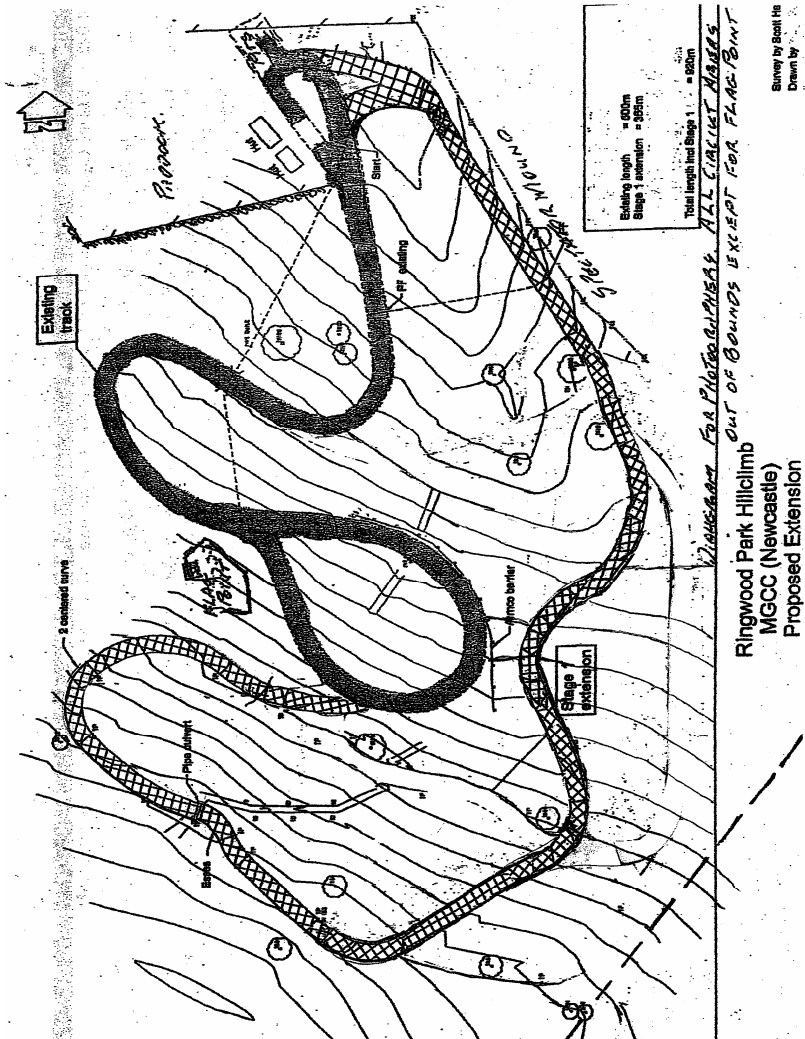
- For the present, would a DA be needed to extend the track in the lower section over towards the spectator area?

As we did at the last clubnight, at the April clubnight there will be a plan on display and a question and answer time, so come along and be part of this exciting new time in the clubs development. Also Doug Rae will have on display his own layout for best use of the complex.

So come along. The clubnight is now only \$2 and this includes supper!

Cheers

Bryn Baverstock (VP)



Xmas in July 2011

With all the Fun of organising our National Meeting we can't forget the other highlight of our Social Calendar.....XMAS IN JULY..... this year to be held at the Carriageway, Crooks Park on Clarence Town Road, Dungog on 30/31st July.

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With only 13 rooms available, we expect this year's Xmas in July to book quickly. A deposit of \$100.00 per couple is required. We have a few ideas for interesting places to see in the area on Saturday and Sunday, which we will firm up in the coming weeks. Contact Lesley or David Walker for bookings and deposits, email at LWA04958@bigpond.net.au or phone 4958 4941.



NSW State Khanacross Round 2 hosted by the MG Car Club

The MG Car Club Newcastle hosted the second round of the NSW State Khanacross series this month. Beautiful weather, extended tracks thanks to our neighbouring landowners and 26 eager competitors made good grounding for a great race meeting at Ringwood Park Hillclimb in Raymond Terrace.

The 13th of March is a notable day in motorsport history as six of these drivers were new to the rally motorsport community and the first drivers to officially race in the new Polaris class under National CAMS authorisation.

A Polaris RZR is a side-by-side UTV that can be run in 2 or 4WD. They are short, agile and lightweight. Drivers describe them as a similar ride to a motor-bike that you drive like a car and they will make a great addition to the Khanacross community.

The pre-run showcased all 24 vehicles on track as drivers got a feel for the terrain and directions for each test. The ex-quarry land lived up to its rough reputation as some sections of the track consisted of small cricket ball sized boulders and navigationally trick ruts. By the end of the pre-run the track had smoothed over enough to get some serious speed whilst skidding through chicanes.

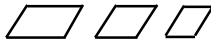
As an additional challenge and unique to this round was a short tar sprint. The surface change challenged drivers and some even drifted fully sideways around a series of S bends leading into the finishing garage.

Glynn Elliott returned to racing after a couple of years break from motorsport. Dusting a few cobwebs from his Subaru and his reactions, Glynn raced hard and consistent. Utilising the first round as a warm up he achieved the day's fastest times on two tracks during the afternoon session. Despite a 10 second penalty, Glynn was one of the days top performers finishing 3rd outright.

Dylan Grant in his Honda Civic is showing improvement each round. Consistently placing in the top ten at every meeting, Dylan is a strong junior competitor and certainly someone to watch as the series progresses.

The Polaris class performed well and kept pace with the full size vehicles. Nathan Chivers earned 4th place by keeping power on and navigating his race lines with precision. Total times show Nathan only 3.72 seconds behind Glynn Elliott, a top effort for a newcomer and proof the Polaris RZR's are certainly a capable vehicle for Khanacross. With tongue in cheek Evan Van Leeuwen said, "Nathan had a Cracker of a round! I will have to be careful the they (Polaris RZR) don't get too close to my car!"

The days overall winner was an epic battle between Westlakes Automobile Club members Evan Van Leeuwen in his CamDak 2WD custom and Keith Toward in his Buggy. The bridesmaid (second placer) Keith Toward held pace and pres-



sure on Evan at every test, but when the final scores were tallied, Evan triumphed by a micro margin of only 6 tenths of a second.

Ringwood Park Hill Climb is a neat and friendly venue and the canteen sure can cook a tasty sausage sizzle. Round 2 of the State series was a roaring success with all drivers achieving just enough of an adrenalin rush to tie them over until the next event. Congratulations to the winners, all competitors, MG Car Club as the host, CAMS officials and volunteers for making the event a success.

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