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# Coming Events - May 2011

|        |   |              |
|--------|---|--------------|
| Sun 1  | State Rallysprint - Awaba   |              |
| Sun 1  | CSCA Supersprint - Jaguar Club - Eastern Creek  |              |
| Sun 1  | MGCC Hunter Region Eurofest at Lambton Park   |              |
| Sat 7  | Evan Green Memorial Touring Assembly - AHRG - Upper Hunter - postponed until 17th September 2011                  |              |
| Sun 8  | NSW State Supersprint Round 3 - MX5 Club - Wakefield Park   |              |
| Mon 9  | <b>Magazine Assembly</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 7pm  | M            |
| Wed 11 | <b>Speed Panel Meeting</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 8pm  | M            |
| Fri 13 | <b>Clubnight</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 8pm  | M            |
| Sun 15 | State Hillclimb Round 4 - TSCC - Tamworth   |              |
| Wed 18 | <b>Committee Meeting</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 7:30pm   | M            |
| Sat 21 | <b>Natter Night</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland 6:30pm, see page 10  |              |
| 21-22  | CAMS CARnival   |              |
| Sun 22 | <b>Register Run</b> - lunch at Hunter Wetlands, Shortland and Seg-way motorkhana, meet Clubrooms 9am, see page 12 | R            |
| Sun 22 | <b>State Khanacross</b> Round 3 - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood   | M CC KC<br>N |
| Sun 22 | NSW State Supersprint Round 4 - ARDC - Eastern Creek  |              |
| Sat 28 | <b>Young Driver Development Course</b> - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood - see page 8                                   |              |
| Sun 29 | <b>Motorkhana</b> (dirt) - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood, 10am  | M MK CC<br>N |



## Coming Events - June 2011

|        |   |         |
|--------|---|---------|
| Sun 5  | State Motorkhana Round 3 - WAC - Awaba, 10am                      |         |
| Mon 6  | <b>Magazine Assembly</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 7pm    | M       |
| Wed 8  | <b>Speed Panel Meeting</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 8pm  | M       |
| Fri 10 | <b>Clubnight</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 8pm            | M       |
| Sun 12 | State Hillclimb Round 5 - GSCC - Grafton                          |         |
| Wed 15 | <b>Committee Meeting</b> - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, 7:30pm | M       |
| Sat 18 | <b>Motorkhana</b> (tar) - MGCC Hunter Region                      |         |
| Sat 18 | <b>Natter Night</b> - venue to be advised                         |         |
| Sun 19 | MultiClub Rallysprint - WAC - Awaba, 4pm                          |         |
| Sun 19 | NSW State Supersprint Round 5 - Mini CC - Wakefield Park          |         |
| 25-26  | <b>Night Owl Rally</b> - AHRG - Geoff Thomas                      | TR      |
| Sat 25 | CSCA Supersprint - AHOC - Wakefield Park                          |         |
| Sun 26 | <b>Hillclimb</b> - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood                      | M CC TS |
| Sun 26 | <b>State Khanacross</b> Round 4 - WAC - Awaba, 10am               |         |

### LEGEND

|                         |                        |                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| M - Club Member         | CC - Club Championship | R - Register pointscore        |
| N - NAMS                | TS - Tar Speed Series  | MK - Motorkhana                |
| KC - Khanacross         | TC - Tri-Challenge     | IC - NAMS Inter Club Challenge |
| TR - Touring road event |                        |                                |

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Michael Snow to confirm that an event is still being conducted. Also check the website as late cancellations do happen.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The National Meeting of MG Car Clubs has been run and won, as they say, and you will find lots of reports on the event through this magazine. I'm certain that some of the things each of us mentions will be repeated by others.

Besides the outstanding effort put in by MG owning members, I would like to mention the huge effort put in by non MG owners. Truly, this event would have had no chance of happening without their input.

Two of the events and the social side of things was organised by such people and I feel that it is appropriate to detail their efforts.

1. Russ Baldwin organised the Touring Assembly. This is a big task as it involves many surveys of the course, writing instructions and consumes a lot of time. He also had the assistance of John Porter who took photographs for results and for trophies.
2. Ken Short organised a similar event, which was non competitive and likewise had the same amount of preparation as the Touring Assembly.
3. Bryn Baverstock and David Atkins organised the Motorkhana, with Kenneth's assistance to refurbish the timing equipment.
4. Joy Bower and Chris Tynan with help organised the social gatherings and entertainment.
5. Michael Snow set up the complete event management and scoring system from a fresh start as the old one was too difficult to update and had a few problems.
6. Alan Bates did what I thought could not be achieved. He managed to get the hillclimb resurfaced and then put in place the required finishing touches to make the venue operational. This was a remarkable effort and special thanks must go to him and his team.
7. Scott McGarry helped with the Concours set up, and then went to Ringwood and helped me with the setting up of bollards, witches hats and safety tape in the paddock area.
8. Kerry Woollard was giving clerical assistance throughout the event.
9. Jim Gardner and Paul Bower were scrutineers.
10. Peter Robinson helped with sponsorship, the practice on Friday and afterwards helped mark out car parking arrangements in the paddock area. He was the Steward for the Hillclimb and his wife Noelene put the times up on the scoreboard.
11. Steve Hobbins, Howard McLean (he may have a MG parked somewhere in his garage), Laurie Movigliatti and Phil Bright all helped with the running of the Hillclimb.

12. James Pearson put in a huge effort (just as well he is married to someone like Courtney) for the creative design of the regalia and the advertising material, the purchasing and marketing of it all. Also with the help of his father, Bill, took photos for trophies
13. Darryl and Jason Gregory were always on hand from setting up the Motorkhana ground on Thursday, Friday's Ringwood practice and marking out the paddock, right through to the setting up of Tuesday Breakfast and then the removal of barriers at the motorkhana venue - moving equipment, assistance and transportation.
14. Most of all, the remaining non MG owners who assisted who are not listed, as it would surely fill the whole magazine. I thank and salute you.

Then I must mention the canteen ladies who fed everybody at the Hillclimb on Friday and Sunday. From the effort, they paid for the first prize in the National Meeting Raffle, which was a flat screen TV with a built in DVD player, plus all the usual features. Marta Redhead, with a little assistance, sold \$1203 worth of tickets and a cheque will be presented to the CanTeen organisation to help children with cancer.

So now I must get back to work on the updating our constitution to the standard required by the government.

Then we will have the organisation and running of our regular major events viz. the State Hillclimb Championships at Ringwood Park and King Edward Park - never a dull moment.

Remember, support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins.



# 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 11 am**

## Dates for 2011

28th May

15th July

6th August

3rd September

26th November







## SECRETARY'S REPORT Andy Peters

Our clubrooms are looking great with a lot of hard work from many members and the monthly magazine from other MG Car Clubs will continue to be displayed for all members to have a read and gather interesting information.

The National Meeting is about to begin as I write this - it is always great to catch up with friends from other clubs and learn how they manage to get their car to shine a little more, or the extra tips on how to go faster or how to miss the witches hat in motorkhana ..... it will be a fun weekend.

King Edward Park Hillclimb will soon be on the agenda and as usual we will be requiring lots of help for this event to happen and be successful.

There will be a change to trophy collection at Ringwood Park. The notification card you receive with the results will have a 12 month expiry date from date of issue. You need to present these cards at the secretary's office to collect your glass trophies

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

*Andy*



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## **SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger**

Well, an interesting night was held at the last club night when Peter Robinson gave a talk on his experiences at Bathurst at the Vodafone test day, with Craig Lowndes and his V8 Supercar and Jensen Button with his Formula One McLaren. Overheads and video action were included in this and it was good that his views on the event could be shared with club members.

A Rocker Cover competition will be held every 3 months at clubnights so that the enthusiasts can compete and improve their vehicles

The June Clubnight on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 will have a guest speaker from the charity organisation Can-Teen, to let us know the good work these people do to make the lives of teenage cancer sufferers a little

brighter. A cheque for \$1203 will be presented to the CanTeen organisation, the proceeds being raised by the raffle at the MG National Meeting.

The May Natter night will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011 at the Cobby Street Clubrooms, so bring along your hot favourite winter food, soups, casseroles, etc. and some desserts to share.

The clubrooms have been repainted, with new vanities in the toilets, and venetian blinds and the wall posters have been updated and rearranged. Come along and enjoy the ambience and natter. There should be a lot of this following the MG National Meeting held in Newcastle over Easter.

Rose Cogger-Collins  
Social Secretary

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## REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

With the National Meeting now over, life can get back to what we call normal. MGCC Hunter Region held Euro Day on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May and although this report is due in before that happens, and it's currently raining, with rain also forecast for Sunday, it is always a great day. So fingers crossed for the sun to shine.

This month's Register Run on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May will be to the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland for lunch at Nourish Café booked for 12.00pm. Entry Fee is \$10.00, however with groups of 10 or more that comes down to \$6.00ea. But we have a carrot to dangle before all you boy and girl racers - Segways. For the uninitiated, these are two wheeled contraptions controlled by body movement. Thought and action are one. Stand on a Segway and it remains stationary and upright, shift your weight forward, backward, left or right and Lean Steer technology immediately sends you gliding in the precise direction you want to go at exactly the speed you want to move. Normally costing \$65.00 each person, we have organ-

ised a price of \$20ea person. East Coast Xperiences will set up a course to negotiate with flags, etc. (reminiscent of a motorkhana). All participants must watch a DVD and have time with a qualified trainer.

This is an experience not to be missed, but bookings are essential. Please see me at the Clubnight on 13<sup>th</sup> May or email me at [lwa04958@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lwa04958@bigpond.net.au) as soon as possible.

We will leave the club rooms at 9.00am on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

The Register Run for June may be to Stockton but arrangements are yet to be finalised.

Don't forget our Xmas in July weekend on 30/31<sup>st</sup> July to the Carriageway via Dungog. It's been on the backburner while the Nat Meet fever was in full swing, but we have to make final arrangements shortly, so please let me know your intentions as soon as possible.

"B' seeing you,

DAVID



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## EDITORIAL by Mike Cole

This month has a full complement of reports, both from the regulars and the irregulars. Some wrote their reports before the MG National Meeting, while others have overcome car overdose to tickle the keyboard.

The National Meeting photographs in this issue were taken by James Pearson, Bill Pearson and John Porter and used for trophies and projected at the presentation night.

Due to James' work in cataloguing these photographs, I could order photographs to match the reports.

Every National Meeting there is a Magazine Competition for attending clubs. This year the judge was Bill Revill, a Triumph owning member of our

club. In his report, Bill stressed the importance of photographs, both of cars and people. So expect to see more in the future and please submit one or two photos each month.

The winner of the competition this year was Queensland, so have a look at their magazine in the clubrooms.

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 June magazine is Friday 27th May 2011.

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**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Judith Rae**

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**Welcome New Members**

|                |           |             |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Nicolas Correa | Associate | Datsun 1600 |
| Rod Menzel     | Associate | Mazda MX5   |
| Bill Brown     | Full      | MGB         |

We hope to see you all at an event in the near future, either competition or social.

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*Motorkhana - 1st Outright  
Class Z - MG Super Specials  
Stephen Jones - Hunter Region - MG Midget*

1st Outright



*Touring Assembly - 1st Outright  
Group 4 - MGB MK 1 - MK 2  
Sue Anne Migley - Tasmania - MGB*



1st Outright



*Concours d' Elegance  
1st Outright - Post 1980 - Modern  
Eric Hayes - NSW - MGF*

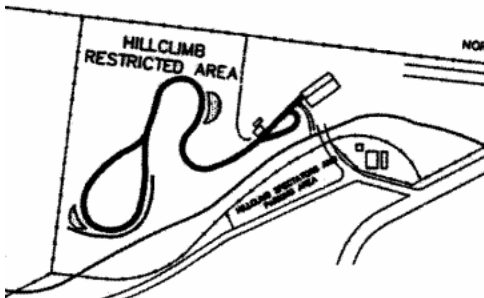


1st Outright



*Ringwood Hillclimb - 1st Outright  
Class Z - MG Super Specials  
Stephen Jones - Hunter Region - MG Midget - 32.84s*

# LAND PANEL by Alan Bates



**THURSDAY WORKING BEES**  
 are held at Ringwood Park by Dad's Army on most Thursdays.  
 You are welcome to come & help.  
 Please bring gloves and a hat but ring first to check if we are there.  
 Contact: Alan Bates 0412 280 093  
 or Doug Rae 0434 141 501

Fellow Slaves.

Well it has finally happened. The track was re-surfaced on the 25th March and the first use on the 3rd April was pretty much a success. However it must be told the honour of the first off must be given to none other than our ???????. In his defence he did say the track was very slippery!

By all accounts the surface is more than acceptable and the drop offs at some areas of the track have been fixed. Drainage is on going.

Apart from the re-surfacing, Dad's Army has been busy with the paint brushes. You may notice the ripple strips have been re-painted, the bins and other areas around the track have been freshened up as well.

The work on clearing the boundary line is still ongoing.

Another load of pipes has arrived at Ringwood for when we run out of things to do! We can aim Doug at the motorkhana area and hopefully improve the drainage.

The gravel trap at turn two, on the way down the hill has been refurbished with a fresh load of gravel from next door.

The same people who supplied the concrete for work on the track edges.

This last month has seen an increase in the ranks of Dad's Army. At this rate we will have to look for a bigger area to sit for our crib time. Also I must thank our new club member Steve Hammond for the collection and delivery of the drainage pipes that were arranged by David Atkins. Without Steve and his truck the pipes would not have been available.

Remember, without the support of the club and the effort and support of the volunteers who turn up for the working days, very little would be achieved. If you can spare the time on Thursdays please let either myself or Doug Rae know so we can acquire some more seats for the crib table.

The working bee at Ringwood on the Sixteenth was well attended, even though the weather was less than ordinary. I believe the same can be said for those who attended Cobby St.

Many thanks to those who ventured out on the day.

Cheers,  
 Alan

## What a month

Firstly the clubrooms. Tiled the ladies toilet with Scott McGarry's help, fitted a new vanity basin supplied by Grant Cook and replaced the plumbing with Lyall Clark's help. Also tiled splashback to vanity as well as fitting fly screens to the windows.

Onto the mens toilet. Three sections of walls were replaced, new vanity fitted with plumbing being renewed, new flyscreens will be fitted and two walls will be relined.

In the meantime Dad's Army spent three days preparing the courses for our State Khanacross round. The tracks were prepared after consultation between Bryn and myself, with Eric Chandler preparing tracks 1 and 2 and with Alan Bates developing track 3, which turned out quite good. With the late notification of access to IRH's property our efforts were mainly concentrated on our property. Access to IRH's property will be determined by their ongoing development, not as some people assume a 2 year contract.

All our efforts need to be aimed at developing our own property and not wasted.

Also included were preparations for a hillclimb the week before such as repairing edges of the track, mowing the grass and cleaning the toilets.

For the MG National Meeting, 36 new flag bases were made as well as two buffers for KEP.

Doug Rae, Member Land Panel



## **PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson**

Congratulations to all Club Members who helped with the National Meeting before, during and after the Easter Events.

I know that the Hillclimb certainly ran well and on time all day with over 90 competitors. That is an achievement!

The Club was very fortunate that so many "non-MG-ers" stepped up to help so that all events ran smoothly.

I had the opportunity to observe a couple of our MGF competitors from the top of the hill and in particular, the two quickest - Bryn Baverstock and Lyall Clarke. I'm glad they are not in my class! Smooth and fast - good to watch.

We now have a long break at Ringwood for hillclimbs at least. The next one is not until the end of June, when the busy end of the year starts.

Peter Robinson, Publicity Officer

Rick Vincent



## **SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent**

Hi Guys,

Well another successful MG National Meeting. On behalf of all the members we must congratulate the organizing committee for their excellent work on arranging such a huge event, many thanks to you all.

Of course the Hillclimb was one major event held in pristine conditions again. Many thanks to the Land Panel with their preparations of the new track and surrounds. All visitors were very impressed.

The event was held on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> April with a field of 85 entrants. The following were the outright winners, although everyone who attended were winners on the day.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Steve Jones - Hunter Club - Modified Midget - 32.84

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Gavin McHugh - Victoria - Modified Midget - 33.13

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Darren Hodgson - MG Newcastle - Modified F - 33.66

Lyll Clarke and Bryn Baverstock were having their own private duel with Bryn getting his nose in front driving a stock standard borrowed MGF.

Fortunately there were no major incidents other than Marea Semken wanting to drive over a spare tyre, and John Boyce from Queensland damaging his concours car up against the tyre wall, all in the name of motor sport, and having lots of fun.

A few changes are coming up with future Ringwood events, including that competitors will receive via their email address pre entry forms and Supp

Regs prior to the event. This is to try and encourage more pre entries. All competitors who have pre entered will use the right hand door of the Event Secretary hut, to receive priority registration without delays.

We encourage all competitors to register their car number and provide their own magnetic door numbers. Please don't rely on the club providing these numbers, as they may not be available. Please contact myself should you require to register your number 1 to 999.

Our website will show shortly a new page, indicating the basic requirements that a new member should have prior to any event. The new section will be titled New Competitor Event Requirements.

The award cards that are issued to successful competitors at Ringwood events will shortly have a use by date printed on the cards, so we do encourage all those competitors to present their trophy cards at the next Ringwood event.

I have issued 28 letters to members who have shown an interest in becoming a club official to run CAMS events. I am grateful to those members and ask they contact me as soon as the basic CAMS course has been completed.

All the best to those members competing at Eastern Creek this Sunday 1st May. It should be a great day. I hope my son Aaron is competitive again (in Dad's car?).

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards

Rick

**CAPTAIN'S CORNER Scott McGarry**

Apologies to all for not publishing a column or any pointscores in last month's magazine, but I have a good excuse, as I was busy working and holidaying in California. So when you see me next ask me about San Diego Automotive Museum, Peterson Automotive Museum and The Mullin Automotive Museum. And ask me about seeing two Bugatti Veyrons in the same day! Oh and ask me about my trip to Laguna Seca and the offer of a free lap in a Mazda 3 that I couldn't take up. Oh well, maybe next time.

I have been doing some serious catching up on the scoring and, as a result, have some points tables to present.

The results from the recently held National Meeting didn't make it to me before the magazine deadline, but the scores are up to date as of 20 April. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Until next month,

Keep your eyes on the prize,  
Scott McGarry

**Paul Daley Memorial Trophy for Club Junior Champion**

| Name              | Points | Position |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Dylan Grant       | 76     | 1        |
| Beau Grant        | 50     | 2        |
| Keith Hammond     | 40     | 3        |
| Camryn Edwards    | 24     | 4        |
| Andrew Chandler   | 13     | 5        |
| Reece Hammond     | 12     | 6        |
| Tegan Meek        | 11     | 7        |
| Tyson Agllias     | 10     | 8        |
| Jake Bromley Hall | 10     | 8        |
| Joseph Eketone    | 10     | 8        |

**Ladies Championship**

| Name               | Points | Position |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| Elizabeth Robinson | 25     | 1        |
| Kimberley Atkins   | 13     | 2        |
| Trudy Jacobs       | 12     | 3        |
| Marea Semken       | 11     | 4        |
| Susan (D) Thomas   | 7      | 5        |

**Mick Neilson Club Member of the Year**

| Name            | Points | Position |
|-----------------|--------|----------|
| Michael Snow    | 64     | 1        |
| John Collins    | 59     | 2        |
| David Walker    | 58     | 3        |
| Andrew Peters   | 52     | 4        |
| Alan Bates      | 47     | 5        |
| Bryn Baverstock | 40     | 6        |
| Judith Rae      | 40     | 6        |
| Douglas Rae     | 37     | 8        |
| Paul Bower      | 36     | 9        |
| David Atkins    | 33     | 10       |

**Mick Neilson Memorial Trophy for Club Champion**

| Name                  | Points | Position |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| Bill Pearson          | 59     | 1        |
| Andrew Wallin         | 36     | 2        |
| Lyll Clarke           | 28     | 3        |
| Greg Dickinson        | 28     | 3        |
| Glenn Parsonage       | 28     | 3        |
| Michael Wallin        | 28     | 3        |
| Tom Clemens           | 26     | 7        |
| Alexander Elphinstone | 26     | 7        |
| Graham Orr            | 26     | 7        |
| Peter Robinson        | 26     | 7        |



## AUTOTEST PANEL NEWS

Firstly, I must clarify the following, which was a part of a quote that I included in my April report which said:-

*"Good news is that IRH have granted MGCCN permission to use the dirt tracks on their land for the next 2 years".*

The facts surrounding IRH permission to use the Khanacross tracks on their property are:-

- 1) By application on an event by event basis.
- 2) Is very conditional on us meeting the requirements spelled out in the Deed of Access document we have signed up to (in other words doing the right thing at all times).
- 3) Only applies until the land is otherwise required by IRH. There was never any timescale put in the Deed of Access. I know most people hope that IRH will have approval and be very well advanced, if not completed, with their proposed development, two years from now.

Our next event is another round of the NSW Khanacross Series. We have applied for permission to once again use some of the sections of track on IRH land, hopefully this will be granted.

Please note:- the date for this event has been changed from the date shown in last month's magazine. The event is now on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Hopefully the weather will do the right thing and the tracks will be able to be prepared properly over the next few weeks.

The next Motorkhana is on the following Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>) again at Ringwood. We will be using the same areas as we did for the last motorkhana, but hopefully with much of the work associated with the hillclimb resurfacing and preparations for the MG National meeting out of the way, there will be some time available to put into the Motorkhana Grounds.

The MG National Meeting Motorkhana held at the Ausgrid Stadium Carpark ran very well with 96 starters attempting the 3 tests (with significantly varying degrees of success!). Thanks to Kenneth Atkins' efforts in refreshing our old timing gear and with the concentration of the timing officials on the day, there were no mistimes. The venue was pretty close to perfect for such a large event. I thank everyone who played a part in the set up and running of the event, well done all. We could probably have access to the venue more often, however the requirement to have plastic barriers along the full length of the cycleway which runs along the side of the venue, makes it financially unviable for club events. I believe the cost was something around \$700 or slightly more, and that was with us picking them up and returning them.

So on that note, we are still searching for that elusive Tar motorkhana venue that must be out there somewhere.

Dave Atkins, Autotest Panel Chairman 2011



Jason Gregory  
at Awaba

## 2011 MG NATIONAL MEETING NEWCASTLE RESULTS

### **PERPETUAL TROPHY RESULTS:**

#### **John Wratten Memorial Trophy**

|                 |                  |               |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | QUEENSLAND       | 715.04 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>NEWCASTLE</b> | 412.00 points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | VICTORIA         | 359.97 points |

#### **Joan Richmond Trophy**

Fran Hodgson - MG ZS

#### **Hard Luck Trophy**

Andrew and Jenna Fraser

#### **Nuffield Oceania Trophy**

|                 |                  |           |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>NEWCASTLE</b> | 16.80 pts |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | QUEENSLAND       | 15.67 pts |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | HUNTER           | 15.00 pts |

#### **Cecil Kimber Centennial Trophy**

Ray Sheather - MG ZR

#### **Photographic Competition**

Best Creative Digitally Enhanced - Peter Finlay

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|---|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jeff New ey - MG TC                               | 4th                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 3rd                    |                             |
| Bruce Fraser - MGA Roadster                       | 4th                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 1st                    |                             |
| Paul Fraser - MGA Roadster                        |                       | 3rd                    | 2nd                    |                             |
| Phil Readhead - MGA Coupe                         | 1st                   |                        | 2nd                    | 2nd                         |
| Marta Readhead - MGA Coupe                        |                       |                        |                        | 2nd                         |
| Jeff New ey - MGB Mk 1                            | 3rd                   | 1st                    | 2nd                    |                             |
| Peter Polglase - MGB Mk 1                         | 2nd                   |                        |                        |                             |
| David Walker - MGB Mk 1                           | 6 <sup>th</sup>       | 1st                    | 1st                    |                             |
| Mick Barclay - MGB Mk 2                           | 1st                   |                        |                        |                             |
| John Pearson - MGB Mk2                            | 3rd                   |                        |                        |                             |
| Andy Peters - MGB BL                              | 2nd                   | 1st                    | 1st                    |                             |
| Angela Murphy - MGB GT BL                         | 5th                   | 3rd                    | 4th                    |                             |
| Craig Murphy - MGB GT BL                          |                       | 1st                    | 1st                    |                             |
| Michael Fraser - MGB GT                           | 4th                   | 2nd                    | 1st                    |                             |
| Rachel Fraser - MGB GT                            |                       | 3rd                    | 3rd                    |                             |
| Dale Powell - MGMidget                            | 5th                   |                        |                        |                             |
| Alan Beatty - MGY                                 | 2nd                   |                        |                        |                             |
| Mal Davies - MGM agnette                          | 2nd                   |                        |                        |                             |
| Malcolm Bailey - MGMagnette                       | 4th                   |                        |                        |                             |
| Dale Powell - MG FWD                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 1st                    | 2nd                    |                             |
| Peter Finlay - Specials preMGA (TC)               | 2nd                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 3rd                    |                             |
| Darren Hodgson - Specials (MGF)                   | 5th                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 2nd                    |                             |
| Graeme Semken - Super Specials MGF                |                       | 4th                    |                        |                             |
| Marea Semken - Super Specials MGF                 |                       | 5th                    |                        |                             |
| Lyall Clarke - MGF                                | 3rd                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 1st                    |                             |
| Ken Mcleod - MGF                                  | 4th                   |                        |                        |                             |
| John Collins - MGF                                | 5th                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>        | 2nd                    |                             |
| Paul Bower - MGF                                  | =7th                  | 4th                    | 5th                    |                             |
| David Thomas - MGF                                | 6th                   | 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 6th                    |                             |
| Rick Vincent - MGF                                |                       | 6 <sup>th</sup>        |                        |                             |
| Susan Thomas - MGF                                |                       | 7th                    | 9th                    |                             |
| Bryn Baverstock - MGF                             | =7th                  | 1st                    |                        |                             |
| Fran Hodgson - Saloons (MG ZS)                    | 1st                   | 1st                    | 2nd                    |                             |
| David Walker - Saloons (MG ZT)                    | 4th                   |                        |                        |                             |
| John Fraser - Saloons (MG ZS)                     | 5th                   | 2nd                    | 1st                    |                             |
| Naomi Fraser - Saloons (MG ZS)                    |                       | 5th                    | 4th                    |                             |
| Ray Sheather - MG ZR                              | 2nd                   |                        | 1st                    | 1st                         |
| Fran Hodgson - MG ZR                              | 3rd                   |                        |                        |                             |
| Doug Rae - MG ZR                                  | 4th                   | =3rd                   | 3rd                    |                             |
| Louise Reeves - MG ZR                             | 5th                   | 5th                    | 4th                    |                             |
| Martin Reeves - MG ZR                             |                       | 1st                    | 6th                    |                             |

## “Words of Wisdom” – Concours 2011

from Fran Hodgson, Concours Director

For weeks it had been forecast to rain on Easter Saturday, then gradually as the day drew closer the forecasts grew a little brighter - thank heavens for slow moving systems. The day was magic with bright sunshine and light breezes.

The Foreshore has never looked better than with the gathering of 150 shiny MGs displayed across 31 classes. This meant that I needed 90 judges so most of the competitors were kept busy. I didn't get a chance to look at any of the cars and had to get someone else to line up my own car as I was busy directing traffic. I had lots of help from willing club members who must have thought I was using them more as chicanes! - "go to the man in the fluoro vest three rows down and turn left and find the next official half way down that row!". Except for Marta Redhead who seemed to hear "Marta, get back to your row!". Marta tells me it's because people kept asking her to assist them but it always seemed to happen just when I was sending a car her way! Kerry Woollard, Ken McLeod, Scott McGarry, Tom Heard, Sue and Darval Thomas, Dale Powell, Bryn Baverstock, Mark Jarman, Marta and Phil Redhead were all out on the park. Darren and Lyall hammered in all the class signs. My son Luke was a great help to me by handing out the judging sheets to all cars when they arrived, even the ice cream van - I suspect that may have been his favourite on the park.

My instructions to judges were simple, don't be too critical of a car when the owner is standing close by, no tied scores and make sure the car you think should win gets the most points. One group came back with a tie - I sent them back to choose between the two cars. Two groups came back with scores that didn't reflect the order in which they ranked the cars and lots of people need help adding up! Some might say this means the judging sheet was too complicated. They could be right.

In the end the owners of cars who won were very happy and some of the owners of cars that didn't win were very sad. That is the joy and sorrow of Concurring - it is a subjective business. Even the learned texts differ in their opinions about originality aspects. Three different judges might look at the same set of cars and come up with a different result - but I am confident that all the judging groups applied themselves with due diligence and respect for the cars and for that I am very thankful.

The Outright trophies all went to NSW Club members: Ron Taylor with his TA for the Pre MGA group; Margaret Norman with her MGB for the Post TF - 1980 group and Eric and Dawn Hayes with their MGF in the Modern category. Dawn cried at the Presentation Night - she'd had a very bad day, had been feeling unwell and even though her F beat my ZS out of Outright, her joy made me cry as well. (It's ok, I can console myself with Joan Richmond for another year). Having the Nat Meet in Newcastle pulled a few cars out of retirement - Mick Barclay had

a last hoorah and won his class with his MGB Mk2 and now tells me he is ready to consider selling it. Peter Polglase picked up 2<sup>nd</sup> with his MGB Mk1 in class K and Jeff Newey had the last laugh when his racing MGB came 3<sup>rd</sup> in class J.

The local news came and filmed and after 5 minutes of interview to pick from - aired my great words of wisdom when asked what I like about MGs - "they look cool and go fast!"



Fran Hodgson

Lyall Clarke



## 2011 MG NATIONAL MEETING

Well, we have successfully conducted one of the biggest events in our Club's calendar, the staging over the Easter period of the Newcastle MG National Meeting.

From my perspective as Chairman of the Organising Committee, I can only say with much pride that the 2011 National Meeting was a successful event.

Although the numbers were below our expectations, this led to a more intimate event and visitors commented on the friendliness of those who attended.

Our thanks for the success of this Event must be attributed to many people, particularly the Organising Committee, and many other Club Members who gave of their time over the weekend to assist in its smooth running.

We first met in August 2009, and many hours have been spent by all Organising Committee Members and others since that time, not only at some twenty five scheduled committee meetings, but during their day to day activities.

With around 150 MGs on display at the Concours, some 85 competitors at the Ringwood Hillclimb (who each had six runs), over 100 starters at the Motorkhana competing in three events with two runs at each at the Ausgrid Stadium carpark, and the running of a Touring Assembly with 40 starters and a social drive to Hunter Valley Gardens (the Kimber Run), it certainly was quite a big undertaking. Elsewhere in the Magazine you will find reports and photos of these events.

My thanks go to all those who put up their hand to help make all these events happen in a professional manner.

The Social Nights and Presentation Night held at Club Panthers, Newcastle, also required many hours work and I thank those involved in the staging of each night. Those who entered the Rocker Cover Racing (40 of them) also provided great entertainment at the Noggin and Natter Night.

I am sure that those of you who attended each of these functions had enjoyable evenings.

From a competition point of view, our Members are to be congratulated on their individual results. A list of these results is shown in the Magazine. A fine effort!

One of the most pleasing results for the Club was the 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Nuffield Oceania Trophy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the John Wratten Memorial Trophy. Well done to all our competitors!

Once again, I would like to say how proud I am of all who helped - it certainly made my job as Chairman a most rewarding and enjoyably experience.

Lyll Clarke - Chairman of the 2011 MG Natmeet Committee

## Vice-President's Report

G'day

Well what a great weekend the National Meeting turned out to be. The weather god smiled on us all, the venues were terrific and the people both participating and working were so happy we could have called it the Friendly National Meeting!

The bit I was involved in was the Motorkhana at the Knights ground carpark. It went off very well with no major hassles and my thanks to the many helpers both before, after and on the day. Far too many to mention all of you by name but if you were there you have my and the clubs heartfelt thanks for a brilliant job.

I could not believe our luck when I headed to the event at 6.30 that morning. It rained from Warners Bay and stopped just before the stadium. It stayed dry all day until the last car had finished then it rained on us as we packed up. Sure it could have waited another twenty minutes, but what timing! Then it went and rained when we went on Wednesday to return the barriers, so the weather god got his own back!

One bit of trivia. Some of you may have seen Peter Finlay dressed in what I thought was period clothing for his cars era but turns out he used to fly Tiger Moths from that same spot when it used to be an aerodrome. So he dragged his gear out of the cupboard for old times sake. Maybe he had better give another club night talk on Tiger Moths!

Our thanks to Hunter Venues who run the stadium complex without whose help we would not have had an event.

Cheers Bryn



## 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 30/31<sup>st</sup> July.

Crooks Park is an original Hunter Valley property over 180 years old on 215 acres of beautiful Williams River country, 7 km from the historic town of Dungog, with unique accommodation. The accommodation is in various cottages on the property, all within walking distance. The negotiated rates quoted below include a 6 course meal at Rattlers Restaurant (a refurbished red rattler train carriage), a bed for Saturday night and a cooked breakfast on Sunday morning.

### Restored Red Rattler Train Carriages at \$252 per couple

There are 4 carriages with screened verandahs to take in the scenery, private bathroom facilities, kitchenette, and fully air conditioned.

### Humpy Bong Cottage at \$232 per couple

A self contained cottage with 2 bedrooms, your own private garden and large country kitchen to gather for a chat.

### Spa Suite at \$272 per couple

There are 2 Spa Suites, with spacious luxury accommodation for two adults, your own private balcony, large spa bath, kitchenette, air conditioning and fire place. Make the Xmas in July weekend your own private love nest.

### Homestead at \$262 per couple

The beautiful historic homestead has 5 double bedrooms, a billiard room, country kitchen and more. Three of the bedrooms are already booked by enterprising couples who had a look at the property after they learnt we might be considering having our Xmas in July there, so there are two bedrooms left. We will have pre dinner drinks there on Saturday evening.

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](mailto:LWA04958@bigpond.net.au) or phone 4958 4941.





## **MG CANAM TOUR 2012, 1st June 2012 for 90 days.**

Join us on this "once in a lifetime" tour to the USA and Canada. Your MG will be shipped to Los Angeles, and we will commence a roughly anti-clockwise trip, keeping mainly to scenic roads. We will be visiting Los Vegas, Grand Canyon, Phoenix, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Nashville, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Peggy's Cove, Quebec, Ottawa, Montreal, Niagara, Detroit, Dayton, Indianapolis, Chicago, South Dakota area, Denver, Yellowstone, Calgary, Banff, Kamloops, Whistler, Vancouver/Vancouver island, Seattle, San Francisco, and back to Los Angeles.

We will be keeping off major highways wherever possible, and have also selected 15 scenic roads that have made the list of the top 50 in the USA.

From 11th to 15th July in Dayton, Ohio, we will be attending the GT-37, which is the annual MGA event run by North American MGA Register, with upwards of 200 MGAs plus other models in attendance.

There is a possibility of a group from the UK joining us in New York, and they will continue with us to the finish.

Please note that this is not a profit making tour. I just do this for the enjoyment of taking our MGs a little bit further! The route planning is done by a professional company in the UK. They issue route books and organise all accommodation.

We are on our own after that!

Enquiries please to Gary Lock at [lock@winshop.com.au](mailto:lock@winshop.com.au) Ph. 0435 901150

## **CAPE TO CAIRO AND BEYOND IN 2012 IN AN MGA OR MGB**

Coming hot on the heels of the successful MG China to MG Britain trip along the Silk Road in 2010 ([www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au](http://www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au)), we are now considering driving our MGAs and MGBs from the MG dealer in Cape Town to the birth town of our MGs - Abingdon in the UK - in 2012.

The broad plan is for us to meet in Cape Town mid August 2012 and take approximately 14 weeks to drive through Namibia (Fish River Canyon), Botswana (Chobi Game Reserve), Zimbabwe (Victoria Falls and Kariba Dam), Zambia (Shiwa Ng'andu), Tanzania (Zanzibar and Kilimanjaro), Kenya (Classic Car Show, Out of Africa experience and Masai Mara Game Reserve), Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, France and Abingdon in the UK.

Sounds a long way - it is - but will be a load of fun and adventure, guaranteed!

Hopefully the political situation in North Africa will have resolved itself by late 2012; otherwise we will consider interesting alternative routes.

The intention is to keep to sealed roads wherever possible, to make this a comfortable and scenic trip for up to 8 MGs from all corners of the world; talking to locals, eating their food and sleeping in their hotels. A reserve list will be kept in case someone withdraws before we head off into the wilds of Africa.

If you would like to consider joining us, please contact me by email and I will provide as much information as I can for you to make an informed decision.

Remember: A Road not travelled is an Avenue not explored...

Dave Godwin at [murphgod@hotmail.com](mailto:murphgod@hotmail.com), +61 412 029 277 (see photo page 36).

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**James Pearson** (not the owner, selling on behalf of a friend), **0414 466 068**, email: rx7racing@exemail.com.au

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TC 7346/XPAG 8142, December 1949, full NSW Registration to July 2011 HN 681 (plate not included), subject of a three year professional "ground up" restoration with no expense spared (accounts total over \$120K), in concours condition and requires only the fitment of original steering box and standard exhaust to be a potential concours winner, TC box with Tomkins kit and standard manifold are included, Sequoia Cream with green upholstery and grill slats, come see this delightful car at North Rocks NSW and discuss your offer, to see photographs of this restoration please go to [www.planeimages.smugmug.com](http://www.planeimages.smugmug.com)

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