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Hillclimb at Ringwood Park (GD).

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Coming Events - August 2011

- | | | |
|--------|---|---------------|
| Sat 6 | Young Driver Development Course - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood - cancelled | |
| Sat 6 | Natter Night - cancelled | |
| Sun 7 | State Khanacross Round 5 - WAC - Awaba. 10am | |
| Sun 7 | CSCA Supersprint - Sprite CC - Eastern Creek | |
| Mon 8 | Magazine Assembly - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm | M |
| Wed 10 | Speed Panel Meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm | M |
| Fri 12 | Clubnight - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm | M |
| Sun 14 | Khanacross - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood, see page 35. | M KC5
NKC5 |
| Sun 14 | State Motorkhana Round 5 - MiniCC - Nirimba | |
| Sun 14 | State Supersprint Round 7 - ARDC - Eastern Creek | |
| Wed 17 | Committee Meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm | M |
| Thu 18 | KEP special meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm, see page 6. | |
| Sat 20 | Twilight Hillclimb - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood, see page 6. | M R10 |
| Sat 20 | Heart of the Hunter Rally - AHRG - Geoff Thomas | CC14
TR4 |
| Sun 21 | Register Run - lunch at Rathmines Bowling Club, leave Clubrooms at 9am for tour of lake - see page 12. | M |
| Sat 27 | CSCA Supersprint - Morgan OC - Eastern Creek | |
| Sun 28 | Motorkhana - WAC - Awaba. 10am | MK4
NMK4 |
| Sun 28 | Tri-challenge Hillclimb - Round 3 - BLCC - Bathurst Esses, see page 27. | TC3 |

Legend

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

Coming Events - September 2011

- Sat 3 **Young Driver Development Course** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood - see page 8
- Sat 3 **Natter Night** - contact Rose Cogger for details, see page 10.
- Mon 5 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm M
- 8 - 11 World Rally Championship - Coffs Harbour
- Fri 9 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. Also EGM for Draft Constitution. M
- Sun 11 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M CC15
TS4 NTS4
R11
- Sun 11 State Supersprint Round 8 - MiniCC - Eastern Creek
- Sun 11 State Motorkhana Round 6 - VWCC - Nirimba
- Wed 14 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm M
- Sat 17 **Touring Assembly** - Evan Green Memorial - AHRG - Upper Hunter CC10 TR2
- Sun 18 **State Khanacross** Round 6 - WAC - Awaba. 10am CC16 KC6
NKC6
- Sun 18 State Hillclimb Round 8 - WSCC - Dapto
- Sun 18 State Supersprint Round 9 - NSWRRRC - Eastern Creek
- Wed 21 **Committee Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland 7:30pm M
- Sun 25 **Motorkhana** (dirt) - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. 10am M CC17
MK5
NMK5
- Sun 25 Bulahdelah Hillclimb - MLSCC - Ross Jones 4997 2299

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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Date	Course	Venue
Aug 12	Timing	Sydney
Sep 17	Introductory	Sydney
Oct 15	Scrutiny	Sydney
contact Rick Vincent for details		

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Draft Constitution (DC) has finally been agreed upon, unanimously, by the Committee and has now been put on the website for viewing. The DC has underlining. These are sections which have been directly copied from our Original Constitution (OC). It also has shading. This indicates changes, which updates it to what is the current practice of the club, grammar corrections or changes required by Government Departments (GD). Unmarked sections are new words, which have been checked by the Draft Committee, which is in the GD's model, which has been used to prepare our DC.

The cross referenced, marked up OC is also on display. It also has shading after each section. That is to indicate where that particular section is handled in the DC. This makes it easier for you to see that the DC covers all things that are in the OC.

If you are unable to access the internet, a copy may be obtained from me. Try to access it from the net as there are about sixty pages in total.

There is notice in the magazine indicating that our September Clubnight will also be an extra ordinary meeting to vote on the adoption of the DC. Check out the DC and come along.

There have not been many members at meetings that have happened for the organisation of the Mattara Hillclimb. As a result we are finding it difficult to cover the tasks in order to have the event run. In this economic climate we have lost some of our advertisers. We need members to chase up our regulars as well as seeking support from new sponsors. To get this on track an extra **KEP meeting** will be held at the clubrooms on Thursday 18th August. Come along as the jobs need to be done so the event will happen.

The Club's special hillclimbs got off to a bad start with the Garage Hillclimb. We are looking forward, hopefully, to members coming along to the **Twilight Hillclimb** on Saturday 20th August. Members can enjoy a fun event, have a nice dinner cooked for them by our Ladies Auxiliary and huddle round an open fire with a cuppa. Your fastest time of the afternoon is added to your fastest time of the night in order to work out the results. You should come along to see the spectacle and check out the lighting setups that some drivers go to on their cars.

The Ringwood Park round of the State Hillclimb was fully entered, which helped to make it a success. We continue to run the Top Ten Shoot Out and put up prizes on this part of the event. Our major sponsor, Daydawn Electrical, provided vouchers for petrol for first, second and third. All competitors took part in a

guessing competition to pick the fastest time in the Shoot Out and all drivers in the Shoot Out competed in a Target Time Test.

Scott Carroll from Daydawn Electrical delighted the drivers once again with the keepsakes and goodies. Daydawn made their presence noticed at the event. It is probably the best involvement from a sponsor that we have ever had. The results are on our website along with some photos.

Remember, support the supporters who support your sport.

John Collins



Garage Hillclimb



State Hillclimb

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

6th August (cancelled)
3rd September
26th November



SECRETARY'S REPORT Andy Peters

I experienced some very cold weather on my trip to Tamworth to compete in our Tri-Challenge event and even though it was freezing cold I had a fun day on the race track. You should think about competing in this event next year.

The Garage Hillclimb shaped up to be a rather wet day, and I travelled up to Ringwood Park in my MGB with the hood up and the wipers going, but being Secretary for the day I really had to go. What a perfect day it turned out to be, top down for the first run and it stayed down all day. We started the day with the Garage Hillclimb event and finished the day with some great hillclimb practice. A really great day.

Think seriously about the Twilight Hillclimb. It is a great social practice day and always lots of fun.

There is lots of interesting information in the magazines we receive each month and these are kept in our clubrooms for everyone to read. Please have a look at our next clubnight.

King Edward Park Hillclimb preparations have commenced. Check our website for meeting and working bee dates (also on page 25 of this magazine). For this event to be successful we need your help.

I have decided to have a break from committee in 2012 and will not be accepting any nominations for committee positions at our next Annual General Meeting.

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

Andy



SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger

The next Clubnight will be held at the Cobby Street Clubrooms on Friday August 12th 2011 commencing at 7.30pm. This is good opportunity to meet new members who receive their official documents and get to see where meetings and other events are held on the night.

The September Clubnight will include an Extra Ordinary Meeting to vote on the Draft Constitution. This meeting will be held on Friday September 9th 2011 commencing at 7.30pm. There will be a light supper after the meeting.

Next **Natter Night** Saturday 3rd September 2011. It will be held at Darval and Sue Thomas' home at 56 Robinia Grove, Garden Suburb commencing at 6.30pm. You will need to provide your food for a barbeque, dessert and BYO. This will be a good opportunity for a post Bathurst natter.

Presentation Night & Christmas Party Saturday 10th December, 2011. The committee has decided that the Annual Presentation night and Christmas Party will be held at the Clubrooms. The presentations will commence at 5.00pm followed by the Christmas Party at 7.30pm. RSVP by 30/11/2011.

You will be pleased to know that an air conditioning system has been installed at the clubrooms which makes it more amenable to the varying temperatures.

If you would like to have a Natter Night at your home or workshop please let me know

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REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

Our annual weekend for Xmas in July clashed with a State Round at Ringwood Hillclimb but at least both events had really good weather all weekend.

With Xmas presents tucked up in the boot, we left the clubrooms at 9:30am. First stop the Clarendetown Community Markets. The usual stuff but very country. Lesley bought bananas and a pineapple from Chinese gardeners - a bargain. How did Chinese gardeners around Clarendetown grow bananas and pineapple? Next stop was across country to Wallarobba to the Camelot Lavender and Llama Farm for an enjoyable chat with Denise, who introduced us to the difference between Mules and Hinneys then Llamas and Alpacas. Did you know that English Lavender is the only one used in food? The various French and Italian lavender, although looking beautiful, breaks down and releases camphor which can make you very ill. Knowing we were having a big meal at dinner we opted for sandwiches, tea and coffee, but the menu includes Chicken pie with Potato Rosti and Avocado, Tomato, Walnut and Crisp Proscuitto Salad plus mind blowing desserts and gourmet coffees. Definitely a place to warrant a Register Run later! Driving country roads was good fun except for the "handbrake". On to the accommodation at the Carriageway at Crooks Park, just this side of Dungog. Unpack and laze around in the luxury of the glass enclosed verandah of the Homestead having drinks and nibbles, before dinner in the converted railway carriage restaurant. Jim and Kate Norris, who live in Dungog, joined us for a sumptuous six course meal, after which those staying in the Homestead and Humpy Bong Cottage walked home under a mat of stars, so close you could almost touch them. You forget, living in the city, just how spectacular a cold starry night can be. After a cold clear morning (4.0degrees), a big hearty country breakfast and many thanks to the wonderful staff at Carriageway, we took off (still with the "handbrake") through Dungog and over the mountain to the Bunna Bunoo Olive Farm. A small amount of driving on dirt at the turn off, and still full from breakfast, we enjoyed learning about the olive farm from the son of the owners. Couldn't resist the Caramelised Balsamic Vinegar made on the property and a world class extra virgin olive oil, which we will use together for a pre-dinner appetiser with drinks. Even when we reached Paterson at 1.00pm we only needed a refreshing drink or coffee, and then dispersed to our own homes.

Register Run. On Sunday 21st August, we are off for a drive around Lake Macquarie in a clockwise direction, with lunch at Rathmines Bowling Club. Leave the clubrooms at 9am. Please email me if you would like to be on the contact list. As always we need to give numbers, so we would like to hear from you the week before on LWA04958@bigpond.net.au.

"B' seeing you, DAVID



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Xmas in July



State Hillclimb

REGISTER SECRETARY Doug Rae

At the committee meeting held on the 20th July, it was decided to check the eligibility of the vehicles our club allows on Historic Registration.

This will take the form of an Audit and will be undertaken at a number of events which these vehicles will be eligible to attend.

These being Register Runs starting from our Clubrooms at Cobby Street, Shortland and our Annual Concours, this year to be held at Northcott Park next to the Clubrooms.

The purpose of the audit is to confirm that the vehicles comply with the requirements of both the RTA and our Club regulations.

If the vehicles and their use do not comply with RTA Regulations, it could cause the club to lose the ability to issue historic plates.

The initial audit will be voluntary and the venues advertised in the magazine and on our website.

Please contact me for any further information.

Doug Rae

Register Secretary

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Joshua Bridson	Associate	Mini Cooper S
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EDITORIAL by Mike Cole

Last month the magazine was posted in an envelope. This should better meet Australia Post requirements, it will remove the dependency on the Club's photocopier and make the job easier at Magazine Assembly.

I have also been improving the website version of the magazine. It is now smaller so it takes less time to download and it includes all pages of the cover.

I transferred the magazine to my phone and it is just readable, but it may require some tuning to make the download efficient. In the meantime, read the magazine on your computer

or from the hardcopy.

Thanks to John Collins, Gregor Dickinson, Bill Pearson and John Porter who supplied photographs this month.

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 before the Clubnight.

The deadline for the July magazine is Friday 26th August 2011.

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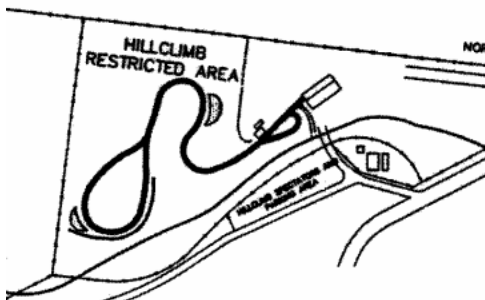


State Hillclimb



Xmas in July

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

The last month has been a bit hectic. However Dad's Army has managed to get a fair bit of work done.

The sides of the track at turn one and turn two as well as a section at the top of the hump have been concreted to prevent water erosion of the edges of the track.

A new drain has been put in on the high side of the track after turn two. The intent is to continue this drain further up the hill and try to redirect the water before it gets near the track.

This type of work will continue for some time to come.

Rubber matting has been placed in a few parking bays to try and make life easier for competitors.

The hydraulic ram off the backhoe has been repaired and the tractor is back in service.

Work is continuing on the installation of drainage pipes in the lower pit area.

Cabling between the timing office and the event secretary building has been installed.

A special thanks must go to all those that have been able to attend our Thursday Shed day. The amount of work completed this year has been enormous. This is a direct result of the dedication of those who attend.

The work planned for the future will see continued improvement to our facilities. Something that is there to be enjoyed by not only our members, but any visitor that may attend. A comment recently made by a competitor from a club out of our area is what it's all about. He was heard to say 'I enjoy coming to this track because the area is well prepared and presented and the facilities are always clean'.

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 organise a crib roster.

Cheers,

Alan



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER Scott McGarry

Greetings to you all, once again. Our regular score updates are listed below and, surprise surprise, the leader of each of our 4 major championships is a previous winner of that championship. Of those, Michael Snow (leading the Mick Neilson Club Member points) and Dylan Grant (leading the Paul Daley Junior Championship), were both winners of these trophies last year. I guess its hard to beat a champion, but surely not impossible. But it is getting a little

boring for me! So to all you people who have never won one of these trophies before, please add some interest to my monthly score sheets. I beg you!

The results I have presented include events held up to and on 20 June 2011. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Keep your eyes on the prize,

Scott McGarry.

Chris Dodds Memorial Trophy for Outright Club Champion

Name	Points	Position
Lyllal Clarke	87	1
Bill Pearson	83	2
Jeff Newey	64	3
Andrew Peters	60	4
Andrew Wallin	51	5
Douglas Rae	45	6
Jason Gregory	43	7
Darval Thomas	43	7
Alexander Elphinstone	42	9
Tom Clemens	41	10

Paul Daley Memorial Trophy for Club Junior Champion

Name	Points	Position
Dylan Grant	102	1
Beau Grant	72	2
Keith Hammond	66	3
Camryn Edwards	36	4
Andrew Chandler	24	5
Jake Bromley Hall	20	6
Benjamin Hall	18	7
Reece Hammond	12	8
Tegan Meek	11	9
Tyson Agllias	10	10
Joseph Eketone	10	10

Ladies Championship

Name	Points	Position
Fran Hodgson	38	1
Angela Murphy	33	2
Louise Reeves	30	3
Susan D Thomas	26	4
Elizabeth Robinson	25	5
Raechel Fraser	22	6
Marea Semken	22	6
Naomi Fraser	20	8
Trudy Jacobs	18	9
Kimberley Atkins	13	10

Mick Neilson Club Member of the Year

Name	Points	Position
Michael Snow	100	1
John Collins	92	2
David Walker	82	3
Andrew Peters	80	4
Douglas Rae	68	5
Alan Bates	65	6
Bryn Baverstock	62	7
Judith Rae	60	8
David Atkins	54	9
Rick Vincent	52	10

2011 King Edward Park Dates

Wed, 6 th July	Meeting	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street.
Wed, 3 rd August	Meeting	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street.
Thu, 17 th August	Meeting	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street.
Wed, 24 th August	Meeting	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street.
Sat, 3 rd September	Repair Armco sleeves	8:00 am Start Locate, lift and dean Armco sleeves using hihab.
Tues, 6 th September	Nuts & Bolts	6:30 pm Start Repair and sort armco nuts and bolts at Phil Limbert's Med-Eng Systems, 3/22 Ironbark Close, Warabrook.
Wed, 7 th September	Meeting	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street.
Fri, 9 th September	Load Armco	5:00 pm Start Load armco and posts at Ringwood Park Complex.
Fri, 9 th September	Officials briefing at Clubnight	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street. All Officials should attend.
Sat, 10 th September	Erect Armco	8:00am Start. Erect armco in KEP, bring shovel, gloves, and large shifting spanners.
Wed, 14 th September	Meeting	7:30 pm Start - Clubrooms, Cobby Street.
Sat, 17 th September	Complete Armco	8:00am Start. Complete armco erection, level and tighten
Wed, 21 st September	Acceptances Night	7:30 pm. Venue T.B.A.
Sat, 24 th September	Sandbagging	8:00am Start. Fill Sandbags and place in position on track.
Fri, 30 th September	Track set up	8:00 am Start. Collect barriers, spectator fencing, garbage drums and other KEP equipment from Ringwood Park Complex. Track set-up, erect spectator fencing, tents, marques, etc.
Sat, 1 st October	Track set up	8:00 am Start. Track set-up, erect spectator fencing, tents, marques, etc.
Sun, 2 nd October	State Hillclimb Round	8:00 am Start.

2011 King Edward Park Dates continued

Mon, 3 rd October	Newcastle Challenge	8:00 am Start.
Tues, 4 th October	KEP cleanup	8:00 am Start. Remove fencing, tents, marquees, garbage bins etc clean up park, all equipment returned to Ringwood Park for storage.
Sat, 8 th October	Remove sand-bags	8:00 am Start.
Sat, 15 th October	Remove armco	8:00 am Start. Remove all Armco and transport to Ringwood, unload and store. Bring shovel, gloves, and large shifting spanners.
Wed, 2 nd November	KEP Evaluation	7:30 pm Start. - Clubrooms at Cobby Street.



King Edward Park 2010

PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson

The 26th June Ringwood Hillclimb showed two things. The new surface is brilliant for non-slick tyres with many recording their fastest ever laps and records being broken. However, the three Avon-shod open-wheelers struggled to get anywhere near their best, although Ed McCane's magnificent new Hayward-Hyabusa allowed him to record his fastest ever lap of just under 30 seconds. Frank Mangano and Peter Robinson were over a second off their best which mystified both drivers.

The Tri-Challenge round at Tamworth was run and won. Ed McCane lowered the Type 5/U2 litre Class record by over two seconds! He wasn't pushed by anyone either. His lap time (34.51) makes him and the new car easily capable of beating Neil Farr's V8 Bowin Hay. Actually, a quick glance through the last 10 years Oakburn Park Tri-Series results show that Neil has only bettered that time once, and by 2/100ths. What a rocket, and well done Ed. I think we now need a new class for Fast Type 5/U2 litre cars, as well as the existing slow class.

The rest of the field followed over 2 seconds behind. Unfortunately, as we are still awaiting results, I cannot comment on other competitors but most MG-ers seemed to enjoy the day.

The State Hillclimb round will be run by the time this goes out so it will be interesting to see how the visitors will handle the new surface.

Bathurst Tri-challenge Hillclimb. Important. Please note:

1. Even though you might have paid a deposit at Kempsey, you must still send in an entry. I would strongly suggest at least 2 weeks before.
2. You cannot enter on the day. A pre-entry deposit is only guaranteed preference if your entry is in at least two weeks before. The Tamworth Club were not notified that seven pre-entered cars were not coming, and that involved several people trying to ring, on the Friday before, the pre-entered competitors who hadn't sent in entries and who had not contacted the organiser.
3. If you won't be going and you are on the pre-entered list, please have the courtesy to ring or contact the B.L.C.C. so they can allow someone else to take your spot! Like Tamworth, Bathurst will be full.

If you haven't competed at the Esses Hillclimb before, the pits are in McPhillamy Park at the top of the mountain and, like K.E.P., the field drives down to the car park at the front of the Clubhouse on Conrod Straight where officials will direct you in order to the start line. When called to the start, you are allowed to do a rolling tyre clean (burnout) as you proceed to the quite steep startline. The course is very steep but enjoyable, so "Good Luck".

Peter Robinson, Publicity Officer

NATIONAL MEETING Fran Hodgson

Bulletin No 2 was released in July and contains information about accommodation, booking details for Spirit of Tasmania, confirmation of venues and theme night details.

I emailed the Bulletin around to lots of members and it is also available on the Tasmanian Club website www.mgtas.org.au. If you don't have access to the internet and would like a full copy then give me a call and I will send you one. An abbreviated version of the Bulletin is in the following pages.

Tasmanian National Meetings are usually well attended events with lots of MG enthusiasts making a holiday either before or after Easter - after all it is a long way to go just for the weekend. One of the organisers recently told me that they have already received a lot of interest from Victorian and WA members. Darren and I do not plan to go - yes it will be one of only four Nat Meets in the last 29 years that one of us hasn't attended. I know I get enthused around Easter time, but even driving straight down, boat time over and coming straight back after Easter, I would still need over a week off work and a few thousand dollars when it's all added up. (We are heading to the US in September 2012 so want to save our money). We have been to four Nat Meets in Tasmania and enjoyed ourselves each time. I remember leaving from Sydney in 2006 - how civilized was that - even if we got stuck with the worst crossing they'd had in 10 years and the freezing weather at the historic homestead. Also another year when we were greeted at the Motorkhana by an official in a wetsuit and flippers, and Martin and Louise holding an umbrella out of the window of the Black B because it didn't have windows and Martin had to remove floor grommets to let the water out. Ah, good times, good times. No really, I smile when I remember those events.

I have not booked any rooms at this stage because I am not sure if people want to book their own accommodation or indeed even how many members are interested in attending. So please let me know if you are thinking of / planning on attending and what you would like to do about accommodation. Wrest Point Casino is the venue for all the social events and they are offering some discounts to members staying there.

There are a couple of other events happening in Tasmania around Easter including the Longford Revival on the weekend before Easter and Targa Tasmania two weeks after Easter from 17th - 22nd April.

Regards, Fran H



BULLETIN No 2 - July 2011

Planning is well in hand for the 2012 National Meeting. Contained in this bulletin is some information that may be of assistance in helping you plan and enjoy your trip to Tasmania.

Firstly a thank you to Lindsay from the MG Car Club of NSW for his fantastic artwork on the banner to this page which he provided to MGCCT. We loved it as it complements our ideas on the Natmeet logo that will be finalised shortly.

1. Accommodation options

See the MGCCT website for a listing of accommodation options.

2. Availability of trailers at Devonport

To offset cost of bringing trailered cars across Bass Strait we are proposing to have a number of trailers available for use - Devonport to Hobart to Devonport. Participants taking advantage of this offer would drive concours / competition cars on and off the ferry as an accompanied vehicle and pay the relatively low fee. We are suggesting that, for unregistered cars, a limited use registration be purchased from the appropriate licensing authority. MGCCT is investigating limited registration options and will provide more specific information in a later bulletin. One option that may be available is a trailer storage area close to the Melbourne Ferry Terminal. Our expectation is that people taking advantage of loan trailers in Tasmania will be bringing a tow vehicle across on the Ferry.

3. Spirit of Tasmania

To arrange a booking on the Spirit of Tasmania passenger/car ferry refer to <http://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/> where you will be able to check out accommodation options, sailing dates and various aspects of the two ships.

4. Longford Revival

Octagon, promoters of the well known Targa Tasmania has scheduled the 2012 Longford Revival for the weekend of 31st March and 1st April. First held in 2011, the Longford Revival is an international event that takes place on 30 acres of farm land on Pateena Road (the Flying Mile) in Longford Tasmania. Cars, motor-

bikes, drivers and riders from the Longford racing years as well as competitors and vehicles from the modern era will compete in the speed demonstration show along the famous Flying Mile. The festival is an opportunity to view an array of cars whilst enjoying fine food and wine, and live sixties entertainment. For further information visit http://www.longfordrevival.com.au/LongfordFestival/longfordfestival_about.html.

You should also note that Octagon will be conducting the 2012 Targa Tasmania from 17th April through to Sunday 22nd April. Attendees planning to remain in the state until that time might like to view the event or plan travel around extensive road closures. Information on Targa Tasmania 2012 can be found at http://www.targa.org.au/Tasmania/targatasmania_home.html.

5. Post Natmeet track day at Symmons Plains

Subject to sufficient expressions of interest we will arrange a track day at the Symmons Plains circuit on the outskirts of Launceston on the Wednesday following the National Meeting. Symmons Plains is the Tasmanian venue for a round of the V8 Supercar series and provides totally different driving challenges to Baskerville, the circuit we are using during the National Meeting. If you are interested in taking part in this day, either as private practice, lap dash or circuit sprint please contact MGCT via dennis.burgess@cams.com.au.

6. Confirmation of Natmeet events and venues

Friday 6th April Registration & Scrutineering Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Noggin n' Natter Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Rocker Cover Racing Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Saturday 7th April Concours Hobart Regatta Ground

Theme Night Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Sunday 8th April Speed event - Timed Laps Baskerville Motor Racing Circuit

Observation Run leaving from Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Free Night

Monday 9th April Motorkhana Derwent Entertainment Centre, Glenorchy

Kimber Run leaving from Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Presentation Night Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Tuesday 10th April Breakfast Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

Delegates Meeting Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay

The Hobart Regatta ground has been chosen for the Concours due to its close proximity to the Hobart CBD and the very popular Salamanca Saturday Market. The organisation committee is investigating some options in assisting attendees moving to and from the Concours site while cars are on display. We are using a number of venues at Wrest Point to suit whatever activity is taking place and we are confident that you won't get bored with the range of venues we have chosen.

Two good destinations have been chosen or under consideration for the two road events. The Kimber Run will finish at the Historic Town of Oatlands with plenty of opportunity for participants to sample the town's ambiance and enjoy some of Tasmania's wonderful foods, beers, wines and country hospitality. The Observation Run is also heading to another very historic location but I'm afraid I'm on an oath of silence at this stage, suffice to say that the member organising the event has a well deserved reputation for designing interesting, challenging and very enjoyable events of this nature.

7. Theme Night

Given that the overriding theme for the National Meeting is the 50th anniversary of the MGB why not have a birthday party to celebrate 50 years of magnificent MG motoring? The old girl might be 50 years old but on a good day she can still turn a head. Appropriate dress for the occasion would be early 60's clothing (I think most of us still have some in the wardrobe) or something gold coloured to celebrate the golden anniversary of a vehicle that has given many of us so much motoring enjoyment.

8. Motorkhana Tests

Our Motorkhana Director has been out and about measuring up our chosen motorkhana site and has come up with a short list of six tests from the CAMS motorkhana code to allow plenty of opportunity for centres to do some pre National Meeting practice. Three tests from the short list will be selected for the National Meeting. The short list is Cloverleaf, Hopscotch, Try Angles, Double Loop, Butterfly and Reverse Lazy Eight.

9. The National Meeting Team

Our team consists of a mix of old and new, competition and non competition orientated, members with National Meeting and Club organisational experience dating back longer than some of us would like to remember.

See the MGCT website for a listing of the National Meeting Team.

The MG Car Club of Tasmania is pleasantly surprised at the number of positive expressions of interest received to date and we remind potential attendees that there may be a limit placed on the number of registrations that will be accepted. We suggest that prospective attendees register as early as practical. Expressions of interest will assist us with our planning / bookings / budget. Please forward expressions of interest to iwa85237@bigpond.net.au or GPO Box 5, Hobart, Tasmania, 7001.

National Meeting Contact Persons

Event Secretary Ian Wade 0438 390 180

Event Director Dennis 'Herby' Burgess 0409 128 341

Dennis Burgess, National Meeting Coordinator, 8 July 2011

MG in 2011

Fifty six years after its inception, the Abington factory, famous for its production of the MG marque and the BMC competition group, closed in the autumn of 1980.

Between 1982 and 1991, the MG badge was used on sports versions of the Metro, Maestro and Montego. Then after a second closure lasting barely a year, the low volume MG RV8 began production. In early 1995 the MGF roadster was launched, owned now by BMW.

BMW famously sold the marque in 2000, keeping the Mini brand. MG Rover continued until April 2005 when it went into administration. In July of 2005 the assets of MG Rover were bought by the oldest Chinese carmaker, Nanjing Automobile, subsequently bought out by SAIC, the largest and government owned Chinese carmaker in December 2007.

With much fanfare, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao unveiled MG's new MG6 saloon during a recent visit to the Longbridge plant in Birmingham. (photo AFP)

The saloon will be badged *Magnette*, reviving a name that was famous in the fifties and last used in 1969. The Magnette will join the hatchback *GT*, the name of which is borrowed from the coupé version of the MGB.

Both cars are distantly related to the older Rover 75, sharing its front subframe. The car was styled in the UK and will be assembled in Britain from parts imported from China. The anticipated small hatch, the MG 3, is also expected to be assembled at Longbridge.

As the MG6 GT is already produced and sold in China, its specifications are known. It is available with a petrol 1.8L engine, turbocharged to produce 118 kW. A 1.9L diesel will be introduced next year. The car has a 5-speed manual transmission, front McPherson strut suspension and multi-link rear suspension. Acceleration 0-100 kph is in 8.4 seconds and it has an official combined fuel consumption of 7.98 lt/100km and an unflattering CO₂ figure of 184g/km. Top speed is restricted to 120 mph (193 km/h) to gain cheaper UK insurance, though one suspects that it would not qualify as a "hot hatch".

Three levels of trim are available - S, SE and TSE. These all share the same mechanical specification, though the TSE gains 18" wheels over the standard 17". Standard colours are Pitch Black, Arctic White and Regal Red. Metallic paint options add four different choices to the available palette.

Reviews of the car have been very positive with most drivers commenting on the high standard of assembly and the firm but responsive ride. All agree that it is a driver's car with high levels of traction and cornering ability. The long list of standard features and its comparatively cheaper price made most reviewers comment on its excellent value. In comparisons with the Ford Focus and VW Golf, it rated highly. Its engine was rated as smooth and tractable, if a little "noisy" - but

all reviewers commented on its “unacceptable” levels of CO₂ emissions, which will result in many fleet buyers choosing other brands.

Steve Childes finished his review of the MG6 GT by stating:

My point is quibbles about the styling & trim aside, the car is a driver's car and one that rewards the enthusiastic driver and gives confidence to the novice driver. I really do hope the public give the car a chance, because if they do, those who are after a sporty hatchback are in for one hell of a treat.

Only time will tell if the motoring public will embrace yet another mid size car with sporting pretension. While all reviewers commented on the quality of build, the fit and finish and the interior design, the car will be in perhaps the most competitive section of the market and the recent history of cars bearing the MG name will no doubt cause some to question the car's reliability. Ultimately its success will depend on sales. At least MGs current owners have pockets deep enough to allow the car to establish a reputation for quality and reliability.

GD



SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

Recently we held our Garage Hillclimb, partially in the rain just to make it interesting. Brian Ford brought his newly acquired all wheel drive Celica. He had a bit of difficulty taking his foot off the gas for the garage stop, but did very well, as it was the first drive since he bought the car. The same day was a Come and Try Day but unfortunately not too many newcomers wanted to try out. So I'm asking members that when we do hold these events, try and ask your mates or family members who may not have tried motorsport to come along. All it costs is the purchase of a CAMS L1 licence for \$25 and a club membership for the day of \$10.

As you know, the Bathurst Light Car Club will be hosting an event on the 28th August at the Esses on Mount Panorama. This will be a great event and has drawn considerable interest,

so lets hope its good weather. The morning temperature at Bathurst would be zero or minus. I know, as I spent my school days there. Bloody freezing.

Just to let you know that the our club will be running a CSCA event at Wakefield Park on the 6th November. We therefore will be asking members to assist with running of this popular event. More details will be advised shortly.

Working bees for the KEP event will commence on the 3rd August. The 3rd September we plan to realign the in-ground posthole sockets to assist with the erection of the Armco.

That's all from him.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards,

Rick



AUTOTEST PANEL NEWS

The next event we have coming up is another **Khanacross** at Ringwood on Sunday 14th August. This event is a round of the NAMS Series, so hopefully we will get a reasonable roll up of club members and visitors from other local clubs. This event is in Mike Snow's hands, as I have a clash with a stewarding commitment (weather permitting).

There have been major changes made to the CAMS Khanacross Regulations, all of which are very positive, particularly for our club.

The more significant of the changes are:-

- a) Events can be conducted on dirt or tar surfaces or a bit of each. (There are some increases in fees for events with tar in excess of the old 50m allowance.) This change will be particularly advantageous to us once the hillclimb extensions are in place. I'm sure we will come up with some very interesting combinations, particularly now that it is allowable to use a section of track more than once in the same direction.
- b) Novice drivers, including adults, can carry an instructor with them.
- c) Juniors as young as 12 can now compete in Khanacross, however they must carry an instructor experienced in this type of competition and approved by the Clerk of the Course. They should also have reached a level of expertise through having participated in a Junior Development Program, before competing in Khanacross.
- d) There are some minor changes to classes for State Level events. These don't necessarily change the classes used for NAMS events.
- e) There are some changes to the penalties that apply to hitting course and garage markers.
- f) The convoy run is no longer compulsory. It is up to the driver to avail himself/herself of the opportunity to do this run. Other competitors may now be carried during the convoy run provided suitable seating is available.

What excites me is that we will soon have excellent facilities to enable people who wouldn't normally risk getting their tyres dirty, getting access to the fun levels made available by Khanacross. This will also help get more full utilisation of the investment about to be made at Ringwood.

Dave Atkins

Autotest Panel Chairman 2011

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Here's the latest speed and red-light camera news to hit the Newcastle area. Advice received from Newcastle Police states the RTA will be placing 5 new fixed speed cameras in Newcastle.

These will be attached at intersections and work with red light cameras. The speed cameras will work 24/7 on all light colours, not just red.

Locations are listed below:

- Stewart Avenue and King Street Newcastle, north bound.
- Maitland Road and Maud Street Mayfield West, west bound
- Tudor Street and Beaumont Street Hamilton, west bound
- Griffiths Road and Turton Road, Lambton east bound
- Park Avenue and Northcott Drive, Kotara, west bound.

The RTA will be installing the cameras shortly and the cameras will be set at 4km/hr over the speed limit.

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