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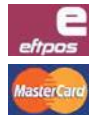
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Cover: New shed being positioned at  
Ringwood (Alan Bates).

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## Coming Events - August 2012

- Sun 5 **State Hillclimb** Round 7 - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. Practice Saturday. See page 7. M
- Sun 5 State Khanacross Round 4 - WAC - Awaba. KC4, NKC4
- Mon 6 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Tue 7 **KEP** - meeting at Clubrooms. 7:30pm. M
- Wed 8 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 10 **Clubnight** - Rocker Cover Racing at Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland, see page 6. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 11 **Young Driver Development Course** - Ringwood - see page 10.
- Sat 11 **Natter Night** - cancelled.
- 11-12 2012 Newcastle Swap Meet, Cessnock showground, gen. adm. \$4
- Sun 12 **Motorkhana** (dirt) - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. 10am. M, CC17, MK3, NMK3
- Sun 12 State Motorkhana Round 5 - Mini CC - Nirimba
- Sun 12 State Supersprint Round 5 - ARDC - Eastern Creek North
- Sat 18 Touring Assembly - Heart of the Hunter (all tar) - AHRG, see page 16. CC18, TA4, NTA4, R12
- Sun 19 **Tri-challenge Hillclimb** - Round 3 - TSCC - Tamworth. Practice Saturday. M, TC3
- Tue 21 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Wed 22 **KEP** - meeting at Clubrooms. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 25 **Hillclimb** Twilight/Garage - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, R14, NMG1
- Sun 26 **Register Run** to Yarramalong, leaving clubrooms at 8:45. See page 12.
- Sun 26 Motorkhana - WAC - Awaba. NMG2
- Sun 26 State Supersprint Round 6 - Mini CC - Wakefield Park
- Sun 26 Club Hillclimb - BLCC - Bathurst Mountain Straight

## Coming Events - September 2012

- Sat 1 **KEP** - armco post hole cleaning. M
- Sat 1 WAC Rallysprint
- Tue 4 **KEP** - meeting at Clubrooms. 7:30pm. M
- Wed 5 **KEP** - nuts & bolts, Med-Eng, 11B/77 Munibung Rd, Cardiff. 6:30pm. M
- Fri 7 **KEP** - load armco at Ringwood. 4pm. M
- Sat 8 **KEP** - erect armco in KEP. 8am. M
- Sun 9 State Hillclimb Round 8 - WSCC - Dapto
- Sun 9 State Motorkhana Round 6 - VWCC - Nimba
- Mon 10 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Tue 11 **KEP** - meeting at Clubrooms. 7:30pm. M
- Wed 11 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 14 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 15 **KEP** - complete armco in KEP. 8am. M
- Sun 16 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, CC19, TS5, NTS5
- Sun 16 State Khanacross - WAC - Awaba. KC5, NKC5, NIC5
- Sun 16 State Supersprint Round 7 - NSWRRRC - Eastern Creek South
- Tue 18 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Thu 20 **KEP** - acceptance. M
- Sat 22 **KEP** - sandbags in KEP. 8am. M
- Sun 23 **CSCA Supersprint** - MGCC Newcastle and NSW - Eastern Creek South
- Sun 23 State Motorkhana - WAC - Awaba. MK4, NMK4
- Thu 27 **KEP** - local scrutineering. 6pm
- Fri 28 **KEP** - track setup. 8am. M
- Sat 29 **KEP** - track setup. 8am. M
- Sun 30 **State Hillclimb** Round 9 - MGCC Newcastle - King Edward Park. M

### Legend

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

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**Rocker Cover Racing at  
August Clubnight.**

**First KEP working bee is  
Armco post hole  
cleaning on Saturday  
1st September.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

G'day all,

Well we seem to be heading into the busiest time of the year. We always have so many events to run and always in the background is the biggy KEP. No doubt Nicolas the event director will have something to say elsewhere in the mag so I will instead concentrate on the two side events that happen at KEP while the main event is being run. Namely these are the car shows that we put on in the park for people to see and have a change from the racing. These have been fairly small affairs and have been more a case of parking for the marshals and some kind hearted souls who have turned up to show off their cars. This year we are going to try to put on a much bigger and grander event for the public.

First on the Sunday it will be MG day, as it's the 50th anniversary of the MGB I'd like to see a great roll up of MGs. One of every model MG made would be nice but unrealistic, but I am sure we could manage one of every MGB made. Fifty cars too much to hope for? More of this to come but I will be looking to you MG owners to help out. Hunter have via their president has offered to come and we will be contacting Sydney so hopefully a few cars from there. Trophies will be given and I am working on other incentives we can offer to get a good roll up.

On the Monday it will be other clubs day. Andy Peters is busy sending out invites to lots of clubs and so far he is getting lots of interest so it is looking to be a good show on Monday. If you can give Andy any help in this I am sure he would like to hear from you.

This Friday clubnight we are hosting the Hunter Region club in a return match for rocker cover racing. It should be a bit of fun and for those who would like to have a go I believe Dave Walker will have a few extra cars to lease/ sell on the day. I'm sure anyone with kids or grandchildren would be welcome. Just remember you have to be over twelve to be in the pits! As usual Rose will be putting on her gourmet supper for the visitors and club members so nobody goes home hungry.

We are also busy getting sponsors and advertisers for KEP and the programme so don't forget to use these people for your purchases. Help them to help us!

Cheers Bryn

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# Welcome New Members

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Joshua Single	Associate	Commodore
Adam Single	Associate	Skyline
Wayne Lewis	Full	MGB Rubbernose
Bronwyn Lewis	Full	MGB Rubbernose
Shannon Constable	Associate	Mazda RX7
Scott Renfrew	Associate	Commodore

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



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Contact Greg Hunter 0412 493 711 or Gregor Dickinson for further information.

## 2012 Events List

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, Starting time 10.30 am sharp. Grass, Earth and Sealed surfaces. Normal training.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August, Starting time 9.00 am sharp. Competition Event, Motorkhana, Grass or Earth surfaces.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Starting time 10.30am sharp. Grass, Earth and Sealed surfaces.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Starting time 9.00am sharp. Competition Event Hillclimb, only. Level 4 applies.

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## REGISTER REPORT David Walker

Santa comes twice a year for some Club members. This year, a cold July one in Katoomba, then we will have our usual hot December Christmas. Maybe Santa's sack will have some new MG parts for me? 26 brave souls went to the top of the Blue Mountains to a place far away, and that was just Saturday! Entertained by some interesting minstrels, with wine and wenches, I will tell you how it all turned out in the next magazine.

Our August Register Run is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> with a run for Brunch to the Amaze-ment Café at Yarramalong Road, at the bottom of Bumble Hill. I have booked in for 10am so we need to leave the clubrooms by 8.45am and drive straight there. Gennie Engebrestsen (our hostess, who had a 1967 MG in London) has offered platters on the table with scrambled eggs, tomatoes, mushrooms, hash browns, bacon and sausages, toast and jam with an urn for tea and coffee for \$15.00 a head, which I think is good value.

So no one misses out, I really need you to reply, so we can give them numbers well in advance. The venue is new and besides the Café, they have an amazing range of activities for a small admission to the grounds. Several mazes, large board games, lots of cuddly animals roaming around ready to pet, Santa's forest and a wild wood. I'm looking forward to checking it out for a granddaughter visit.

I look forward to hearing from you.

B seeing you,

DAVID

### Thursday Working Bees

are held at Ringwood Park by Dad's Army on most Thursdays.

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The Alpine will start in Lithgow, at the foot of the Blue Mountains. The event will travel a circuitous route to the overnight stop in Orange, where competitors will have the opportunity to spend a relaxed evening and catered dinner with their new found rally friends. After a good night's rest, it's on the road again for another day of Classic Navigation Rallying. After a provided lunch it will then be on to the traditional pub finish near Lithgow.

The event is open to pre-1982 cars of any marque. Other cars will be considered on submission to the Event Secretary.

Included in the cost of \$429 for a crew of two will be breakfast at the start in Lithgow, two lunches, a sumptuous evening meal in Orange, motel accommodation and break fast. Your rally pack will contain all maps needed for the event, windscreen banner and car number, rally roamer (for new entrants), Alpine Classic caps and cloth badges. Alpine Classic shirts will also be available for purchase at a cost of \$30.

Cost for additional crew members or passengers is \$160 each.

The event will be strictly limited to 85 entrants, so get your name in early!

Entries close on Friday 14 September 2012.

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## RINGWOOD PARK

This month's update shouldn't take too long. The wheels are not moving real quickly, much as we would like to see some action.

Firstly the board has given the approval for a subcommittee to be set up to manage the project. This will be made up of the executive, namely myself, Greg Hunter, Darval Thomas and Ken Mcleod, plus three board members Doug Rae, Alan Bates and Rick Vincent. Most of the committee have been involved since the very start of considering the upgrade of Ringwood a few years back. The idea of having this group is to expedite the decisions that will need to be taken, vet quotes and contracts etc., so that recommendations can go to the board for action much faster than having to wait for the monthly board meetings to roll around. The final decisions on any major work will of course always be made by the full board.

The purchase of the new shed to house all the clubs equipment and machinery has now been passed by the board at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. This is made up of the shed \$16k - \$19k for the shed depending on the finish chosen, \$7500 for the concrete and \$2500 for erection. It was decided to go with the finished article rather than try and get help from within the club as judging by the replies from last month most people have a lot on.

We have started on the job of getting the construction cert. from council. We now have a quote (\$3500) from an ecologist for the work needed, an arborist has been onsite today (26/7/12), so we await his quote, and the water and drainage plans are in the process of being drawn up. I would like to thank IRH for giving us access to his contour plans for us to work with. Also a private certifier has also been asked for a quote, so we have the option of using a private supplier or using the council. We will compare the two.

That's about it for this month. Hopefully by next month we should be really starting to make some headway towards the serious stuff, building it!

Cheers

Bryn and committee

## **LAND PANEL by Alan Bates**

Is it me, or do the months get shorter? Work is somewhat arduous at Ringwood at the moment. It's a never ending battle with rain and the ensuing mud.

Rick has managed to finish one of the sumps and has taken on the task of construction of the rest. It won't be long before it is all finished and it's a good job well done.

As you would have read in the last magazine, we have acquired some drainage pipes for use when the extension is underway. These are now safely at Ringwood. Also there was a list of available opportunities for club members to be part of the construction of the track extension and facility upgrades. Don't forget to let Bryn know of your area of interest/expertise.

You can strike off the shed move from Mount Thorley. This was arranged by Jennean Bates and Don Anderson. The sheds were delivered to Ringwood on the 11th July and positioned on Thursday 19th July. The comments from some of the club members present on the 22nd would suggest we have done well in the acquisition. We must thank Don Anderson for making the sheds available to us and in brokering the deal with the owners. Many thanks. Without the dedication of Dad's Army and the ability and equipment provided by them, the positioning of the new sheds would not have been possible.

On the 14th July a scrutineering course was run at the Cobby St Clubrooms with ten attendees. The next phase of the journey to become a scrutineer is to gain experience on the job and then an assessment. It was pleasing to see a few of the course participants at Ringwood on the 22nd helping out in the scrutineering bay.

Pricing for a new equipment shed is available and has been presented to the Board for approval. We are still waiting for advice from the drainage engineer on our fill levels for the paddock area. This work will not commence until after the State Round in August. Also, further meetings with council are on the agenda to finalise some of the points in the DA Approval.

Remember that the Thursday working bee/shed day is open for all club members. If you think you might like to attend to find out what goes on, please call either myself or Doug Rae and we will make sure there is a chair for you at the lunch table. Or in the new building next to the secretary's hut.

Cheers,

Alan.



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Event Days – 30<sup>th</sup> of September and 1<sup>st</sup> of October

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MG Tar Speed		29-Jan	11-Mar	22-Apr	22-Jul	
Name	Cat	TS 1	TS 2	TS 3	TS 4	TS total
Garry Christopherson		16	15	14	15	60
Paul Carroll		16	16	16	12	60
Jeff Newey		15	15	15	10	55
Graham Orr		15	14	13	10	52
Keith Hammond	J	12	12	12	11	47
Wayne Edwards		11	11	12	12	46
Christopher Orr	J	11	11	11	11	44
Camryn Edwards	J	11	11	11	11	44
Kimberley Atkins	L	11	11	11	10	43
Glenn Parsonage		8	11	12	11	42

## MGCCN Club Championship points

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12
Martin Reeves		1	95
Garry Christopherson		2	84
Keith Hammond	J	3	74
Paul Carroll		4	60
Kimberley Atkins	L	5	58
Jeff Newey		6	55
Graham Orr		7	52
Wayne Edwards		8	46
Louise Reeves	L	9	44
Christopher Orr	J	9	44
Camryn Edwards	J	9	44

## MGCCN Junior Club Championship points

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12
Keith Hammond	J	1	74
Camryn Edwards	J	2	44
Christopher Orr	J	3	44
Alexander Reeves	J	4	33
Reece Hammond	J	5	25
Kaylah Martin	JL	6	14
Mathew Birks	J	7	12
Tegan Meek	JL	8	10
Jarrod Woollard	J	9	8

Club Member	Ranking	Points Total
Michael Snow	1	120
David Walker	2	90
Doug Rae	3	86
Bryn Baverstock	4	84
John Collins	5	76
Judith Rae	6	74
Rose Collins	6	74
Greg Hunter	8	72
Rick Vincent	9	70
Andy Peters	10	64

		Total No		
MG Lions Trophy		CC events		
NAME	Cat	contested	All Total	Rank
Martin Reeves		8	95	1
Jeff Newey		6	77	2
Andy Peters		5	66	3
Lyll Clarke		5	56	4
Louise Reeves	L	5	54	5
Alexander Reeves	J	4	44	6
Rick Vincent		3	40	7
David Walker		3	29	8
John Fraser		2	25	9
Doug Rae		2	18	10

Register Series			
Name	Cat	Ranking	Score Best 10 events
Louise Reeves	L	1	50
Martin Reeves		2	39
Andy Peters		3	35
David Walker		4	34
Lyll Clarke		5	30
Jeff Newey		6	28
Alexander Reeves	J	7	22
Doug Rae		8	21
Graeme Semken		9	17
Rick Vincent		10	16

## **SOCIAL NEWS Rose Cogger**

The guest speaker at the September 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 Clubnight will be Jon Eggenhuizen from Hunter TAFE who will be highlighting details of the design and building of the electric motor bike. Whether you are a keen motor bike enthusiast or would just like to learn what the future holds for electric designed motoring transport make this a clubnight to attend.

The clubnight is always held at the Cobby Street Clubrooms in Shortland commencing at 7.30pm. Following the guest speaker and club news, supper is served.

The Christmas Party / Presentation Night will be held at the Cardiff RSL Club on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Cost is \$29 per person including dinner and entertainment. This venue has a superb range of food, catering to all tastes.

If you are attending this function could you please advise me as soon as possible.

Rose Cogger - Social Secretary 0413 222 828

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## **SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent**

Those members who attended the last Ringwood Hillclimb really did enjoy the rain and mud. Consequently with low times it was surprising there weren't more incidents. The only one for the event was Josh Single's Super Charged VN Commodore which had an argument with the start of the Armco. Unfortunately his car came off second best. Glad to see he wasn't injured.

Just a reminder to members of the upcoming events as there have been several changes to our calendar. Please note the following events :

- State Round at Ringwood, Practice Day 4<sup>th</sup> August
- State Round Main event Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August , great family day
- CSCA - Sprite Club - Eastern Creek 5th August now postponed to 2nd Dec 2012.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Tri Challenge at Tamworth practice day 18th August, main event 19<sup>th</sup> August.
- Twilight & Garage Hillclimb at Ringwood on the 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- Ringwood Hillclimb 16<sup>th</sup> September
- CSCA Round MGCCNewcastle and MGCC NSW held on the new South Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park (Eastern Creek) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, require officials to assist with the running of this event

On all other speed events please refer to the club calendar via the website. Again I must remind competitors who compete at Ringwood to register their car number via the Registered Numbers form via the website and also to supply their own 300 x 300 black on white number sign , as this greatly assists with the running of the event.

On another issue the Speed Panel will make a recommendation to the 2013 State Hillclimb Panel that they adopt a class structure as defined within the NAMS rules, the objective being to reduce the many classes currently exist within the State Round class structure. This may open the series for more competitors to compete. Should anyone have an opinion on this proposal please contact me.

Keep your tyres hot.

Rick



## NATIONAL MEETING TOOWOOMBA

29 March – 2 April 2013

The 2013 MG National Meeting will be based in Toowoomba (Qld) and hosted by the MGCC Qld. The Easter period falls outside of the NSW School holidays starting the following week 12<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April.

There will be the traditional events of Concours, Motorkhana, Touring Assembly and social gatherings. The Speed Event will be held at Morgan Park which has undergone extensions since we were last there for the 2004 Nat Meet.

So it is time to think about accommodation for next year. I have had several conversations recently with the accommodation officer Bev Clydesdale and we have settled on the Jeffrey's Rainforest Motel as being suitable for our Club's needs. Address - 864 Ruthven Street Toowoomba . Phone No. (07) 4635 5999 - Fax (07) 4635 9823. [www.jeffreysmotel.com.au](http://www.jeffreysmotel.com.au) This motel has undercover parking and each unit is 1 Queen + 1 single or 1 Queen + 2 singles. It is an older type motel but seems very clean. Tariff is \$94-00 double with \$10-00 each extra person. Mind you our experience has often been that some motels put their prices up at Easter but this is what we are currently being quoted.

Last month I sent out an exploratory email to those regular Nat Meet and register event attendees, and have only received a few responses back. It would also be useful to hear from those who normally attend Nat Meets to confirm if you are not attending so that I don't keep pestering you for details, if nothing else. At this stage I have 10 rooms booked with the possibility of a couple more on reserve. The Queensland Club has paid a \$50 deposit on all motel rooms that they have reserved on our behalf so they are very keen for us to send them deposits as soon as possible.

You have a couple of options. You can send me a cheque for \$50 made out to the MGCC Queensland or you can complete the Accommodation booking form found in the magazine (or on the MGCC Qld website) if you wish to pay your deposit by credit card.

Either way, please send these to me so that I can send away all our cheques and deposits in one group so you don't get allocated to the wrong accommodation. It

also helps me keep track of those who have paid. As I haven't been to a lot of Club events lately (theatrical and family events keeping me preoccupied), you could also give your deposits to Bryn and I can collect them from him as he lives quite close by. My address is 77 Wyndham Way Eleebana NSW 2282 if you intend to post your deposit / form.

There is still time to register your interest in attending. I am happy to discuss all things National Meeting if this is your first time thinking of attending. It is a great weekend.

Regards

Fran (2013 Nat Meet Club coordinator)

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The 17<sup>th</sup> annual *"Gathering of the Faithful"* will be held in Wagga Wagga on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012



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- Friday night *Noggin' n Natter* buffet dinner.
- Saturday afternoon Fun Run and Afternoon Tea.
- Saturday night *"GOF"* dinner.
- Sunday morning barbeque breakfast, followed by *"The Gathering"*.

*With the weekly Trash and Treasure Market, monthly Farmers Produce Market, Wagga Jazz & Blues Festival, and Lake to Lagoon Fun Run all held over the same weekend, there is plenty for the visitor to Wagga Wagga to see and do.*

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## ***IT'S OFFICIAL***

### **Welcome**

Welcome to the new ***It's Official***. Some of you may remember ***It's Official*** from years gone by. We decided to reintroduce this newsletter so we can improve and maintain communication within our officiating family. In ***It's Official*** you will find updates from the CAMS National Office, the Australian Officials Commission (AOC) and your local State Officiating Panel, as well as some tips and "how to" guides from our officials.

We'd like to hear from you too, so if you have any ideas for content or contribution, please feel free to send them through to [officials@cams.com.au](mailto:officials@cams.com.au) - We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy reading,

*Lauren*

*CAMS Office*

### **National Motor Sport Officiating Survey**

To kick off the new ***It's Official***, we are also launching the **CAMS National Motor Sport Officiating Survey**. This all-encompassing, easy to complete survey is your opportunity to have your say on all things officiating. By completing this survey, you will be helping the Australian Officials Commission and CAMS improve the experience of being a motor sport official. We want to hear from you on issues like travel costs, licences, training, succession planning, recognition and much more!

Contact Rick Vincent for more details.



FRONTLINE DEVELOPMENTS

The iconic MGB turns 50 this year. No doubt worldwide there will be celebrations. In the UK the birth country of the MGB a firm called Frontline Developments has done something very special to celebrate the MGB milestone—it's built a 2012 version of the MGB GT. It carries the very symbolic name LE50. Limited Edition with only 50 to be built.



I recently spoke to Ed Bracklic the project manager for the LE50. He is very excited about this 21st century MGB GT. The original MGB 1.8 litre motor produced 65 kw and saw the car's top speed at about 155kph. The LE50's Mazda 2 litre engine produces 158kw with a top speed of 260kph. The LE50 comes with Connolly hide seats, Wilton carpets, electric windows, electronic starter and a state-of-the-art sound system. The makers claim 0-100kph in 5 seconds. That is supercar time. In save the planet mode the car returns a very respectable 6.7 litres per 100ks fuel consumption.

This brand new car is being built on the original MGB jigs. Body wise it is identical except for a few minor aerodynamic changes beneath the car to cater for a 260kph top speed. Smiths Instrument were commissioned to build 50 sets of retro instruments for the LE50s.



Even with Australia's favourable exchange rate the car will set you back \$93000 plus importing costs. But you can be almost assured this car will appreciate in value. There are already a couple bound for Australia. Have a look at the website [www.frontlinedevelopments.com](http://www.frontlinedevelopments.com)  
Chris Goodsell

Chris Goodsell writes, produces and presents a radio motoring program heard on 13 Christian and community radio stations along the east coast of Australia. Also world wide on the web at [www.roadramblings.com](http://www.roadramblings.com).

He is the founder/hon secretary of the Great Lakes Historic Automobile Club Inc on the NSW mid north coast. He is also the editor of the club journal Exhaust Notes.

The above article from Exhaust Notes is from an interview he did recently in the UK with Ed Bracklic, the project manager for the LE50. The LE50 is the remake from original moulds of the MGB GT. The interview went to air nationally on 14/7/12 but you can listen via the website in program #309.



## 2012 JUNE GEAR REPORT - GROUP D

(It's all true - I just jazzed it up a bit!)

Cold, cold, cold but nice and clear with no rain - Goulburn weather was just as Lisa ordered for the Seventy - somethingth GEAR event. And what an event!

Warwick Farm Remembered

Grid lineup was decided by practice times with all competitors assembling on the Dummy Grid. The staggered start failed to separate the field who soon joined together to become a howling, slipstreaming pack.

With speeds of over 300km/hr reached at the end of the main straight, the competition for positions was fierce, with continual overtaking at the kink before the first right turn (a complex similar to the Le Mans 24 hours circuit - the flat-out Mulsanne kink preceding the Mulsanne corner). Keith Walters in the Morris Minor showed great courage, maintaining pace whilst battling a high-speed aerodynamic problem in the fast section of the track, the rear end clearly lifting at top speed.

By lap six, the field had separated: A three-way group for the lead developed: Alex Huzsti in the Sebring Sprite, Carl Stephenson in the Morris Major (the car very similar to that driven by Martin Brundle at Goodwood Revival in 2007\*) and Guy Thompson in the Anglia. Midfield action was frantic, with the three Healeys of Dowsett, Komor and Coles in a five-way battle with the Triumph TR3As of Richards and Revill. The event finished with the three frontmen crossing the line almost simultaneously: It appeared Stevenson was about to win but Huzsti in the Sprite jumped from the slipstream at the last instant to flash across the line and win by a nose, followed by the TR3As of Richards and Revill in front of the snarling Healy pack\*\*.

Results were: 1 Alex Huzsti, 2 Carl Stephenson, 3 Guy Thompson.

Catalina Capers

Three leaders emerged in this event: Leigh Bowman in the MGB in close company with the nom-de-plume entry of "Spiffington" (rumoured to be an English Lord of the Realm) in the Sunbeam Alpine\*\*\*. Both were soon caught and passed by Colin Goldsmith in the Austin A90. Goldsmith's handling of the fishhook was awesome to watch, with a clean entry to the first apex followed by a sprintcar-style powerslide through the exit, the car balanced between tyre grip and induced slide angle generated by the raw power of the tuned engine.

Unfortunately for the Carl Stephenson Morris Major, mechanical troubles forced a retirement. The sharp, shark-like teeth of the crown wheel attacked the smaller,

defenceless sunwheels deep inside the differential. Despite Carl's heroic efforts to save the poor sunwheels from their awful ending, their fate was sealed. His diff packed up and was unable to continue. RIP the sunwheels.

Seriously, perhaps the most exciting car of the Group was the 1936 Ford Coupe, conducted with skill by Rob Blake. This is a really beautiful construction of a 'like it was' vehicle- wonderful paint job, immaculately clean and so reminiscent of the early Pan-American racers on which greats like Fangio, Marimon and the "Pampas Bull" Froilan Gonzales cut their teeth. Before WW II, these future stars learnt the craft of motor sport in long distance events across South America, bouncing across dirt roads, dodging cattle and avoiding political revolutions and mobs of bandits. The beautiful engine bay with tuned flat head Ford engine must have been producing the best sound of a race car this side of the Snape Zephyr Special. What a wonderful machine!

Regularity honours can only go to one driver, however and it must be Brian "Red Mist" Richards. As regular as a kilogram of Laxettes, Brian had the rare distinction of nominating his time (a quick one for a roadgoing TR3A) of 1.21.50 and achieving it precisely! Think about this. Blink your eye - that takes about a 20<sup>th</sup> of a second or 5 hundredths of a second. So Brian lapped to his planned time within a fifth of a blink. Now blink again and it hits you how close he was!

In the thrilling spirit of TRiumph and exultation of his stupendous victory, Brian promised to buy unlimited free beer for anyone attending the "All Triumphs" race in July who can show him a copy of the GEAR newsletter\*\*\*\*. Keith Walters in the Morris Minor cracked a second with Bill Revill, humbled to be driving in such exulted company, taking the chocolate for third.

Results 1 Brian 'Red Mist' Richards, 2 Keith Walters, 3 Bill Revill.

### Amaroo Park Alive

The rolling start of 'Amaroo Park Alive' is a feature of the event. Everyone who enjoys motorsport should do an event with a rolling start - it's an experience like nothing else. Again, reminiscent of recent Le Mans 24 hours events; the rolling start was flagged away in front of the grandstands. Alas, the real Le Mans start these days resides with Dodos and Dinosaurs. (Aw c'mon Bazza, Lisa - let's try it!)

Early leaders were the Healeys of Alan Coles and John Dowset who were pursued by a battling pack consisting of Leigh Bowman in the MGB, Colin Goldsmith in the colourful beige/red Austin A 90 and 'Spiffington'. It was rumoured that 'Spiffington' is spending most of his historic family's inheritance in the hope of building a successful career in professional motorsport after failing to achieve professional status as a bullfighter. Colin Goldsmith's driving style was most dis-

tinctive and showed many similarities to the style of the great Sir Stirling Moss\*\*\*\* as he frantically dived with the middle pack.

Again, Bill Revill in the Triumph and Chris Komor in the Healy were locked in battle, with the positions changing constantly from corner to corner, only separated by lapped traffic and by allowing each other to pass so we could take turns to watch the car in front (a driver's seat has to be the best spectator seat in the house). Similarly the Guy Thompson Anglia and the Keith Walters Minor were racing closely, both lifting the inside front wheel high off the ground through the Fishhook.

The final result showed Komor in the Healy just seeing out John Dowsett in the A90 and Leigh Bowman across the line, Dowsett using all of the slipstream to put a move on Bowman as they crossed the line.

Results 1 Chris Komor, 2 John Dowsett, 3 Leigh Bowman.

So the final competition was completed, the afternoon tea delicious, the results surprising, the prizegiving outrageous and the chocolates were well accepted by volunteers, winners, friends of winners, people who knew someone who went out with a winner's granddaughter....an unforgettable end to the day as usual. Thanks to all of those wonderful folks who make it possible. GEAR is an institution unlike any others in the world I know of and is a living, existing treasure. We will all look back on our GEAR career with great pleasure for the rest of our lives.

\* Both had precisely four road wheels, each the same as the other

\*\* If I'm writing the article, the TRs beat the Healeys!

\*\*\* Sorry, there was no name in the result sheets

\*\*\*\* It's a pity that this newsletter comes out in August

\*\*\*\*\* Position - Seated, not standing; Two hands for steering and gears; two feet for the pedals

Bill Revill

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## EDITORIAL Mike Cole

This weekend was Xmas in July. I was up to date with the magazine on Thursday night. We departed the lake on Friday about 11am.

Judith would have changed the deadline knowing she was going to be away. I decided to live dangerously and take my computer with me.

Two reports arrived on Friday, which I did not get to add, then three more, from the usual suspects, well after the deadline on Sunday night.

Sunday morning I woke with a sore throat. By the time I got home I needed a sleep. My head has been a bit fuzzy ever since.

If you have any complaints, you are welcome to put your ideas into practice as the Editor.

As most of the photographs this month were of sheds, trucks and tractors I have not done a colour centrefold. If you take any photos of cars at the State Hillclimb please send them to me for next month.

Photographs this month are from Alan Bates and Jeff Newey.

Mike

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

The deadline for the next magazine is Friday 31st August 2012.



# CLASSIFIED ADS



## FOR SALE MG ZS Rio Red

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**Fran Hodgson 4946 9989 (AH)**



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