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Coming Events - March 2015

Sun 01	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rd 3	Bathurst Mountain Straight
Thurs 05	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 07	FOSC	Race meeting	SMSP North Circuit
Sun 08	MGCCN	Come & Try Hillclimb	Ringwood M
Sun 08	ARDC	State Supersprint Rd 1	SMSP GP circuit
Mon 09	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street M
Wed 11	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8pm M
Thurs 12	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 13	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Sat 14	KSCC	Tri Challenge Hillclimb Practice	Mt Cooperabung
Sun 15	KSCC	Tri Challenge Hillclimb Rd 1	Mt Cooperabung
Sun 15	WAC	State Khanacross	Awaba 10.00am CC3 KC1
Tues 17	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 19	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 21	MGCCN	Working Bee at Club Rooms	Cobby Street M
Sat 21	AHRG	Fluffy Duck Rally (Supp Regs Available http:// historically.com.au)	Wyong Start CC4 TR 1
Sun 22	WAC	STATE Motorkhana Rd.2	Awaba 10am
Sun 22	CLA	CSCA Supersprint 1	Wakefield Park
Thurs 26	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 28	MGCCN	Young Driver Training Day	Ringwood
Sun 29	MGCCN	Hillclimb	Ringwood M CC5 R3 TS2

Legend

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring Assembly

TC - Tri-Challenge

TS - Tar Speed Series

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.

Coming Events - April 2015

Thurs 2	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 3	MGCCV	MG Nat Meet Registration	
Fri 3	MGCCN	Ringwood Track Hire Hot Rods Nat Meeting Event	Ringwood
Sat 4	MGCCV	MG Nat Meet Concours	Rochford Winery CC6 R4
Sat 4	Gemini Club	Ringwood Track Hire Closed to Gemini Club Hillclimb	Ringwood
Sun 5	MGCCV	MG Nat Meet Hillclimb	Rob Roy Hillclimb CC7 R5
Mon 6	MGCCV	MG Nat Meet Motorkhana	METEC Driving Centre CC8 R6
Mon 6	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street M
Wed 8	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8pm M
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 10	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Sat 11	MGCCN	Young Driver Training Day	Ringwood
Sat 11	WAC	State Rallysprint Rd. 2	Awaba
Sun 12	SDMA	State Hillclimb Rd. 4	Fairbairn Park
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 18	MGCCN	Natter Night	TBA
Sun 19	MCC	State Supersprint Rd. 2	Wakefield Park
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 26	MGCCN	Motorkhana	Ringwood CC 9, MK 2, M
Sun 26	CH&DSCC	State Rallysprint Rd. 3	Coffs Harbour
Thurs 30	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood

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RINGWOOD PRIVATE PRACTICE

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PRESIDENT REPORT

G'day all,
Have just returned from Ringwood after attending the Dirt Facilities meeting that Martin Reeves organised to see what level of enthusiasm there was for improving the dirt events at Ringwood. There was a reasonable turn up & much was discussed as to how to move forward. A panel to look at all the suggestions will probably be formed so if you would like to be involved give Martin or Dave Atkins a call I am sure they would like to hear from interested people.

To run these events you have to have volunteers & it was good to see how many people have responded to the question on the membership form asking would you be available to help out. We will try to put together a roster for events that will only mean most people will only be called on for one event, however if you enjoy the experience we will always welcome you back!

I recently with Dave Atkins attended the CAMS 2015 club seminar, a full day spent listening to various CAMS speakers on all aspects of running a club with various workshops including MEE the entry system adopted by CAMS, a workshop on volunteers & officials which we found particularly interesting as it showed that most

clubs suffer from the same problems, however CAMS do seem intent on trying to make the accreditation part of being an official easier to achieve. So coupled with the people who have shown an interest we may try to have a few more training session over the next year.

The interest in hiring Ringwood seems to be ramping up, we have had a few bookings already so far this year & the next one is a hillclimb organised by the HSRCA (Historic Sports & Racing Car Association) Ian Fletcher is having a club run to Ringwood to watch the event & would be a great excuse to get that historic or otherwise out of the shed & give it a run. Also as part of the hiring process we have started to put together a brochure of Ringwood & its attributes, now that we have by any standard a great facility for motor sport & other events we need to get out there & let people know what's available.

Club nights are a great way to catch up with mates & find out the latest gossip (not that men gossip of course) but there usually something going on so don't forget, the second Friday of the month which is the 13th March, Hope to see you all there for a chat followed as always with a light supper.

Cheers Bryn



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have not been finalised as yet.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Club Night will be **FRIDAY 13th at 7.30pm.**

With the approaching MG Car Club National Meeting there will be a Rocker Cover Training/Tuning/Practice held culminating in a Knock Out competition. All are welcome as there will be some spare loan vehicles available, so fun for everyone.

Last Club Night, we had an unusually high turn out, for the first one of the year.

Highlight of the night was a presentation made by a representative from CASAR Park organised by Rick Vincent.

We were told that the race track will be 3 ½ klms in length. The first stage of building would cost \$25,000,000 followed by a second stage of a further \$11,000,000 to be built at Bushells Ridge in the Wyong area.

He was very enthusiastic about the project and said that they were preparing reports and making application for funding.

NATTER NIGHTS

The first Natter Night for 2015 was held on Saturday 21st February at Louise and Ken McLeod's home at Kotara. It was a beautiful summer's night and well attended and enjoyed by all.

Come garage inspection time we viewed a couple of Ken's fleet of Mercedes Benz cars. This included demonstrating the operation of the electrically operated folding hard top. I hope that nothing ever breaks in that system \$\$\$\$\$\$?

If you would like to put your name down for a Natter Night please let me know.

The next planned Natter Night is going to be **Saturday May 2nd 2015 at Paul and Joy Bower's** home at Metford. It will be the usual BYO BBQ, Salad etc and Desert.

Phone 4933 2346 for address and this will give them an idea as to numbers.

Rose Collins 0413222828

Social Secretary

Thursday Working Bees

Contact: Alan Bates 0412 280 093
or Doug Rae 0434 141 501

**DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
HAVE YOU SENT IT BACK???**

The Club financial year starts 1st March 2015 If you have not paid by then you are **UNFINANCIAL**. If you are entering an event you require a financial club membership and a current CAMS Licence (**check it out now**)

Please advise any change of details (address / cars etc)
As per our club constitution if you are not renewing your membership a letter of resignation is required. If your membership is not paid by the end of MARCH **YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A MAGAZINE**

Judith Rae

Membership Secretary

Ph 4944 7356 or 0413 333 105

**YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE
PROGRAMME DATES 2015**

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT DATES BELOW MAY CLASH WITH A TRACK HIRE. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN THEN TRAINING WOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON LOOSE SURFACES SUCH AS GRASS AND GRAVEL, ALSO CLASSROOM EDUCATION WILL BE INTRODUCED THROUGHOUT 2015.

2. Saturday 28th March, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm
3. Saturday 11th April, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm
4. Saturday 11th July, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm
5. Saturday 12th September, Starting 9.30am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm
6. Saturday 28th November, Stating time is 9.30 am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm

The programme above can change during the year, please check as the above list will be updated with changes as soon as they come to hand. However it's not always possible to meet the Club Torque deadline.

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WAKEFIELD PARK SECOND GEAR MEETING

Tuesday Feb 17th 2015

This “Rusty Nuts” meeting of MGs was the brain child of Peter Rose, for the benefit of many drivers who needed an opportunity to test, and sort out their cars. It was part of a “SECOND GEAR” meeting, which is basically a mid week speed meeting organised by retired enthusiasts, for other retired enthusiasts, with one or two ring-ins. There is a similar organisation called FIRST GEAR which is for pre 1960 cars. “GEAR” is an acronym for “Golden Era of Automobile Racing”. MG drivers were Graham Leese, Peter Rose, Henry Stratton, Kerry Phelan, Chris Scheffer, Tony Todd, and we shared our carport area with good mates Geoff Morse, (sunbeam Alpine), Gerald Lee, (Datsun 260Z), and Rick Marks, (Elva Courier), which runs an MGA engine. Robin Swann and I were there of course, just to ensure that the usual high driving standards were maintained, and giving sage advice on

such matters as what gear to be in and what line to take and where. We are sure that our input was appreciated, and but we still don't understand what it means when a driver looks at us, and gives us the raised middle finger salute. Is anyone able to help?

The day was very informal, beginning with a drivers briefing, at which we were informed that the dummy grid was to be formed at the drivers discretion, and that each run, except for practice, which was to be a rolling start, would commence with cars in pairs on the track starting grid, with each pair being separately started by a green flag. I think there only two flag points, one on the start finish line, and the other at the top of the circuit.....lights were used as well, with the flashing yellow only used only once. Cars were divided into three broad categories: Tin tops, open wheelers and sports cars.



What a team.....indeed the A Team, consisting of Henry Stratton, MGC, Peter Rose, MGB, Graham Leese, MGB, Tony Todd, MGB, Chris Scheffer, MGB, and Kerry Phelan, MGB, the last four presenting as red and white factory look alikes from the MG factory competition days of the sixties. These were highly modified cars and driven by the likes of Timo Makenin and Paddy Hopkirk, and competed and did well in such events as Le Mans, Sebring 12 hour race and the Monte Carlo Rally. The amazing fact about these cars is that only four were made, and today only fifty seven still exist.

It was great to see all the cars on the circuit at the one time, and mixing it with other sports cars and clubmans. I have no doubt that the four factory replicas caused much confusion out there as other drivers became confused as to what red and white car had just overtaken them and which red and white car they had just overtaken. At one point Henry was leading a procession with his MGC, making subdued and dignified noises compared to the noisy barking of the Bees. (Could this be the plight of the humble bees)? Peter and Tony were following close behind him for about four laps, and Peter did ask me to convey his thanks to Henry for the nice new stone chips on the front of his nice shiny B, particularly accumulated at "The Gurgler" and at "Webbbers Folly". Tony did his thing earlier, when he was testing the limits of adhesion, as well as Newtons third law of motion, and had a minor excursion on the right hander at

the start of the straight, but thereafter kept it on the black stuff. Kerry Phelan was there, after his B had surgery following an alleged 8000 revs down Conrod Straight, but this time his mate Chris Gardiner was driving. The car was running very quickly until the clutch hose failed.....Them's the breaks. I think everyone did four sessions, (except Kerry's who only did two), and were quite happy to call it a day. Chris has gone to do some homework, to determine how to get some more grunt out of his B, after some discussion on diff ratios and other matters. Thanks to the drivers on the other three non marquee cars for their pleasant company.

Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful day.....We were all pitted together, nothing serious broke, there was plenty of track time, much information was exchanged, and great lies were probably told. The weather was perfect..... sunny and 27 degrees with very little wind, and best of all wonderful companionship. There was much enthusiasm for doing it again, which would be great, but I think that we first should establish a set program of events, (say 4),

that would count towards the MGCC Regularity Points Score. These events could be drawn from HSRCA, FOSC and GEAR meetings.

Thank you all for a top day.

Wingco.





REGISTER SECRETARY'S REPORT

Some new registrations have come in lately with such cars as Midgets, VH Holden, MGBGT and a Hillman Gazelle to name a few.

We also have the opportunity to give our cars a run on the 22nd of March as previously mentioned by Ian Fletcher, this will be to Ringwood Park as Historic Sports and Racing Car Association will be holding a hillclimb.

This will give us a chance to see some of their Historic vehicles and have a chat to their members.

Also we will be providing some officials so if anybody is interested please give me a ring on 49447356 and get up close to the action, you will need to be there by 8-30 to sign on.

Just a reminder that our Constitution requires Historic registered vehicles to attend 2 club events a year so if you are available this is a good chance to get one in.

I hope to see you there.

Doug Rae

DONATION

A valued member of the Club has donated the cost of a piece of equipment to Dad's Army.

He recognises the effort put in by his peers to develop Ringwood Park in their own time.

He/Andrew said he made the offer to salve his guilty conscience for not having time to turn up on Thursdays and other working bees.

Work has not made him rich, but no-one who runs a Hillclimb car is cash-poor. In his case, he is time-poor and even fitting in most of the rounds of the State Championship means juggling Hillclimb weekends with on-call rosters.

All in all, we value his contribution and it is most welcome.

Cheers.

Alan Bates



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SPEED PANEL REPORT

Hi Guys,

Well the first round of the Ringwood Hillclimb Championship was a great success with 50 competitors resulting in six new records those being:

Mitch Craig - T4U2 - 43.70 / Ben Morley - T5U2 - 43.61 / J Newey - MKSCU2 - 44.82 / J Finch - MKSMU2 - 45.02 / M Potts - MKSM2>3 - 43.64 / R Vincent MKSMO3 - 43.22.

Competitors were asked prior to the event to check their car details data within MEE, this includes their Ringwood Competition Number, also their correct MGCCN Hillclimb Class, and of course changes to their contact details, this correct information is crucial when pre entering and speeds up scrutineering checks, a good idea would be to place the class information on a sticker within the engine bay.

Get ready for a brilliant year of motor sport, once the Ringwood additional tracks are licenced by CAMS, that's when the fun starts, with all the variations that have been designed into the upgrading of the cir-

cuits, however be warned with the introduction of these additional circuits, means more track time and maybe with a reduced field, so pre entries will be a requirement, also with extra tracks means extra officials to run these events.

A special thanks to those members who volunteered to be Ringwood officials, although we require many more, dates will be advised shortly for CAMS training sessions.

To those members wishing to become Scrutineers, CAMS and the Central Coast Sporting Car club will be conducting a Scrutineering Course at Nabitac, on the 21/03/2015, if you can attend please contact shawn.fitzgerald@cams.com.au

Don't forget the first round of the CSCA Super Sprint Series hosted by Club Lotus will be held at Wakefield Park on 22/03/2015 under a AASA permit, interesting.

That's all from me,
Keep your tyres hot.

Regards,

Rick .

LAND PANEL REPORT

At the end of last year's activities we, DAD's Army, thought we could have a bit of a break from the hard yards, not to be, CAMS have been at the track for an inspection, under our invitation, to allow us to use a variety of configurations for hill-climbs.

As a result of the first inspection there is a need to modify a storm water sump, mind you a significant amount of work, concrete and earth fill has been needed.

Additional protection is required at one other drainage point and another tyre buffer is required.

All going well this should be completed by the end of March allowing us to have a final inspection in April. If all goes to plan the new configurations will be licenced and ready for use, competitively, by June.

In addition to the required safety work another 9.6 cubic metres of concrete has been laid at the

track. It takes the form of ripple strips etc. in the long term this will protect the edges of the track, thus protecting our investment. If you attend the track as a competitor or spectator over the coming months you will notice there will be a growing number of advertising signs appearing around the track, we must thank Christine Waugh for her efforts in tracking down and signing up track sponsors.

Apart from the additional income this will achieve it will lift the visual aspect of the track and environs.

Once again, thank you to all our supporters and especially DAD's Army for returning to the front line for what will be another year of achievement, mixed with a few battles.

Cheers,

Alan



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CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

G'Day All,
 We are off to a great start this year with a good turnout of people at our events and meetings. I have only included the Members Points scores this month as there hasn't been much other activity. Also included is the list of officials that have done one event to qualify for the extra 11 points in the Club Championship. In order to be counted for this you need to make sure you sign the Officials Sign On Sheet at the event. It should be in the Secretary Building, just ask someone in there where it is. The same goes for

meetings, working bees and other events as well, if your name isn't on a piece of paper, then I can't count you for points. Back to the 11 points. I have assigned classes based on what I think you are competing this year, or a question mark if I have no idea. If there is a question mark against your name, or I've made a mistake and you'd like to target a different class then send me an email or give me a call and we can sort it out.

Until next month.

John



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2014 Combined Sports Car Association (CSCA) Presentation Night.

On Thursday 12th February the Combined Sports Car Association (CSCA) held their 2014 trophy presentation at Sports House Sydney which is located in the Homebush Bay complex.

Several MG Newcastle club members attended the presentation to not only receive their awards but to represent the club and bring home the many trophies that had been won by fellow club members throughout the season.

The CSCA Super Sprint series was conducted over 7 individual rounds which were held at either Sydney Motorsport Park, (North, South or Brabham circuits) or Wakefield Park motor racing complex near Goulburn.

The entire series was well populated by the 8 clubs that form the CSCA group with MG Newcastle filling approxi-

mately 20% of every field. So it was of no surprise to many that MG Newcastle finished second overall in the club competition section. The presentation consisted of overall series winners and individual event class wins.

The following is a listing of the successful MG Newcastle competitors.

2014 SERIES WINNERS

- Class D2 3rd Wayne Bower
- Class 2AM 1st Paul Bower
- Class 2AM 2nd John Finch
- Class 2BM 1st Ted Dial
- Class 3AC 1st Laurie Movigliatti
- Class 3AM 2nd Mathew Birks
- Class 3BM 1st Kevin Edwards

INDIVIDUAL ROUND WINNERS



- Class 2BC 1st Peter Kotz
 Class 3AC 1st Ashley Birks
 Class 3BC 1st Des Harold
 Class 3BM 1st James Pearson
 Class 3BC 1st Jason Klump

After looking at the list, the club should be proud of the achievements of members throughout the series along with individual event winners. There were several other club members that regularly competed, being the ever improving Wayne Lewis, along with Brian Sutton and the father and son duo of Keith and Ron Hammond. Rick Vincent your speed event coordinator was also one of the willing participants and showed good pace when the Mazda's turbo was on song. So if you wish to compete into the future, you could be part of a very good and friendly group of motor sport enthusiasts.

With the arrival of the New Year, it is time to prepare the cars for the 1st event at Wakefield Park on the 22nd March. I have no doubt that 20 odd Newcastle race cars will once again travel down the M1 motorway each month for another enjoyable year of CSCA Super Sprints. Our club will be hosting a round of the series on the 25 July at Sydney

Motorsport Park and we require track officials during the running of this event, so get involved and see what fun motor sport can provide. This event would be a great opportunity for prospective competitors to learn what is required before and during the running of a circuit event. If you would like more information or wish to be part of this successful series please contact either Gregg Noonan or John Finch for more details.

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Gregg Noonan and John Finch

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UPCOMING REGISTER RUN

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The Ringwood event is scheduled to start at 9.30am on the Sunday morning, so I would suggest that we met at the Club House at 9.00am for a 9.15 start, that way the track events should be underway upon our arrival. As always, I am happy if members wish to make their own way and meet us at the venue. If you are planning on meeting the 'Runners' at the venue, could you please let me know so I can chase you

up and ensure your name/s are reported on the run sheet. Also, just as a thought, its probably a good idea, particularly if you are running a vehicle on conditional plates and something goes pear shape, then I (and the MGCCN) can ensure you are covered under the RMS Conditional Plate rules, just a thought.

Rose and the Club ladies will also be in attendance running the canteen so as always tea and coffee and a kind smile will be on hand

Please be advised that there is no scheduled Register Run for February.

Cheers,

Fletch & Yvonne

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