Clubtorque The official publication of

MG Car Club Newcastle Inc.



MGs & Motorsport

April 2015



WICKHAM SPARES

PTY. LTD.



WIDE RANGE OF NEW & USED PARTS



FORD PARTS SPECIALISTS



PH: 4961 6001 OR 4961 5457 CNR GREY & UNION STS, WICKHAM, FAX 4962 1740

Jap Darts NEWCASTLE

Mitsubishi Toyota Nissan Proton Cars & Light Commercials

Ph: (02) 4956 1366 Fax: (02) 4952 2400

Email: bbtjap@bigpond.net.au website: www.bbtjapparts.com.au

52 ORLANDO ROAD LAMBTON 2299



Clubtorque

Official Publication of MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE INC

ABN 96 210 450 708 NSW Inc Assn Reg'd No Y0354245

Founded 1955 - MGs and MOTORSPORT

Club address:

PO Box 632, HAMILTON NSW 2303

Website address:

www.mgcarclub.com.au

Clubrooms:

Northcott Park, Cobby Street, Shortland

Monthly Meetings

2nd Friday of month 7.30pm

RINGWOOD PARK MOTOR SPORT COMPLEX

corner Italia Rd & Pacific Hwy, Balickera (12km north of Raymond Terrace)

Membership enquiries:

Judith Rae

20 Barraba St, Whitebridge NSW 2290

phone 4944 7356

Other enquiries

Contact the Secretary at the club address or phone **4943** 6239

CO	N	Т	Ε	N ⁻	ΓS

Reports	
President	6
Social Secretary	8
Speed Panel1	
Land Panel2	
Register Report2	
Information	
Coming Events	2
Board	4
New Members 1	1
MGCCN 60th Anniversary 1	2
CAMS General Assembly 1	6
The "31 Challenge2	
Classified Ads 2	6
Advertisers Index	8

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed within Clubtorque are those of the individual or organisation and not necessarily those of the Editor or MG Car Club Newcastle Inc.

Affiliated with

United Kingdom







www.cams.com.au

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 Hire Closed to Gemini Club Hill- climb	Ringwood	
Sun 5	MGCCV	MG Nat Meet Hilldimb	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	
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	

ı	e	a	e	n	d
_	J	ч	v		u

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 - May 2015

Sat 2	MGCCN	Natter Night	See Social Sec's Report
Sat 2	FOSC	Race Meeting	Wakefield Park
Sat 2	KSCC	State Hillclimb Practice	Mt Cooperabung
Sat 2	WAC	Rallysprint	Awaba 2.00pm.
Sun 3	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rd. 5	Mt Cooperabung
Sun 3	FOSC	Race Meeting	Wakefield Park
Sun 3	MGCCHR	Euro Day	Lambton Park 8.30 am
Mon 4	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street M
Wed 6	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street M
Thurs 7	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 17	MGCCN	Register Run	TBA M R7
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 23	WAC	Motorkhana	Awaba 12.00 pm start CC10 MK3
Sat 23	WAC	Khanacross	Awaba 6.00 pm start CC11 KC2
Sat 23	HSCC	State Rallysprint Rd 4	Comboyne
Sun 24	MGCCN	Hillclimb	Ringwood M CC12 TS3 R8
Sun 24	RCC	State Motorkhana Rd 3	Nirimba
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 31	MGCCN	Newcastle/Hunter Classic T/A	Starts at Clubrooms CC13 M TR2 R9
Sun 31	FOSC	Race meeting	SMSP South
Sun 31	Jag Club	CSCA Supersprint	SMSP North
Sun 31	HDCC	State Khanacross 4	Hampton

THE BOARD

No phone calls after 9.00pm. Thank you

PRESIDENT

Bryn Baverstock (Helen)

4965 7137 home

0404 031 137 mobile

bhbav@optusnet.com.au

VICE PRESIDENT

Dave Atkins (Chris)

49566200

0415 963 515

datkins49@optusnet.com.au

SECRETARY

Ken McLeod (Louise)

4943 6239 home

0408 682 420 mobile

kenneth.mcleod@bigpond.com

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Judith Rae (Doug)

4944 7356 home & fax

0413 333 105 mobile

hooraedi@bigpond.com

TREASURER

Darval Thomas (Sue)

0412 495 132 mobile

darvalt@thomfahey.com.au

CLUB CAPTAIN

John Roach

0422 558 278 mobile

roach.john@gmail.com

SPEED EVENT CO-ORDINATOR

Rick Vincent (Lynne)

4945 5114 home

0418 494 663 mobile

mgccnspeedevent@hotmail.com.au

AUTOTEST CO-ORDINATOR

Kenneth Atkins (Kim)

0407 377 710 mobile

4028 6665 work

mgccnewcastle@gmail.com

REGISTER CAPTAIN

lan Fletcher (Yvonne)

0407 269 009

firedogdudley@yahoo.com.au

LAND PANEL

Alan Bates (Gina)

4981 8027 home

0412 280 093 mobile

a.r.bates@bigpond.com

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Rose Cogger Collins (John)

4925 2867 home

0413 222 828 mobile

rosecogger@hotmail.com

EVENT CO-ORDINATOR

Vacant

EDITOR & WEBSITE MANAGER

Michael Potts

0423 199 457 mobile

editor@mgcarclub.com.au

webmaster@macarclub.com.au

PUBLICITY

Vacant

RALLY CO-ORDINATOR

Col Brav

0408 994 093

cbray351@bigpond.com

THE BOARD

No phone calls after 9.00pm. Thank you

REGISTER SECRETARY

Doug Rae (Judith) 4944 7356 home & fax 0434 141 501 mobile hooraedj@bigpond.com

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Vacant

DIRECTOR ASSISTING No 1

Darryl Walker (Yvonne) 49632855 0403 445 504 mobile darrylyvonne@hotmail.com

DIRECTOR ASSISTING No 2

Damian Koedam (Rebecca) 0488 079 037 dkoedam@hotmail.com

Other Contacts

Young Driver Development Course Greg Hunter

0412 493 711 gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au

Natmeet Co-Ordinator Fran Hodgson (Darren)

0414 449 252 mobile dfhodgson@bigpond.com

CSCA

4946 9989

Event Coordinator: John Finch Delegate: Gregg Noonan 4952 4476 0425 202 794

CAMS Delegate Doug Rae (Judith)

4944 7356 home & fax 0434 141 501 mobile hooraedj@bigpond.com

NSW Hillclimb Panel member

Peter Robinson 0411 487 640

Tri-Challenge contacts

Matt Halpin TSCC (02) 6765 4454 Chris Seam KSCC (02) 6562 7536 Peter Robinson MGCCN 4933 8167

RINGWOOD PRIVATE PRACTICE

Limited availability on Thursdays

Or by appointment

Ph. Doug Rae, or Alan Bates

PRESIDENT REPORT

'day all,

First of all the latest news I can give you on King Edward park Hill climb. Dave Atkins.

Greg Hunter & myself met with the man in charge of parks for Newcastle Council to discuss what was happening with the Bathers Wav building program through the park & how it will affect us. Well the good news is that this year it will be business as usual as there is no way any building will be happening. Next year 2016? The council are hoping to be in a position to tell us how things are progressing by about June /July this year so that we will have time to plan. As regards the future after the Bathers Way is completed, well that is a whole new ball game & we will have to wait & see the finished plans & negotiate from there. So now you know as much as I do!

At the mention of KEP now is the time to start thinking about the key personal to run this event & also the state round at Ringwood, in particular an event director & an event secretary. The director oversees all aspects of the event & chairs the various meetings to organise the event, the secretary handles the permit applications etc. & then the receiving of entries. I have been a bit loose with these job descriptions but

you get the idea, if you feel you would like to be in involved get in touch with either myself or Dave Atkins.

Dave Atkins as vice president will be in the driving seat for six weeks or so from late April as I will be off touring on motorcycles with my brother in (sunny I hope) Scotland & Wales, so any queries I am sure Dave will be able to help.

Thank to all those people who came & helped clean up the clubrooms, this is an asset owned by the club & just like your own house it pays to keep up the maintenance so thank you once again those of you that chipped in your time & effort.

Ringwood continues to evolve as a hill climb venue, Alan Bates is in the process of getting the approvals to be able to run several different track configurations & I am sure this will add to the fun & enjoyment of members, the work never stops!

Lastly the venue has been booked so keep the date of the sixty year dinner in your diary!

Don't forget if you have to buy stuff think of our advertisers & sponsors, they help us so please try & spend your dollars with them!

Cheers Bryn

Contact reprint

YOUR ONE STOP AUTO PARTS SHOP

MAILAND AUTO PARTS



For all parts, advice, assistance, repairs and fitting of towbars and accessories to cars, 4WDs, trucks, trailers, caravans, horse floats, see Maitland Auto Parts.



Authorised Distributor 522 High Street, Maitland
(opp. Harvey Norman)

PHONE 4933 8355

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

ast club night was attended by quite a few
Rocker Cover Race enthusiasts who brought along their very special modified cars.

Bryn coerced many members to enter and if they didn't have a racer they were able to borrow one.

David Walker had quite a few in different colours and there was a lot of competition between John Collins and Darren Hogdson's car with Johns' car coming out on top after the last run off against Darren.

I'm sure there will be a lot of keen competition at the National Meeting and our Club will be competitive at all the events. I hope everyone who attends enjoys the event, which this year is being held at Healesville in Victoria.

A big thank you to Yvonne Walker, Dave Atkins, Col Bray, John Collins and David Walker for attending the club rooms for a "clean up" morning. The outside walls of the club rooms are clean again and the garden has had a lot of pruning and inside has been cleaned.

Next club night will be held on Friday March 10th at our Cobby Street Club rooms.

The next NATTER night will be held on the 2nd May, commencing at 5pm, at the Bowers home's, for further details phone Joy and Paul on 49332346. BYO, Drinks, BBQ and Deserts.

Rose Collins - Social Secretary - 0413 222828

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 <u>UNFINANCIAL</u>. 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.

If in doubt please phone me on 0412 493711 or email Greg Hunter at gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au.

MODERNICLASSIC CARS PTY, LTD.



Fine-tuning British sports cars

Modern Classic Cars offer a world-class range of superbly engineered components to enhance the driving of your

MGB ● GT ● RV8 ● SPRITE ● MIDGET ● MGC ● T SERIES ●









Suspension and brake upgrades, 5-speed gearbox conversions, Wheels, Power steering, Ignition, Cooling, Engine conversions, Complete car builds

The Australian home of FRONTLINE

www.modernclassiccars.com.au

Email: sales@modernclassiccars.com.au Tel: 02 9774 2169 2A Arab rd Padstow NSW 2211

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Wilson - Associate - Chrysler Crossfire Adam Grossenbacher - Junior David Fotheringham - Associate - Cortina's

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

GEORGE PRICE

Heavy Towing & Salvage

TRANSPORTING MOBILE HOMES

OFF ROAD 4WD TRUCK AVAILABLE

18 The Crescent GATESHEAD

Ph 4942 2333 or 4943 7700

MG CENTRE OF SYDNEY

ALL YOUR MG PARTS & SERVICE NEEDS IN ONE EASY TO FIND LOCATION

Ring Stuart or Sally Ratcliff MG Car Club Life Member

26 COWPER ST. GRANVILLE

Fax: (02) 9637 0199 Delivery Australia Wide

PH: (02) 9682 6655



THIS CLUB CERTAINLY HAS HISTORY

60 YEARS OF IT

AND YOU

HAVE BEEN PART OF IT

THIS INVITATION IS FOR YOU TO HELP US CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF

MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE

AND WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED
OVER THAT PERIOD WITH THE DEDICATION
OF OUR MEMBERS

SO GATHER YOUR FRIENDS FROM PAST AND PRESENT TO MAKE THIS A

CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER



60 YEARS OF GOOD FRIENDS



CLUBTORQUE



Page 14

APRIL 2015



Page 15

CAMS General Assembly 2015

ryn Baverstock and I attended the CAMS General Assembly in Sydney on 21st February 2015 as reps of MGCCN. The day was basically a series of presentations from high level management of CAMS and other specialists. While the whole day was interesting to me, as one who has over the years has had a degree of contact with the CAMS set up and the people within it. (Primarily as a Steward), I found the presentation "Strategies for getting more Women involved at Club Level" by Sam Reid, Chair of WAMS (Women of Australian Motor Sport) and the session titled "Officials Management - Developing Officials within your Club" Hosted by Dave Mori and Michael Smith. The most thought provoking.

Women of Australian Motor Sport (WAMS) was founded in 2010 to act as an interface with the FIA Women & Motor Sport Commission (WMC).

Their mission is to increase female participation in all disciplines and positions within motor sport in Australia.

This includes (but is not limited to) disciplines such as circuit racing, drag racing, speedway, rally, off road, drifting, motorkhana/khanacross, autocross, hillclimbing, sprints and positions such as competitors,

engineers, mechanics, pit crew, media personnel, administrators and officials.

Motorsport has been a male dominated form of recreation. (WAMS claim that women only make up 18% of participants in motor sport) Unfortunately the work of WAMS seldom reaches down to Club level activities outside the major cities.

The MG Car Club Newcastle (now in it's 60th year) has always had women involved to varying degrees, and indeed some have been awarded Life Membership of the Club. The question of how do we get more female participation and better retention rates is not new and certainly not unique to MGCCN.

The Breakout Session on "Officials Management", also highlighted the fact that we are not unlike most other club's when it comes to the questions surrounding the topic of "Officials". In fact I think we are in a relatively strong position when compared to many of the Club's that spoke up during the session we attended.

Most members will be aware of the efforts made by Rick Vincent to recruit officials in recent times, his efforts have had limited success. CAMS have a massive 9447 Accredited Officials on their books at the end of 2014, and are hoping to have this

exceed 10000 by end of 2015. The CAMS puts a fair amount of work into the officiating side of motorsport, having developed a structure which includes pathways for advancement and the various training systems refined over many years.

Not all people wish to advance beyond Club level involvement, but if anyone does, apart from the satisfaction of being involved, rewards do exist if you do wish to progress.

To my recollection we have had 3 members recognised as "New South Wales Official of the Year" they being Jim Gardiner, Judith Rae and Doug Rae.

My most memorable officiating experience by far, is the days I spent at Albert Park in 1996 for their first modern era F1 Grand Prix (after it moved from Adelaide) having been invited to be a Steward for the

Support Races at that meeting, to see how such an event is conducted from behind the scenes was reward enough on it's own.

The chance to talk to some of the really big names of motor racing, was a bonus.

All expenses paid!!

Over the next few months I hope to be able to get some things in place that may RECRUIT- REWARD - RETAIN (to use the CAMS catch words from the session) not only Officials but also our "Women of MG".

Perhaps we need an acronym!

"WMG" ?? or "MGCCW" ?? (They don't work!) Any ideas???

Dave Atkins

Vice President.

Advertising in MG Car Club Newcastle Clubtorque Magazine

Our membership continues to grow and we are proud to be one of the most active motorsport clubs in NSW. We continue to promote motorsport and have in place training programs for junior drivers in hillclimbs and motorkhanas.

Our annual advertising rates for 11 issues are:

B&W full page A5 \$220 excluding GST
B&W half page A5 \$120 excluding GST
B&W quarter page A5 \$60 excluding GST
Cover Full page A5 \$300 excluding GST
Cover Half page A5 \$160 excluding GST

Michael Potts 0423 199 457

editor@mgcarclub.com.au



SPEED PANEL REPORT

ast weekend was the running of Round 1 of the CSCA Super Sprint Series, hosted by Club Lotus at Wakefield Park, attended by all the MGCCN regulars jostling to beat their previous time Bob Millington was a new comer to the event and enjoyed the tricky circuit, round two will be held at SMSP North Circuit on the 31st May hosted by the Jaguar Club Sup. Regs. will be available in two to three weeks.

As previously mentioned your Board Members are very hopeful in securing CAMS approval for the remaining Ringwood circuit layouts, with a bit of luck the board with the help of Alan Bates will be endeavouring to obtain the required approval for the third round scheduled for the 24th May but of course no guarantees.

The board has proposed to implement the use of Credit Cards as an additional payment method for the 24th May event, access to the CAMS Credit Card portal is via Motor Event Entry - (MEE) at the completion of an entry, confirmation of payment MUST be provided to myself by sending a copy to mgccnspeede-vent@hotmail.com.au

The preferred payment method is by Direct Deposit, however the entrant MUST advise their name and Ringwood Competition Number, too many members fail to provide these details, if the processing bank does not allow any Payee Reference, you must obtain a copy of the transaction, and send it to

the above e mail address.

There will be a small increase in pre entry costs from \$65.00 to \$68.00 for Ringwood Club Events for this year.

We would prefer that entrants use the direct deposit payment method, and not cheques, the aim is to reduce processing time, your entry cannot be accepted until full payment has been received, cheques presented on the day does not mean your entry has been accepted.

When the additional circuits are available, it may require a reduced field size, so therefore full payment will only guarantee your entry has been accepted.

CAMS have introduced some new events, these will appeal to younger members, if your son or daughter is under 15 years, there is a Junior Drive Day at SMSP on the 9th April at a cost of \$75.00 per person, basic driving skills will be covered however the main emphasis will be on safety aspects, and car awareness more details can be obtained via 1300 883 959.

Also on the same day CAMS will be conducting a Motorkhana Under Nights at Sydney Dragway from 5.30, competition is for road registered cars only, please visit nsw@cams.com.au for more details.

Look forward to seeing more new faces at the upcoming events.

Keep your tyres hot.

Rick



Graeme Jensen has now established a new law firm, JENSEN PARTNERS and is the sole Principal of that firm.

Graeme has in excess of 35 years experience in the legal profession, having been admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales in 1977.

Jensen Partners adopts a practical approach to the law and is committed to the use of plain language and regular communication with clients in servicing their legal needs.

Graeme Jensen has particular expertise in the following areas of legal practice:

Residential and commercial conveyancing, including major strata and land developments;

Commercial leasing;

Corporate and business law;

Criminal law, including Court appearances in the Local, District, Supreme and High Courts.

Litigation;

Wills and Probate;

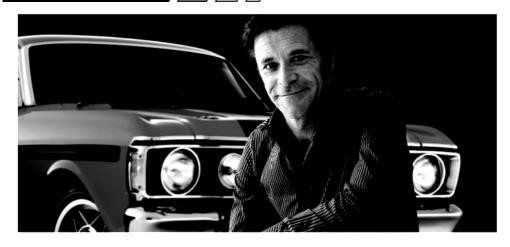
SMF acquisitions and borrowing; and

Liquor licensing, including new grants, transfers, boundary re-definition and breaches.

Instructions in matters relating to other aspects of the law will also be accepted.

The office of Jensen Partners is located at Carrington and Graeme is available for home or office visits by appointment.

For assistance please contact Graeme on 0419 279 959 or visit our website at www.jensenpartners.com.au



"IT'S LOVE MATE, PURE AND SIMPLE."



The passion, the pride of ownership, the sheer emotional attachment – no one understands it better than Shannons. So when it comes to insurance for your special car, daily drive, bike or even your home, there's only one person you should talk to - a fellow enthusiast at Shannons. So call Shannons for a quote on 13 46 46.



SHARE THE PASSION

INSURANCE FOR MOTORING ENTHUSIASTS | CALL 13 46 46 FOR A QUOTE | SHANNONS.COM.AU

Shannons Limited is an authorised representative of Australian Alliance Insurance Company Limited, the issuer of this product. Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement by calling 13 46 46.

NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION CONSULTANT
Mick Saide 0448 203 025

LAND PANEL REPORT

he final inspection for our additional track configurations will occur this month, all going well the work put in by DAD's Army will pay off and we will have approval for multiple layouts.

Once CAMS approve the layouts we then require approval from the Dept. of Sports and Recreation. This will also occur this month and we should be ready to go by the start of June.

The process of approving tracks is not complicated, however there is a set process and a list

of requirements that must be met before final approval.

Those of us who have visited the track will have noticed the increase in advertising signs, if you require any of the services or products available from these sponsors, please let them know that you saw there signage at the track.

By the way, the Whipper Snipper donated last month has been put to good use and will continue to do so for some time to come. Thanks again Andrew



Sportscar Spares Australia



For all your British Car

needs

Unit 14/21 Kangoo Road Somersby NSW 2250

T: 4340 5225 F: 4340 5220

M: 0426 986 885

E:sportscarspares@aol.com W:sportscarspares.com.au

Prop: Noel Anderson.

Originally Established 1958

We airfreight weekly from the UK

Now you can get a quote online 24/7



THE '31 CHALLENGE

he restoration of a 1931 Fisher Body 3 Window Business Coupe all stated with discussions THE SALESMAN, a fellow club member. So at a weak moment after looking at photographs I





agreed to purchase the body shell with various jewellery parts. This included some hard to find items particularly for the 1931 such as fan heater, vacuum wiper motor with special operating mechanism, front brake cables and end pieces, three sets of head lights with lenses, front and rear window winding mechanism and door handles. Fisher body parts being different to local Holden body parts, this also referred to body panels, as I later discovered. There was no timber frame and no

chassis, see first photograph, and the body shell with left hand quarter panel being cut off during transport in USA and import to Australia. Had I lost my marbles, we shall see.

Contemplation then began as to where to start work and of course, search for a rolling chassis. One of our club members lent me a chassis so I could start work on the timber frame after I was fortunate enough to purchase some coach wood from a Tempe timber yard that was closing down. In 1931 all models had timber frames to nail and screw the sheet metal onto to complete a very solid body. The timber frame is a work of art in itself (see photo) with base rails, columns for door fixing, roof slats to take fabric roof section and front and rear window winding mechanisms. Via the grape vine an Adelaide club member had found a complete 1931 ex tourer/ute in Mt. Gambier with various spares. So I arranged to purchase this chassis and over a week-

back home, the year being 1997. On arrival at the Mildura address, Lyn and I drove into the yard to see the local children driving the chassis around the yard. After loading spare parts into the back of our ute, the chassis was driven onto the car trailer, a feat I would not have believed unless I had been there.

end we drove to Mildura to trailer it

While stripping chassis down to recondition engine, gearbox and differential, I slowly progressed with manufacturing the timber frame work. The short motor was restored by Bob Croft, gearbox by

myself, differential by Graydon Gears, just before they closed down, brakes shoes and drums by Burt Bros, wiring harness by Vintage Wiring, springs redone by Carrolls, chroming by Ultimate Shine, tyres by Australian Autocraft, steering box by Derek Page and items from Chev Parts. The chassis was sand blasted and painted ready for reassembly.

During our trip to the USA in 2001 to attend VCCA Rally in Springfield, Illinois, I shopped around for some missing parts, such as garnish moulds, side

lights, badges, etc. with assistance from Terry Davis of Kansas City. The side lights looked suspicious under X-ray at Customs on returning home, so Lyn had to empty her hand luggage to show

the lights weren't bombs. Consideration was then given to what to do about upholstery. I shopped around locally to get information/prices to do this work myself as I had done last time. After comparing prices and time (I was still working full time) to have it all made and fitted here, I approached Hampton Coach in the USA to see what was available. We had to make a decision on whether to have broadcloth or leather and also the colour to paint the body. We finally settle on black and maroon with gray leather trim from Hampton Coach. So via several emails to the USA Lordered the trim kit from Hampton which was made up in about four weeks and shipped

out. Hampton Coach were very professional to deal with, having knowledge and patterns for 1931 models and a complete range of materials.

Panel beating of body shell with damaged quarter panel presented another major challenge. I enrolled in a TAFE course to repair damaged and rusted panels. Quarter panel and shell took me 18 months to complete, along with boot lid, doors and bonnet all needing repair work. Panel beating is not one of my better skills, however with assistance from a good friend and persever-

ance all panels were panel filed after much beating and shrinking. Sandblasting at MK Sandblasting at Greenacre, with final preparation, priming and painting of panels done by myself. Selection of maroon colour

presented another challenge, over several months we finally settled on an agreed tint of maroon. Another challenge is spray painting, or more to the point rubbing back, a frustrating job. A lot of helpful information was gained from a website dedicated to 1931 Chevrolet models only. An excellent site with a complete range of information on body types, trim and paint codes, accessories and useful hints, which is highly recommended for anybody interested in 1931's. Another source of help is the VCCA Chat site. where I have collated a lot of information and hints on all aspects of 1931 vehicle manufacture, operation and maintenance.



All mechanical repairs done, it was time panels, garnish moulds, handles, etc. to complete chassis work, such as brake leakage and fuel lines. To do the initial starting of engine before attaching body, I decided to start engine before final assembly to have easier access to engine. Battery installed, accelerator leak, starter leakage, hot wire coil and away we go.

Now to start final wet rubbing and compounding of body shell and panels, before assembly work, along with smaller items requiring some more work and painting. This is a love it or hate it time. when everything is going right, it is bliss, but when things to wrong, well look out. Body shell finished and fitted back onto the chassis, along with mudguards, valances, doors, boot lid and bonnet.

Glass patterns were made up from masonite, and taken to a supplier to make up front and rear windows in laminated and toughened glass for side windows,. Another six weeks wait for manufacture and then fitment to body.

This then allowed fitment of other parts, such as dash board, window winding mechanism, floor boards, to finish of inside ready to start on upholstery. Also installing wiring harness and get

all electrics working. At the same time various chrome parts were available, at great expense, for fitment, such as bumper bars, lights, radiator shell, etc.

I forgot to mention, that during this stage we decided to move house, just to add to the excitement. Now to start the fitment of the upholstery. With a helping hand from Lyn, we proceeded with installing internal lining, cover strips, door

Seat frame, with adjusting mechanism and upholstery was finished off outside of the car and then fitted into place.

During above work, engine was started on a regular basis to free up new engine and complete chassis work, such as setting up brakes, wheel alignment, exhaust, etc. All major work now complete, it is time for the big test. Test drive, in and out of garage, and then around the block a couple of times. Minor teething problems, but overall I was very pleased with initial running, Final adjustments, buffing and polishing to be ready for club registration inspection. Past with flying colours.

A sign of relief and great satisfaction of a long challenge finally completed.

As you can see a lot of people are needed to help with restoring some different vehicles. Thank you to everyone who has helped in some way for me to achieve my Challenge.,

I have now retired and hopefully still have my all senses.

I intend to drive this vehicle everywhere I possibly can.

Allan & Lyn Walker, August, 2008.



REGISTER REPORT

ell, another good run 5 cars left the club house and headed out to the track. Also we had two cars on club plates. David Walker, showing the MG car owners' spirit had the top down, although the weather was a little suspect we all gave David the thumbs up as we who had windows and roof, headed out to Ringwood on a somewhat over case day. We got to Hexham, the rain was a little heavy and as the windows were wiped with the automatic wipers, David indicated that he needed to put the roof up, the issue was not so much the rain, but the stinging rain drops into ones face.

Upon our arrival at Ringwood, the rain appearing to hold off, we observed members and guests at the track, who were all busy unloading cars, having a pre-walk around the track and it looked as though it was a 'normal' MG Hillclimb Ringwood race day. A rough guess would say around 20 odd competitors. There was a wide variety of cars from the HSRCA members.

Whilst taking a few of my normal 'happy snap pics', I was approached by Garry Simkin, from the HSRCA and after our introductions, he asked if I could take a "couple of pictures" as he had left his camera at home, WELL! I did exactly that, I took a num-

ber of photos, not just for us, but with the HSRCA members in mind. After clicking away for the rest of the day I thought I would have a "few nice photos for the lads" to remember their day. Well after downloading the photos that night I had taken 218 photos , and that was after editing!!

Although there was a shower or two during the day, from all accounts the day was a great success, not just from the Ringwood side, but the comments received from the HSRCA members and the general public were very complimentary and very supportive.

If anyone is interested in looking at the photos of the day they can be accessed at;

www.hsrca.com/2015/03/photo-gallery-2015-ringwood-hillclimb www.hsrca.com/gallery/nggallery/events/2015-ringwood-hillclimb

There is NO schedule Register Run for April

The next Register Run is scheduled for 17 May 2015 Details are yet to be finalised and will be sent out via email and club magazine once finalised.

Until our next run,

Cheers,

Fletch & Yvonne

CLASSIFIED ADS



FOR SALE MGB mark 11

Compliance 1971, owned since purchased brand new in Jan 1972, has had 2 total rebuilds in that time, for the past 5 odd years has seen not a great deal of the road, still has the original number plate - DWI 315, spare has the original tyre, basically original and in excellent condition, sits under covers in the garage, has just been registered to April 2014, has been a part of my life for the past forty odd years, only just recently it has occurred to me that maybe somebody else would get as much pleasure out of the car as I have had, seeking a good home where it will be looked after, original 155 odd thousand miles, serviced and maintained by my brother a mechanic, now at Regal Motors.

Otto Scevak otto_scevak@yahoo.com 0414 862 088

FOR SALE MGB Parts

4 speed gearbox

2 of 1800 engines (not complete)

1 rear axle assembly (including pitted wire wheels)

I front cross member (including pitted wire wheels)

A "shell' from firewall back, missing floor pans.

All items need to be rebuilt/restored and have been sitting around for a lot of years neglected

Glen Quarmby 4918 7452

Glen.Quarmby@downergroup.com



Great condition Very reliable
Supercharged in 1991
Comes with NSW Rego GT5533 (on hold) and original UK plates GT5533,
Currently on MG CC plates
All weather equipment included
New 4.3:1 crown wheel and pinion for comfortable high speed touring (110/120 kph).

\$65000 Rob Rowe 49481771



CLASSIFIED ADS



FOR SALE MGF - 99A

First in class at Morgan Park Warwick 2013 nationals

Develops 138 hp

New VVC modified head, mild race

New VVC gearbox New Quaife LSD

New race seat & harness

Many other extras

Rick Vincent 0418 494 663

Price \$10,000.00ono



125500 Km's - NSW Rego AJX07U due November 2015. New tyres fitted November 2014 - manual gearbox - Silver with black upholstery this car has a hard top, soft top and is a well maintained example located in Castle Hill, Sydney. A fun car to drive anytime of the year. \$8,500-00 Contact Arthur

arthurs@bigpond.net.au 0488 984 546

FOR SALE CAN-AM REPLICA

Built by a Tamworth club member to conform to 2A-2C specifications I believe.

Purchased partly built Countless hours spent to get it to this point, ready to race

Basically a 85 Ford Laser Front Cut (at rear) with RHS chassis and frame extended forward with early Toyota Celica lower control arms, shortened struts, fabricated upper arms with coil overs.





Motor is standard Laser 1.5l 4 speed manual, ideal beginners car.
Car did a 43.63 seconds on its' first race at Ringwood on 15.02.2015.
Quite easy to fit a Turboed Laser motor.
Offers near \$4,500.00.
Car and Trailer \$8,000.00.
Lawrie Constable 0427 121 929



Advertisers Index

BBT Jap Parts	inside front cover
George Price Towing	11
Jensen Partners	19
Maitland Auto Parts	7
MG Centre of Sydney	11
Modern Classic Cars	10
Shannons	20
Sportscar Spares	21
Sportsparts	back cover
Wickham Spares	inside front cover



Above: Col Bray at the clubroom working bee **Right**: Photos from various events at Ringwood





Sportsparts Pty Ltd

Parts and Technical advice for pre 1980 MGs

- Specialists in original and reproduction MG parts for over 30 years.
- Buy your parts or accessories from us and get free and comprehensive advice on the best way to fit them.
- Visit our store or take advantage of our fast mail service. Our normal trading hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm but may vary if we have to visit customers or suppliers. Please call beforehand to ensure that we are at the shop to provide the parts you need.

PROMPT MAIL ORDER SERVICE

Detailed catalogue available \$5.00



Sportsparts Pty Ltd

10 Myrtle Street Normanhurst NSW 2076

PO Box 2 Thornleigh NSW 2120

Phone 02 9875 1144
Fax 02 9875 1906
Email sportsparts@bigpond.com