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Coming Events - August 2015

Tues 11	MGCCN	King Edward Park Hillclimb Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7,30pm M
Wed 12	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8.00pm M
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30pm M
Sat 15	MOC	CSCA Supersprint	Sydney Motorsport Park
Sat 15	AHRG	Heart of the Hunter Touring Assy.	Starts at Shell Servo Freemans Waterholes 9.00am CC16 TR3 R13
Sat 15	TSCC	Tamworth Tri Challenge Practice	Oakburn Park T/C 3
Sun 16	TSCC	Tamworth Tri Challenge	Oakburn Park T/C 3
Sun 16	WAC	State Khanacross Rd 6	Awaba CC 3 KC1
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm M
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 23	MGCCN	Hillclimb	Ringwood CC17 T/S4 R14 M
Tues 25	MGCCN	King Edward Park Hillclimb Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7,30pm M
Wed 26	MGCCN	King Edward Park, Nuts & Bolts working bee	TBA
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 29	MGCCN	60th Anniversary Function	Club Macquarie.
Sat 29	WDCC	State Rallysprint Rd 6	Wagga Wagga

Legend

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring Assembly

TC - Tri-Challenge

TS - Tar Speed Series

Coming Events – September 2015

Thurs 3	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Friday 4	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood at 4.00pm M
Sat 5	MGCCN	Working Bee	King Edward Park 8.00am M
Sun 6	HDCC	State Motorkhana 6	Nirimba
Mon 7	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street 2.00pm M
Tues 8	MGCCN	KEP Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7.30pm M
Wed 9	MGCCN	Speed Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 8.00 pm M
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 11	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30pm M
Sat 12	MGCCN	Young Driver Course	Ringwood
Sat 12	MGCCN	Day/Night Khanacross	Ringwood KC 4 M
Sun 13	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rd 9	Dapto
Sun 13	MX5	State Supersprint Rd 6	Wakefield Park
Sun 13	MGCCN	Register Run	To be Confirmed.
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm M
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 19	MGCCN	Working Bee	King Edward Park 8.00am M
Sat 19	CAMS	Scrutineering Course	Cobby Street
Sun 20	MGCCN	Hillclimb	Ringwood CC18 TS5 R16 M
Tues 22	MGCCN	KEP Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7.30pm M
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 26	MGCCN	Working Bee	King Edward Park 8.00am M
Sat 26	WAC	Australian Khanacross Championship	Awaba
Sun 27	WAC	Australian Khanacross Championship	Awaba
Tues 29	MGCCN	KEP Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7.30pm M

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all,

This is a great time of the year to get motivated don't you think! The weather is starting to warm up & a bit of blue sky works wonders, well I hope so because we have a lot of stuff on over the coming months!

We have the usual at this time of year, starting to get the ball rolling for King Edward Park hill climb & as this looks like the last one I hope everyone will make a big effort to make it a great event. The Newcastle council have not been very forthcoming with info to date regarding a start date for the Bathers Way works that are to go through the park but the decision at this stage is to make this the final one, a sad day but that's the price of progress. If anyone has ideas on how to make this final KEP go out with a bang now is the time to say so, phone, email or come along to meeting & let us know your ideas, just don't say afterwards "Oh why didn't you do this or that!"

All the information is on the web or in the magazine so look up those working bee dates & come along to help especially the putting up & taking down of the Armco more hands make light work!

Hope you have bought your tickets for the 60th dinner the numbers are growing so it looks like being a good night see you there!

Little bit of trivia for you, our old playground at Nelson Plain that the club owned as a dirt venue for many years & was sold in 2000 to finance Ringwood is back on the market. It comes complete with the original track still in place so I am told. Anyone fancy a bit of real estate full of memories!

Talking to Fletch the other day about register runs & club runs in general & we were hoping to get a few more of these happening, is there any interest out there, we need some feedback as to what is popular, short distance, long trips, an interesting destination, maybe just a run out & a sausage sizzle & home by two thirty or so. Mid week runs also came up but as Fletch is a working bloke (somebody has to) I said I would go on a few if there was any interest, other clubs do it & maybe we could join up with other like minded people. Fletch & I await your calls!

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Michael O' Connor – Associate – Mazda MX5
Viola O' Connor – Associate – Mazda MX5
Samuel Beeby – Associate - VW

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

Thursday Working Bees

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YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE DATES CHANGES 2015 PLEASE READ

SUNDAY 13th September, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing 3.00pm

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL EVENT

SUNDAY 15TH October TRAINING MOTORKHANA EVENT 9.30pm for
JUNIORS

LAST EVENT OF THE YEAR

SATURDAY 28th November, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing 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.

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AUTOTEST EVENT REPORT

The Khanacross on 12/7/15 was again reasonably well supported, but the Tar Only group remained small with just 5 members entering for that, while 15 entered the full event. The total event was made up of 4 dirt and 6 on the hill.

There were some surprising results, brought about by the need to be consistent and put in a good run on every section. Despite there being arrows and a reconnaissance run for every section, there were a few WD's, which in an event with cumulative timing, makes recovery very difficult, if not impossible.

The full event went to the pre-event favourite, Michael Snow in his Jackson Special, followed by Jason Giddins in his WRX with 3rd Going to Martin Reeves in the Ex Repco Rally Commodore. The real battle for honours was between 3rd and 7th outright with just under 5 second between the 5 drivers. For this type of event held over 10 sections that is close competition.

Competition on the 6 hill sections yielded a surprise result with Michael Whiteman piloting the big Monaro to an out right win, with Bryn Baverstock in the much more nimble MGTF taking second just 0.34 sec behind and Michael Snow just 0.29 behind Bryn.

The full results are on the website for all to study, suffice to say, a great day of Club Level motor sport was had by all.

A special thanks to Darrel Gregory and Doug Rae who braved the coldest Sunday this winter to do the event timing. Rose again gave her time to run the Canteen which was much appreciated, those hot coffees were great!

The next Khanacross in our Championship is at Awaba on 16th August, it replaces the event that was rained out in February.

The next Ringwood Khanacross will be a Day and Night Event with both Dirt and Tar sections to be contested under both modes. Once again those opting to do just the Tar Sections will be catered for as they have been in earlier events. Entry fee remains at \$40, so we hope for a good role up for what should be a great event.

The Motorkhana held on 26th July wasn't so well supported with just 9 starters, but again they enjoyed the 9 tests that were set up. The fact that the CSCA Supersprint was held the day prior may have had a small impact on the numbers but we still wonder where all those who could participate in this cheapest form of Club motorsport have gone. The grounds are now quite car friendly, and those who did compete had a ball.

Michael Snow took the outright honours in his Jackson Special leaving the rest of field well behind, (Full results available from the Club's website)

Thanks to Kenneth Atkins for running the event, to Darrel and Jason Gregory for timing the tests, and Kerry Woollard for her work in the office, and again to Rose for running the Canteen

The next Motorkhana will be held in October. Let's see more starters at that one.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good to see members attending the Club nights with information being provided on different ways to enter for an event.

New members are very welcome at club nights and seem happy to be greeted and met by members on their arrival and current up to date information provided to them by Judith Rae, Membership Secretary.

Now the days and nights should be getting warmer lets see members attending these evenings as a lot of good information is exchanged.

The Next Club Night will be held at the Club Rooms Cobby Street Birmingham Gardens on Friday 14th August 2015

See you there

The Next NATTER night will be held on 24th October 2015 Venue to be provided in the next Magazine

The 60th Anniversary Dinner is to be held on 29th August, 2015 at Club Macquarie, please see advertisement in this magazine for details and contact Judith Rae or Denis Tynan for tickets, lets make this a good event

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Above: An MG TC at the All British Day. *Photo: Christine Waugh*

Below: An Austin Healey at the All British Day. *Photo: Christine Waugh*



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DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

It's amazing how time flies! It seems like just yesterday we were starting plans for the 60th reunion dinner, and now it's just weeks away. The organizing committee have set in place an exciting night for everyone to enjoy, if you don't have your tickets yet make the effort and book now, you will be disappointed if you miss out. Life Member and motoring guru Jim Sullivan will be MC for the night, and I am sure that he will be very entertaining. A guest speaker will also give an interesting and I am sure informative speech, followed by some great dance music from DJ "Robert Coombes and Sis". With all of this and dinner for only \$40pp I think this is excellent value.

The Dinner is booked for **Saturday 29th August** at **Club Macquarie** Main Road Argenton starting from 6pm. Tickets are \$40 per person with tables of ten available for those who wish to book a party. This will be a great chance to catch up with friends have a bit of a chat, and enjoy the fine food and music. If you don't have your tickets yet they can be obtained by emailing either myself (tynan911@gmail.com) or **Judith Rae** (hooaedj@bigpond.com) or by phoning **Judith on 49447356**. Sixty years is an exciting milestone for the Newcastle MG Car club, we have seen the Club evolve from meager beginnings in 1955 to an amazing organization catering for all aspects of Motorsport. Whatever your interest is in cars and motorsport our Club can fill the bill. The Club has moved its base Clubrooms from the Driver Training range to Newcastle Showground and then finally to our present rooms in Birmingham Gardens which is a perfect location for members.

Our sporting venue at Nelson Plains which was being crowded out by housing was replaced when the Newcastle Motor Racing Club were faced with losing Ringwood Park to Development and our Club was luckily in a position to purchase this fantastic venue. Since purchasing the Ringwood Park venue through the good management and hard work both by the Board and Dads army who work every Thursday, the members have a complex that they can enjoy and be proud to own.

Ringwood Park is now in constant use for Hillclimb, Motorkhana and Driver training days as well as being hired for Corporate days and to other Car Clubs for their events. Our membership is constantly growing and with the number of events conducted by the club every year we are now one of the biggest motoring clubs in the state. Who knows where the Newcastle MG Car Club will be in another fifty, twenty or even ten years lets hope that the Club can survive for many, many years into the future. Time is running out, tickets are selling fast, act now. **DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Regards DENNIS TYNAN

MGCC Newcastle 60TH ANNIVERSARY

60 YEARS OF HISTORY FOR MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE

In January 1955 a sub centre of CAMS affiliated MG Car Club NSW was formed in Newcastle. Membership cost was one pound ten shillings which included a Club lapel badge. By the end of that year membership had reached 96. Of those original members 3 are today currently members of the club.

Dick Edwards No 17.

Howard Mac Lean No.24

Jack Mc Laughlin No.25

In 1956 the Club was asked to assist MG Car Club NSW in organising and conducting the Hillclimb at King Edward Park Newcastle, previously run by HVSCC for the past 4 years. In 1963 after a break of 6 years due to problems with the Speedway Act, MGCC Newcastle took up the challenge with an invitation by the Mattara Committee to run the Hillclimb once again and last year completed 57 years of Hillclimbing at King Edward Park.

The Club has always provided a variety of events for its members, in the early days Trials (Now Rallies) Scavenger Hunts (Touring Assemblies) Gymkanas (Motorkhanas) Sprints (Supersprints) and Hillclimbs.

In 1965 when the Club wanted to purchase a property for a dirt Sprint Track, they needed to seek and was granted full affiliation with the parent company MGCC UK as MG Car Club Newcastle, no longer a sub centre of Sydney.

The first Committee elected as MG Car Club Newcastle was

JOHN COLLINS (President)

NOEL SAUNDERS (Secretary)

GREG NEWAY (Treasurer)

GREG HUNTER (Club Captain)

(These people are also currently members of the Club)

Members of the Sub Centre from 1955 to 1960 currently Club members

DICK EDWARDS 17	HOWARD MAC LEAN 24	JACK MC LAUGHLIN 25
PETER MULLIN 98	DOUGLAS RAE 132	JEFF NEWAY 163
JIM SULLIVAN 167	MALCOLM BAILEY 186	PETER HOUGHTON 207
JOHN KIERATH 216	JOHN COLLINS 221	GREG NEWAY 250

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MGCC Newcastle 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Because of the lack of venues in our area the Club members had to travel far and wide to enjoy their Motorsport. Places like Warwick Farm, Silverdale, Catalina, Amaroo Park, Oran Park and Eastern Creek. Today the Club still travels to Wakefield Park and Sydney Motorsport Park for some events, but also provides a variety of Motorsport to its members as well as a Junior Training Program at their RINGWOOD PARK MOTOR SPORT COMPLEX north of Raymond Terrace.

Having last year extended the Hillclimb circuit, permission was granted to host the 2014 Australian Hillclimb Championships, a very successful event attracting 105 competitors from around Australia. The Club has certainly come a long way in the past 60 years

A Summary of the milestones that MG Car Club Newcastle has reached over the past 60 years through dedication, determination and a lot of hard work.

- 1955 - Formation of Sub Centre
- 1965 - Purchase of Nelsons Plains for \$720
- 1966 - Affiliated with MGCC UK as a full centre
- 1968 - Newcastle Motor Racing Club was formed
- 1972 - Aust. Hillclimb Championship held 1972/73 KEP
- 1985 - Hosted our first MG National Meeting
- 1987 - The Club Splits
- 1992 - The first Lady President (and only)
- 1996 - Regained affiliation with MGCC UK
- 1998 - Purchased our own Clubrooms at Shortland
- 1999 - Merged with NMRC to buy property at Ringwood
- 2000 - Hosted another MG National Meeting
- 2000 - Dads Army was formed made up of retirees
- 2001 - Peter Lee Submitted DA with Pt Stephens Council for development of a circuit and drag strip. After many years application failed.
- 2009 - Agreed to sell part of land to IRH to build tar circuit retaining enough land to extend the Hillclimb as well as Motorkhana/Khanacross ground
- 2011 - DA submitted to Pt.Stephens Council to extend H/climb
- 2011 - Hosted another MG National Meeting
- 2014 - Hosted Aust. H/Climb Champ on newly extended track



Above: An Alfa Romeo at the All British Day. *Photo Christine Waugh*
Below: Jaguars on display at the All British Day. *Photo Christine Waugh*



INSIGHTS ON KHANACROSS 12TH JULY

As this event was being conducted as 2 events in one (a tar event and a tar/dirt combined event) with 6 tests on tar and 4 tests on dirt, I decided to do the combined event.

There is a constraint on tyres stating that “the changing of tyres between events, to suit the change of surface is not permitted”, so was it better to run dirt (rally) tyres or soft tar tyres?

In most circumstances, tar tyres will lose more time on dirt compared to the time lost by dirt tyres on tar. So dirt tyres it is.

In a Khanacross event, there is only one run for each test, so it more important to not occur penalties (by hitting course markers or going the wrong direction) than having the outright fastest speed. Obviously being the fastest and having no penalties will win.

With 20 competitors for the tar event and 15 competitors for the combined dirt/tar event, the main competition on dirt was going to be the all-wheel drive cars - Jason Giddings and Ray Holgate and on the tar Jason Giddings, Ray Holgate, Steve Woods in a Renault Clio.

The results show that the strategy I chose was correct and it was unfortunate for Jason Giddings had a Wrong Direction penalty on a tar test, preventing him taking the outright win.

Michael Snow

KING EDWARD PARK WORKING BEE DATES

Please confirm your attendance and check detail with the nominated person mentioned below. Arrangements can alter depending on weather and working conditions.

26th Aug starting 6:00pm Nuts and Bolts for Armco at Med-Eng 11b/77 Munibung Rd Cardiff Contact Michael Snow 0432 772 044	Fri 4th Sept starting 4:00pm Load armco and posts at Ringwood Park Contact Michael Snow 0432 772 044
Sat 5th Sept starting 8:00am Erect armco in KEP, bring shovels, gloves and large shifting spanners. Contact Bryn Baverstock 0404 031 137	

2013 King Edward Park Organising Committee Meeting Dates

Tues 11th Aug Tues 25th Aug Tues 8th Sep Tues 22nd Sept
Wed 23rd Sept (Acceptance Day) Tues 29th Sep



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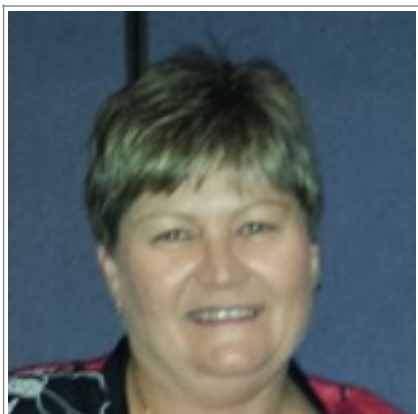
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When and how did you get involved with the MG Car Club Newcastle?

My husband and I decided to sell our hardly used VFR800 Honda motor bike and buy a sports car. In one weekend we had sold our bike and bought a MGB 79 model from a couple in Laurieton. It was brought out from America and converted to right hand drive and we are the 3rd owners.

Our mechanic suggested having a go at hill climbs and super sprints.

So we joined the MGCC Newcastle about 3 ½ years ago.

How did you first become involved in motor sport as a competitor or official?

Standing watching and taking photo's of my husband competing in hill climbs and super sprints I said to a friend who was watching with me at Ringwood, I could do that. So I did. CAMS had a come and try day at SMSP at Eastern Creek. I had a go at super sprint and a motorkhana. Then the MGCC Newcastle had a come try day at hill climbing. So I went along to both of them and thoroughly enjoyed both of them. The instructors where extremely helpful and very brave.

In what activities or events are you (or have you been) involved or competed?

I mainly compete in hill climbs and have had a go at 1 super sprint on the south track at SMSP. I am looking forward to having a go at Wakefield Park in October this year.

What do you enjoy most about your involvement in motor sport?

Everyone is extremely friendly. If you break down and lift the bonnet everyone comes a running like ants to sugar. Everybody has either been there or done that and help you back on the track.

Also if you don't know the track very well they will coach you on how to take the corners. This is extremely helpful.

But most of all, the friendships you make.



Bronwyn in her MGF at Ringwood

What has been your greatest achievement in motor sport?

I would have to say going out at each event, and just keep trying to beat my old time. I like to start the day with a slow time and then just try and get better on each run

which is very satisfying and then of the day. Most people do a good time at the start of the day and then have no where to go because they can't beat their time and get very frustrated with themselves.

My other achievement was coming second in the ladies section of the MGCC Newcastle in 2014.

Do you have any non-motor sport interests or hobbies?

My husband and I both shoot Pistol and Long Arms at our local range and going for day drives with our friends in our MGB. One friend has a MGB and the other a MX5.

I also like to cook. I like to make some slices for the officials on comp days at the track. They deserve to be spoilt as they do a great job.

What's the best advice you have been given about motor sport?

When you are behind the wheel and the green light come on DRIVE IT LIKE YOU STOLE IT. (I must be honest because I do not drive very fast)

Who is your motor sport hero and why?

I do like Mark Winterbottom and Craig Lowndes but most of all, my husband. He is my mentor, mechanic and pit crew. He helps me get strapped into the car, make sure I have my helmet and gloves on and changes the numbers for me. When the day is over we pack up and talk all the way home about what I could do better next time, plus we analyse the go pro when we get home and see where we both went wrong or right.

What is your current Road Car?

My current drive is a XR8 Falcon (and I drive it like I stole it).

Any comments you would like to add.

I often encourage other women to have a go to see if they like it.

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ARDC PRIVATE PRACTICE REPORT

This is my first year of motor sport since 1979 and I am doing as many and varied events as possible. So SMSP was high on my list.

I am doing the State Hill Climb series; have done Marulan, Bathurst Esses and Canberra. I am registered in the Tri Challenge Series, have done a Lap Dash at Tamworth, and have done the three Hill Climbs at Ringwood.

Cost at SMSP is \$160, or \$130 if you are in the ARDC. Gates open at 6am and you pick which pit garage you want; first in best pick. I got there at 7am and had no problem getting a good spot.

Registration is on the day. Sign the waiver, get a session schedule, attend the drivers' briefing and away you go.

No scrutineering! No safety check! If it starts, you are in!

We were divided into 4 categories; Open Wheelers, Closed Vehicles (V8 Supercars, V8 Utes, Aussie Racers and cars with drivers that have racing licences), S2 licence holders and motor bikes.

We did four 20 minute sessions on the Brabham circuit, including the new section near Corporate Hill.

In S2 category there were about 40 cars and session one was bedlam! Too many cars, a couple of people fell off the track and 2 red flags.

Session two they divided the field into two groups and not a problem from then on.

Speed difference made things interesting. My 180B was on track with a Porsche GT3, WRX's, EVO's and heaps of Skylines.

Sessions 2,3 and 4 were run red flag free and I started to get a rhythm.

Vigilance on the rear view mirrors was the key for me. Most quick guys waited for a safe place to pass, but there were some who just dived into the corner regardless and expected me to move mid corner. Some even passed with a yellow flag and after the chequered flag!

By the last session I was learning a bit about picking lines, braking points and throttle control.

As far as "Bang For Buck" is concerned the day was fantastic; over an hour of flat out driving, lots of people to talk to and great cars to look at.

I will be going back.

Russell West

SPEED PANEL REPORT

Well to those competitors who competed in the Second Round of the Tri Challenge, on the 20th and 21st June, certainly had their work cut out, getting to know the new A2A Circuit , to those who didn't attend that means two loops of the top track.

Your club hosted this event, and it was pleasing to see members from Tamworth, Kempsey, and Coffs Harbour attend this event , all competitors enjoyed the new circuits and anxious to try more of the layouts, however due to the rain, which doesn't seem to stop lately, had caused some concern on the Saturday practice, particularly with Jason Newling from TSCC, depositing his car beside the concrete blocks at the start line, fortunately the mud slowed him down sufficiently not to damage his WRX, we should have charged him extra for the earth moving.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Ken Short (Steward), Doug Rae (Clerk of the Course), Gregg Noonan (Chief Scrutineer) and Brian Sutton (Assistant Scrutineer), the Gregory boys and other officials who ran the weekend event, thanks again guys its most appreciated.

Just as a guide the following indicates how many first, second and thirds each club achieved during the second round of the Tri Challenge event.

FIRST – SECOND - THIRD

MGCCN	- 8	- 5	- 6
KSCC	- 4	- 5	- 0
TSCC	- 2	- 2	- 1

The winners for first second and third placing of these events, will receive their trophies at the next Tri Challenge event at Tamworth, scheduled for 15th & 16th August, I hope all MGCCN competitors try and attend this event, they really need our support, to those competitors who have never competed at Oakburn Park, this is a very tight challenging short circuit, and a lot of fun, so come along and enjoy the fresh climate, and log fires on Saturday night.

To those members who attended the third round of the CSCA championship at Wakefield Park on the 27th June, certainly had a good time with a full field, some groups didn't quite get their fourth run, due to an accident on the main straight, all in all it was good competition particularly from Gregg Noonan, John Finch, Ted Dial and yours truly trying to get the grips of the Lotus, which is quite a challenge.

To those members who have progressed as a CAMS Official and completed their Online Training, will also need to perform their accreditation at an MGCCN event, once completed your club will conduct training seminars by a CAMS authorised trainer for the following positions -Stewards, Clerk of the Course, Club Chiefs, and Scrutineers, the scheduled date for these seminars will be advised shortly, a special thanks to those few members who have volunteered their time, to assist with the running of club events, we still need more officials, particularly with new approved circuits being available, so if you can assist please contact myself.

Also please note the that Round 4 of the MGCCN Ringwood Hillclimb Championship will be held on the 23rd August, this was originally scheduled for the 30th August, we will probably use a different Circuit for this event, so stay turned or better still, come to a Club Night and find out.

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