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Coming Events - November 2016

Thurs 03		Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 05	WAC	Khanacross 2pm	Awaba
Sun 06	MGCCN	Hillclimb A6	Ringwood M TS6 CC22
Mon 07		Magazine Assy 2pm	Cobby St M
Wed 09		Speed Panel 8pm	Cobby St M
Thurs 10		Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 11		Club Night AGM 7:30pm	Cobby St M
Sat 12	AHRG	CANCELLED	Upper Hunter TR5
Sun 13	NSW HRG	Southern Cross Stage	Ringwood
Tues 15		Board Meeting 7:30pm	Cobby St M
Thurs 17		Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 18		WRC	Coffs Harbour
Sat 19		WRC	Coffs Harbour
Sun 20		WRC	Coffs Harbour
Sun 20	MGCCN	Motorkhana YDDC 8 Training	Ringwood M MK6 Dirt
Tues 22	MGCCN	Mid Week Club Run	Morpeth
Thurs 24		Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 26	MGCCN	Natter Night	Allan & Louise Evans
Sun 27	MGCCHR	Concours Elder St Park	Lambton
Sun 27	HDCC	STATE Khanacross Rd 9	Hampton

Coming Events - December 2016

Thurs 01		Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 04	MGCCN	Club Run ** CANCELLED **	TBA M R15
Sun 04	AHRG	Xmas Run	TBA
Mon 05		Magazine Assy 2pm	Cobby St M
Mon 05		Driver Training Private Hire	Ringwood
Wed 07		Speed Panel 8pm	Cobby St M
Wed 07		Driver Training Private Hire	Ringwood
Thurs 08		Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 09		Presentation/Xmas Party 6:30pm	Mayfield Diggers
Sun 11	MGCCN	Club Rooms WB	Cobby St
Tues 13		Board Meeting 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 15		Working Bee	Ringwood
Tues 20		<i>School Term Finish</i>	
Sun 25		<i>Christmas Day</i>	
Mon 26		<i>Boxing Day</i>	
Tues 27		<i>Extra Public Holiday</i>	

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.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

This Friday night is our AGM and Election of Officers for 2017. Further to my comments in last month's report, I can now confirm that several the current Board members are retiring and others looking for a change, so again, if you are in anyway interested in joining the Board, please arrange for your nomination to be lodged. Remember you don't have to be a full member to be nominated for a position, so this is a chance for current Associate Members to become involved in the running of the Club and upgrade their membership status.

While the number of competitors for the Mattara Hillclimb was down on what we had hoped for, at just 58, the event proved popular with all who attended, competitors and spectators alike.

I took the opportunity to stand back from the running of the event on the weekend and spent my time on the gate, initially directing competitors to their assigned paddock bay, then looking after the spectators as they arrived. Many of the spectators said it was their first trip to Ringwood. I quizzed each of the spectators about how they knew the event was on, the results giving us an insight into where our advertising efforts should go. Some things we did, worked well, while others didn't, at least we now have something to go on for future events.

We got some very positive feedback from spectators. They all liked the facts that they could see the whole track, that parking was easy (unlike King Edward Park) and many could have discussions with the drivers and get a closer look at the cars in the paddock area. There were quite a few who commented that "this is better than King Edward Park"! There were also many people who didn't realise that Ringwood even existed before this event, hopefully the word will go out now. I know there was a lot of interest about the Come & Try Hillclimb on the 22/10/16. What a shame it was such a lousy day, weather wise.

I must again thank the very small group of members who believed that the Mattara Hillclimb should live on and pitched in to make the event happen. We can be proud of what was achieved. While it has been pointed out that we only made half the money that we did at last year's Mattara at K.E.P, it was less than one eighth of the work. The best bit was, that the venue was dismantled and equipment all stored away by the time the presentation was taking place. No working bees on the next day or the following two weekends. How good was that!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members approved by the board to join the club:

PETER DI PRINZIO – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – VC BROCK COMMODORE
ANDREW GOUGH – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NISSAN 200SX
ROSS HOLSWICH – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MORRIS 1500/AUSTIN A40
LACHLAN HOLSWICH – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MAZDA MX5
ANDREW JOHSON – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MAZDA RX7
LUKE KILBY – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – TOYOTA SOARER
PATRICK NAVRATIL – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NISSAN SILVIA S15
GLENN ROSS – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – 1976 KOMBI
KAREN ROSS – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
STUART VICKERY – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – COLT RALLIART
CATHY VICKERY – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
ANDREW GOUGH – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NISSAN 200SX
BEDE GRIFFITHS – FULL MEMBER – 1964 MGB ROADSTER

There are currently 510 financial members, including Life and Honorary members.

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Somehow the months of October and November always end up being the busiest for the year, this year is now different, with Hillclimbs, Khanacross, Motorkhana and Concours all happening. On top of the venue at Ringwood has been hired for 4 days for Driver Training and the use as 2 stages in the Southern Cross Rally event in November. Of course, probably the most important event for the immediate future of the Club is the AGM and Election of the Board members for the 2017 year. I hope to see you there.

Yours in MGs & Motorsport
Dave

REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

In my last report I indicated that we would have one more Club run for the year which was to be a midweek run on Tuesday the 22nd November and I had organised to go to the winery on Port Stephens Road at Bobs Farm for coffee. Well guess what - in the meantime the venue has burnt down, so that's definitely out.

So now on the 22nd November we are going to the Savannah on Swan café/Gallery and Gift shop at Morpeth instead. The plan is to meet at the Club rooms at 9.15am for a 9.45am departure for a coffee in Morpeth. It will also give the ladies an opportunity to walk around the shops and maybe pick up a Christmas present or two in one of those speciality shops Morpeth is renowned for. I hope you can get that special car out of the garage and join us.

This year I have tried to vary the Club Runs to suit all tastes and some have been more successful than others but overall they have been quite well attended with the standout of course being the Gosford Classic Car Museum. However others were well attended also and we had 20 people at the Gloucester Xmas in July weekend which was a great weekend. I am standing for Register Captain again next year so I will see what other trips I can come up with. I have a few in mind.

As there is no Club magazine in January, I have started thinking about an Australia Day event and have decided we will go back to the Lakehouse café at Murray's Beach for brunch where we went this year and had a good rollup of 38 members. Details will be on the website in due course and I will send an email out a week or two before then as a reminder. However I have made a booking so I will need to get names for that one at your earliest convenience. Put it on the calendar now!

Louise and I are off to Singapore in the next few days for a bit of R&R where we will join a ship and cruise back to Sydney. So if I don't see you at the Club Run or the Christmas Party, I wish you and your families all the best for Christmas and I thank you for your support this year.

Ken McLeod
Register Captain

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KHANACROSS UPDATE

The Khanacross scheduled for 23rd October was called off due to lots of rain on the Saturday (during the come and try hillclimb), leaving muddy areas on the dirt, which could have been dragged onto the tar area. However, after the decision to cancel was made the weather turned great for the Sunday Too late.

With some quick calls to CAMS we were able to use the same permit to run the event on Saturday 29/10/16 (the only date available). After as much publicity for the event as could be done within a week we had 10 starters. There were two juniors in the field, nine competitors ran dirt/tar and one ran tar only. Due to the small number of entrants everyone enjoyed seven runs in the dirt area and 10 on the tar. Not too bad for the entry fee.

The event turned into an event long tussle between Duane Cribb in his Evo Lancer and Raymond Holgate in the Subaru, with the eventual winner being Duane Cribb by less than four seconds.

I would like to thank those people who came and helped run the event, and make it the enjoyable day it was.

See you at the motorkhana on 20th November. Remember the event is run in conjunction with the Young Driver Development Program.

Cheers
Leo

Thursday Working Bees

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors of MG Car Club Newcastle Incorporated will be held at the Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Shortland, on Friday November 11th 2016, commencing at 7:30pm.

Agenda:

- Apologies

Confirmation of minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, 13th November, 2015

- Summary of the Club's activities over the past 12 months
- Treasurer's Report and Report from the Auditor
- Election of the Board of Directors for 2017 (all positions become vacant)
- Any other business as submitted in accordance with the Club's Rules. Members are reminded that Special Business needs to be submitted to the Board before the meeting.

Rules: Members are reminded of the following:-

- Only full Members are allowed to vote
- Both Full and Associate Members can accept a nomination for a position on the Board of Directors
- Both Full and Associate Members can nominate any Club Member for a position on the Board of Directors
- Associate Members will be granted Full Membership if elected to the Board of Directors
- Members must financial to 28th February 2017 to be able to vote
- Current Financial Membership Cards should be produced in order to obtain Voting papers.
- Voting papers will not be issued after the current Board positions are declared vacant
- Nominations should be completed and posted or handed to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the meeting
- Associate Members are permitted to cast proxy votes for a Full Member who is absent; only if the Proxy form is completed and posted to or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

All Proxy forms must be signed by the member appointing the proxy and must comply with our constitution.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Board of Directors - Positions

President - the leader, chairs Board meetings, and has the casting vote in case of a deadlock decision. Delegates jobs to Board persons, encourages members at events, and always acts with the best interests of the Club and its members. Supports Board members in the performance of their roles.

Vice -President - assists the President, stands in for him/her when the President is absent. Helps other committee members with any special projects.

Honorary Secretary - takes the minutes, deals with the incoming and outgoing correspondence, circulates information to members, via the magazine and passes on information to the various panels. Answers enquiries about the club and its activities. Is the Club's primary contact with CAMS.

Honorary Treasurer - handles the Club's accounts, receives the money, deals with banking and investments. Is responsible for paying the accounts, keeping records and making sure that the books are audited at the end of the financial year. Prepares the Annual Financial Reports.

Publicity Officer - informs members and the general public of our activities. Always striving to keep a high profile of the Club whenever possible. Extra promotion for large events such as State Hillclimb events at Ringwood Park, etc. Endeavour to get Club information into newspapers, radios or magazines. May assist the Register Captain with displays and parades, and the Editor with advertisers for the magazine.

Club Captain – Receives event results, working bee records and attendance sheets for the point score. Keeps the point score for the Club and Event Championships and maintains the Club Member point score, assists with preparation of the calendar. Co-ordinates with the various panels to organise trophies for distribution after the events.

Social Secretary - provides supper for Club Nights each month, (does not have to cook, supper items can be purchased.) Organise other social outings as well as Christmas/Presentation Dinner and Natter Nights. Ideally forms a social committee of helpers.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Magazine Editor - does not write the magazine, but receives articles written by others to edit and produce the magazine. Ensures the magazine is delivered to and from the printer. Organises the Magazine Assemblies and posting. Handles gathering of advertisers, artwork and invoicing.

Register Captain - Someone who is likely to attend most of the Club runs. Organises the monthly Register Runs, also the annual Concours. Keeps the register point score for MG owners, contacts MG members for promotional parades or displays. Maintains a close liaison with the Register Secretary to promote the interests of MG owners. Works with the Event Co-ordinator to ensure activities are included in the calendar.

Register Secretary - assists the Register Captain to plan and conduct MG events. Ensures enquires and correspondence specifically relating to MGs are considered and answered. Looks after the Club's Historic Registration Scheme. Keeps abreast of MG information in Australia and overseas.

Maintains a close liaison with the Register Captain to promote the interests of MG owners.

May act as National Meeting Co-ordinator organising accommodation and travel arrangements.

Event Co-Ordinator – Works with all Panel Co-ordinators to set up the year's calendar along with the Club Captain to construct the list of Club Championship point score events. Helps other panel members to promote their events. Is responsible for keeping the calendar current with event changes that often happen, and supply to Editor a list of coming events for the current magazine.

Chairman of Rally Panel – Keeps abreast of Rallies, Rallysprints, Touring Road Events and Touring Assemblies that are scheduled for the year. Works with Event Co-ordinator to schedule "Rally" events in the calendar. Ensures that scheduled events are organised in a timely manner, does not have to set or run them himself. Brings "rally" matters to the Board for attention as required.

Chairman of Speed Event Panel – Co-ordinates a panel of like-minded members to organise Speed events such as Ringwood Hillclimbs, Supersprints etc. This person does not have to direct the events, but is responsible for making them happen and can assist. Ensures event permits from CAMS are in place and supp regs are available and distributed in a timely manner. Make sure enough officials are organised and that the venue is ready. Results to go to the Club Captain.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Works with the Event Co-ordinator and Publicity officer to maintain accuracy of the calendar and promote the events.

Chairman of Autotest Panel - Co-ordinates a panel of like-minded members to organise Motorkhana/Khanacross events for the year. Locate suitable venues. Once again does not have to organise the events, but ensures events are organised in a timely manner and arrange for officials, timekeepers, paperwork to CAMS etc. Sends results to Club Captain.

Membership Secretary - processes new membership applications for presentation to the Board for approval. Processes member renewals. Keeps the database of club members up to date. Ensures new members receive relevant information on joining.

Chairman Land Panel- Co-ordinates a panel of like-minded members and is responsible for the maintenance of the Track and surrounding area at Ringwood. Organises any work to be done by other parties or organises and advertises working bees of club members for general maintenance of the Complex. Works closely with the Event and Equipment Maintenance Co-ordinators. Makes recommendations to the Board on improvements and works at Ringwood.

Chairman of Equipment Maintenance Panel - responsible for the maintenance of mechanical equipment at Ringwood Complex. Does not have to fix it personally, organises necessary work to be done by others, so that equipment is fully functionally. Makes recommendations to Board regarding equipment needed.

Member No.1 - This person has no direct responsibilities, helps other Board members with projects, and may have previously been on the Board.

Member No.2 - Must be first appointment to the Board, assists other Board members. Is a good introduction to the running of the Club, its business and activities.

FAREWELL

Douglas John Kelley

9th December 1934 ~ 16th September 2016

Aged 81 Years

President MG Car Club Newcastle Sub Centre 1960 ~ 1961

Doug was husband to Elizabeth, father of Lisa and Amanda and the elder brother of Graham. He married in the mid-sixties after many years of motorsport and settled down to raise his family. During this time, he worked for R&Z Mining doing legal consultation work for them. He also managed to become a professional driver (of Taxis) doing night work mostly, along with his brother and as it happened with many other car club members.

Before marriage he and Graham lived in their family home at 21 Tooke Street Bar Beach. He had joined the car club in the late fifties and became President in 1960. At Tooke Street, there was a large garage which housed cars such a 57 Supercharged Packard (tow car), a Fiat Abarth, a few MG TCs, one of which was an open wheel racer and of course his ex-Austin Miller Cooper Climax. Can you imagine the possibility of a Cooper Climax, open exhaust, doing test runs on Brooke Street, behind the then wool sheds, late at night, making sure that all was well before heading off to an event?

Doug raced the Cooper at all the major circuits of the period including Warwick Farm, Catalina Park and Bathurst. In the mid-sixties, he and Graham drove a Mini Cooper in the 1963 Armstrong 500 at Bathurst and that ended with gearbox troubles. He competed in the first race meeting on the oil sealed dirt surface at Oran Park.

Doug was also a hillclimber. He was one of the first members of the "under 40 Club" at Silverdale. One of his disappointments was running second in the Australian Hillclimb Championship by a very narrow margin when it was held there. During his Presidency and with the start of the Mattara Festival, he enthused members to organise the King Edward Park Hillclimb. The first Mattara event was held in 1963 which he won outright, as well as in 1964.

Since then, in conversation he always spoke very fondly of the event.

It is said that winners are grinners!



Above: Doug Kelley in the Newcastle South Pits, King Edward Park.

Below: the line up of cars at the all MG event





Left: Russ Baldwin, receiving an award in appreciation of all his years of support and assistance from Club President Dave Atkins.

Below: Mark Pickering and Dave Boddy giving a presentation on their Peking to Paris Rally triumph.



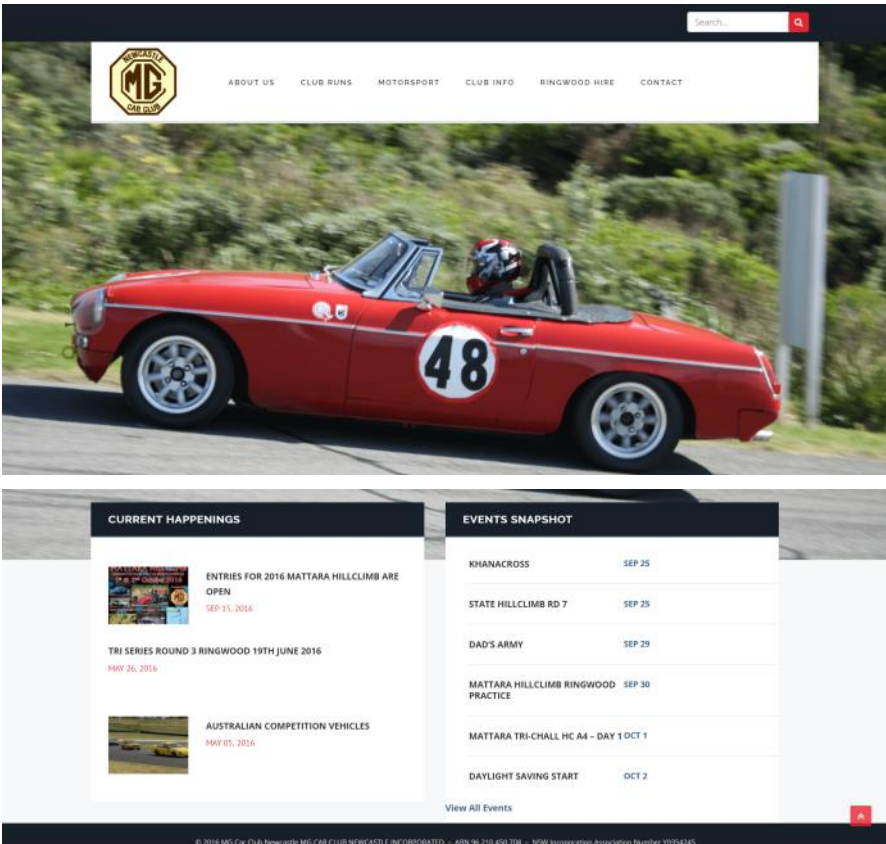


Above: 1st place winners for the Regularity Race on 16 October. Rachel and John Fraser, with Lyall Clarke, Dave Powell and John Collins.



Right: Men at work. Michael, Ted and Darrell at one of the many working bees at Ringwood Park

The new **MG Car Club Newcastle website** is now live.
 Below is a capture of the home page.



The Current Happenings and the Events Snapshot might not be visible on the screen due to computer display settings, scroll down the page to view them.

The menu items across the top of the screen have drop down menus.

On a number of the menus, the Calendar selection displays different event items depending on whether the event is categorised as Motorsport, Club Runs (non motor-sport) or Club Info (all events).

A lot of work has been put into this website, including the design, the background processing to manage the events and the way how new information is added or existing information is updated.

Due to the software program used (Wordpress), some of the older versions of various website browsers do not work well, for example a non updated Internet Explorer 8 as supplied with Windows 7.

Recent versions of browsers that work well are Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge as part of Windows 10 or Mozilla Firefox.

The website link has remained the same as the previous website
www.mgcarclub.com.au.

I hope that you will find the new website a joy to use.

If you cannot access the new website contact Michael Snow 0432 772 044

Below is the full listing of the menus at this time

About Us	Club Runs	Motorsport	Club Info	Ringwood Hire	Contact
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		Results Achive			

THE SOUTHERN CROSS GOLD ANNIVERSARY RALLY

8TH – 19TH November 2016

RINGWOOD PARK MOTOR SPORT COMPLEX 11.00AM 13TH NOVEMBER

Continued from last month

In 1967, Tony Fall, Timo Makinen and Paddy Hopkirk drove at Bathurst and these drivers competed in the Southern Cross Rally, but not the Bathurst race. It seemed natural to attract these drivers to participate in an Australian Rally, which has been set up under FIA regulations for them to compete, and thus was born international rallying in Australia with FIA homologated cars.

The 1966 and 1968 Southern Cross events ran from Sydney to Melbourne and back to Sydney, whilst the 1967 course was Sydney-Bairnsdale-Sydney. In 1969 there was a ban on rallies using shire roads in New South Wales and the event was based at Surfers Paradise, although it did use some roads in northern New South Wales.

In 1970, the rally started and finished in Sydney, but was based at Port Macquarie. The event was sponsored by Total Oil from 1973 to 1977. This became the format for future Southern Cross Rallies, with the last finishing in Port Macquarie.

Winners of the Southern Cross Rally were Harry Firth, Barry Ferguson MGCCN member (twice), John Keran, Andrew Cowan (six Times), Colin Bond MGCC Sydney member, Rauno Aaltonen, George Fury (twice) and Ross Dunkerton.

Other famous competitors were the likable Irishman Paddy Hopkirk, Roger Clark, Timo Makinen, Ari Vatanen, Hannu Mikkola, Harry Kallstrom, Shekhar Mehta, Joginder Singh, Henjiro Shinozuka, Bjorn Waldegard, Stig Blomqvist and Edgar Herrmann.

This article would not be complete with out a reference to those members of local car clubs who supported the event having made a large contribution to the success of the Southern Cross Event.

1966

Barry Ferguson MGCCN

1967

Barry Ferguson MGCCN, Ken Tubman HVSCC, Bruce Mudd/Ken Dark HVSCC and Ken Short NSCC/YMCA

1968

Hal Moloney/Chris Hall MGCCN Ford Falcon, Brian McIlvenna/Peter Crow MGCCN Studybaker Lark, MGCCN Entrant, Peter Houghton/Mick Nielson Peugeot, MGCCN Entrant, Andy Smith Renault Gordini and Kevin Lewis/Dave Boddy Datsun MGCCN (3rd Class A)

THE SOUTHERN CROSS GOLD ANNIVERSARY RALLY

1969

MGCCN Entrant, Peter Houghton/Mick Nielsen Peugeot, MGCCN Entrant, Andy Smith Renault Gordini, MGCCN Entrant, Dave Boddy/Neil Faulkner Falcon V8, Tony Crossey/John Collins Peugeot 403 MGCCN, Brian McIlvenna/Peter Crow Valiant Pacer MGCCN Malcolm Horsley/Keith Bateson MGCCN and Rudi Lutz/Doug Thompson Holden HR MGCCN (3rd Group2 Class E)

1973

Hal Moloney/Dave Boddy Colt SS MGCCN

1974

Hal Moloney/Kerry Anderson Leyland P76 MGCCN

1975

Barry Ferguson Lancer MGCCN, Neil Faulkner Glant/Bob Riley MGCCN, Wayne Bell/Mephram Galant MGCCN, Malcolm Horsley / Keith Bateson Volkswagen MGCCN and Doug Coulter/Kerry Anderson Lancer MGCCN

1976

Barry Ferguson/Neil Faulkner Lancer MGCCN, Arthur Evans Datsun 1200 MGCCN and Brian McIlvenna Ford Capri GT MGCCN

1977

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Wayne Bell Gemini NSCC

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Barry Ferguson MGCCN

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Wayne Bell/Dave Boddy Gemini MGCCN, Paul Bramble/Arthur Evans Glante MGCCN and Robert Wilson Datsun MGCCN

I was encouraged to put this article together after a conversation with the Southern Cross Director, Bob Watson who reminded me of the high degree of integrity and respect the MGCCN had as a leading rally club during the 60's and 70's.

In current values one would consider we are in a similar position with Hill Climbing in todays world.

Many thanks to my "Brains Trust", Hal Moloney who provided almost all the of information regarding our local competitors.

Greg Hunter

SPEED PANEL REPORT

Hi Guys,

Well what an active race calendar its been for August, September and October. It all started with the fifth round of the Ringwood Hillclimb Championship using Track A4 which by all accounts was greatly received, being the first event for this track selection, and providing a great opportunity to practice for those members who entered for the Mattara Event.

For those members who compete at the CSCA events were rewarded with the following results for two events:

13/08/2016 – SMSP GP Circuit – Fastest Time of the Day for MG CCN Members:

Kendall O Connor – MX 5 – 5th OR

Troy Traeger – EVO 8 – 9th OR

Bob Millington – WRX – 14th OR

18/09/2016 – Marulan Circuits – Fastest Time of the Day for MG CCN Members

Graeme Baxter – 6th OR – Dry runs

Aaron Vincent – 10th OR – Dry runs

Michael Miller – 12th OR – Dry runs

28/08/2016 – Ringwood Round 5 Track A4 – Fastest Time of the Day

Grant Cook – 66.86 (Amy didn't compete on that day ??)

Kevin Akers – 67.92

Jason Goulding – 68.57

Great weather welcomed a field of 58 competitors and spectators, for the first Mattara Hillclimb at Ringwood Park. Practice commenced on Friday the 30th September, which proved beneficial for all competitors, for the main event on the 1st and 2nd October. Track times were slowly reduced during the event, though a few incidents occurred, particularly on corner two, including the spectacular accident on corner five when then the car of Russell West, rolled over the Armco barrier and ended against trees on its roof. There were no injuries to Russell, thanks to his roll cage and head restraints.

Members who were unable to attend missed the action, provided by Doug Barry with an incredible time of 59.25, followed by Dave Morrow with a 60.92 with Amy Marcela barking at his heels with 62.48.

The feedback from spectators and competitors was extremely encouraging, with comments that Ringwood Park now provides more racing exposure, compared to King Edward Park. Being able to mix with competitors and racing cars was a huge benefit .

SPEED PANEL REPORT

The success for the whole weekend must go down to three members, namely Dave Atkins, Michael Snow, and Peter Robinson. Their continued efforts to make sure the whole event went without any dramas was brilliant. A special thanks must go to Peter for his sponsorship from Maitland Auto Parts, being the major sponsor for this event, with TV adds and News exposure really made the difference with large crowds attending both days.

Photos for the Mattara event will be available soon via the website, a special thanks must go to Jim Fernance for all of his action shots.

More action followed with the running of MG Cars Only Sprint and Regularity Event at Ringwood on the 16th October. MG owners from Sydney and Hunter Clubs competed in teams, to attain their nominated times to secure first place.

A perfect day welcomed 34 competitors, a total of six teams competed with our club creating three teams and securing first and second places, followed by MG Sydney for third. All visiting MG members were so impressed with Ringwood and this fun event, that they would now like to create this as a yearly event, maybe even with Queensland clubs ???

The final round of the Ringwood Hillclimb Championship, will be on the 6th November. Track A6 has been selected for this event, this will be the first time that A6 has been selected, (sorry about that Tom Clemens) which will prove challenging. Entries for this event are now open via www.cams.com.au - Cams Event Entry. Or your clubs website.

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

Regards,

Rick

A few words from Russell West

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the officials, volunteers and Tim the First Aid Ambulance guy for their assistance after I rolled my car on the Saturday of Mattara. Also thank you to the many members of all three Tri-Challenge Clubs who rang me in the following days, offering comfort and support. It is truly humbling to have received so many calls and messages. The car is in a bad way; I am fine, thanks to the full roll cage, fixed seat and 6 point harness, and, in particular, the HANS device and comparable helmet. I urge all competitors to wear a HANS device.

Thanks again, sincerely Russell West.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The October club night was well attended with a large number of members attracted to hear special guest speakers MARK PICKERING AND DAVE BODDY, the event winners of the 2016 PEKING TO PARIS RALLY.

The area they travelled through, at times was very rugged and dangerous, cars and drivers were put through their test during this amazing race. The cost of these events is enormous and bookings to join the Rally need to be made a long time ahead.

The next club night will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 11th November 2016. Details published in this magazine. Light refreshments will be served at this Meeting.

NEXT NATTER NIGHT

The next NATTER NIGHT will be held at Louise and Allan Evans home on SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2016 around 6.15pm. Bring along your barbeque requirements, BYO, salad, desert. For further details on how to get there please call Louise or Allan on 49572871 or Allan's mobile on 0412170871. This is always an enjoyable evening with lots of Natter and laughs.

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

G'Day All,

Nearly at the end of the year. Hope you have all been enjoying it! I have a big month ahead of me finalising results and ordering trophies. Wish me luck!

As usual they can also be viewed at <http://mgcc. johndroach.com> where there is an update for all the classes.

Be fearless!

John

Chis Dodds (Club Champion) - 8 events minimum to qualify

Club Ladies Championship – 4 events minimum to qualify

Paul Daley (Junior Champion) - 6 events minimum to qualify

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8, Sun 20th Nov, SEE Coming Events page for details.

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AND SEALED SURFACES**

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 magazine deadline.

Although a check can also be made using the club's website,

www.mgcarclub.com.au

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

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Mick Nielson

(Club Member of the year)

Member	Points
Michael Snow	156
Dave Atkins	116
Rose Collins	108
Doug Rae	105
Leo Frodl	96
Greg Hunter	92
John Collins	83
David Walker	78
Lyllal Clarke	78
John Finch	78
Gregg Noonan	76
Bryn Baverstock	74
Rick Vincent	72

Chris Dodds

(Club Champion)

Member	Points	Events
Darren Hodgson	177	14
Steve Woods	153	11
Fran Hodgson	118	11
Robert Mitchell	95	8
Dave Atkins	82	7
Chris Fernance	80	8
Rick Vincent	78	6
Michael Snow	77	7
Chris Orr	73	5
Joel Buckland	72	5
Tom Clemens	70	5
Terry Perkins	67	8
Lyllal Clarke	66	7

Club Ladies Championship

Member	Points	Events
Fran Hodgson	118	11
Bronwyn Lewis	43	5
Madelon Corbet	28	2
Leanne Woods	23	2

Member	Points	Events
Christian Thompson	145	13
Alex Frodl	77	6
Alexander Reeves	30	2

WORLD TIME ATTACK

Last month was October, which means World Time Attack Challenge (WTAC) at Sydney Motorsport Park (SMSP) has been and gone for another year. Once again the organising team have stepped up their event to another level and this year was the best one yet.

What is WTAC you say? It's really like a very big international level Supersprint. There are multiple cars on the track at once all trying to set the fastest lap they can. The event sees entries from all around the world and has grown over the years to be the premier Time Attack event not only in Australia but the World.

You are surrounded by motorsport the whole time you are there. From the car park you can hear the cars on the track. As you approach the pit area you pass the nice cars of the people that decided to get there earlier than you. Once into the pits you're surrounded by so much to do. Should I have a look at the stalls, should I go and watch from the top of the pits, should I wander past the back of the pits and catch a glimpse of the crazy cars with aero that would make an F1 car blush, maybe I'll run into a famous international driver! This year they have the drift king and JTCC champion Keiichi Tsuchiya as a guest, along with Mad Mike and the regulars like Tarzan Yamada and Nobuteru Taniguchi in the driver's seat.

Standing on the top of the pits on the main straight it's a great way of seeing these cars in full flight and on full song as they brake and enter turn one. Then turning around you can see the back half of the track with the tighter corners and wonder how they are managing to carry more speed around those corners than my poor little naturally aspirated 1.6L can muster down the main straight! Oh, what's that I see over there...a show and shine on the skidpan. Will I have time to see everything today? Probably not, I might have to stay overnight next year and come both days.

In addition to fast cars setting crazy lap times (see below) in the middle of the day everything quiets down a bit as they open up pit lane so you can get up close and personal with all the cars and drivers. At the same time they have historic and iconic motorsport cars doing laps and drift displays. The drift displays are best seen from the grandstand as they go edge to edge along the main straight, sideways, while still going fast. It really is something you need to see as the skill of the drivers and the car setups are really quite amazing. It is well worth sticking around after dark for the drift competition as well, as the best in the world attend and they are all very skilled at driving sideways (on purpose).

WORLD TIME ATTACK

So you might be wondering, just how quick are these cars? Well we did the same SMSP GP Circuit in August as part of the CSCA series. Our fastest car on the day was Kendall O'Connor who ran a 1:45.8376 in his very well prepared MX-5. The outright winner of WTAC 2016 was Tim Slade in the MCA Suspension prepared Nissan Silvia with a time of 1:22.1920. Quite a bit quicker!

This is my 5th year of going to WTAC and it has gotten bigger and better every year and I urge you all to go next year, especially if this isn't the kind of event you are used to attending, as it is really quite an experience. Some photos from the event follow this article. They are courtesy of my mate Peter Launt.

John Roach



An example of the Aero on the Pro Open cars. This Nissan Silvia, which was brought in from Japan by Scorch Racing and was driven by Under Suzuki, managed a lap of 1m23.13. Only good for 3rd place, being a whole second behind Tim Slade in the MCA Suspension Silvia (1m22.19) and Barton Mawer in what a Porsche 968 (1m23.03). These time are set on Yokohama A050 Semi-slicks, not full slicks.

WORLD TIME ATTACK



Above: The Datsun 240Z of Paul Henshaw, running in the Open Class, ran a 1m37.22

Below: The Pagani Huayra BC, which cut some demonstration laps during the event.





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From the Internet.....

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The MGA was very successful and they sold over 100,000 of them keeping the bolt machines running & the employees busy!

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