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Coming Events MAY 2018

Tues 1		School Term Start	
Thurs 3		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sun 6		Club Run	Paterson Tavern M R8
Sun 6	NSSCC	STATE Khana- cross Rd 3	Syd Int'l Dragway
Mon 7		Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St
Wed 9		Speed Panel	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 10		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 11		Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Sat 12	MGCCN	YDDC 3	Ringwood M
Sat 12	KSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 4 Pr	Kempsey Mt Cooperabung
Sun 13		Mothers Day	
Sun 13	KSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 4	Kempsey Mt Cooperabung
Tues 15		Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 17		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sun 20	MGCCN	Hillclimb A5	Ringwood M TS3 CC11
Sun 20	MGCCN	Biggest Morning Tea	10:00 am Ringwood INVITE
Sun 20	RCCA	STATE Motork- hana Rd 4	Nirimba Tar
Sun 20		Tilligerry Motorama	Tanilba Bay invite
Sun 20	Mini CC	STATE S'sprint Rd 2	Wakefield Park
Thurs 24		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 26	Jaguar	CSCA S'sprint Rd 2	SMSP North Ringwood M KC3 CC12
Sun 27	MGCCN	Khanacross	Dirt/Tar R9
Thurs 31		Dads Army	Ringwood

Coming Events - JUNE 2018

Sun 3	TCC	STATE Motorkhana Rd 5	Nirimba Tar
Sun 3	AHRG	Des West Memorial	TBA TR2 CC13 Dirt/Tar
Mon 4		Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St
Thurs 7		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 8		Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Sat 9	GSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 5 Pr	Grafton Mountain View
Sun 10	MGCC N	Come and Try Hillclimb A2	** new date ** Ringwood M
Sun 10	GSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 5	Grafton Mountain View
Mon 11		Queen's Birthday	
Thurs 14		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 16	AHOC	CSCA S'sprint Rd 3	Wakefield Park
Sat 16	CACA	STATE Motorkhana Rd 6	SMSP Skidpan Tar
Sun 17	TSCC	Tri-Chall Rnd 3	TBA TC3
Sun 17	MGCC N	Club Run	TBA M
Sun 17	NSWR RC	STATE S'sprint Rd 3	SMSP - North
Tues 19		Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 21		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sun 24	MGCC N	Hillclimb A2	Ringwood M TS4 CC14
Sun 24	HDCC	STATE Khanacross Rd 4	Hampton
Tues 26		1st Mattara Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 28		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 30	MGCC N	Motorkhana + YDDC 4	Ringwood M MK3 Dirt

Legend

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring Assembly

TC - Tri-Challenge

TS - Tar Speed Series

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Entries are now coming in for our next Hillclimb which is scheduled for 20th May. Jennean Bates and her team of helpers are well advanced with planning and preparation for the “Biggest Morning Tea” to raise much needed funds for the Cancer Council. Please come along as a competitor or spectator and support this very worthy charity fund raiser. This is a chance for every member to, socialise and see for yourself what is going on at the Club’s biggest asset. (other than its members). If you haven’t been to Ringwood, or not for several years, you will see many changes, all for the better. While on the topic of Hillclimbs, I can advise that we have applied to be considered to run the 2019 Australian Hillclimb Championship. Obviously, Bathurst Light Car Club and possibly others will also be lodging similar expressions of interest to the NSW Hillclimb Panel for consideration. Our submission is to run the event at Ringwood, although it was suggested we might run it on part of Circuit Italia. We believed it would be unfair to say that we would run on Circuit Italia in our submission as there are too many unknown factors at this early stage, not the least of which is the potential cost of hiring the circuit for 3 consecutive days. We ran a very successful AHC event in 2014 and there have been many improvements made to Ringwood since then, we are very confident that we could present an even better event this time around, should we be given the chance.

Last month I mentioned that we were being represented by the Fraser family at the Tasmanian MG National Meeting. I must congratulate them on their achievements, with Bruce, Michael and Beth picking up a swag of trophies between them, including 2nd Outright in the Motorkhana (Bruce) and 2nd Outright in the Speed event (Michael). Michael also won the Rocker Cover Racing event.

The points they earned, placed MGCC(Newcastle) 4th in the Nuffield Trophy and 8th of 16 Clubs in the Wratten Trophy. Well done to you all.

Over the past month or so I have been working on gathering as many of the important history records of the Club as I can, so that they can be properly recorded and where possible, filed in an orderly way.

We have 3 current members who joined the Club back in 1955. They are, Dick Edwards (Member 17) Howard MacLean (Member 24) and Jack McLaughlin (Member 25). They all had 1954 MGTF’s at the time. All 3 have been members for many years but have not held continuous membership since they first joined.

Doug Rae’s first membership of the Club commenced on 8/1/1957 when he owned a 1950 MGTD. While Doug’s membership hasn’t been unbroken, he was awarded Life Membership in 1976 for his services to the Club, an honour he has since earned many times over. It will probably be noted elsewhere but Doug has recently become the owner of the newest MG in the Club with his MG 6. I wonder how many different MG’s Doug has owned over the years!

While on the topic of recent acquisitions, it is great to see the nice red MG ZS, originally owned by the Hodgson's and then Ken Short back in the Club thanks to Brian Ford. My research also indicates that the longest continuous membership holder has now reached a very significant milestone, 60 years of unbroken membership. The records indicate that two of our members, Jim Sullivan, and Jeff Newey first joined the Club in early 1958 and Jim has held membership without a break since then. Jim was awarded Life Membership in 1964 for the part he played in having MGCC UK recognise and approve MGCC(Newcastle) as a stand-alone club.

Jeff has been the more active of the two in recent decades, as seen on last month's Clubtorque cover, he is a regular competitor at Hillclimbs and GEAR days.

The records that I have, indicate that Jeff was accepted as a member on 23rd May 1958. While Jeff didn't have an MG when he joined, a Morris Minor Convertible was the next best thing. It was to be a couple of years before he acquired his first MG. and has only had one short period in the ensuing years that he hasn't had at least one MG in the garage. Apart from a couple of years in the late 1970's Jeff has been a passionate MG owning member of the Club. He was awarded Life Membership in 1992.

I understand that at some stage or other Jeff has owned at least one of almost every model MG. (excluding the modern era ones.) The MG-J2 would be the earliest model, then 2 x TA's, 2 x TB's, 5 or 6 x TC's, TD's, TF's, every MGA model 24 different MGB's (3 of them he has owned on more than one occasion) A Magnette and an MG 1100. Many of these have been subject to restorations undertaken by Jeff. The black MG TC that Jeff won last year's Concours with was a rebuild/restoration of the car that was owned by a founding member of the Club, Bob Bunt (member No. 4 in 1955). It was quite an early TC built in 1948 with an Engine Number XPAG 1173 and Chassis Number TC 0489. Most of the time there has been more than one MG in his garage!

A couple more current members also joined for the first time later in 1958.

Since the last magazine we have only had the 2 Autotest type events, at Ringwood, both proved interesting, thanks to the impacts of the weather. The storm that hit during the Day/Night Khanacross saw some competitors determine that it wasn't a good idea to stay at Ringwood, so the event was abandoned, and the results determined on the 8 daylight stages.

The Motorkhana on 28th was poorly supported by adult competitors but thankfully the Juniors made up a reasonable field. I just hope that the complexity of some of the tests set wasn't too much for those Juniors having their first attempt at Motorkhana's.

Greg Hunter told me they used these tests to show that, in motorkhana's you must think about what you are doing. He was right about that!! (at least there was no dust this time.)

I thoroughly enjoyed both events as a competitor, and achieved something I never dreamt of ever achieving, a First Outright! I think the last, and possibly only time I did this in the past, was at a Vales Point Motorkhana about 20 years ago. Thank you to all those who stayed away!

Other members have been active in various speed events during the month with the Kempsey Round of the Tri Challenge series at Mt. Cooperabung Hillclimb having 6 of our members competing. This is a few less than has been the case in the past.

Just 4 of our members travelled to compete in Round 3 of the NSW Hillclimb Championship at Fairbairn Park, also a much smaller crew than normal.

It would still be good if one of the people competing at these away events could put together a brief report and a photo or two for the Magazine, I'm sure Bryn would like to have that input.

We have two events that count for the Club Championship coming up in May, these are the Hillclimb on 20th (and Biggest Morning Tea) followed the next Sunday by another Dirt/Tar Khanacross, even if you are not competing, come along and join in the fun.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Dave Atkins



MID YEAR COME & TRY HILLCLIMB

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018

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Entry Forms and Supplementary Regulations will be available on the Club website from 7th of May, entry's will close on 5th of June at 5.00pm if you have problems contact Greg Hunter by email gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au or mobile phone 0412 493 711.

You must access the supplementary regulations, to read and understand them, Page 2 contains the entry and payment information. It also contains the event time line, and driver safety requirements.

Club Driving Instructors will be available for those electing to gain expert advice. A number of runs will be allowed with instructor's in the car. You can COME & TRY by purchasing a L1 Come & Try Licence for \$25 plus \$50 entry fee. This gives you your day membership & insurance for a non-competition event. If you wish to compete in the future, you will have 6 months to cash-in the \$25.00 discount on the higher CAMS L2S licence

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8.30 AM DRIVERS BRIEFING/9.00 AM START

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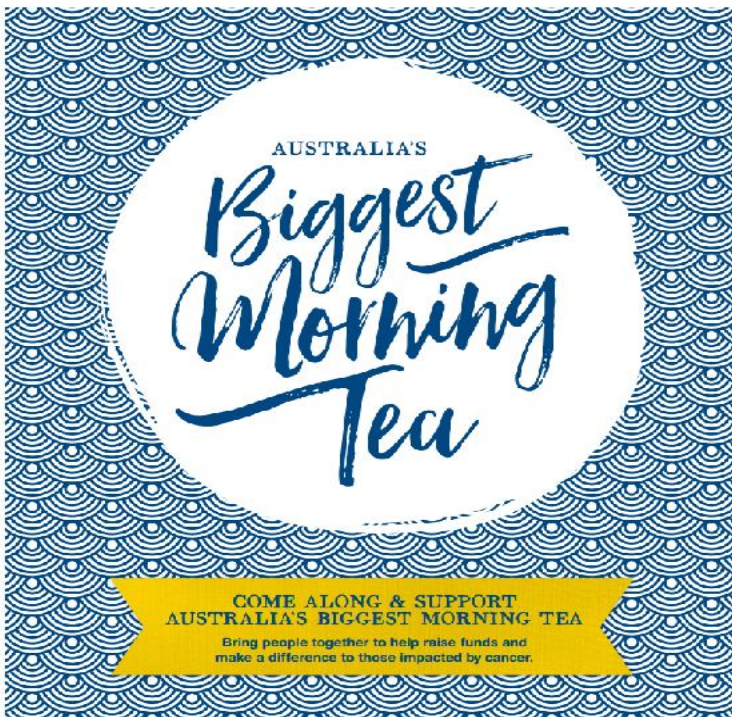


NEW MEMBERS

New members approved by the board yo join the club 17th April 2018

JAMES & JILLIAN GRAHAM - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MX5
 SIMON & TAHLIA MACPHERSON - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CELICIA 2000
 JAMES HANSON - ASSOCIATE MEMBER VW SIROCCO
 KELVIN THREADGATE - FULL MEMBER MG MIDGET
 BRENDAN WORTH - ASSOCIATE FORD CORTINA
 DANIEL KLEINIG - ASSOCIATE LC TORANA
 PAUL & TOM HAYMAN - ASSOCIATE FORD MUSTANG COUPE

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A CLUB NIGHT OR EVENT SOON



HOST	Bates and Co
DATE	20th May 2018
TIME	9.30am till 1pm
WHERE	Ringwood Motorsport Complex Italia Rd, Balickera
DETAILS	Come along for Yummy treats, Raffle prizes & to Donate

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BULLETIN #1
THE GOLDEN JUBILEE MG NATIONAL MEETING
2019 - REDLANDS QUEENSLAND

Fifty National Meetings is something worth celebrating, and this is what we, the MG Car Club of Queensland want to do with your help over the Easter long week-end of 2019.

Plans are well under way for a fabulous, fiftieth, fun filled, MG week-end, so put the date in your calendar to come to the Redlands area of Queensland to help us celebrate and have a holiday whilst you are here.

Redlands City is within easy reach of many attractions in the South Eastern part of Queensland, from large sand islands with their natural beauty, theme parks, wineries, little towns, to cities and whatever is in between. The only thing we don't have is snowfields.

April is usually quite pleasant, weather wise, the heat and humidity of summer have usually gone, the rains have usually gone leaving everything nice and clean and green. So here is your personal invitation to come to this historical event. The format for the long week-end will be:

Friday 19th April	<i>Registration and Scrutineering</i>	Redlands Performing Arts Centre, Cleveland
	<i>"Time Line of National Meetings"</i>	Redlands Performing Arts Centre
	<i>Noggin & Natter</i>	Redlands Performing Arts Centre
	<i>Rocker Cover Racing</i>	Redlands Performing Arts Centre
Saturday 20th April	<i>Concours de Elegance</i>	GJ Walter Park, Cleveland
	<i>"Time Travellers" Night</i>	Sheldon Event Centre, Sheldon College
	<i>Concours trophies presentation</i>	Sheldon Event Centre, Sheldon College
Sunday 21st April	<i>Hillclimb (Speed Event)</i>	MGCCQ's Hillclimb, Mt. Cotton
	<i>Observation & Social Run</i>	Redlands and surrounding area
	<i>Sunday Night</i>	Free night
Monday 22nd April	<i>Motorkhana</i>	Sleeman Sporting Complex, Chandler
	<i>Kimber Run</i>	Redlands and surrounding area
	<i>Golden Jubilee Dinner</i>	Sheldon Event Centre, Sheldon College
	<i>& Trophy Presentation Night</i>	
Tuesday 23rd April	<i>Farewell Breakfast</i>	Alexandra Hills Hotel Conference Centre
	<i>Delegates Meeting</i>	Alexandra Hills Hotel Conference Centre

The MG Car Club of Queensland invites you to come and help us celebrate 50 years of National Meetings at Easter 2019.

Expression of interest and enquiries to: mgccq@mgccq.org.au

Because a good number of country Queensland Club members will be staying at the Alexandra Hills Hotel which is only 3.3km from Cleveland, we are calling it the command centre for the week-end.

The **Redlands Bay Performing Arts Centre (RPAC)** is within an easy walk to the town centre of Cleveland where we have bulk booked some accommodation.

For those wanting to explore Brisbane there is a regular train service into Brisbane from Cleveland.

Those wishing to explore some of the islands in Moreton Bay, regular vehicular and passenger ferries run from Cleveland also.

Time Line of National Meetings – We envisage creating a time line of photographs of people and their cars taken over the 5 decades. This will bring back memories for you all. So start looking back through your old photos now and earmarking them in readiness. We will need them in photocopied or digital format only with the, who, what, where and when details. Just a couple of very select photos per decade, thanks. More details on that to come in future bulletins.

The Concours will be held at Cleveland in a bay-side park adjacent to Queensland's 1st Pub "The Grand". This historic and quirky pub would make an idea gathering spot for those wishing to organise a Pre War or a V8 gathering on the free night, as it has character, and has cooling sea breezes most nights on the verandah.

Mt Cotton Hillclimb has been owned and operated by the MGCCQ and has just **celebrated its 50th year** this year. Many consider it as one of Australia's most challenging Hillclimbs with both uphill and downhill sharp turns. It is a good spectator hill as all the track can be viewed from the spectator area. It is civilised with flush loos and a wonderful canteen. Set in a treed environment we often have some of the local wildlife visit whilst the hill is in progress. Plenty of information is on our club website regarding Mt Cotton for you to view.

The Observation, Social and Kimber Runs will take you to places where you can have the opportunity to view historical places, Moreton Bay, Harbours, wineries, our wonderful trees etc.

Accommodation MGCCQ have made bulk bookings on 3 Motels all of which are in easy reach of the activities. They are the Alexandra Hills Hotel, Pacific Resort, and the Cleveland Motor Inn. Once you have decided which motel/hotel you would like to stay at, then, all you have to do is simply ring the motel, quote the following with the dates you require, your credit card details and you are all booked in. :-

Group Name: *The Australian Golden Jubilee MG National Meeting Easter 2019.*

Function Date: 18th – 23rd April (you can book either sides of this of course)

Group Booking Number: Alexandra Hills Hotel MGE042019

Pacific Resort 115367

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WANT TO GO ON A ROAD TOURING EVENT?

The next round of our TRE Series will be the AHRG event
the Des West Winter Classic on Sunday June the 3rd.

See rally coordinator Bernard Corbett for information

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Des West Winter Classic

Starts at Stroud in the park just on the western side of town, turn left into it, if you go past the local swimming pool entrance you have gone too far. Entries will be taken up to 9am on the morning of the event..

Total distance will be 205km's, a sit down light lunch will be provided to competitors at Clarencetown the finish will be at East Gresford. Around 40km's will be on good quality gravel roads.

Supplementary Regs should be on the AHRG website soon.

HAVE YOU BEEN LATELY?

IT'S CLUB NIGHT THIS FRIDAY 11th MAY 2018
 COME & ENJOY A CHAT WITH FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS
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In this video, motoring journalist Angus Mackenzie retraces this win by the great Stirling Moss in a modern 6.2 litre V8 Mercedes Benz roadster. Includes footage of the actual race and an interview with Moss driving the same route in this late model roadster.

Ken McLeod



15 Apart from being one of the greatest days in the author's life, the 1955 Mille Miglia was also one of Stirling Moss's greatest driving feats. He averaged nearly 100 m.p.h. for more than ten hours over the everyday Italian roads between Brescia and Rome. Here the winning team of Moss/Jenkinson are seen in a beautifully 'balanced' and relaxed-looking condition on one of the bends in the Apennine mountains. The front of their Mercedes-Benz shows signs of contact with some straw bales when they left the road momentarily near Pescara

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi Members, the point scores shown are as at 1/5/18.
Cheers Gregg.

Alan Bates Memorial Tar Speed (HC) Trophy

	Events	Rank	Points
Harry Harris	2	1	32
Warwick Berge	2	2	31
Wayne Lewis	2	2	31
Mark Granger	2	4	30
Matthew Granger	2	4	30
John Finch	2	6	28
Rick Vincent	2	6	28
Steven Woods	2	8	27
Garry Christopherson	2	9	25
Paul Whitworth	2	9	25
David Harris	2	11	24
Allan Evans	2	12	23
Andrew Walker	2	12	23
Christian Thompson (J)	2	12	23
Jeff Newey	2	12	23
Jeff Schmitt	2	12	23
Matthew Whitworth	2	12	23
Bronwyn Lewis	2	18	22
Damien Spinks	2	18	22
David Atkins	2	18	22
Lyall Clarke	2	18	22
Ben Southcombe	2	22	21
Kevin Akers	2	22	21
Richard Grant	2	22	21
Andrew Rigg	2	25	20
Luke Kilby	2	26	18
Mark de Gioia	2	27	17
Tyler Cannon	2	27	17

Chris Dodds Memorial Club Championship

	Events	Rank	Points
	Min. 8		Best 12
David Atkins	6	1	68
Steven Woods	4	2	54
Michael Fraser	3	3	35
Bruce Fraser	3	4	33
Harry Harris	2	5	32
Tyler Cannon	3	5	32
Kevin Akers	3	7	31
Luke Garland	3	7	31
Russell West	3	7	31
Warwick Berge	2	7	31
Wayne Lewis	2	7	31
Mark Granger	2	12	30
Matthew Granger	2	12	30
John Finch	2	14	28
Rick Vincent	2	14	28
Jake Bramble	2	16	27
Garry Christopherson	2	17	25
Paul Whitworth	2	17	25
Troy Morley	2	17	25
David Harris	2	20	24
Allan Evans	2	21	23
Andrew Fraser	2	21	23
Andrew Walker	2	21	23
Jeff Newey	2	21	23
Jeff Schmitt	2	21	23
Matthew Whitworth	2	21	23
Bronwyn Lewis	2	27	22
Damien Spinks	2	27	22
David Portelli	2	27	22
Joel Buckland	2	27	22
Lyll Clarke	2	27	22
Raechel Fraser	2	27	22

LAND PANEL REPORT

A great deal of work has been achieved over the last month.

Two new water tanks are now full thanks to the rain over the last month

The new shade marque is finished and has been used by spectators over the last couple of events, some problems were experienced after a server storm but these have been fixed.

Drainage work that has been started at the side of the training shed is now been fully piped and back filled and awaiting sumps and concrete to finish

The maintenance regime for the new tractor is now in the hands of Paul Bower who is also dealing with a problem with one of the clubs junior training cars.

Regular maintenance and preparations for up coming events such as motorkhana and khanacross is ongoing as well as hillclimbs.

Doug Rae



PS. Our new tractor has had a change of name. Well it was made in China!

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EUROMOTORFEST 2018 HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Back in the UK I was a member of the North of England Classic and Pre-War Automobiles Club (NECPWA) and displayed my Bond Bug at local classic car events run by the Club in the Newcastle upon Tyne area.

The nearest venue to my home was an event held each September at Belsay Hall and Gardens in Northumberland which I attended with my fellow member, Gordon Smith, who owned a 1929 Austin 7, fabric saloon. The editor of our monthly magazine, Dave Stanley, photographed our two cars side by side and used it as the cover picture on the April 2016 magazine.

Fast Forward Two Years.

When my wife, Enid, and I emigrated to Lambton to be nearer to our family, we brought with us, in the container, our treasured Bond Bug. I decided to go to the Hunter MG Club's Euromotorfest at the McDonald Jones Stadium on Sunday 15 April and, on arrival at the entrance, I was asked what it was and which country it was from. On being advised that it was from England, the steward asked me to park in the UK section next to the 1926 Austin 7 owned by Elliott Burns.

Lyll Clarke photographed the two cars and, although they are on opposite sides to the 2016 picture, you could not predict that such a coincidence would occur, across two years and two continents, worlds apart.

Brian Redford



SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



Firstly, a big “Thank You“ to Rose and John Collins for hosting our club Natter Night in April. The members who attended had a great night with good food and plenty of chatter. Louise tried desperately to create a singing group but it was more a chatter and catch up night. Perhaps next time we can sing Louise.

The men of the group had fun with John’s garage inspection. As usual it took much longer than anticipated as John had a few unusual cars ready for upgrades and enhancements. Moving forward to this month’s Club Night, Ken McLeod has organised a special movie/ documentary for the evening. See you there.
Cheers Chris Finch.



NATIONAL MEETING 2019

If you are thinking of going & want somewhere to stay contact the clubs Natmeet Co-ordinator Fran Hodgson

Contact details at the front of the magazine

AUTO TEST CO-ORDINATOR

There has been two events in the last month, our first Day/Night Khanacross for the year, and a Motorkhana.

The khanacross started out great for the day component of the event, but when we stopped for dinner there were clouds on the horizon. After dinner those clouds had developed into an approaching storm. The storm hit as racing was about to restart and as a result all racing was suspended as drivers and officials took cover. Not content with strong wind, heavy rain and lightning, the storm also decide to throw hail into the mix. Weather conditions that could rival what has been seen at Bathurst over the years.

In the interests of fairness and safety, the decision was made after the storm had passed, that the event would continue as a tar only event, and that only the runs completed before dinner would count towards the final results.

In the Combined event Datsuns led the way with David Atkin's 240Z triumphing over Tara Mowett's Stanza. Third was Christian Thompson in his Subaru WRX.

In the Tar only event Tim Blake's WRX took the lead over the Renault Clios of Alex Frodl and Steve Woods.

The weather was much more helpful for the Motorkhana. Some showers on the days leading up to the event and even during the drivers briefing meant that the grounds were in excellent condition for racing and dust was not an issue at all.

To shake things up a bit from the usual we tried a couple of different tests where there was no set route, but instead a number of objectives to complete such as enter two garages in reverse, one forwards and circle two flags. No longer was it simply a matter of driving fast, you now had to really think about and plan where to go in order to drive most efficiently between each part of the test.

For the Motorkhana, David Atkins once again showed his skill behind the wheel taking the 240Z home in first place. Second was Simon Gray and third David Portelli, both driving Hyundai Excels.

Our next event will be a Dirt and Tar Khanacross on the 27th May. Entries will be open by the time the magazine goes out. As usual, competitors are welcome to compete in the full combined event, or just the Tar Only event for those that prefer not to take their car on the dirt. Hope to see you there!

Cheers, Chris Fernance

2018 MG National Meeting

Cradle Coast Tasmania

This year's NatMeet was based in Ulverstone on the north coast of Tasmania, about 20km west of Devonport. The meeting was very well attended overall, with entries having been capped at 400. The Newcastle contingent was the smallest for many years at 7 entrants. We had only 3 competitive entries, being Bruce Fraser in the MGA and Michael & Raechel Fraser sharing their hard-working MGF. Social entries were Beth Fraser, 3 year-old Chloe Fraser and Ross & Marj Taylor.

Registration and scrutineering were held at the Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre, followed by the Noggin & Natter and Rocker Cover Racing at the same venue. The Rocker Cover Racing was very well run, with tiered seating and video on big screens giving everyone a great view. Michael & Bruce had borrowed 2 racers from Darren Hodgson, a "B" series for Bruce and a "K" series for Michael. Competition was extremely tight, with Michael winning the final with a best-of-3 result.

Saturday saw the Concours held in the beautiful riverfront Anzac Park. It was cool and overcast, but a great venue and display of cars. The shopping centre was only a short walk away and with large playground, so all members of our team were well catered for. Michael was pleased (but a little embarrassed) to get 2nd in class as there were only 2 MGFs entered. At least the car had been washed! MGAs were one of the biggest classes with 8 cars entered, so Bruce's car wasn't judged.

Sunday was very cool and a bit damp for the Hillclimb and Observation Run. The Hillclimb was held at Oonah Rd, Highclere, a 1 km closed section of public road about 45km south-west of Ulverstone. It was run by the North West Car Club, who did a great job to give the 100 competitors 4 runs. Buses were provided to ferry spectators between the pits near the start line, 2 viewing spots and a parking area at the top of the hill.

The MGA and MGF classes both ran in the afternoon, so the Frasers arrived mid-morning to check out the track and watch some of the morning runs. The morning group included all of the MGB classes and most of the modern MGs except MGFs. Conditions varied from damp to almost dry, and quite a few cars had "moments". One double-entered MGB spun twice at the same corner (one driver going up the hill, the other on the transport run back down the hill!!) and another hit the armco barrier quite hard at the final corner, bending the front left suspension and guard.

The afternoon session was also run in mixed conditions, but perhaps slightly less damp than the morning. In the MGA class Bruce Fraser had a battle with the other MGB-powered cars of local Don Fraser (no relation) and Nick Wood, eventually securing 2nd place behind Don with a 46.83 sec run. Michael and Raechel were the only 2 competitors in the MGF class, but Michael drove really well to not only win the class but take 2nd outright with a 43.57. Raechel also drove well to record a 48.91 on her second run, although her 3rd run was spoiled by a spin as conditions became wetter again. Most competitors elected to pack up and not take their fourth run as conditions deteriorated.

The Observation Run was reportedly very scenic and included some great driving roads, but freezing conditions at Cradle Mountain had some competitors refusing to leave

Sunday evening was the Theme Night, a “Kimber House Garden Party”. Most people came dressed in either garden party clothes or as some part of the garden, including garden gnomes and fairies. The Frasers went as pot plants, with hats sprouting flowers. A fun night was had by all.

Monday’s motorkhana was held in the nearby town of Penguin at the Sports Precinct. The 3 events were Multiple Loop, Pinetree Slalom and (modified) Historic Slalom. Conditions were cool and windy, but dry. The field was divided into 3 groups, and everyone had 2 runs at each event. Team Newcastle again performed very well, with Bruce winning the MGA class and Michael & Raechel scoring 1st and 2nd respectively in the MGF class. Bruce’s time was good enough for 2nd outright, behind the MGB that had hit the Armco at the hillclimb and had been patched up overnight!

The presentation dinner was a great night, again held at the Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre. Chloe was presented with a special MGCC “Benji Bunny” as the youngest registered entrant. The Wratten Memorial Trophy was won by Victoria, with Newcastle’s small team securing 8th place among the 15 clubs. The Nuffield Oceania Trophy was won in a very tight battle by Tasmania (14 points) from Queensland (12.55) and Tasmania (12.22). Newcastle was a very creditable 4th with 6.20 points.

The meeting wrapped up on the Tuesday morning with a very pleasant farewell breakfast at Pier01, a riverfront restaurant and function centre in Ulverstone.

Next year will be the 50th NatMeet and is being celebrated as a Golden Jubilee. It will be hosted by Queensland MGCC at Redlands Bay near Brisbane, and we’re expecting a much larger team to represent Newcastle MGCC there. Bulletin 1 and accommodation information is already available from Fran Hodgson or on the MGCCQ website.

Hope to see you there.

Bruce Fraser

THE FRASER GANG READY TO PARTY



MICHAEL & RAECHEL FRASER



NATIONAL MEETING CONCOURS 2018



BRUCE FRASER 1st IN CLASS & 2nd OUTRIGHT IN THE MOTORKHANA & 2nd IN CLASS AT THE HILLCLIMB

REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

This last month has been quite busy with a midweek coffee morning to Sal's at Speers Point Park earlier in April and a Sunday lunch Register Run to the Paterson Tavern and Bistro on 6th May.

Both events were well patronised and I thank you all for your support. I must apologise for not getting these two events into the April magazine but I didn't return from overseas until after the April deadline. However I have a large email list so the regulars will always receive advice of coming events. If you are interested in our various midweek or weekend outings and would like to be included on my email list, please let me know.

XMAS IN JULY – Each year the club celebrates Xmas in July and this year that event will take place on the weekend of 21/22 July as per the club calendar. This year we are going to Scone in the Upper Hunter, staying overnight and I have already booked 10 rooms at Airlie House Motor Inn. Rooms are available with either twin beds or doubles. Cost for the motel is approx. \$140 per room (including a continental breakfast) which is quite reasonable. The dinner will be at a different location and will be an extra cost. All details will be advised later. I am also trying to arrange an activity for the Sunday morning.

At this stage I am seeking EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST and no money is required at this point. I will sort out any deposits required and you should be able to settle costs at the venues on that weekend. SO PLEASE INDICATE YOUR INTEREST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as these things take a bit of organising.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and I hope you can join us on one of our outings during the year.

Ken McLeod
Register Captain
Tel. 02 49436239
Mob. 0408 682420

BREAKING NEWS

The American Classic Car Museum, "Lost in the 50's" at Cameron Park is closing it's doors and we have secured a visit for Sunday 19th August and the opportunity to display up to 10 MG's in the forecourt. Please contact Ken McLeod if you would like to display your car.

Visit their website at www.lostinthe50s.com.au

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DATES AND INFORMATION FOR 2018

NOTE ALL Events are conducted at Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex
Finishing time is approx..3.00pm, for all events.

**REGULAR YDDC TRAINING EVENTS Held on sealed and unsealed surfaces.
DOCUMENTATION COMMENCING 8.15 AM, TRAINING COMMENCING 9.00 AM**
Event Three / Sat 12th May Event Four / Sat 18th/ Aug

YDDC INTRODUCTION COMPETITION DRIVING "MOTORKHANA"
Held on unsealed surfaces. DOCUMENTATION 9.30 AM with the EVENT COMMENCING 9.30 am sharp.

Event Five/ 30th June.

No late arrivals please be on time. Minimum age 12 years.

YDDC INTRODUCTION COMPETITION DRIVING "KHANACROSS"
Held on unsealed and sealed surfaces.
DOCUMENTATION COMMENCING 8.00 AM, the EVENT COMMENCING 9.30 am sharp
One event only 17th of November. No late arrivals please be on time.
Minimum age 12/13 years, only with approval of the YDDC Panel.
Helmet must be worn, and clothing and enclosed foot wear to Speed Event Regulations.
In-car instruction will be conducted by YDDC instructors at all above events.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ALL YDDC STUDENTS

ALL STUDENTS TO ADVISE AND CONFIRM THEIR ATTENDANCE on the 6/7 DAYS before the dates LISTED ABOVE-----FAILURE TO ADVISE COULD LEAD TO THE EVENT OVER SUBSCRIBED-----IN WHICH CASE YOU COULD MISS OUT.

For NEW STUDENTS please note ENCLOSED footwear must be worn, DRIVERS YOU MUST TAKE WITH YOUR YOU CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS WELL AS YOUR CAMS LICENCE without both, your entry cannot be accepted

THE COMPETITION MOTORKHANA, IS A TRAINING MOTORKHANA ON THE 12TH OF MAY It's possible that above programme can change during the year, please check the above list, it will be updated as soon as changes come to hand.

However, it is not always possible to meet the Club Torque magazine deadline, event confirmation can also be check by using the club's website, www.mgcarclub.com.au.

If in doubt please call on 0412493711 or email Greg Hunter at gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au



EURO DAY 2018

A good turn out for the Hunter Regions Euro day & good weather to.

Pictured above Jeff Newey's immaculate TC & below the equally (as usual) Lyall Clarke's MGF with members Noel Parkinson & Ken McLeod probably discussing the virtues of Mercedes over MG's or was it the other way round! There was a good roll up of our members with their cars on display .



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TIME FOR A LAFF

I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DENTAL DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME. SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK HAIREED BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASS SOME 30-ODD YEARS AGO. COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN? UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT. THIS BALDING, GREY HAIREED MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS FAR TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE. AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL . YES, YES I DID. I'M A MORGANNER! 'HE BEAMED WITH PRIDE. WHEN DID YOU LEAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE?' I ASKED HE ANSWERED, IN 1965. WHY DO YOU ASK? 'YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!' I EXCLAIMED. HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY. THEN THE UGLY, OLD, BALD, WRINKLED, FAT ARSED, GREY HAIREED, DECREPIT, BASTARD ASKED.. 'WHAT SUBJECT DID YOU TEACH '

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead. "How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked her pupil. "Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently. You did WHAT?!? the teacher exclaimed in surprise. "You know, "explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Psst! and it didn't move."

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a shrink and told him:"I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."
"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink.
"Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."
"How much do you charge?" "One hundred fifty dollars per visit," replied the doctor.
"I'll sleep on it," I said. Six months later the doctor met me on the street.
"Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" He asked.
"Well, \$150 a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$23,400.00. A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought a new pickup truck."
"Is that so?" With a bit of an attitude he said, "and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"
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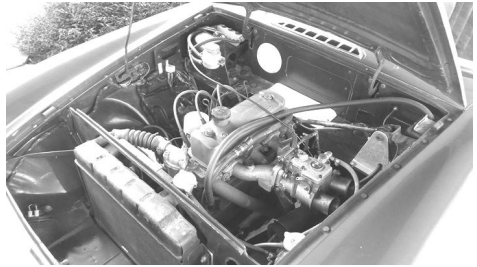
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