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Various Club Members

United Kingdom



Coming Events - August 2020

Sun 2	MGCCN	Khanacross D/T KC3 CC6 M 10am	RINGWOOD
Thurs 6	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Sat 8	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood Practice M 9am	RINGWOOD
Sat 8	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd5 9am	AWABA
Sun 9	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood M 9am	RINGWOOD
Sun 9	NSW MX5	State Motorkhana Rnd 9am	SMSF
Mon 10	MGCCN	Mag.Assy 2pm	COBBY ST
Wed 12	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M 7:30pm	COBBY ST
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night M—CANCELLED*	**CANCELLED**
Sat 15	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd2 Oakburn Park Practice 9am	TAMWORTH
Sat 15	MGCCN	YDDC-4 M	Ringwood
Sat 15	MOCA	CSCA Supersprint Rnd4 ** Can- celled ** 9am	SMSF
Sun 16	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd2 Oakburn Park 9am	TAMWORTH
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	COBBY ST
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Sat 22	MGCCN	Register Run M ** CANCELLED ** 9am	** CANCELLED **
Sat 22	AHRG	Touring Assembly Heart of the Hunter TR2 CC7 9am	TBA
Sun 23	WAC	State Motorkhana Rnd & MK3 CC8 10am	AWABA
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Sun 30	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd 6 & KC4 10am	AWABA

Coming Events - September 2020

Thurs 3	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Sat 5	MGCCN	Khanacross D/T D/N KC5 CC9 R11 M 2pm	RINGWOOD
Sun 6		<i>Fathers Day</i>	
Mon 7	MGCCN	Mag Assy. 2pm	COBBY ST
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Fri 11	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	COBBY ST
Sat 12	MGCCN	Working Bee M 8:30am	COBBY ST
Sat 12	TSOA	CSCA Supersprint Rnd5 9am	WAKEFIELD
Sat 12	WAC	Rallysprint 2pm	AWABA
Sun 13	RCC	State Motorkhana Rnd 9am	Nirimba
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	COBBY ST
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Sun 20	MGCCN	Hillclimb A3 TS3 CC11 & Come and Try M 9am	RINGWOOD
Sun 20	WAC	Motorkhana MK4 CC15 10am	AWABA
Sun 20	MCC	State S'Sprint Rnd5 T.B.A 9am	WAKEFIELD
Thurs 24	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	RINGWOOD
Fri 25		<i>School Term End</i>	
Sun 27	MGCCN	Club Run R12 M ** Cancelled ** 9am	** Cancelled **

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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Available most Thursdays, check in advance to ensure track works are not planned by the Land Panel on that day. Other days can be arranged, provided a suitably qualified "Supervisor" is available. CAMS have now implemented the MIDCAR protocols under which we must operate to be covered by their insurance policy.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The CSCA Supersprint we hosted on Saturday 18th July at Pheasantwood Park at Marulan was an extremely successful event, attracting an almost full field. From the reports I have received, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and had nothing but praise for the venue and the small team who made it happen.

The Motorkhana at Ringwood was run on the day after the Supersprint but only attracted a small field. The following weekend the scheduled working bee at the Clubrooms on Saturday 25th July, was very successful, with some building repairs done, such as replacing rotted sections of weather boards, making adjustments to the main entry door and security gate as well as mods to the security door at the kitchen. More unwanted materials were sorted and removed as well as a full clean of the interior floors etc. Thank you to those who came along. We will be holding at least one more advertised working bee at the Club Rooms this year.

We had organised to run our one Touring Assembly for the year the next day, unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Is this type of event now destined for the archives?

Sunday 2nd August saw a large field sign on for Round 3 of our Khanacross series, 39 entries would have to be the largest entry since we moved to the Dirt/Tar Concept on the limited tracks at Ringwood. The event was held under perfect weather conditions, which always helps with the enjoyment factor.

The State Hillclimb Series got underway again with our event on 8th & 9th of August. Unfortunately, this year's Championship has been severely impacted by the Coronavirus restrictions, there are only two more rounds scheduled after ours. This event only attracted 49 entries of which a large number were not registered for the series.

Unfortunately, with the issues around the Corona virus disaster in Victoria and the extreme concern that a similar thing could happen in N.S.W. we will continue to be operating on a day by day basis, depending on what happens. Our calendared events could be subject to change at relatively short notice. Keep an eye on the website for updates on coming events, and any COVID operating requirements, it's a very dynamic situation at present.

Hopefully, Tamworth will get to run their Round of the Tri-Challenge Series as planned, if you are intending to go, you should have lodged an entry by the time you get this magazine.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have 3 events that are to be run by other Club's but count toward our Pointscores, these being the AHRG Touring assembly, a WAC Motorkhana and a WAC Khanacross. You will need to pre enter for all of these due to the restrictions in place to enable our sport to continue. Again, I suggest using the website (s) is the best way to keep up with what the current situation is for all events.

I hope that by September we can be a bit more positive about the future, in the meantime, please stay safe and follow the guidelines.

Dave Atkins.

NEW MEMBERS

KATRINA BARDER – FULL MEMBER – 1965 MGB
PHILIP MORROW – FULL MEMBER
PETER GLENNIE – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – AUSTIN HEALEY BN6
LOUISE GLENNIE – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – 1968 E TYPE JAGUAR
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PAUL KAPATHY – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – SUBARU IMPREZA
ANDREW THOMPSON – FULL MEMBER – 1971 MG MIDGET
BRENDAN THOMPSON – JUNIOR MEMBER
DAVID SINCLAIR – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – VARIOUS MERCEDES BENZ
MALCOLM VILES – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – DATSUN 240Z
ADAM WADE – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – HOLDEN STATESMAN

SPEED REPORT

Hi All.

We Did It!

After a 4 month forced shut-down we ran two very successful speed events in July 2020 - one hillclimb and one supersprint. And (so far) no reports of Covid-19 transmission.

Tar Series Hillclimb Round 1 (TS1) was run and won on Sunday 5 July 2020 at Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex.

A big field of 65 drivers, with very good feedback from competitors who all appreciated the opportunity to get back on the track.

All drivers had the opportunity of 4 runs in fine weather. Track A3 (a long configuration) was used for competition, since that's how it was planned before the date changes. It meant that for competitors in the second half of the running order, the track was very shaded for their 4th run. A few of the older hands knew this would happen - a lesson for me and others for future hillclimbs.

A couple of short delays as the timekeepers investigated some unexpected behaviour of the timing system, but no significant disruptions to competition.

Covid procedures worked fairly well. Absence of entries on the day, electronic document checking and self-scrutiny resulted in a relatively relaxed start to the day for competitors, but more work in admin (ahead of the event) and checking of the self-scrutiny sheets on the day. People generally did not gather under the awning or at the canteen, which was good. But there were many small group conversations going on through the day without proper physical distancing, including at the results screens. Room for improvement here.

Fastest Time of the Day was achieved by Kevin Akers.

Special mention to Robert Mitchell for his spectacular and fast runs in his type 4 Toyota Corona. And great to see Peter Turbull going quickly in one of his own creations, the Turnham Mako C clubman.

Yours truly found out what the track looks like when facing the wrong direction and learned a lesson about cold tyres, cold track and oversteer at turn 6.

Our Combined Sports Car Association (CSCA) **Super Sprint at Pheasant Wood Circuit** was run on Saturday 18 July. A very successful Supersprint, the first CSCA event at this venue, and run by our club. A cool start to a sunny day meant excellent driving conditions and the feedback from drivers was enthusiastic, even from those whose cars were not well suited to the tight, twisty circuit. With a single straight that takes around 6 seconds to traverse in a lap of 60 to 70 seconds, it was all about the cornering! We had 61 starters in 6 groups which meant for plenty of laps. Up to 7 runs (each of 6 minutes at speed) completed per competitor. One competitor did 56 laps, his fastest was on lap 54.

SPEED REPORT

Covid procedures worked quite well on the day. There were no significant gatherings, but like the hillclimb, physical distancing could have been better between people having a chat.

Electronic document checking and self scrutiny made for a very smooth start to the day at the track, but loaded up the event secretary work in the weeks before the event.

On the day, we got by with a minimal number of officials due to regular MGCCN drivers all wanting to run! Several MGCCN drivers helped between runs, and with a couple of last minute volunteers, we just got by.

Fastest Time of the Day went to Richard Wodhams of Club Lotus Australia

Fastest from our club was Laurie Movigliatti (6th outright) and his 2 sons were very close behind.

Tyre screeching award goes to Chris Fernance who punished the little Kia's tyres all day without mercy!

Congratulations to CoC John Collins and grid marshall Marion Baxter for excellent running of the event and big thanks to Rose Collins and Joy Bower for stepping up to help on the day. Also big thanks to Wayne Movigliatti, Gregg Noonan and John Finch for assistance with event preparation, and Wayne's business partner in photography Thierry Boudan for hundreds of great photos - find them here <https://www.thierryboudanphotography.com/pheasant-wood>

Next up is our round of the **State Hillclimb Championship**, which will be run before you see this article, scheduled for practice on 8th and competition on 9th August at Ringwood Park. One of the biggest events on our speed calendar, and a proud tradition for our club. We need all of our volunteer officials for this event.

Entries have now officially closed, and we have a field of 48 drivers. Dave Atkins is doing the event secretary work for this one - Thanks Dave.

The following planned speed events in our calendar are:

Tri Series hillclimb at Oakburn Park, Tamworth on 15/16 August 2020

CSCA Supersprint at Wakefield Park on 12 September 2020

MGCCN TS3 hillclimb at Ringwood Park incorporating Come and Try on 20 September 2020

Plenty to keep us all busy, provided we can keep the Covid at bay.

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John Garroay

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REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

In view of the uncertainty in relation to the COVID - 19 situation, we have decided to cancel the August 22nd Williams River Register Run picnic and the scheduled 27th September Register Run.

We are continuing with plans for the MG Car Club UK 90th Anniversary worldwide celebration set down for Sunday 11th October and will assess the situation as we get closer to the event.

Details of that event are listed separately in this magazine and there will probably be a limit to the number of participants, so I request that you show your expression of interest to attend as soon as possible.

We have also been looking at a visit to Leura later in the year to replace the Christmas in July cancellation. However, it seems everyone else has the same idea because of travel limits and this has resulted in accommodation houses insisting on a 2 night stay at exorbitant rates on weekends. There is also the issue of social distancing to consider so it's unlikely this will happen.

Please stay safe and healthy and keep in touch with the latest medical advice.

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Register Captain

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CSCA REPORT

PHEASANT WOOD CIRCUIT

Last month the MG Car Club hosted the first ever CSCA SuperSprint at Pheasant Wood Circuit in southern tablelands NSW. This complex has just had an extensive injection of funds and many hours of work to bring the facility up to a very high standard. It is always pleasing to see motorsport venues being built and enhanced in this day and age. Club members Wayne Movigliatti and John Garroway had worked very hard with both Pheasant Wood Circuit and Motorsport Australia for weeks prior to the event, which enabled us to run under the current COVID 19 requirements and social distancing protocols.

As you would know southern NSW can be a little chilly in July, but that did not stop 62 competitors from competing at the event, including 20 participants from MG Newcastle. Zero degrees and bright sunshine, along with hot coffee, really does get you focused in the early morning.

We were also fortunate to have Club members Marion Baxter, John and Rose Collins & Joy Bower, along with Jon Newell and Thierry Boudan, to act as track officials. Organising 62 eager and track starved drivers is no easy feat, but John and Marion stuck to their task, allowing the day to run as smooth as silk.

It was pleasing to see many smiles on faces as competitors came to grips with this tight demanding circuit. I am sure that fitness levels for many were a little underdone as they wrestled some of the bigger cars around this ever-turning circuit. The one thing in our favour were the banked turns of this track, and once the racing lines were established times started to fall.

After event secretary John Garroway had completed his many tasks, it was time to roll out his turbo Nissan and forget about all the hard work done to organise such an event. His initial few laps were about coming to terms with the layout, and then it was about chasing down the mighty Mazda's. Word has it that John slept like a baby for 2 night's after the event, and the sore neck muscles have since diminished. And yes, there was still a Mazda or two in front on the timing display.

The Movigliatti family of Laurie, and sons Wayne and Anthony, were keen to establish bragging rights amongst themselves, even though Anthony was competing after a lengthy lay-off from motorsport. At days end, Laurie in the Red Toyota 86 was still the King, but the boys never let him think he was unbeatable. Word around is that Anthony enjoyed himself so much that there could be another addition to the family's race car stable.

Others club members enjoying themselves were Rick Vincent, Paul Bower, Graham Orr, Brian Sutton & Graham Baxter, with track times improving with every run. It was also good to see Jason Klumpp, Greg Wright, Michael Miller & Paul Nudd back in action after our enforced sabbatical.

CSCA REPORT

PHEASANT WOOD CIRCUIT

It was also very pleasing to see Chris Fernance, Paul Whitworth & Gary Angel competing in their first Supersprint, with tyres being tortured and track times improving. I am sure all three will return when we compete again. Another club member competing, after a lengthy lay-off, was Brad Smith in his newly acquired Mazda MX5.

There were no injuries or incidents reported during the event, which always makes for an enjoyable day. The one downside was from Kevin Akers gearbox which decided to make life difficult for Kevin and left him struggling with a hand full of neutrals after a few sessions.

As the afternoon progressed John Collins called last run, and those who had fuel or energy in hand went out for the last session of the day. After watching John throughout the day, I felt he could have easily slipped into a competitive vehicle and really enjoyed himself for a few laps. Maybe next time John.

After securing cars on trailers and packing gear away, I am sure all MG Newcastle competitors, officials and crew had thoroughly enjoyed their day. It was now time to head on home, and face the challenges that Pennant Hills Road Sydney has to offer. In closing I wish to thank John Garroway, Wayne Movigliatti and Gregg Noonan for their efforts and commitment to making this another successful MG Car Club event.

John Finch



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EVENT 4 SATURDAY 15TH OF AUGUST

THE EVENTS BELOW WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER MOTORSPORT
AUSTRALIA COVID-19 REGULATIONS “ RETURN TO RACE”

*PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTENT TO ENTER THE EVENT A.S.A.P.
NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

All document will be forward by email for you to complete.

Return the completed Entry Form and the Scrutiny Check FORMS, return by email to
gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 5TH OF AUG

GATE OPENS 7.30 AM DRIVERS BRIEFING 8.40 AM EVENT STARTS 9.00 AM

SUMMARY OF “RETURN TO RACE STRATEGY”

Will be issued with each entry form and included the following;

No entries on the day of the event.

One support person allowed per entered car, “pit crew”

No Spectators.

All attendees to provide contact details for COVID-19 tracing.

No document checking on the day, all to be done by email.

Driver to complete self-scrutiny via Self -Scrutiny Checklist prior to the event day.

Must Keep SOCIAL DISTANCING

No group gatherings

No Passengers “Instructors in Cars” all instructions via passenger side window.

One Student per car, No double entry’s.

Please bring your own pen to sign any documents required.

REMAINING EVENTS FOR 2020;

5th Event Saturday 10th of Oct**

6th Event Saturday 7th of Nov

** Sign off day for level 5 Juniors, if wet conditions, the day will be 7th of Nov.

DRIVERS YOU MUST BRING YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS WELL AS YOUR CAMS
LICENCE. Without both, your entry cannot be accepted.

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.

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

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Khanacross action

Above: Hayden Little does a ride height adjustment.

Below: Ben Semple's tyres struggling to hold on







Opposite page: Top—Wayne Mov chasing Grahame Baxter, Middle—Laurie Mov, Bottom—John Finch chasing Graham Orr
This page: Top—John Garroway feeling the G's, Middle—Gregory Wright, Bottom—Jason Klumpp



Top: Bradley Smith, Middle Graham Orr
Bottom: Laurie and Sons



INVITATION

MG Car Club Newcastle invites members to join a special Register Run to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the UK MG Car Club.

This event is being celebrated world-wide on Sunday 11th October 2020.

The day will commence with morning tea at MGCCN club rooms followed by an interesting drive to the Hunter Valley for a wine tasting at Audrey Wilkinson Vineyard, Pokolbin, then on for a buffet lunch at Tatler Wine Estate, Lovedale. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for the wine tasting which is redeemable if wine is purchased. Lunch at Tatler will cost \$30.00 per head.

Due to various restrictions numbers will be limited so please RSVP early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings will close 30th September and no late entries will be accepted.

Contact Ken McLeod MGCCN at kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com or telephone 0249436239

REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

The Corona Virus has not slowed down activity with the registration of historic vehicles through the Club. June was a busy month for the register with 11 renewals processed and 6 new vehicles added. July to date has been busier still with 13 renewals and 8 new vehicles added.

New vehicles in the register include: -

- 1964 Cadillac Deville
- 1944 Willys Jeep
- 1958 VW Beetle
- 1988 Holden Commodore
- 1958 Austin Healey
- 1960 Porsche 356B
- 1955 Austin A30
- 1984 Mazda RX7
- 1963 MGB Convertible
- 1973 Datsun 240Z
- 1983 Porsche 911 SC
- 1988 Rover Mini Cooper
- 1974 Holden Statesman
- 1986 Mazda 626

What a car show we could have if just these new registrations came along together to a show day, not to mention the amazing variety of vehicles also included in our register of approximately 160 vehicles. So that is exactly what is on the agenda when we get this pandemic behind us.

So, hang on in there and see you then.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY

MARULAN. New South Wales:

John and I visited the town of Marulan recently, our reason for being there was to attend the Pheasant Wood Racetrack for our club's round of the CSCA Interclub Speed Event Championship. Marulan is 167 km south-west of Sydney via the Hume Highway. One of the Marulan's features is that it is unique, as when you are standing in the park there, on the wall of the ablution block, there is a sign which reads "You are standing in the exact middle of the Eastern Australia Standard Time Zone". Marulan is the only town (in the world actually) situated (sic) on the 150 degree meridian, a place where the sun rises at 6am and sets at 6pm precisely every equinox". The equinox is the day which occurs twice each year when the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length (around the 22 September and 20 March).

Prior to European settlement the area was inhabited by the Gundungurra Aborigines. An ex-convict John Wilson was the first European to pass through the Marulan district when he led an expedition into the area in 1798.

Marulan has quite a few historic buildings, good coffee shops and the pub provided a good meal, yes it had all of the COVID19 requirements and the police even made a call to check this was so.

The racetrack at Marulan is up and running after a 7 million dollar facelift it is a far cry from what it once was. The track has 4 in ground timing sector loops and through the Nat Soft software program provides the competitors heaps of information to digest instantly on a large monitor. I would say that it is not a track which you could have a holiday, you are working all the time. Lots of corners, all but one is banked and the drivers said that they felt very comfortable and safe. At the drivers assembly (@ 1.5 mtrs) the Circuit Management told us the history of the name of the track and also they were to spend a lot more money to extend it further.

During the day Joy Bower and myself acted as Flag Marshalls at the Control Tower. That kept us busy and quite entertained during the day. Through the efficiency of the event running, all drivers had the opportunity of more runs than they could handle. At the calling of the last run, which anyone could have another try, only 6 cars fronted.

Club Night:

In these unusual times, Club Nights will be back as soon as they become possible. We need to keep an eye on our Club Web Site.

Rose Collins – Social Secretary M 0413222828

AUTOTEST REPORT

July has been a really busy month for Autotests, and it will continue to be pedal to the metal through August as well.

Our first event in July was a club motorkhana. With only 9 entrants one could think that it could be a bit of a boring event, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Poor Chris Burrows unfortunately seemed to be in the middle of it all. He launched his Pulsar out of the first garage, only to find out at the very first flag it could be the worst handling car he had driven, and the engine barely ran. One flag later he had given up and rushed back home to collect the Festy Ford instead.

The poor Ford wasn't a much better choice. A rather dodgy wheel bearing was causing some unusual handling traits. The obviously wobbly rear wheel had other competitors considering a protest for a rear steering conversion. By the fifth test the wheel bearing cried enough, with the wheel and brake hub parting company with the Ford mid-test, much to the amusement of the other drivers and officials. To Chris and the Ford's credit, they still managed to complete the test and record a time.

The rest of the competitors moved onto the next test, leaving Chris to make some repairs. A short time later Chris and the Festy Ford came up to the quarry once again on 4 wheels. After many cheers the competition resumed, but it was soon evident that there may have been some missing parts. Only a couple of flags into the test the wheel fell off for a second time. Unfortunately that was the end of the Festy Ford for the day. First place went to Simon Nicholson in the very quick V6 mirage. Strong results throughout the day saw him take the lead on the very first test and hold onto it for the whole day. Second went to Matt Carmody in the Echo. Once again solid results throughout the day meant it was a very close battle, and he misses out on the gold by less than 2 seconds. Third went to Christian Thompson. A pair of WD's on the first test put him at a serious disadvantage from the very beginning. Not one to give up, he fought back with a number of FTD's throughout the day to regain the third step of the podium.

Robert Iles also deserves a mention. After struggling in the BMW in previous events which proved to be a bit of a handful in tight tests he has now moved onto a much smaller Mazda 2. This has proven to be a much more competitive motorkhana vehicle, with Robert holding third outright for most of the day. We may be seeing a changing of the guard when it comes to the junior competitions.

A couple of weeks later we had our second khanacross of the year. A full field of 40 drivers entered the event, and as usual AWD Subaru seemed to be to car of choice, with almost half the field being made up of Imprezas, Libertys, and WRXs. In third place on the tar was Samuel Hadley in a WRX. A strong result including a FTD on the fourth test, but a couple of unfortunate penalties kept him from being higher in the results. Second belonged to Glynn Elliott in the Sendit Special. Consistently quick times, including an FTD on the first test, and no penalties, made for a great result. And with nobody wanting to catch the Corona, it was Robert Mitchell self-isolating over 8 seconds

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clear of the field in first place on the Tar.

In the combined event, the Subaru's were a force to be reckoned with, taking 8 of the first 10 places. Taking the fight to them was Glynn Elliot in his Special, combining his speed on the tar with a strong showing on the dirt to take out the outright competition. Next home was Ben Semple in the Impreza. Being fastest on the dirt sealed a comfortable second place finish. The final podium position in the combined event was claimed by Martin Dal-Santo in another Impreza. Not even a wayward bonnet could slow his charge to the finish line.

Once again Chris and the Festy Ford attempted to be the centre of attention, this time winning the unofficial air time competition on the final test. Thankfully the wheels stayed on this time.

As usual I'd like to thank the officials who help make it possible to put on these events, they really are the backbone of the motorsports community. I'd also like to thank all the competitors and their crew for their assistance in making these days run smoothly and being as enjoyable as possible.

For those competing in the MGCCN Autotest Championships there a lot more events coming up in the near future. First on the list will be the third round of the motorkhana series, to be held by WAC at Awaba on the 23rd August. This is a round of the State series, but we will be counting it towards our championship. The following weekend on the 30th WAC will be holding the next State khanacross round, also at Awaba. This will be scored towards our khanacross series.

If two weekends in a row aren't enough to whet the appetite, we will be running our Day/Night Khanacross the following weekend on Saturday the 5th of September. With the Supercars running under lights at SMSP recently, you have probably heard about how different it is compared to racing in daylight. It feels much faster, it's harder to recognise brake markers and so on. This is the chance to experience that for yourself. These are always a popular event, and this year we will only have the one.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Chris Fernance

SYLVIA'S REPAIR MYSTERY SOLVED

It Was Sylvia's Brake Lights!

The mystery has been solved - Yay! Congratulations to club member and keen supersprinter/racer **Laurie Movigliatti** for the first correct diagnosis posted on MGCCN facebook page. Check out the picture of Laurie with his sons Anthony and Wayne at Pheasantwood Circuit in July.



Over the past 2 magazine issues I challenged readers to solve a mystery about a repair to my 1995 Nissan 200SX track car named Sylvia. Here is a re-cap of the sequence of events and clues:

Successful Supersprint at Wakefield Park in November 2019

In January 2020 I replaced her rear brake pads, just a simple replacement.

Car sat idle until early February, when I discovered the battery was flat.

Jump started OK and I discovered what had caused the battery to go dead.

I stopped the battery drain by removing the fuse on the affected circuit.

Competed in TS2 hillclimb on 1 March. (But would NOT have been able to compete in a Supersprint before the repair was finished)

After the Hillclimb I fitted the replacement part, which was a plastic button.

To fit the part I removed the car's left rear wheel and driver seat.

Correct Diagnosis

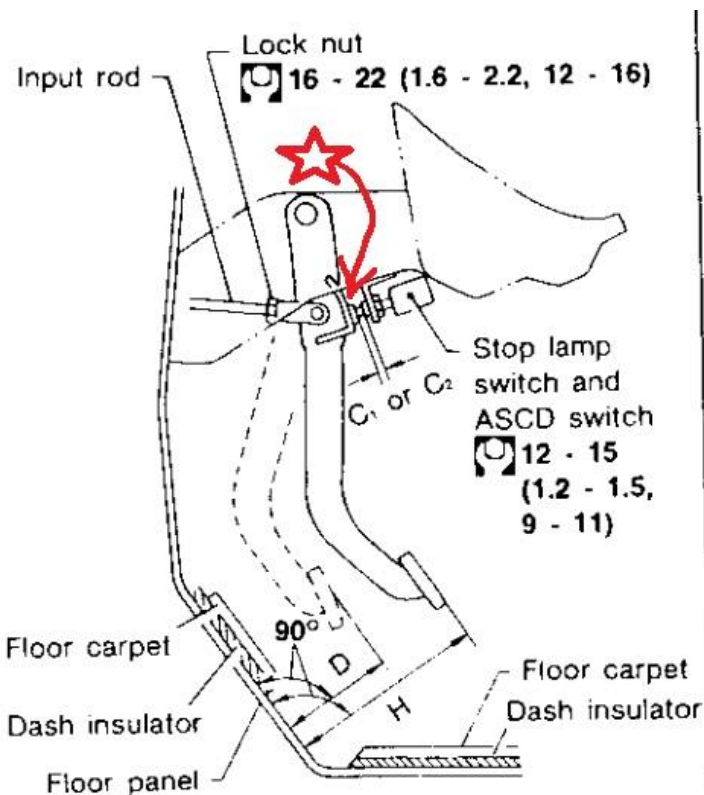
Laurie correctly identified the replacement part as the button on the brake pedal that pushes on the stop light switch when the pedal is up). It had broken and pieces fell on the floor, meaning that there was nothing to push on the stop light switch - so the brake lights stayed on and flattened the battery.

SYLVIA'S REPAIR MYSTERY SOLVED

And the clue about not being able to run in a Supersprint? With the brake light fuse removed, it was OK to do a Hillclimb. But in a Supersprint there are cars following you and the brake lights have to work - something the scrutineers ALWAYS check.

Driver's Seat Removal

Although he did not go into detail in his facebook comment, when I was talking with Laurie later he figured that I took out the driver's seat in order to get access to the stop switch button up under the dash. Damn right! I was lying on my back on the car floor with my head under the dash to reach the spot - very uncomfortable indeed.



SYLVIA'S REPAIR MYSTERY SOLVED

What About the Rear Wheel?

Well I needed to push down the brake pedal to make a bit of space to fit the button. And that takes quite a bit of force which I was not able to muster while lying on my back with my head under the dash. So I jacked up the back, took a wheel off and opened the brake bleed nipple. The pedal return spring still made it hard for me, so I cut a stick of wood and wedged it between the steering wheel and pedal in the down position. At last I was able to press the button into its location!

Root Cause?

So what caused the button to break in the first place?

Looking back, I'm sure it happened when I replaced the rear brake pads. As part of that job, I pushed back the caliper piston to make space for the new (thicker) pads. After finishing the job, I just put the car back down on the floor without checking pedal movement - so there was still a bit of gap between the pistons, new pads and discs. Next time I got in the car and pressed the brake pedal, it unexpectedly went straight to the floor and my foot slipped off. And the pedal flew right back up, shattering the stop light switch button! Of course it was maybe somewhat brittle due to its age of 25 years. I didn't know of the problem until later when I found the flat battery, although I was puzzled by the strange bits of plastic laying on the floor in front of the driver's seat!

Professional Advice

As a professional mechanic and businessman, Laurie Mov was right across this issue - he said it is fairly common in his experience, and in his business he actually keeps a stock of common stop light switch buttons. He probably had one that would fit my car! Laurie also told me I didn't need to release hydraulic pressure to get some movement in the pedal. All I needed to do was start the car and the power assist would have allowed the pedal to go down a bit - that's how they usually do it in his workshop.

Winner's Prize

What else but a free plug!

Go to **Lauries Kotara Automotive Services** down the lane by Altapac at Park Avenue, Kotara for top quality Covid Safe vehicle repair, maintenance and advice. Phone 02 4952 1113

Thanks for reading, and thanks to all those who had a stab at a solution - a few came with the right answer but Laurie was first.

John Garroway

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Hi members,

Now that a few events have been run & won, the leaders of the major trophies are shown below. These point scores are as at the 26th July.

Visit our website for a more comprehensive look at the point scores, including all the Tar Speed, Motorkhana & Khanacross Classes. You will find 'Point Score' in the drop-down menus of the 'Motorsport' or 'Club Runs' headings.

I will endeavour to have the point scores regularly updated on the website.

Cheers, Gregg.

Chris Dodds Memorial Club Championship

	Rank	Points	Events
		Best 12	Min. 8
Simon Nicholson	1	43	4
Kevin Akers	2	40	3
Harry Keil	3	34	3
Rick Yates	4	33	3
Paul Bower	5	32	2
Dylan Gerrish	6	31	2
Ben Southcombe	7	30	2
Harry Harris	7	30	2
Adam Harris	9	28	2
John Finch	9	28	2
Rose Collins	9	28	3
Tom Clemens	9	28	2
Andrew Fraser	13	26	2
Graham Orr	13	26	2
Matthew Carmody	13	26	2
Nicholas Shields	13	26	3
Jeff Newey	17	25	2
Rick Vincent	17	25	2
Robert Mitchell	17	25	2
Toby Banks	17	25	2

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Judith Rae Memorial Ladies Championship

	Rank	Points	Events
		Best 12	Min. 4
Rose Collins	1	28	3
Karen Wilson	2	13	1
Bronwyn Lewis	3	12	2
Katie Moy	3	12	2
Raewyn Perkins	3	12	2
Rebecca Boland	3	12	1
Robyn Carmody	7	10	1

Paul Daley Memorial Junior Championship

	Rank	Points	Events
		Best 12	Min. 6
Christian Thompson (J)	1	55	4
Robert Iles (J)	2	51	4
Kynan Patterson (J)	3	36	4
Hayden Little (J)	4	35	3
Ryan Boland (J)	5	25	2
Thomas Alchin (J)	6	24	2
Connor Morley (J)	7	12	1
David Iles (J)	7	12	1
Georgia Eyb (J)	9	11	1
Lachlan Hales (J)	10	10	1
Meredith Nicholson (J)	10	10	1

Lions Club Trophy (MG cars only)

	Rank	Points	Events
		Best 10	
Jeff Newey	1	25	2
Paul Whitworth	2	21	2
Wayne Lewis	3	15	2
Bronwyn Lewis	4	12	2
Bruce Condron	4	12	1
Darval Thomas	6	6	1
Rose Collins	6	6	1

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Alan Bates Memorial Tar Speed (HC) Trophy

	Rank	Points	Events
Paul Bower	1	32	2
Dylan Gerrish	2	31	2
Ben Southcombe	3	30	2
Harry Harris	3	30	2
Kevin Akers	5	29	2
Adam Harris	6	28	2
John Finch	6	28	2
Tom Clemens	6	28	2
Christian Thompson (J)	9	26	2
Graham Orr	9	26	2
Jeff Newey	11	25	2
Rick Vincent	11	25	2
Toby Banks	11	25	2
Bob Millington	14	24	2
Nat Hails	14	24	2
Robert Iles (J)	14	24	2
Rod Berwick	14	24	2
Thomas Alchin (J)	14	24	2
Garry Christopherson	19	23	2
Rick Yates	19	23	2

Mick Neilson Memorial Club Member of the Year

	Rank	Points
Chris Fernance	1	56
John Finch	2	40
David Atkins	3	39
Rose Collins	4	38
Gregg Noonan	5	32
Kevin Akers	6	30
Rick Vincent	6	30
Allan Evans	8	24
John Garroway	8	24
Libby Fernance	8	24

Mantic Clutch NSW State Hillclimb Round 3 Results

Outright Results

				MG Car Club (Newcastle)		
Pl	No.	Driver	State Regd	Vehicle	Class	Time
1	93	Darren READ	(UnReg)	Hayward 09	FL 1301 - 2000cc	49.41
2	34	Ron HAY	(Reg)	Synergy Dallara	FL over 2000cc	52.11
3	146	Peter BROWN	(Reg)	Prosport Mulsanne	2C Supersports to 1600cc	53.66
4	27	Tim BLAKE	(Reg)	Subaru WRX	1M Imp Prod L/M SV inc FI & 4WD	56.12
5	29	Kevin AKERS	(UnReg)	Carroll Clubman	2C Supersports to 1600cc	56.76
6	696	Gregory BOYLE	(Reg)	Nissan GTR	3D Spts Sed o 3000cc	57.00
7	912	Greg JONES	(Reg)	Locost GSL Clubman	2A O&C Spts over 1600cc	57.31
8	171	Harry KATSANEVAS	(Reg)	Ford Focus RS	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	58.34
9	499	Colin MAYMAN	(Reg)	VW Beetle	3J Imp Prod 1601 - 2000cc	58.56
10	321	Dylan GERRISH	(UnReg)	Ford Focus RS	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	58.75
11	811	Theo POTERIS	(UnReg)	Ford Focus RS	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	59.30
12	777	Garry CHRISTOPHERSON	(Reg)	Westfield SE	Road Reg Non Log Book u 2500cc	59.37
13	9	Timothy WRIGHTSON	(Reg)	Morris Cooper	3D Spts Sed 1300 - 2000cc	59.80
14	81	Karen WILSON	(UnReg)	Ford Focus RS	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	59.99
15	95	David WRIGHTSON	(Reg)	Morris Cooper	3D Spts Sed 1300 - 2000cc	60.05
16	18	Adrian ROW	(UnReg)	Subaru Liberty	MGCCN SV o 3 ltr	60.55
17	55	Darval THOMAS	(Reg)	JWS Pens HC2	FL 1301 - 2000cc	60.92
18	168	Kyle DAVIS	(UnReg)	Subaru WRX	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	61.08
19	301	Louise HAYES	(Reg)	HSV Clubsport	Imp Prod L/M excl FI & 4WD	61.86
20	300	Geoff BRISBY	(Reg)	HSV Clubsport	Imp Prod L/M excl FI & 4WD	61.88
21	7	Michael ALCHIN	(UnReg)	Lotus Elise	MGCCN PS Modern u 2 ltr	62.03
22	359	Matthew WHITWORTH	(UnReg)	Subaru WRX	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	62.05
23	32	John BAILEY	(Reg)	Lotus Clubman	2C Supersports to 1600cc	62.95
24	496	Katie SLINGSBY	(Reg)	VB Commodore	3J Imp Prod o 3000cc	63.25
25	86	Denis RUSSELL	(Reg)	Kelly Suzuki	FL u 750cc	63.55
26	106	Grant LIDDELL	(Reg)	Datsun 1200 Coupe	3J Imp Prod to 1600cc	63.89
27	47	Andrew WALKER	(Reg)	Turnham Bandit	2A O&C Spts under 1600cc	63.92
28	25	Paul KARPATHY	(UnReg)	Subaru Liberty	MGCCN SV o 3 ltr	64.04
29	10	Nathan APPS	(UnReg)	Mazda RX7	MGCCN PS Classic o 2 ltr	64.17
30	69	Mechelle SAHYOUN	(Reg)	Mitsubishi EVO TM	Road Reg Non Log Book AWD	65.09
31	17	Thomas ALCHIN (J)	(UnReg)	Lotus Elise	MGCCN Junior in Prod Vehicle	65.23
32	91	Martin GALLARD	(Reg)	Fiat 127	3D Spts Sed u 1300cc	65.40
33	246	Paul WHITWORTH	(UnReg)	MG B	MGCCN PS Classic u 2 ltr	65.71
34	170	Ron GALLAGHER	(Reg)	Toyota 86	2F Prod Spts over 1600cc	66.10
35	931	Michael MCGEORGE	(Reg)	Fiat 127	3D Spts Sed u 1300cc	66.22
36	5	Bruce CONDRON	(UnReg)	MG B	MGCCN PS Classic u 2 ltr	66.76
37	142	Bill PEARSON	(Reg)	Civic Muscle Hatch	3D Spts Sed 2001 - 3000cc	67.04
38	360	Darren LINDSAY	(UnReg)	VP Commodore	3J Imp Prod o 3000cc	67.22
39	145	Gwyn MULHOLLAND	(UnReg)	Ford Cortina	3D Spts Sed 1300 - 2000cc	67.88
40	531	Matthew HOLT	(UnReg)	Nissan 350GT	2B P/Spts over 1600cc	69.73
41	707	Barrie COADY	(Reg)	Audi TT	2F Prod Spts over 1600cc	69.89
42	13	Christian THOMPSON (J)	(UnReg)	Nissan Pulsar	MGCCN Junior in Prod Vehicle	71.11
43	21	Kynan PATTERSON (J)	(UnReg)	Nissan Pulsar	MGCCN Junior in Prod Vehicle	78.94

STOP PRESS

It is with great sorrow that I have to advise of the passing of our Life Member, Mr. Howard MacLean on Friday 7th August 2020. Howard suffered a fatal injury as a result of an accident in his garage at home.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Caroline, son Roger, daughter Heather and his grandchildren.

Dave Atkins
Club President

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