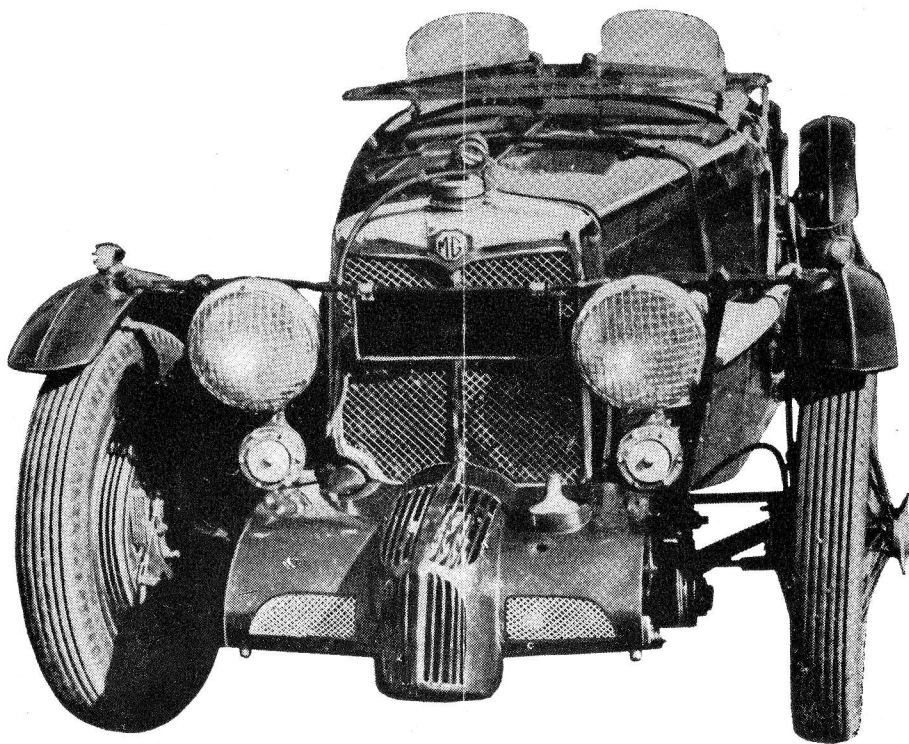
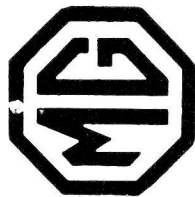


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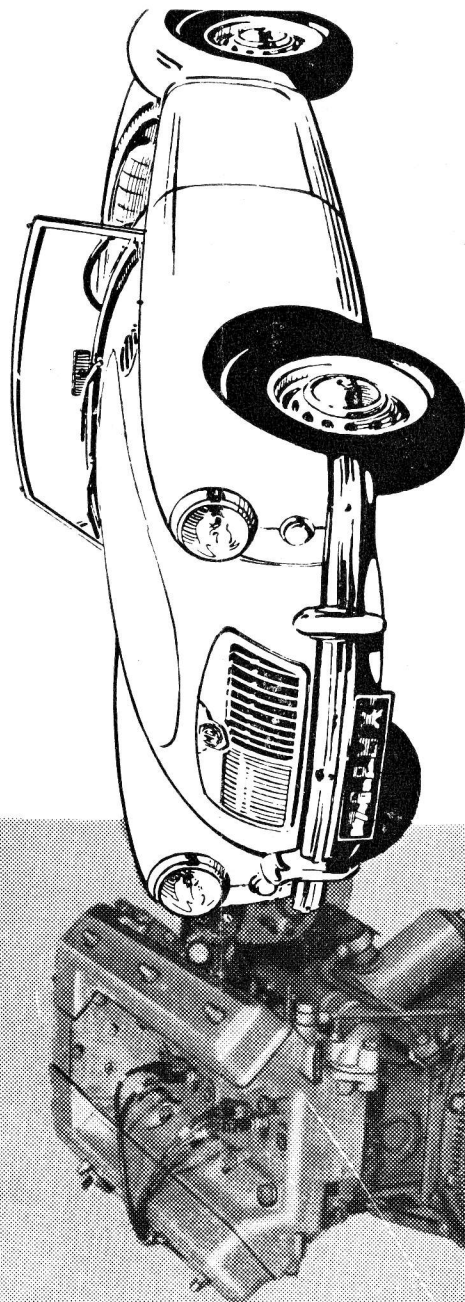
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Per medium of this publication, it is again stressed the importance of co-operation between the sub-committees, not only in their own field, but between each other whether it be Speed, Social, Treasure Hunt, Gymkhana, Octagon or House Committees. Members, if you have any spare time at all and you would like to assist, just approach the Secretary who will see that you are placed on a Sub-committee where you feel you will be able to help most. This way, only, can we expect to organise and run events, successfully.

The EDITOR.

PROGRAMME.

Night Navigational Exercise	8th APRIL	Start Club Rooms
Gymkhana	8th MAY	Aspley.
Barbeque	14th MAY	Residence of Mr & Mrs Muller. Bardon.
Club Run	22nd MAY	
Film Evening	27th MAY	

SECRETARY'S CORNER.Safety Fast.

This popular magazine seems to have its name appearing rather frequently in the Octagon of late, so here is this months mention:- an error has been made in the amount of the subscription, the 12/6 fee refers to England currency so, those who have paid the necessary amount, please give the Treasurer or myself a further 3/6 as soon as possible, to enable us to get the bulk subscription away.

A firm in Sydney, who manufactures Badge Bars to suit M.G.A. and Austin Lancers, have kindly presented us with details and photographs of their products. I will gladly pass these details on to any interested persons.

When you aspiring Fangios make application for a C.A.M.S. driving licence, let me have it complete with photograph as well as the necessary forms and money also, make sure that the said photo is firmly attached to the application as I can accept no responsibility for the loss, in view of their size.

We now have ample stocks of Club scarves and we feel that these would make a very nice gift for your wives or friends when you have to rush for a last minute present.

That's all for this month, from your long-winded secretary.

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SUGGESTION.

Now, I am sure some of you have some really good photographs, suitable for framing, that can be hung in the Club Rooms, so, how about sorting through your collection and bringing them along so as we can all enjoy them. Naturally, we want car photographs perhaps your favourite, or your own snapped at sometime on the circuit, road or even in your own back yard, so get busy please and let us have them soon.

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NEW MEMBERS.

Here is a great big welcome to new members, G.T.Cahill, T.R.Kratzman, M.J.C.Head, J.G.Campbell, J.L.Kelly, D. Pottie, J.F.Hornibrook, J.C.Shaw, G.B.Hiley, R.H.Hiley, A.F.Broomfield, T.Whitlam, W.A.Kelly, M.K.Roberts, Miss E.J.Geary, N.J.Salter,

Should new members be in doubt about anything at all in connection with the club and its activities, don't be afraid to approach the Secretary, A.Nickols. You will recognise him at the desk in the Club Rooms clearly marked 'Secretary'- he is not nearly as forbidding as he looks, so keep him busy with questions and requests.

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REMINDER.

Members! Your 1960 Subscription is now overdue so, to those of you who have overlooked or forgotten this, please do let the Treasurer have it so as the new financial list can be completed on time.

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PAST EVENTS.Ladies Scavenger Hunt.

Seventeen keen entrants ran in the hunt on 26th February, with a duration of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours and a Twenty Mile run, the members enjoyed themselves thoroughly. One of the items to collect was a feather- these ranged from a half to twelve inch specimens. By the collection at the end of the run, it looked as though a number of budgies had suffered; the oversized one- well, it could have come off a hat or a feather duster. The nylon stocking didn't give them any worry as the ladies had expected it might.

The hunt started from the club rooms and split into two sections which took in the Drive-In-Shopping-Centre over the

Storey Bridge on to Galloways Hill into Spring Hill (where the autog^o of the publican was acquired) and back to the club rooms, with the ladies manning all points.

Thank you Barry and Pam Weston, Ross Pringle and Ailsa Davis for working in the above capacity, also to Adrian Nickols who acted as Starter and Judge at the Club Rooms.

Lastly, our gratitude to the members who supported us.

RESULTS.

1.	M. Roch	M.G.T.D.	1 Hour 2 Minutes.
2.	E. Blunt	M.G.T.C.	1 " 15 "
3.	N. Carew	M/Major	
	K. Turner	Volkswagon)	1 " 16 "

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TREASURE HUNT 6th MARCH

by A. Rongtern.

The weather on the afternoon of the 6th was colossal except for a few scattered showers in Persia. Seventeen entrants left the Club Rooms and proceeded to dabble with devilish directions, after navigating through New Farm, terrorising Teneriffe, victimising Vulture Street and worrying West End they proceeded to the first control at Fairfield where they uncovered "the Claw" disguised as a breeze brick. The Fairfield area doubtless rings a bell for "the Fox"

We hear he is going to fit an air cooled engine to the Magnette before the next Treasure Hunt. However, despite his troubles he and Don Allan continued and completed the course.

Car troubles dogged the Early TR2 although a samaritan type East Finchley had leaped from a phtotgraph of a green Magnette with a roll of friction tape and soon remedied the trouble.

After negotiating through Fairfield, Salisbury, Sunnybank, and Waterford, approximately Twenty cars finished up at the Barbeque at McLeans Bridge. The Course embraced about Fifty miles. A comfortable afternoon's run.

The fire was soon going and quicker than you can say M.G.A. Twin Cam, the aroma of well cooked steaks was drifting around the area and the chatter and laughs of competitors exchanging tales of the afternoons fun. Drooling over steaks didn't have a chance with the drooling over a certain neat black TF newly acquired by Mrs Hunter, handling that 'lil ol car' like she was born it! yes! suh!.

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TREASURE HUNT (Cont'd)

The boot of Thomas' Y looked like a butchers shop and the Esky with its bottled contents had frequent visitors.

The afternoon ended well but don't be surprised to see a competitor in the run go cross-eyed screaming down the road if you mention 'flies or how to catch them'.

Thank you to the Treasure Hunt Committee for an interesting run and thanks to all who assisted in so many ways.

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|------|
| 1. K.Turner | G.Raymond | Volkswagon | 38 |
| 2. E.Ansell | Mrs E.Ansell | Simca | 31 |
| 3. K.Herron | N.Carew | A/Healy Six | 28½ |
| 4. R.Pringle | Miss A.Davis | M.G.T.C. | 19½ |
| 5. G Taylor | L.Gisler | Simca | 18½ |
| 6. R.Whitworth | A.McLellan | Standard | 13 |
| 7. N.Stevens | Miss M.Barron | M.G.Magnette | 6½ |
| 8. B.Neville | J.Power | M.G.T.C. | 6½ |
| 9. N.Whip | Miss M.Blunt | M.G.T.C. | -13 |
| 10. M.E.Hunter | D.Allan | M.G.Magnette | -18½ |

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GYMKHANA

by Dust E. Throat.

The Gymkhana held on Sunday 20th March at the Aspley showgrounds was a great success. This type of event is becoming even more popular than ever. No fewer than Thirty Seven drivers competed and there many spectators. Competition was keen, the standard of driving high. Dennis Geary's Handling of the A/H Sprite was worth seeing, particularly as his sister, Elaine, was trying to outdo him in the same car.

Alan Huxley, a very consistant performer, made good times with his Morris Minor and once again T Cs were well to the fore. Miles and Mrs Hunter upheld the Octagon banner with their immaculate TF.

Leigh Vine in the Renault recorded second fastest time in the Autocrosse. Quite an achievement for his first attempt. The ladies events were very entertaining, Pam Weston, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Hunter were hard put trying to toss Elaine (Hy-revs) Geary. Vince Appleby at last had a rival in the battle of Detroit Barges.

The Autocrosse was a beauty and measured 2/10 of a mile long,

GYMKHANA (Cont'd)

The Clover Leaf was well planned and some excellent driving was seen here.

A good supply of cold soft drink was on hand (complete with open air cash register).

Our thanks go to Dennis Geary and Ralph Davis for organising the day: to Vince Appleby, Mr Thomas for their assistance and to Nan Hunter and Dawn Davis for their work as timekeepers and to all who supported the day by their attendance.

RESULTSForward Bending

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|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1. A.Huxley | M/Minor | 16.5 |
| 2. I.Michels | M/Minor | |
| 3. D.Geary | Healy Sprite | |
| 4. W.Thomas | M.G.T.F. | |

Ladies Forward Bending

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------|
| 1. E.A.Hunter | MGTF | 1-20.4 |
| 2. P.Weston | TR3 | |
| 3. E.Geary | Healy Sprite | |

Forward/Reverse Bending

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|----------------|--------------|------|
| 1. D.Broadfoot | M.G.T.F. | 19.4 |
| 2. D.Coles | Healy Sprite | |
| 3. T.Kratzman | Simca | |
| 4. J.Shaw | M.G.T.C. | |

Ladies Forward/Reverse Bending

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|-------------|---------------|------|
| 1. E.Geary | Healy Spritel | 27.2 |
| 2. P.Weston | TR3 | |

CLOVER LEAF

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|-------------|----------|------|
| 1. D.Geary | H/Sprite | 27.5 |
| 2. M.Hunter | MGTF | 29.5 |
| 3. J.Shaw | MGTC | |

LADIES CLOVER LEAF

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|-------------|----------|------|
| 1. E.Geary | H/Sprite | 30.7 |
| 2. P.Weston | TR3 | 36.2 |
| 3. E.Hunter | MGTF | 42.9 |

Autocrosse

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|-------------|----------|--------|
| 1. D.Geary | H/Sprite | 1-33.1 |
| 2. L.Vine | Renault | 1-40.3 |
| 3. A.Huxley | M/Minor | 1-41.5 |

Ladies Autocrosse

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|-------------|----------|-------|
| 1. E.Geary | H/Sprite | 1-4.6 |
| 2. P.Weston | TR3 | 2-2.6 |

Bob-a-Ding

M.G.Car Club (driver D.Geary)

Prize money donated to the Club. Thanks Dennis.

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FILM EVENING

by G. Boy.

Ninety four members and friends swelled the club rooms on the 25th March. Films by courtesy of Castrol, B.P. Bardahl, Shell kept the viewers interested for nearly three hours. Superb driving by the worlds top drivers kept us sitting on the edge of our chairs.

FILM EVENING (Cont'd)

What a sight to see Jack Brabham win the New Zealand Grand Prix. Then, of course, there was the Mercedes, Maseratis and Ferraris- The Big Trio. We saw Fangio and Moss come in 1 & 2 in the Mercedes in the Dutch G.P. Bad luck dogged them both at Monaco and Moss came good to win over Fangio at Aintree.

The funnies warrant a mention, as always, they are relaxing after having driven round the G.P. Circuits, taking corners and straights with these iron-nerved drivers, our knuckles white from gripping the chairs.

Brier Thomas and John Mash did the honours on the projectors, many thanks once again to you both, to Bob Anderson who spent his night on the door, collecting the admission also to the members who gave out tickets for the organising donation and to you, the members, who came along and made the night the success it turned out to be.

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Letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir/or Madam,

I desire to bring Editorial Attention to me reaction and objection to the article in the last issue of the 'Octagon'.

Perhaps I leave myself open to the saying 'if the cap fits, wear it', but I take the letter regarding the person with the 'chrome-plated smile' as a personal affront.

In view of the above, I demand and expect a written apology through your publication and trust that you will delete any future personal references of this type (referring to me, anyway.).

Signed. "The Chromed One"

P.S. No hard feelings really!.

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by Chit Chat.

Eugene Blunt knelt in front of Deidre Guard and was accepted. They both looked very happy on last viewing.

"Bubble Bath" McGeary has changed site of Gymkhana swim from Creek to tub of ice water, spruced up with haircut last month, also.

Group call to all collectors of XXXX bottle tops. The bottles and contents were not required in that Scavenger Hunt.

Keith Herron pulled the old gag of running out of petrol on the Ladies Scavenger Hunt. You'll want a new story the third time, Keith!

Who told Ross Pringle and Ailsa Davis to stay on control for two hours after the last car went through. Bet they didn't waste that time!

Hiley brothers cause confusion with mixtures of colours (both hair and cars) 'blue' (hair) Hiley does not own blue TC.

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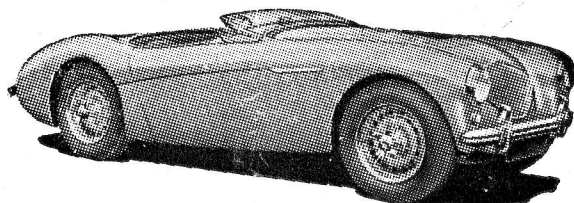
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