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A watersplash on the Miriamvale to Gin Gin road
– photo taken by Ken Ebeling (possibly in the late 1950s)



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President's Report

Since my last report in April, I have attended at

- Motorsport Australia MRSEAP
- Mount Cotton – Test n Tune
- Noggin N Natter
- Several Working Bees

I have received, prepared, sent correspondence to and/or attended to

- Obtained quotes and submitted grant applications to Dept Sport and Recreation
- Quotes, Contracts and supervision of drainage works at Mt Cotton
- QUT Capstone project
- Chapter Co Ordinators re proposed All Chapter meeting.
- Promotion and Correspondence regarding QHC.

I took the time to mingle with the spectators and competitors at the Test n Tune day. It was encouraging to hear of the enthusiasm and positivity from both groups of people of the event. One matter raised with me and I bring to the Committee's attention is a willingness of competitors to build their own pit bays/shelter. It signifies confidence in the Club and the intention of continued association of the competitors.

QHC preparations are coming to completion. The sub-committee is to be commended for their organisation. 63 entries have been received. Don McLachlan is providing commentary at \$200 a day. We may have the Sprite Club joining on Saturday Afternoon as part of their day run. There are a number of dignitaries that will be in attendance. I would like to discuss further the protocols and hosting arrangement that need to be in place.

In discussions regarding Regalia with Peter May he indicated a willingness to take on this role and starting at QHC. A quick review of the stock available would indicate that a fire sale is needed to dispose of the old stock, limited size options and look at a refresh of the items in storage. I would suggest that we accept his offer and let him run with it. I will take the regalia trailer on Friday night and deliver it on site on Saturday.

I have spent a considerable amount of time this month at Mt Cotton. The drainage works have been completed. The works were completed in the rain on Friday night in preparation for the event the next day. The local contractor who did the work was most satisfactory and competent. I would recommend that he be used as our 'go to guy' for smaller earthmoving and maintenance tasks. I had him remove the spoil that was dumped in the carpark and he came in again and rebuilt the Nut Wall, distributing the order of nuts.

We have had a steel pole donated that will be used for security surveillance at the top gate. The quote was for \$1750 which includes the excavation and installation of the pole. I would recommend this quote be accepted and the work proceed. Additional items needed are conduit and services marking tape.

I would like to give special mention to three of our Hillclimb volunteers.

- Malcolm Spiden who has spent at least 4 days repainting the lines around the Hillclimb. Given Malcolm's back issues and

obvious discomfort, this is a mammoth effort. Thank you.

- Richard Marken has invested a similar amount of time cleaning the pathways, steps and concrete areas of grime and mould. Richard went out a bought a new pressure washer to finish the job and will there again tomorrow to clean the areas around the toilets. Thank you Richard.

- Barry Smith who just doesn't stop. Your contribution is so much appreciated.

I put out a request for help at the Working Bees over Social Media and despite being seen by more than a thousand people – one person turned up and helped. Thanks Adrian for your grass trimming!

It is of a concern that we are aware of the effort required to maintain the property but don't have the tools and equipment to support the volunteers we desperately depend on. Something to address in the near future.

I am seeking quotes to have a road sweeper clean the track before the QHC event and again on Saturday morning before practice starts.

At this month's MASEAP meeting there was a request for a promoter for the National Sprint Championships to be held at Morgan Park in 2022. I thought this would be a good opportunity for MGCCQ to again show its leadership and abilities. Whilst I didn't nominate our Club, I would recommend that we pursue the promotion rights for this event (Porsche club were interested too but are lacking experience so partnering with them may be another option).

I note the passing of member Cecil Bennet #2168. Cyril was an active member from 1989 – 2016. Our condolences to his wife, Marie, and family.

The Hillclimb and Club was well represented in an article in the journal "The Race Torque". Author Mark Walker had picked up on my Facebook post on the Nuts delivery at the Hillclimb and gave a background on the history and effectiveness of the Nuts as well as promoting the Club, QHC and the AHC in a positive light. There were a good number of responses and memories provided by readers, many of them well known to the Club. It must be noted that the Club has been awarded the Motorsport Australia Most Outstanding Club Award of 2020. It was a surprise to all but thanks to Chris McMahon for the nomination and Malcolm Spiden for his dissertation to State Council about the Club. I think it is well deserved.

Next month marks the end of the financial year 2020/21. I would like to move into the coming year with a strategic plan and a supporting financial budget. I have registered myself in a number of training sessions dealing with club management and would encourage interest from other Committee members as well. Please consider where you think the Club is, should be, and can be in the future so we can work together in achieving these common and agreed goals. I would ask that each Committee member present 3 strategic goals to the next meeting and opportunity be given for each one to talk to their goals.

- Safe motoring, Jim Scott

Some Words from Elaine

The club lost a much valued member and friend when Pat Heslewood (joint organiser of the midweek run roster with her husband, Jeff,) died.

A tribute to them, written by close friends and neighbours and fellow regular midweek run participants Greg and Rhonda Hannant, is included here along with a selection of photos depicting the happy times of their participation in midweek runs and the organisation of them.

Thank you, Greg and Rhonda, for sharing your memories with us.

Planning is going ahead for a National Meeting in 2022 to be hosted by the Newcastle MG Car Club.

Bulletin No 1 has been included inside in full in this Octagon to help spread the word about this event.

Please note that a special page of our Club website has been set up for making information on this event easily available to you.

The page for the 2022 event is a subpage of the main National Meeting page on our Club website and Bulletin No 1 can already be accessed from there.

Our coordinator for this event will once again be Cathy Bartley and we thank her for taking on that task again which, in the main, involves the organisation of accommodation at the event for

MGCCQ members.

Even though there is no chapter of Ken Ebeling's story in this issue (the one that was going to be included has had to be held over to the July issue because of the great number of contributions which came in for this issue. (I'm not complaining!).

He is represented by the cover photo chosen because of the quality of his photography which matches the quality of his recounting of his motoring and early motorsport experiences; Hopefully those reflections of the MG give us a bonus of seeing the same MG twice in the one photo..the subject of the photo is one which those of you who have resided in the Central Qld area for some time may have been familiar with and probably even had unforgettable first hand experience of the quality of the roads in the area in days gone by.

Items of interest which coincidentally happened to come in at the same time are two requests for assistance with help/information on two quite different cars in the belief that there may be members of our Club who read their requests, have memories revived and are able to assist the enquirers with their searches.

The next issue will be the July issue with the deadline of end of June for submission of items to be included in it.

Go to p 52 to read a 'Letter to the Editor' which was greatly appreciated.

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COMING EVENTS FOR MAY – AUGUST

The Clubrooms are open on the first and third Friday nights of each month with hot food starting at 6.30 pm priced as low as \$4. The goal will continue to be to have something special happening on the first Friday of each month.

Your suggestions are welcomed.

Working bees are held at the hillclimb on most Wednesdays and are therefore not listed below.
For further information on those working bees, contact Malcolm Spiden.

Please consult the online calendar for any update and also for Chapter events to which all members are always invited. You will also find that motorsport events promoted by other clubs and also events in regional areas are listed in our online calendar.

APRIL

- 17 Tamborine Mountain Show Society Annual Show, inc Classic, Vintage and Veteran Car Show and Shine event.

MAY

- 1 Pre QHC Test and Tune at Mt Cotton
7 Noggin 'n' Natter
8/9 Autumn Historics at Morgan Park
21 Noggin 'n' Natter
16 Interclub motorkhana
23 Mac's Bridge car display at Belmont Rifle Range
26 Midweek run organised by Bruce Mutch
28-30 Qld Hillclimb Championships

JUNE

- 4 Noggin 'n' Natter
4/5/6 Qld Circuit Racing Championship Rd 2 (Morgan Park) promoted by QRDA
13 Sunday run to Gold Coast Motor Museum
18 Noggin 'n' Natter
19/20 Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 3
23 Midweek run organised by Barry Lutwyche

26/27 Shannons Nationals

JULY

- 2 Noggin 'n' Natter
16 Noggin 'n' Natter
24/25 Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 4
28 Midweek run organised by Errol Hoger

AUGUST

- 6 Noggin 'n' Natter
14/15 Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 5
20 Noggin 'n' Natter
21/22 Leyburn Legends Weekend at Leyburn
25 Midweek run organised by Denis Thomas with o/night/s at Yamba
27-29 Qld Championships Circuit Racing Rd 3 (Morgan Pk – promoted by CORD)

Australian Hillclimb Championships

21-24 October 2021

NEW MEMBERS

The list of new members has had to be carried over to the July issue.

VALE Pat Heslewood

a tribute by Greg & Rhonda Hannant

The Hannants first met the Heslewoods about 19 years ago. Jeff and Pat used to walk their dog past our place in Tingalpa. We had the black MGA 1600 at the time and the car became the connector. We have been firm friends ever since.

Every few weeks we would arrange a happy hour on a Sunday, usually three couples from the same street, all within walking distance. When we were the hosts, Jeff and Pay would always bring their Carly, their kelpie, to make sure they got home safe - sometimes to make sure they could find home.

The Heslewoods then joined the MG Car Club. Like us, their main interest was in the midweek runs and, over the years, a great many members of the Club enjoyed their company on car runs to a host of different destinations in the South-East. One of the highlights for us and for Jeff and Pat was the Steam Train "Race" from Warwick to Goondiwindi and back, an event organised by the Gold Coast Club but which was attended by several of our Club members. On the outbound journey we rode the steam train while Pat and Jeff drove our MGB. The next day everyone rode on the train west to the Toobeah Pub for a bush lunch and the odd refreshment; thank the lord for the train driver! We reversed our roles for the next day for the return journey to Warwick. A great few days.

Another special memory Speed on Tweed, combined with a round of the World Rally Championship. Several MG couples - the Joneses, the Jenveys, the Hannants, and, of course, the Heslewoods spent several days staying at Mt Warning Lodge and enjoying firstly, some excellent racing and rallying but also the wonderful evening



Pat and Jeff enjoying themselves on a midweek run.

get togethers around the log fire. Not having to drive home was a bonus.

And then, Jeff began recreating the Mk 1 Escort as a splendid race car. It took Jeff and son Greg a few years to get it all together. Pat did not mind a bit! She always said when Jeff bought some more bits that she would simply go out shopping and spent a similar amount. "That's only fair!"

With Bruce Mutch going into semi-retirement, Jeff and Pat took on the role of co-ordinating the mid-week runs. Jeff and Pat also set many Wednesday runs themselves often finding new roads to travel despite the fact that Wednesday runs have now been conducted monthly over more than 15 years.

Christmas Eve and many New Years Eves too will not be the same again! It was the norm to go to one another's places, sometimes with other friends, enjoy the festivities, the company and the food and, as the evening wore on, the stories would become more and more unbelievable.

We know that Jeff and Pat touched the lives of a large number of people, many being members of the MG Car Club of Qld. We know that every one of those people, friends, offer sincere condolences to Jeff, son Greg and Kim and grand daughter, Jade. RIP Pat .

A long-time member, Cyril Bennett, has also died and there will be a tribute to him in the July issue.



Photos from top: Great friends, The Heslewoods and the Hannants; A bit of fun on a run and Pat looking pensive.



Photos from top: *Happy days, Making new friends and, Old friends*

Annual M type gathering 17 April 2021

It all started back in 2017 when Keith Durstan from the UK dropped in to say Giddy and have a look at my M-Type (M1524). As it was very close to the anniversary of Cecil Kimber's birthday (12th April 1888), a few other M-Type owners were invited along for a chat to Keith, and to look, listen & learn from each other.

It went so well the M-Type Owners in South East Queensland decided we would do it every year – with or without visitors from the UK. In 2018 we gathered six M-Types and seven owners for a BBQ lunch and chat about Cecil's little gem of the MG world.

In 2019 we had five M-Types, but at a Covid delayed event in 2020 we gathered eight M-Types.

On the 17th April 2021 we again gathered eight M -Types, but not the same eight as in 2020 – in attendance we had:- 2M1466, 2M1468, M1523, M1524, 2M2177, 2M2551, 2M2712 & 2M3328. Missing in 2021 were 2M1272 & 2M3440.

2M1466 is a just finished 12/12 Replica in Brown & Cream, while 2M2712 is only weeks away from being on the road as well, so we expect more active cars for our 2022

gathering.

2M2177 is a new car to Australia, being imported from South Africa early this year – what a find !.

There was a lot of joy rides given to both children & adults with three M-Types active on the day.

After crawling over all the M-Types we retreated for a lovely lunch and the cutting of the Octagonal Cake for Cecil – Happy Birthday and thank you for the M-Types.

We are already planning our 2022 gathering – there are ten known M-Types in the region (and a couple more lurking nearby), so it could beat all expectations.

- Tony Slattery,
Black Mountain







2022 MG National Meeting

Bulletin 1



Greetings to MG enthusiasts around Australia and further afield!

With the 2020 and 2021 National Meetings having been cancelled due to Covid-19, we are thinking positively that 2022 will be a better year for us all and we are well advanced with planning for the 2022 National Meeting.

You are invited to join MG Car Club Newcastle for “MGs by the Lake” 15th to 19th April 2022!

The event will be based around Lake Macquarie over the 2022 Easter Weekend. We look forward to welcoming you and your MG to this beautiful part of Australia. Lake Macquarie is the largest coastal salt water lake in Australia and is renowned for its beautiful scenery and variety of water sports. It is a city in its own right, just 25 minutes' drive from the centre of Newcastle.

Lake Macquarie City Council has come on board as a major sponsor and we are grateful to them for their support.

All the traditional activities and events!

All social events will be held at Club Macquarie in Argenton. A variety of accommodation is available close to the main venues, including 36 rooms on-site at the club's own motel.

Friday - Registration & Noggin n Natter

Club Macquarie is just 5 minutes' drive from the Lake, and is the venue for Registration and all the evening social events. There is ample space for Registration, Scrutineering and the Noggin n Natter including the Rocker Cover Racing.

Saturday -The Concours

The Concours will be held in beautiful Speers Point Park, right on the shore of Lake Macquarie, with a large paved area available on the off-chance of inclement weather. Speers Point Park features many shade trees, picnic facilities and one of the best children's playgrounds you'll ever see. Food and drinks will be available during the event, or there are many cafes and restaurants in Warners Bay - a 5 minute drive around the Lake.

We are planning an optional scenic cruise on the Lake for those who aren't directly involved in the Concours and want to see more of this lovely area.

Sunday - Speed Event

Those with the need for speed will be able to test themselves and their cars on our recently extended and improved hillclimb at the Club's Ringwood Park complex, an easy 40 minute drive north of the Lake.

Monday - Motorkhana

The motorkhana will take place right alongside Lake Macquarie at Rathmines, a 20 minute drive from Club Macquarie. This is where the famous Catalina Flying Boats were stationed during the 2nd World War, and the area is steeped in history. Competitors can be assured of interesting motorkhana tests to challenge their driving and navigational skills.

Sunday and Monday - Touring Events

Lake Macquarie will be the backdrop for the Observation Event and Kimber Run. Participants will enjoy the scenic landscape and interesting roads, and maybe a few testing questions to sort the field.

Saturday and Monday - Social Events

The Theme Night and Presentation Dinner will be held at Club Macquarie. As 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the launch of the MGB, we will be going "Back to the Sixties" for our Theme Night. Ladies, start searching for your old mini-skirts and knee-high boots, and men, dig out those flared trousers and paisley shirts (if you're game!) for a fun time celebrating the "good old days".

Tuesday – Farewell Breakfast

The farewell breakfast will be held right on Lake Macquarie at the Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club. The venue overlooks the sailing boats moored on Belmont Bay, a scenic 20 minute drive along the Lake's edge from Club Macquarie. The Delegates' Meeting will follow at the same venue.

A Special Note about Accommodation

MGs by the Lake will coincide with the Australian Deaf Games being held in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, which will create additional demand for accommodation in the area. The NatMeet website provides a list of hotels, motels and apartments that are convenient to most of the event venues, and we strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure you secure your preferred accommodation. There are 36 rooms at "Macquarie 4 Star", part of the Club Macquarie complex, and these are expected to be in high demand.

To ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the "Express Interest" button and provide your contact details so you will be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.

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CAN YOU HELP? No 1

HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP AND CURRENT LOCATION OF KERRY HORGAN'S RACING SPRITE IS SOUGHT – CAN YOU HELP?

A previous owner the Mk.1 Sprite that Kerry Horgan built in 1960s is trying to trace the current whereabouts and ownership of the car and as it had assorted ownership most likely in the MG Car club, we agreed to put this 'missing persons' request in the Octagon.

John Campbell.

Information from John Campbell – in his own words.

In brief - Sharne Andre approached me asking if I knew the whereabouts of the ex-Horgan Ford Sprite.

I approached Kerry because I thought he knew something, but he doesn't - except that it was converted into a drag car.

I have some contact details for Paul Wilson who I know built (and re-built) the car for Kerry so I have tried to contact Paul. Other

known information is that -

- Tim Harlock designed and built a special front end.*
- Alistair Rees of Trend International built the fibreglass nose.*
- Kees Koppenol made the wheels and I believe the roll bar.*
- The reason for these changes may become evident from the photos.*

I have no ideas of the owners apart from Kerry, then John Wharton, then Sharne Andre.

If he can locate the car Sharne would like to rebuild it.

Please send any information you have to John Campbell by email to insideline@bigpond.com and John will give it to Sharne.

All of the black and white photos were taken at Mt Cotton by Brier Thomas in 1968. In at Least one of them, Paul Wilson is the driver.





CAN YOU HELP? No 2

BUCHANAN currently owned by Rees Mackay.

The history of this Buchanan is being sought by Rees Mackay.

Rees has listed below the information he has on the car. He has hopes that anyone reading this and having information which would be of interest to him will contact him with it. His email address is vscca40@gmail.com.

He is searching for the history of his Buchanan and is hoping someone in Queensland can help.

What is known is that the car has a Rizzo chassis, built with a Holden FJ cross member, and Holden FJ mechanicals. It has Body No 10, so the body was bought in 1957 as Sports Car World March 1958 quotes Buchanan "next month we will be delivering our 100th body". The actual completion date of the car is unknown.

The history Rees has as follows:

- The car was built in the Paddington area of Brisbane. It was twice painted red.
- Early in its life a fastback roof was fitted, whether this was to make it eligible for GT racing is not known, the front mudguards were probably enclosed at the same time.
- At this time it was supposedly run at Lakeside, Lowood and Mt Cotton, but I have no evidence.
- It was registered (Qld) NVE 565.
- In mid 1969 it was bought from the

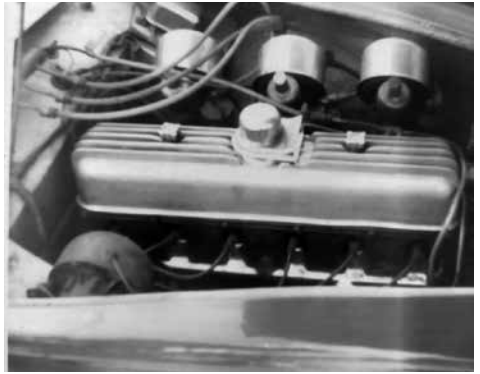
Paddington area and moved to Sandgate with Lindsay Chapman, and the b&w photos are from this time. It was bright red with a black interior. It was sold to a backyard dealer in the north of Brisbane in 1970.

- It seems that it was then painted white and FE hubs and wheels fitted.
- In the late 70's it was bought by Shane Grinkley, an apprentice electrician, who painted it yellow and re-registered it. The colour photo is when he bought it. He later cut out the roof to make a 'targa top'.
- It is believed to have been owned by a marine engineer in the 90's
- Ian Peters bought it in the 90's. He removed the rest of the roof, and returned the front mudguards to the original profile.
- It was sold to Peter Yorke 2002, who had plans of rebuilding it with an Aston Martin engine. When more Aston Martin parts were obtained these plans changed to a full Aston Martin Special a la DB3S and the Buchanan was cut up and used as a template to assist this.
- I bought the dismembered Buchanan in 2013, and rebuilt the car to what it might have been in 1957, but painted it green, finishing in 2017.

Rees Mackay – Email Rees Mackay at vscca40@gmail.com



LC photo 1969



LC photo 1969



LC photo 1969



LC photo 1969



DS photo c1980



At Cootamundra sprints in 2018

Midweek April Run

See the report on page 21

Participants:

Neil & Margaret Taylor

Errol & Wendy Hoger

Greg & Rhonda Hannant

Dennis Thomas & Bruce Bishop

Neil & Kate Robson

Ray & Sue Edwards and Diane

John Davidson

Trevor & Anne Mills

Lloyd & Karen Thomson

John & Pat Walker

David & Meryl Miles

Jan Burke

Barry Iutwyche

Tim & Lynne Bateman

Val Hogan

Malcolm Campbell & Kathy Burford

Trevor & Sue

Dino & Margaret Mattea

Alan & Joyce Tebbutt





MG PRE-WAR AND TYME EVENT 2021

Event Information and Registration is now available for the MG Pre-War and TYme Event to be held in Canberra from 1 to 4 October 2021. The information and registration form can be found at: <https://mgcccanberra.org.au/>

Inquiries concerning the event may be sent by email to mg-pre-war-tyme@mgcccanberra.org.au, or by phone to:

- Pre-War Registrants: Malcolm Robertson ph. 0408 627 685
- T Type and Y Type Registrants: Kent Brown ph. 0412 558 029



Overnight Run 28th-29th April



We would all like to dedicate this April Midweek Run and April Runs in the future to our dear friend Pat Heslewood who sadly passed away recently.

This was to be the March run but unfortunately weather conditions forced us to cancel.

The run was from Beenleigh to Stanthorpe. Starting at Doug Larsen Park Beenleigh and travelling onto Beaudesert, Rathdowney, Moogera Dam, Warwick and onto Stanthorpe.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for my lack of concentration and leading some cars on an unplanned adventure to Boonah rather than Rathdowney. I dare not tell my children who are quick to point out my age and refusal to put satnav in the MG! We eventually all got together for lunch at Moogerah Dam followed by another unplanned adventure onto Warwick rather than Glengallon... but we all arrived at the Vines Motel in Stanthorpe in time to check-in and take advantage of Happy Hour in the BBQ area, where we had a drink to honour our dear friend and run colleague Pat Heslewood. It was then time to head to the RSL for dinner. The brave ones walked while the others took a Taxi. Lloyd used his phone GPS to track us the safest and shortest route (so we did not get lost) for the 1km walk. 14 minutes later we were all at the Club and enjoyed a great meal served by their friendly staff.

We all made it back to the Motel and crashed after a long and 'adventurous' day.

Thursday morning saw us split into groups, some going home to catch afternoon plane flights, some travelling south for an extended run, others went shopping, a group went to a car restorers' workshop while some of us went to the Ballandean Winery before all heading home. Unfortunately, there is a massive amount of road works currently in this region which made many trips longer than planned.

I hope everyone managed plenty of laughs and enjoyed the two days. In the words of Forrest Gump once said "life is like a box of chocolates..." You will be happy to know I have taken a leaf out of Lloyd's book and ordered a new iPhone so will have satnav handy for the next run!

- Neil



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CHAPTER Chatter

WIDE BAY CHAPTER

Wednesday 10th March 2021

We enjoyed morning tea at the lovely Park by the Mary River near the Maryborough Sailing Club. It is situated between the bottom of Queens Park and the Broлга Theatre. We had a delightful morning looking out over the beautiful Mary River while enjoying our morning tea and a chat. From there we drove to Burrum Heads where we had our choice of BYO or buy lunch and we enjoyed everything on offer at the Lions Park and the pristine waters of the Burrum River.



Saturday 27th March

It was our pleasure to attend the Brooweena Historical Museum fundraising event. It is held every two years and our Wide Bay Chapter was invited to put on a Car Display for the organisers. We

had 17 Cars on display with 7 MGs present, all polished up in all their glory ready for the crowds of people attending the great attractions on offer.

A great day was had by all - it is always good to assist the Community in this way.



3rd April Shannons Poono Car Show

Early in the month on Easter Saturday 3rd April 2021 we travelled to Poono as we were asked by Shannons if we could assist in putting on a Car Show for the local community.

It was a very early start as we needed to be in place before 8.30 am. We had cars from Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Gympie.

Peter and Delia Rayment came up from Mt Tinbeerwah. It's always good to see them and their immaculate MGYA and also the immaculate MGTF of Rick and Jan Edwards from the Cooloola Cove area near Tin Can Bay.

We had a great time together. These shows are not just about the cars you know - the people you meet and the friends you make are the absolute jewels at these events.





For Wednesday 14th April

Bob and Dot Summers organised a run to the Apple Tree Creek Bird Sanctuary. The Flying High Bird Park. Today we woke to another typical magic day in the Bay and today our drive was to be a little different. We met at our usual time and location with most enjoying driving their usual day drives as it was going to be a family day affair. We had a terrific roll up with cars bringing 31 members, family, and friends. We left at our usual departure time after being advised as to what to expect for the day on the drive to the Bird Park, at Apple Tree Creek. We were led off by Bob Summers for the day and were joined by members at the Toogoom turnoff and also Torbanlea. Wednesday 24th April.

It was a short drive to the Black Stump Park at Gatakers Bay on the foreshore for morning tea and afterwards a drive down the very busy Esplanade Hervey Bay heading to Maryborough and the Restaurant at the Maryborough Golf Club for a very nice Chinese Luncheon.

There were 16 cars with 8 MGs present . Thirty members and 5 guests enjoyed the day out and the company as usual was inspiring, everyone enjoyed the lovely weather. The beautiful surroundings after the rain made the Golf Course look like a picture. It was designed around lagoons with the beautiful green fairways and greens created a perfect setting for us to look out onto while we enjoyed our very nice lunch.



Friday 30th April

Twenty members assembled at the Masonic Hall Pialba for our Noggin and Natter.

When we arrived to set up the hall the sun was shining and all looked well for a lovely evening. Just when some of the members started to arrive the Heavens opened up and the rain came down.

However that did not dampen our enthusiasm to have a good time, after all we do enjoy ourselves when we get together on the Fraser Coast.

The Chapter put on the Sausages etc and the Ladies brought Salads and Sweets for all to enjoy. We brought along our Rocker Cover Racers to entice others to perhaps build one or two as Rod our Design Engineer has decided to build a Race Track so that we can all have a bit of fun.

Our friend Brian came along to do the cooking to help us out, and everyone

enjoyed themselves immensely. There were Magazines to swap and Parts to give away and sell.. Bob Summers came up with the idea to raffle a Bottle of Whiskey to raise some money for the New Fraser Coast Motor Museum and we have sold \$50.00 worth so far and that will be drawn at our next get together

We topped off the night with a raffle draw as the members had brought along some raffle prizes to raise a little money to cover costs for the evening.

All in all the Noggin and Natter was a great success. We didn't have the usual number of members that we would have hoped for however those that attended did enjoy themselves and it was nice to welcome our newest members David & Leslie Leishman to our gathering of MGCCQ friends.

David Hall and Lyn Hayward
MGCCQ Wide Bay Chapter





Haley Hall 14, and Already in Love with Classic Cars

I woke up in the morning thinking I would be having a boring quite day at home, but Boy! Was I wrong, instead I had a wonderful adventure filled morning!

It was chilly in the morning, so I got dressed in my warm jumper and headed out, we met all the cars at the service station. They were all gorgeous! From green MGs to white, blue and red ones, they were all stunning. I met all the nice ladies and gentlemen that were a part of the MGCCQ Wide Bay Chapter and then we headed off. Mum and I were turned up in the Audi, so we didn't really blend in. We arrived at the park at Gatakers Bay and I said hi to my Grandma and Grandad and sat down, had a chat and ate morning tea.

Now the best part, Lyn invited me to have lunch in Maryborough and drive with David



in their MG RV8, it was pretty much a dream come true to drive in an old car. I have always been drawn to older cars, and pretty much everything vintage, so to experience one of these rare beauties was wonderful. We drove down the Esplanade and then headed to Maryborough, seeing the world around me without a window to block everything was beautiful. I could feel the wind against my skin and every noise around me, I felt like I could almost touch the ground the car was that low. But I really enjoyed it. We arrived at the Golf Club, and we had a delicious Chinese lunch. And if I'm being honest, I was exhausted after my day out, so I went home and had a nap. I'm so glad I got to be involved, I had also just turned 14, 2 days earlier and it was the Best Birthday present ever. Thank you, Lynney and David.

By Haley Hall





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CHAPTER Chatter

CAPRICORN CHAPTER

Run Report, 19th February, 2021

Finally, a beautiful day. All the Yeppoon members gathered at the Oaks Servo at 7:50 for an 8:00 depart to Rocky; that is, except one. Yours truly misread his own run sheet and was there at 7:50 so had to wait an hour for the others. It is amazing the number of classic cars around travelling the Yeppoon to Rockhampton road at that hour of a Sunday morning. Two Jags, several Mustangs and numerous old Holdens and Falcons went by while I was waiting.

Anyhow, the Yeppoon contingent set sail at around 8:00 for an uneventful run into Rockhampton where we met the Rocky mob. Unfortunately, Clare was riding shotgun with Jo as the week previously she and husband Paul took a trip to Barcaldine and Longreach and, as luck would have it, they hit a huge roo in their beautiful little MGA on their return.

The run was a mini mystery tour with Jo and Clare leading the way through Rockhampton along the old Bruce highway to the actual location where the Tropic of Capricorn crosses the road. Interestingly,

Anne told us that her father had constructed the location pillars on either side of the road many years ago as he was a prominent Rockhampton bricklayer at the time. We stopped there for our first smoko and photoshoot. Quite soon, we were on the road again and to our next phase, another smoko break at the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens.

The next and last stage was led by yours truly and we travelled down towards Emu Park to the Cawarral turnoff through the small town of Cawarral crossing the Yeppoon road and on to our final destination of the Caves Pub for lunch.

We arrived just before another car group did and soon the beer Garden was packed. Lunch was quickly served and I think everybody enjoyed their fare.

The group were addressed by myself and the group were asked if there were any more takers for the Airlie Beach weekend as numbers for this upcoming trip were extremely low. Also, Clare and Jo were planning a trip to Emerald to meet the Great South Western Tour participants for their last night in Emerald before returning home and expressions of interest were sought.





Bellies full, one by one our little Caves Pub trip participants left for home. All agreed that they had a lovely morning and drive.

Those in attendance were;
Jo Emmert and Clare Lynam; Terry Dwyer and Anne Burbidge; Robert and Yvonne Holbeck; Ian and Rosemary Carleton; Paul Davey; Phil Henry; Neville Funch; Gordon Kelsey; Phil White and myself.

MGCCQ 2021 Calendar

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The following abbreviations are used for Chapter names:

CAP = Capricorn; FNQ = Far North Qld; DDC = Darling Downs; WBC = Wide Bay; WHI = Whitsundays BUN = Bundaberg & District

June			
Tue 1 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Thu 3 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Fri 4 Jun	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter	
Sat 5 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Sun 6 Jun	All day	Noggin & Natter (All members)	
	All day	Proposed date for Qld Circuit Racing Championships Rd 2	
Tue 8 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Wed 9 Jun	12:00pm - 2:00pm	DDC Lunch Run (Marilyn & Phil O'Brien - 0488 750 037)	
Thu 10 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Fri 11 Jun	All day - Sun 13 Jun Country Run (Open to all members)		
Sat 12 Jun	All day		
	All day - Sun 13 Jun	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
		All British Day - Townsville	
Sun 13 Jun	All day	Sunday run to Gold Coast Motor Museum - details below	
	All day	WHI (South Region) Covered in Chrome	(R. Collier)
Tue 15 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Thu 17 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Fri 18 Jun	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter	
Sat 19 Jun	All day		
	All day - Sun 20 Jun	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
		Proposed date for Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 3	
Sun 20 Jun	All day	Proposed date for a Khanacross	
Tue 22 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Wed 23 Jun	All day	June midweek run	
Thu 24 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)	
Fri 25 Jun	All day - Sun 27 Jun		
	All day	Shannons Nationals	
		WHI Chapter Bi-monthly Dinner (R. Collier)	
Sat 26 Jun	All day		

Don't forget to check the online calendar on the website as there will possibly be more information there on some of the events listed here.

All day - Sun 27 Jun		DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
		Proposed date for Shannon's Nationals
Tue 29 Jun	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
July		
Thu 1 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 2 Jul	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter
Sat 3 Jul	All day	
All day - Sun 4 Jul		DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
		Historic Qld Race Meeting at Warwick
Tue 6 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 8 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 10 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 11 Jul	All day All day	FNQ Day Run
		WHI (South Region) Covered in Chrome (R. Collier)
Tue 13 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 14 Jul	12:00pm - 2:00pm	DDC Lunch Run (Marilyn & Phil O'Brien - 0488 750 037)
Thu 15 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 16 Jul	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter
Sat 17 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 18 Jul	All day	Proposed date for a motorkhana
Tue 20 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 22 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 24 Jul	All day	
All day - Sun 25 Jul		DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
		Proposed date for Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 4
Tue 27 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 28 Jul	All day	July midweek run
Thu 29 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 31 Jul	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
August		
Tue 3 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 5 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 6 Aug	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter
Sat 7 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 8 Aug	All day	FNQ Day Run
	All day	WHI (South Region) Covered in Chrome (R. Collier)
Tue 10 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 11 Aug	12:00pm - 2:00pm	DDC Lunch Run (Marilyn & Phil O'Brien - 0488 750 037)

Thu 12 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 14 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
All day - Sun 15 Aug Proposed date for Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 5		
Sun 15 Aug	All day	Proposed date for a Khanacross
Tue 17 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 19 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 20 Aug	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter
Sat 21 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
All day - Sun 22 Aug Leyburn Legends weekend - 25th anniversary		
Tue 24 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 25 Aug	All day	August midweek run with optional overnight stay in Yamba (2 NIGHTS) organised by Denis Thomas
Thu 26 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 27 Aug All day - Sun 29 Aug		
All day - Sun 29 Aug All day (No title)		
Proposed date for Qld Circuit Racing Championships Rd 3 WHI (South Region) Bi-monthly Dinner (R. Collier)		
Sat 28 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 29 Aug	All day	Possible date for A Day in the Country
Tue 31 Aug	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
September		
Thu 2 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 3 Sep	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' natter
Sat 4 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 5 Sep	All day	FNQ Day Run
Tue 7 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 8 Sep	12:00pm - 2:00pm	DDC Lunch Run (Marilyn & Phil O'Brien - 0488 750 037)
Thu 9 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 11 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
All day Proposed date for the Interclub hillclimb		
Sun 12 Sep	All day	WHI (South Region) Covered in Chrome (R. Collier)
Tue 14 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 16 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 17 Sep	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natter
Sat 18 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 19 Sep	All day	Possible date for All British Day
All day Proposed date for a motorkhana		
Tue 21 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 22 Sep	All day	September mid week run

Thu 23 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 25 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
	All day	Test 'n' Tune hillclimb
Tue 28 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 30 Sep	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
October		
Fri 1 Oct	All day - Mon 4 Oct	MGTYme and Pre-War Rally
	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natters
Sat 2 Oct	All day	
	All day - Sun 3 Oct	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
		Hyundai Excel Nationals at Morgan Park
Tue 5 Oct	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Thu 7 Oct	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sat 9 Oct	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 10 Oct	All day	FNQ Day Run
	All day	WHI (South Region) Covered in Chrome (R. Collier)
Tue 12 Oct	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Wed 13 Oct	12:00pm - 2:00pm	DDC Lunch Run (Marilyn & Phil O'Brien - 0488 750 037)
Thu 14 Oct	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Fri 15 Oct	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Noggin 'n' Natters
Sat 16 Oct	All day	DDC Ad-hoc social run (Glen Hadfield)
Sun 17 Oct	All day - Mon 18 Oct	Proposed date for Australian Motorkhana championships
PLEASE NOTE: Thurs 21 - Sun 24 October Australian Hillclimb Championships		

More dates and information are available on NOTICEBOARD on PAGE 5.

MGCCQ Noggin and Natters by Don Webster

Our fortnightly Noggin and Natters at the clubrooms (First and Third Friday of the month) have come back with a bit of a difference, post COVID lockdowns. The main problem was that we could not have our traditional BBQ and buffet servery, so alternatives were investigated.

As there was no restriction if you brought your own food, and consumed it yourself, our first attempt was a "design and bring your own pizza" night, with many variations of this fairly basic fare, according to individual tastes.

Tim and Lynne Bateman then came to the party (literally) with the idea of Gourmet Burgers, which were well received. Following this success, they offered to provide an Irish menu of taties and Guinness to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Looking for other significant

occasions, they then decided that an 'Asian Adventure' would be appropriate for the Buddha's Birthday.

The photo shows the contented diners sitting at the arrangement of tables representing a mandala. Tim and Lynne were then thanked by acclamation, however it was difficult to achieve with only one hand clapping!

Future special meals are planned for upcoming Noggin and Natters – watch this space. Actually, it would be better if you watched the Weekly Newsletter on the website, as the information is likely to be more up-to-date.



April evening meal run report

The rain and wind had subsided and it was a very beautiful evening for our Friday night social meeting.

We were all prepped up for Covid once again after a brief Brisbane lock down and Covid positive scare in Gladstone, but 19 of our members masked up and came to a pleasant evening at Beaches Restaurant Kemp Beach.

Our tables were all very nicely presented and ready for us on our arrival, the tricky bit was the signing in process as our friends from Telstra seem to be doing something with the NBN again. Never mind we were soon all sorted and settled at our tables.

It was a busy night at Beaches and beside us there was a table of 25 ladies of all ages celebrating a birthday of one of them. As the night wore on and the wine took hold it became increasingly hard to hear the conversation within our group.

Enough whinging after a considerable wait our group was served and soon we all seemed to be enjoying our meals. On completion, the group mingled and interesting conversations ensued for some time.

It was particularly pleasing to see Ian and Rosemary Carleton re-join us after a brief absence. Welcome back Ian and Rosemary.

Another very pleasant evening and well attended by club members.

Those who were in attendance were;

Ian And Rosemary Carleton; Paul and Jo-Anne Davey. Tom and Janelle Coe; Phil and Margaret Henry. Jo Emmert; Paul and Clare Lynam; Terry Dwyer and Anne Burbidge; Jack and Rae Cowie ; Laurie Chetter and Beth Dunlop; Sandra and Myself



CHAPTER Chatter

WHITSUNDAY CHAPTER

Report 26th February 2021. Bi-monthly Chapter dinner and social gathering by Richard Collier.

Chapter members were keen to get together after the end of year break, the scheduled dinner/social gathering provided the perfect opportunity for some talk therapy however background noise would at times be challenging. COVID19 entry protocols in place at Harrop Park County club were completed without issues. Pre-dinner drinks and menu selection including placement of meal orders was completed. The pre-dinner drinks began to loosen tongues and soon discussions were in full swing. Attendees included Jim & Lorna Forest (MGY); John & Sue Evetts (MGBGT); Roger Green (MGRV8); Paul & Dianne Octrin (MGBGT); Bob Evetts (MGC); Jim Robb (MGB) and Richard & Lynn Collier (MGTF/MGY) with apologies from three. With intermittent showers verging on rain, MG cars were safely ensconced in garages. Prior to the meals being served, a brief group discussion was initiated covering planned 2021 Chapter activities and any changes deemed appropriate. Proposal tabled and interest expressed in the creation of a monthly member maintenance day to allow mechanically challenged members to undertake minor work such as annual car services etc. Logistics including hoist access to be investigated.

The Club food menu was extensive, allowing for a wide variety of choices. Table service was slick and the food presentation inviting, all of which was well received by attendees. "Natter and Chatter" covered a wide range of subjects including COVID19, the next Chapter fun run scheduled for 14 March and the proposed inter-Chapter (Capricornia/Whitsunday) get together at

Airlie Beach over the May Day weekend. As the old saying goes "time flies when you are having fun" and it was soon time to be thinking of winding up discussions. The scheduled dinner/social gathering provided the perfect environment for attendees to build on existing relationships, initiate others and solicit feedback on Chapter events.

7th March 2021

After much work, we are finally getting some traction from MG owners and associates in the Whitsunday (North) Chapter. This area covers Airlie Beach, Cannonvale, Proserpine, Bowen and surrounding areas.

A number of local projects have recently come together, just in time for a visit from Capricornia Chapter and Whitsunday (South), both of whom are planning to visit our area over the May Day weekend.

Mal Sykes (Green TD) and Norm Clark (Red TC) took their cars for a drive to Lake Proserpine on Sunday 7th March, turning a few heads along the route. This was the first outing for these two vehicles, adding to the interest in the area. Mal is also the proud owner of an MGB, which is still being re-assembled after a major rebuild.

Another member, Ted Evans, has also completed his long awaited rebuild of his MG Y-type (pictured), which was recently put on show at the local Whitsunday Automobile Restorer's Club event on Australia Day.

Together with Ross Chisholm (MGF), Phil Brown (MGB) and Chris Harvey (MGB), the chapter is planning to travel to Mackay, where we will meet up with the Mackay and Capricornia groups before returning in convoy to Airlie Beach.



Report 14th March 2021. We participated in “Covered in Chrome” Mackay Harbour Marina and a social fun run to Old Station Tea House, Cape Hillsborough - report by Richard Collier.

Eight cars were displayed at the “Covered in Chrome” and participants included Jim & Lorna Forest (MG F); John & Sue Evetts (MGBGT); Roger & Lesley Green (MGRV8); Rod Pacey (Porsche 911) ; Mark & Ann Stephens (MGTF); Jim Robb & Gary Beckett (MGB); Ian & Eileen Hall (Cobra) and Richard & Lynn Collier (MG F). As in past gatherings, new “old” cars continue to materialize from the suburbs and be displayed. This month saw an MGY (original condition with known history) and a restored “baby” Austin with much interest shown by the growing number of spectators.

The driving instructions for the social run nominated a group departure from the Good Guys North Mackay carpark of 0915hrs. The journey north along the Bruce Highway was uneventful, with the MGTF setting a respectable pace. With plenty of shade trees available, cars were parked upon arrival, the group were met by our host,



welcomed and shown to our reserved table on “the deck.” The Old Station Tea House is steeped in local history, located approximately 40km north of Mackay, it is a turn of the century railway station building that was relocated from its original home (Marian) into a rainforest setting along with rambling gardens close to the popular Cape Hillsborough National Park. The table service was efficient, food (scones, jam and cream) was well received, along with milk shakes, tea and coffee. The group settled down to serious discussions ranging from COVID19 and local issues to car maintenance matters. After “solving” some of the issues, the group dispersed with some taking the opportunity to explore local beaches while others headed for home. Great destination, facilities, company, food, and beverages made for a successful outing.

Report 11th April 2021. Attended “Covered in Chrome” Mackay Marina Complex followed by a fun run to Calen via St Helens Beach - by Richard Collier.

Chapter numbers at “Covered in Chrome” were expected to be down given school



MGY Sedan



“Baby” Austin



Group Photo



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holidays and a couple of members having interstate commitments. On the day, humid hot conditions were experienced by members, with early morning fog patches an indication that hot conditions would be with us during the day. Six cars participated in "Covered in Chrome", attendees included Roger & Lesley Green (MGRV8); Jim Robb (MGB); Ian & Eileen Hall (Cobra); Paul & Dianne Octrin (MGBGTV8); Richard & Lynn Collier (MGTF/MGF) and we welcomed back from hibernation local member Gerry Deguara (MGBV8). The run sheet had participants dispersing around 0830hrs, and regrouping at the Good Guys Carpark, North Mackay for coffee and a chat from 0900hrs. The car group was joined by Rod Pacey & Bev (Porsche 911). The group departed for Calen via Mount Jukes and St Helens beach at 1000hours, with the destination being the nominated stop for lunch at the Calen Pub, or at least that was what was planned.

With the lead car nominated (after all he was part of the reconnaissance team) and yours truly taking the tail end, the group set off. As we travelled north along the Bruce Highway traffic was starting to build as we approached the Mount Jukes turnoff when it became noticeably clear that this would not be happening, as the lead car and others continued north, eventually turning off at the St Helens beach turnoff. There was to be no cruising through the green cane fields on country back roads today. Upon our arrival at St Helens beach, our leader claimed

he had experienced a "seniors" moment, guess he will continue in lead role until deemed to be competent. Co-pilots were tasked with selecting a location for a group photograph and, when positioning the cars for photos, the Porsche 911 suffered a gear selection issue (stuck in reverse). Despite trying every trick known to release and after some frantic calls and monetary exchange, tilt tray return journey to Mackay beckoned for car and driver. Whilst this was all being organised the remaining run participants elected to continue to Calen. Calen is a small town 35km north of Mackay, population approximately 400 residents, which supports the surrounding sugarcane and cattle industries. It is well known for the pub and local store which is clearly visible from the highway. When next travelling in the area, stop and browse, you will not be disappointed. After some frantic calls and monetary exchange, a tilt tray return journey was organised to Mackay. Two strikes, what will be the third. We were in luck, there was to be no third calamity on the day and the members enjoyed a great lunch, minus Rod who remained to chaperone the Porsche 911. Key Learning for the day – please ensure breakdown insurance is current, saves a lot of unwanted and unnecessary stress.

The next Chapter bi-monthly dinner is scheduled for the fourth Friday of the month (April) at the Northern Beaches Bowls Club.



St Helens Beach



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CHAPTER Chatter

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

First Run for 2021

First run for 2021 was meet at Palm Cove for morning tea, then coastal drive to Port Douglas for lunch at the Court House Pub. Great turnout for the beginning of the year and not too hot, sun was out with a few clouds, loving where we live, Far North Queensland ROCKS!



28 Feb run

Our Sunday, 28th February, run was looking a bit dodgy in the weather department and the original plan was to meet at Fullers Sports Club at Edmonton for morning tea, and then drive to Bramston Beach on the south side, to join up with the Northern Motoring Club for a picnic run.

As the weather got progressively worse we made a unified decision to remain at the Sports Club and have lunch. Good idea, the meals were great, us northerners around the beginning of the year sometimes have

to adapt to the wet season, so we made the best of good company, chatter and a bit of lunch.

Let's try again in March.

March report

Sunday 14th March the weather gods shined favourably on us, considering we had a lot of rain.

Meeting at Smithfield, at the bottom of the Kuranda range, we then drive on past Kuranda on to Jaques Coffee, which has recently reopened after refurbishment,

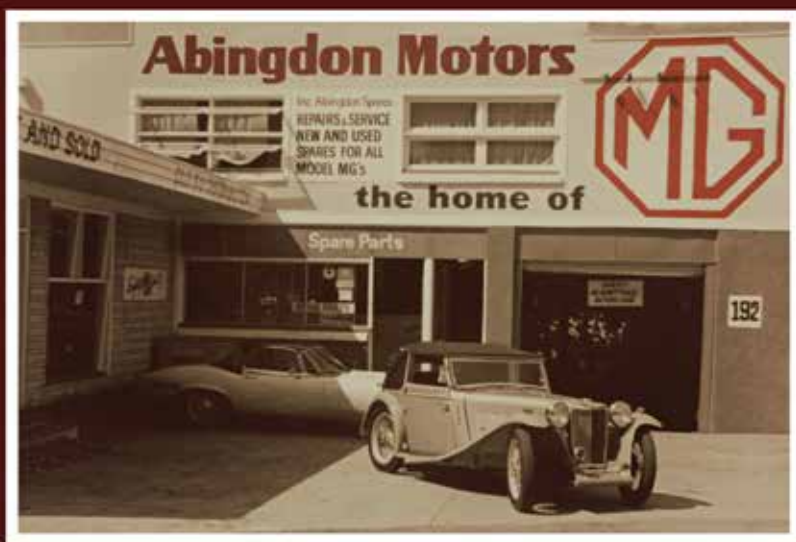




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(Mareeba) for morning tea, they do a decent scones, jam and cream. Then, as always, a beautiful scenic Tablelands drive through the rambling green farming fields/hills to Atherton - lunch was at the historic Barron Valley Hotel.

Participants today were Alan and Eileen – Maroon MGF, John and Cherie – Red Midget, Kim and Fiona – White MGB, Brendon and June – White MGB, Graham and Pauline – Red Ferrari, John and Helen – Mustard MGB, Bob and Patty – Red MGA, Leon – Red Midget, David and Val – White Kia Stinger and

Harvey and Kay – White Ute

April 11

Lucky again today for our Sunday 11th April adventure, dodging weeks of rain, to be able to travel with a relatively clear sky, just some fluffy white clouds over head.

Participants - Tony B – Green PA, Alan and Eileen – Maroon MGF, John and Cherie – Red Midget,

Brendon and June – Red Austin Healey, Graham and Pauline – Maroon Daimler, Bob and Patty – White Hilux, Leon – Red Midget, Ken and Irene – Blue MGB, Harvey and Kay – White Ute



Starting point again on the southside at Fuller Sports, we are limited for somewhere on a Sunday around Edmonton for morning tea, but Fuller Sports opens early and do coffee/tea and cakes.

Mena Creek Hotel was our lunchtime destination today south-west of Innisfail, near Paronella Park, and it was a leisurely drive going up the Palmerston Highway, through cattle grazing country and cane fields to arrive there around midday. Had a good number on the last few runs, thanks FNQ Chapter members for making the days fun and full of chatter.



CHAPTER Chatter

DARLING DOWNS CHAPTER

“Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.” – Jim Bishop

It's also a great time to get out with the top down.

Wednesday 10th March – Lunch Run

The March lunch was planned for the Warwick Golf Club, thanks to Marilyn & Phil O'Brien. Unfortunately, there was a disappointing roll up with only six members and two visitors attending.

However, those who came along made the most of what is a beautiful spot. The large club verandah, overlooking the golf course provides a magnificent outlook for lunch. As always, the lunches and service were very good. Special mention to our visitors, Sam and Rosita Grasso, who travelled up from Stanthorpe and are likely to become our newest members. As well as the MGA they arrived in, Sam has a fully restored 65-66 Thunderbird.

Participants were: Phil & Marilyn O'Brien (TR7), Guy & Pam West (Subaru), Ron Gillis & Brian Phillips (Mazda CX3) and Sam & Rosita Grasso (MGA).

Looking forward to better patronage of our future lunches during autumn.

Sunday 28th March – Monthly Run

Our March run was well organised by Ron and Judy Gillis. A good roll up of thirteen cars started off from Toowoomba West. As we headed off towards Wyreema it was noticed we were missing a couple of cars. Unfortunately, they had missed our first turn off and were headed off 'elsewhere'. Our errant travellers were soon rounded up by Gary, our alert Tail End Charlie, and returned to the fold. A good case for keeping an eye on the vehicle behind you when in convoy.

After our recent rains the countryside is looking very green and it was very pleasant to enjoy a leisurely drive through the area. Our break for morning tea and comfort stop at Clifton was a great time to catch up. We also farewelled a couple of our group as they had to leave us at this point.

Refreshed again, we then continued on our journey through more lush countryside. The Darling Downs Zoo is along the route we took, and it looks like it is gaining more popularity considering the number of cars that were in the parking area outside. Our run was completed with a very pleasant meal at the Bull & Barley Hotel at Cambooya. This hotel has a very good reputation for its hearty food and it certainly lived up to it.



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Participants: Ron Gillis (MGB), Phil & Marilyn O'Brien (TR7), Helen Goodfellow (MG TF), Brian & June Phillips (MG TF 1500), Andrew & Susan Willesden (MGB), Cheryl & Frank Francis (MGB), Ian & Jenny Roberts (MGB), Darryl & Yvonne Bell (MGB), Pat & Julie-Anne Birmingham (MGB), Gary & Janis Lawrence (MX5), Glen & Bev Hadfield (MGB), Owen Douglas & Ken (MGB), Rob Fraser (MG TD).

a gathering of ten members: Phil & Marilyn O'Brien (Pajero), Ron & Judy Gillis (MGB), Brian & June Phillips (MGB GT), Gary Lawrence (Escort MKI), Glen & Bev Hadfield (VW Polo), Cheryl Francis (Mazda).

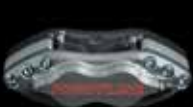
Wednesday 14th April – Lunch Run

Our April luncheon get together, kindly organised by Marilyn & Phil O'Brien was at Federation Park, Vale View which is just outside Toowoomba. The elevated park, with trees planted for past Prime Ministers, is an ideal spot for a picnic lunch and saw



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CHAPTER Chatter

BUNDABERG CHAPTER

Sunday run to Toogoom – by Dave Cook 14/03/21

We had a small turn out of members for our run to Toogoom and, after the usual catch up banter, we headed out of town with yours truly leading and Steve and Teena as tail end.

We headed down the Woodgate road to Foleys Rd then meandered our way back to the Isis Hwy and on to Apple Tree Creek just north of Childers where we had an enjoyable morning tea. On the way through Childers we caught up with Peter and Val Walkington who I was supposed to let us know where to meet us (old age is not good). From there we travelled down the Bruce Hwy to the turn off opposite Bamboo Land to the Burrum Heads Rd. then turned right on to the Hervey Bay Rd. to Goodys on the beach at Toogoom. Unfortunately we had to sit at two tables even though we had booked the week before for 12 people, the meals were OK but not to the standard expected. After the meal and social chat some of us decided to head for Childers Insane Coffee where we had excellent coffee and sweets.

A very enjoyable day even though I did forget to let Peter and Val know where to meet us.

Those attending were : Clive Pearce



MGF160 Trophy, Rodger & Phyllis Warne MGB, Steve & Teena Johnson Hyundai, Peter & Val Walkington Honda, Peter & Michelle O'Brien MG3, Jenny & I MGF



Coonarr, Insane Coffee 8/03/2021

We all met at Quay St as usual with a good turn out of members, ready for an enjoyable day. Larry led us off in his Porsche to Coonarr beach via the Goodwood Rd with yours truly as tail end Charlie. On arrival we found we had the place to ourselves and had a very enjoyable morning tea and walk on the beach and dabbled our feet in the ocean. Larry then produced a motor vehicle quiz which most of failed miserably while Stuart won the coffee voucher with 6 correct answers which was over double what I achieved. After more discussions



Larry led us away although Rodger and I were slightly delayed when Phyllis realised she had left her phone behind. Due to some legal spirited driving we caught the rest of the cars and proceeded down Foley's Rd in to Childers and to Insane coffee. Apart from Ian whose Steak was not cooked adequately the rest of us had a very enjoyable meal. Then, to finish the day off, Peter & Val's Rover would not start, but with the wealth of knowledge in our group he was soon on his way much to Val's relief.

Thanks to Larry & Brenda for a very well organised enjoyable day with good friends.

Dave Cook
Bundaberg coordinator

April at Agnes Waters & 1770

By Jacqui Mutton

What a glorious day to take a run up the coast to Agnes Waters and the town of 1770. 13 cheery souls all met in our usual place in 5 MGs, 1 Porsche and a lovely big red RAM - Denis wanted to stretch the legs on his new RAM!!!

It was an enjoyable drive to the little village of Rosedale where we sat under a huge fig tree and participated in our morning tea and the obligatory chin wag!!! We then set off and headed towards the coast with such gorgeous countryside, so green!! We drove straight through to 1770 scenic lookout,





parked our vehicles and had a little wander taking in the beautiful scenery of Bustard Bay. A couple went up the hill and checked out the Wave Lookout. Just stunning!!

Headed back into the village, parked our cars and strolled up to the Beach Hotel 1770. Which took in the beautiful views of the inlet and ocean. After consuming our lunch, with an ale or wine, it was time to head off to our next venue. A few decided that the view was toooo enjoyable, another couple had to race home and feed the alpacas and decided not to join in with the rest who went back into Agnes Waters to the Distillery. After partaking of some very interesting mixes of fruit wines it was time to say farewell and head back towards Bundy.

A good time was had by all and like some wise person said, 'We'll be back!!'

Participants; Peter & Michelle O'Brien, Paula & Graeme Brown, Clive Pearce, Larry & Brenda Lipscombe, Denis & Imelda Logan, Steve & Tracy Gable, Jacqui & Ray Mutton

May 2nd Run Report

We all met at Quay St as usual with 5 cars ready for an enjoyable visit to Steve & Tracy Gable's new venture near Gin Gin. the weekend was supposed to be a long weekend camp but due to many reasons only one couple could make it so Steve & I decided to cancel the camp & head out on the Sunday for morning tea & BBQ lunch. We left at around 9:15am & headed down the Gin Gin road to the Wallaville turn off through pleasant undulating road to Wallaville, where we had a comfort stop and some of the ladies had a tree identification class in the local park while the men discussed cars.

We continued on through Wallaville to the Bruce Hwy and to the farm which was not hard to find with a paddock full of Alpacas. After morning tea with lamingtons from the local bakery (delicious) we had a guided tour of the new residence, Granny Flat , Workshop & paddocks & had teachings on the various traits of Alpacas, we also went through the gardens with an amazing selection of various fruit trees, looks like a real project for a great life style. After our tour we fired up the BBQ & had our usual discussions on the state of the world in general & of course MG cars, around 3pm we all decided it was time to wander home so of we trotted with a promise to return.

Thanks to Steve & Tracy for a very enjoyable day

Dave Cook
Bundaberg coordinator



A Letter to the Editor

Hi Elaine,

March 2021 was one of the most entertaining Octagons I've ever read. Flavio Paggiaro's story about making an MGB race car was both interesting and very amusing.

He was certainly determined and the end result was a pretty aggressive looking sports racer.

And following straight on from that was Bill Norman's story. What a family of innovative engineers.

I've read of the early days of Australian Grand Prix racing and Eldred was a prominent part of that, building and racing fearsome cars, a trait that Bill appears to have inherited with his little GEK and Gekko.

His dad would have been proud of him.

As you say, Queensland's loss will be West Australia's gain – the Hill will miss Bill.

The other gem in the March Octagon was "A Change For the Better", Ken Ebeling's detailed recollections of his adventures in his Triumph TR2.

He drove on unimaginable roads and overcame so many challenges I didn't know when the car was finally going to give up.

Not even burying it in sand stopped that little TR2. Times have changed – thank you Ken for letting us into your world of the intrepid 1950s sports car driver.

Cheers, Malcolm Campbell



Competition Corner



CLUB EVENTS MARCH AND APRIL by Ace Reporter

MOUNT COTTON HILLCLIMB SERIES ROUND 1

By Saturday evening of the first hillclimb event for this year the top fifteen drivers order were Brett Bull (38.68 seconds), Warwick Hutchinson (38.86), Ed McCane (43.18), Greg Tebble (43.20), David Quelch (44.23), Luke Weiks (44.52), James Short (45.33) all in Formula cars, Brian Pettit (fastest of the Sports cars, 45.55), Jim Heymer (45.65), Michael Larymore (45.79), Ross Mackay (quickest of the Sedan cars, 45.91), Newton Short (46.29), Sebastian Black (47.24), Ken Graham (46.62) and Gavin Taylor (47.42 seconds).

REGULARITY

Geoffrey Messer took the class in his MGB with a loss of 25 points from Lindsay Derriman in his Toyota Echo down 64 points at the end of their runs. Both dropped a large number of points in their first runs, Geoff 18 points to Lindsay's 37 points which enabled Geoff to remain in the class lead for the remainder of attempts.

HISTORIC GROUPS

Class wins to Joshua George (Lotus Seven, 59.05) from Alan telfer (Lotus Seven, 59.11) in Group Q Sports. Greg Tebble won Group R Racing in his Van Diemen FF2000 with a best run of 42.68 seconds.

SEDAN CARS

The Road Registered 1601 to 2000 cc class went to Harry Doling (Toyota Celica, 49.88) 0.11 second from Jeff Watson (Honda Civic Type R, 49.99), Christopher Balhatchet (Renault Clio, 52.45), Richard Marken (Peugeot 205 GTi, 52.51) with

Noel Pocklington recording a 53.54 in his Mitsubishi Lancer. At the last run on Saturday Jeff was ahead with a 50.48 to Harry's 50.77 time with Richard (52.51) from Chris (53.23) and Noel (53.70). First run on Sunday Harry recorded a 50.34 to gain the lead from Jeff (50.48) and followed with a 50.20 whilst Chris claimed third place with a 52.45 time. Jeff was ahead after run seven with a 49.99 time before Harry set his best time on run nine (49.88) to claim the class win. Chris Balhatchet acquired the Renault Clio as a fun car, reports has good power to weight ratio however for competition there is a big gap from first to second gear ratios. The Clio is running with full equipment as Mr Renault assembled the vehicle.

Derek Holstein BMW Cooper S 47.79 won the 2001 cc and Over class from David Phillips (Volkswagen Golf GTi turbo, 49.62), Andrew Pearce (Ford Focus XR5 turbo, 50.14), Matthew McGrath (Ford Fiesta turbo, 50.99), Ray Balhatchet (Nissan Skyline turbo, 51.44), Samuel McCaughey (Mini Cooper S turbo, 53.73) with Edwin Manahan recording a 56.18 seconds in his Mazda RX8. Samuel only competed on the Saturday runs for he reported a slipping clutch. Andrew Pearce has owned the Focus for 3 years with previous events at the dirt sprints at Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club. Runs with a limited slip differential, larger intercooler, 18 lbs of boost in the turbo, limited slip differential and MCA suspension. Andrew's competition experience has been in Queensland Rally events with a Daihatsu Charade and in 2003-2006 years in a 4wd Mazda Familia GTX.

Circuit Hyundai EXCEL class went to Brad Smith Hyundai Excel X3 with his best time of 53.29 set on run three and watching Jeremy Mattea inch closer for a best run of 53.85 and Gloria McAndrew Hyundai Excel X3 with a 56.50 time.

Class wins in the Modified Production Sedan went to Noel Dore (Volkswagen Beetle, 54.11) in the under 2 litre class and Phillip Dalton (Honda Civic turbo, 48.12) just 0.18 seconds ahead of Brendan Merrick (Datsun 120Y turbo, 48.30) in the Over 2 litre class.

Sebastian Black was the quickest in the All Wheel drive Forced Induction with a 45.28 timed run in his Subaru WRX turbo from Cary White (Subaru WRX turbo, 47.85), Roger Williams (Subaru Impreza turbo, 49.72) with Adrian Purcell (Subaru WRX turbo, 50.31). The four runs on Saturday saw Sebastian ahead (45.43) from Roger (49.78), Adrian (50.40) and Cary (50.93). Roger has owned the Impreza for about 18 months and has run it previously at the IWMAC dirt sprints. With his first event at Mt Cotton he said the Subaru was an unknown quantity. Adrian Purcell was to build a competition car but found this 1999 Subaru shell with the cage installed. The Subaru was completed after a few month's work to install the STI motor and electrics. This was Adrian's first run on bitumen following previous runs at IWMAC dirt sprints. Cary White had run in gravel rally events in New Zealand before moving to Australia. He acquired the Subaru a track car (with heaps of upgrades) from an ex-miner, had competed in the 2019 Targa Great Barrier Reef event finishing second in the early Modern category. The Subaru is the first of the STI RA model and unfortunately on this weekend was suffering a terrible misfire.

In the Improved Production sedans David Smith (Honda Civic, 49.59) won the up to 1600 cc class David Sidery (Volkswagen Beetle, 49.16) being quickest in the 1601 to 2 litre class from Steffi Stehr (Holden Barina, 52.90), Greg Cameron (Hyundai Excel, 53.35) with Jodie Bailey having her first hillclimb competition event in the Holden Barina with a best run of 54.98 seconds. In the larger engine capacity class Ken Graham was the quickest in his Datsun 1600 SSS with a 46.62 second time from Pauline Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 46.95) and Lee Morissey (Holden Commodore

Utility, 51.44). Lee has a Targa Tasmania plate on the Commodore which was from the 2002 event where he ran a 116 Alfa GTV Alfetta.

Ross Mackay won the under 2 litre engine capacity class for Sports Sedans with his best run of 45.45 seconds set in his Escort on the fourth run on Saturday just 0.17 seconds from Gavin Taylor (Volkswagen Golf, 45.62) whose best time was set on run six on Sunday with Jason Martell (Escort, 50.00), Robert Souter (Datsun 1200 turbo, 52.80) and Robin Manning (Morris Mini) in 57.66 seconds.

Jason Martell was so close to be under the 50 seconds time with a 50.00 second run. Ten of Jason's eleven runs were in the 50 second bracket being 50.51, 50.18, 50.25, 50.89, 50.59, 50.00, 50.81, 50.19, 50.11 and 50.22 seconds. Ross Mackay tried softer springs on the front 400 lbs to 350 lbs to cure the understeer and of course increased the oversteer with the spectacular exit from the first loop. This meeting ran with a wing on the boot, then without the wing, maybe new tyres are on the agenda. Gavin Taylor had installed a new fuel pump which blew a fuse on his way to the start line for run five. Some implements and spares from Phillip Dalton enabled Gavin to complete remainder runs.

The over 2 litre class was the Anable BMW class. Glenn ahead from first run (48.29 seconds) from Scott (48.87) and Doug (49.66). Run two saw the lead go to Scott (48.12), Doug (48.22) then Glenn (48.29). Following run three Doug regained the front position with a 47.59 time from Scott (48.12) and Glenn (48.24) and with the final run on Saturday Scott was ahead with a 47.38 run from Doug (47.59) and Glenn (48.24). Sunday the order remained Scott (47.38), Doug (47.48) and Glenn (48.24) which would be the class order with their fastest times being Scott (BMW 325i turbo (46.86), Doug (BMW E30 325i turbo, 46.90) and Glenn (BMW 2002 turbo, 48.01 seconds).

SPORTS CARS

Production Sports Cars under 2 litres went to Phillip Rowen (Mazda MX 5, 49.84) from Greg King (Toyota MR2, 50.83) and Chris Lake (Toyota 86, 56.57). Greg commenced the meeting being quicker with 51.88 from Philip 52.76, second run Greg still ahead 50.90 to Phillip's 51.76 before the positions reversed 50.42 to 50.90. Positions remained for the remainder of the event. Michael Larymore won the over 2 litre class in his Toyota MR 2 turbo with a 45.04 time from Jay Matsen in his Datsun 240Z with a 51.96 run.

Jason McGarry in his Caterham R300 set his fastest time on run 7 on Sunday to take the Clubman Sports Car class from Brian Pettit (Westfield SE 45.55 seconds) and Jon Young in his Caterham Super Seven with a 49.5 run. First to congratulate Jason for the class win was Brian.

Jim Heymer won the Supersports/Sports 1300 class in his Farrell L recording a personal best of 45.65 seconds, this being his first run in the 45 second bracket.

John Wuttrich took the Sports Cars over 2 litre class with a 47.67 in his Toyota MR2 turbo from Jeff Graham (Mazda MX5 S/c, 49.05), Stuart Brown (BMW Z3, 50.03), Steve Torpey (Mazda RX7, 51.31) with Andrew Shinkarenko in his Saker SV1 turbo just 0.02 seconds slower with a 51.33 seconds time.

Stuart Brown's BMW uses a 6 litre engine from a VE SS Commodore LS through a T5 gearbox and an AU Falcon XR8 standard differential. Stuart is the son of Lynn Brown who raced in New South Wales in his Mini Cooper S Lightweight Sports Sedan with Don Holland and John Leffler, both in Mini Cooper S Lightweight Sports Sedans. Lynn was a regular competitor in New South Wales during the 1960's to 1970's era at Warwick Farm, Oran Park, Amaroo, Catalina Park. His career went into the early 1980's racing Mazda sedans in the Sandown 250 event, Surfers

Paradise and in the Bathurst both 500 mile and 1000 kilometres events. Paul Knott modified Steve's BMW. Paul has long history supporting John Leffler during the 1964 to 1976 years when John raced his Lightweight Mini, Bowin P6F Formula Ford when John won the 1973 TAA Formula Ford TAA Driver to Europe series, then a P8 Bowin 308 Formula 5000 and the Lola T400 Chevrolet to win the 1976 Australian Driver's Gold Star championship. John raced on the NSW circuits, Lakeside, plus Bay Park and Pukekohe in New Zealand and in Asia (Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Macau) with his Minis plus a Broadspeed Escort 1600.

FORMULA CARS

Class wins went to Craig Hughes (Formula Vee Hughes VWMA, 49.35 seconds) in the Formula Vee class and Rick Miles (Kookaburra FF91, 45.85) in the Formula Ford 1600 class.

Formula Libre class up to 1300cc class went to Ed McCane (DJ Racecars Firehawk, 41.85) then James Short (Jayton Mk2, 43.20), David Quelch (Honda DPQ03, 44.23), Luke Weiks (Arrow Super Kart, 44.52), Newton Short (Jayton Mk1, 46.29) with Stephen Edwards recording a 46.90 in his GS Yamaha RBFL. Saturday times saw Ed McCane ahead with a 42.68 from David Quelch (44.23 until the engine gremlins curtailed his weekend), Like Weiks (44.52), James Short (45.06), Newton Short (46.29 before retiring for further investigation with believed compression down on one cylinder), and Stephen Edwards with a 47.59 seconds run.

Newton Short (father and a mechanic) acquired the chassis from Pat Crowe in Grafton when the space frame was half built. It was to be powered by a Rotary engine with a Volkswagen transmission however Newton uses a Suzuki Hayabusa. Son James, an engineer, constructed the monocoque car over some 14 months (some 1000 man hours) completing the Jayton in 2019. Powered by a dry sump

standard Hayabusa, his times over the weekend were 56.28, 46.51, 45.33, 45.06, 43.60, 43.39, 43.20 seconds.

Ed McCane now without the supercharger which had 25 lb boost as built in England which was certainly way too much boost, now is more driveable and enjoyable to run. His times over the weekend were 44.32, 43.18, 42.68 and 41.85 seconds.

Brett Bull was quickest in the 1301 cc and over in his Van Diemen Kawasaki RF03K (38.14 seconds) from Warwick Hutchinson (OMS28 RPV03, 38.62). Warwick was in the lead with his first run of 39.17 to Brett's 39.38 then Brett claimed the lead with a 38.68 to Warwick's 38.86 to finish the Saturday runs. Sunday found Warwick ahead with a 38.64 to Brett's 38.68 however by run 7 Brett recorded a 38.27 to Warwick's 38.62 and finally a 38.14 time for Brett for the class as well as the Fastest Time of Day.

Times of the fastest fifteen drivers at the conclusion of the weekend were Brett Bull (38.14), Warwick Hutchinson (38.62), Ed McCane (41.85), Greg Tebble (42.68), James Short (43.20), David Quelch (44.23), Luke Weiks (44.52), Michael Larymore (45.04), Sebastian Black (45.28), Ross Mackay (45.45), Jason McGarry (45.50), Brian Pettit (45.55), Gavin Taylor (45.62), Jim Heymer (45.65) and Rick Miles (45.85).

TOP SIX

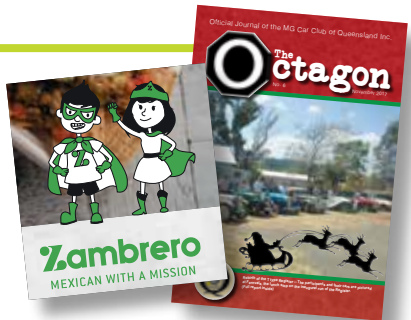
Top six line up saw Sebastian Black record a 45.30 run, James Short (43.17), Greg Tebble (43.09), Ed McCane (42.72), Warwick Hutchinson (a spin at the hairpin resulting in a Did Not Finish time) and Brett Bull being quickest with a 38.96 second run.



*Brett Bull posted the Fastest Time of Day and also was the fastest in the Top Six competition.
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MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

The first round was promoted by MGCCQ. In the week before the meeting some good rain falls were recorded, answering the prayers of the locals and resulting in dams at Stanthorpe and Warwick being full.

A big programme with 35 races was scheduled for the weekend. Enthusiastic commentary by announcer Ryan Thomas described the action, there were race events for categories of Formula cars (Formula 3, Formula Ford 1600 cc and Formula Vee); Sports Cars (Prodsports, 2A Sports Cars, Production Sports Cars); and Sedans (Saloon Cars, HQ Holden, Gemini Cars; Historic Touring Cars; Hyundai Circuit Excel X3; East Coast Super Mini Challenge; Sports Sedans; Trans Am and invited Sedan Cars; and Improved Production.

In the Formula Racing cars (Formula Three, Formula Ford, Formula Vee) Blake Varney (Formula Three, Dallara F304 2000 cc) used his advantage to lead Michael Von Rappard (Stohr WF-1 with a 999 cc engine), then Grant Green (Radical SR 3, 1500 ccs) with Adam Beesley (Radical SR 3 RS, 2500 cc), Nicholas McLeod (Spectrum 14B Formula Ford), Cameron McLeod (Spectrum 15 Formula Ford), Kyle Evans (Spectrum Formula Ford), Jamieson Davies (Radical SR3, 1496 ccs), Tom McLennan (Mygale SJ2011A Formula Ford), Dylan Fahey (Van Diemen Formula Ford), Rick Miles (Kookaburra FF91 Formula Ford) giving a start to and chasing down Xander Antonieff (Westfield Clubman, 1600 cc) and Gary Goulding (Vector TF94) stuck in fourth gear which dropped him from seventh position down the field however Gary kept the momentum to finish.

A field for 45 Hyundai Excel had entered with included some 19 being Junior drivers. Other entries included a new team from Racing Together formed under the Garry and Monique Connelly trust, Brad Smith, Jeremy Mattea, Jett Johnson, Nash Morris and Rachel Tomkinson. Main race for the Hyundai was the MGCCQ 50 Kilometre

Cup. In the early laps the drivers could be seen running 3 wide through the sweeper around the back of the circuit, plus the normal slipstreaming throughout the packs one associates with a one make series. The MG CUP was won by Broc Feeney from Holley Espray and Nash Morris.

East Coast Mini Challenge gave a combination of Leyland Minis and MINI Coopers S R53. Neil Turner Trent Spencer (both in MINI Cooper S), Anthony Elliott (Mini Challenge), Adam Duce (Mini Cooper S) and Paul Attard (Leyland Mini) were the leaders.

Prodsports event saw many Porsche GT3 Cup Cars as well as Mazda MX-5 however they could not contain Darren Berry in his Ginetta G50Z or Andrew Adams (Ginatta G50). Shane Wilson and Gerald Murphy (Porsche GT3 Cup Car) were next from Jeffrey Hume (Ginatta G50), Porsches of Lachlan Harburg, Grant Sparks, Wayne Henning, and Steven McFadden with the Chevrolet Corvettes Z06 of Greg Waters and Michael Learoyd followed by Graham Lusty (Mosier MT9000GT) then Scott Dean (Mercedes Benz A45).

Sports Sedans, Trans Am and Invited Cars events saw Ford models of Daniel Crompton (Ford Mustang Trans Am), Chris Donnelly (Falcon EL0), Glenn Gerstel (Falcon Sprint), the Holden models of Monaro (Colin Smith, Guy Gibbons), Commodore (Ashley Bright) with Tim Tritton (Honda Prelude), Sam Taylor (Rover Vitesse) contest their events

Historic Touring Car saw the contest between Mazda (Matthew Clift, Grant Schneider) vs Ford Mustang (Ian Mewett), Falcon GTHO (Russell McDowell), Falcon Rallye Sprint (Martin White), vs Torana (Warren Tegg, Andrew Lofthouse, Sean Karger and Teresa Campbell) vs BMW (John Tupicoff, James Waugh).

Improved Production events saw close racing between Justin Keys (Commodore), Brock Paine (Mazda RX7), Zak Hudson

(Mazda RX7), Bruce Cook (Escort), Jason Grimmond (Commodore), Troy Marinelli (Nissan 200 SX), David Waldon (Mazda RX3), Bruce Worgan (VS Commodore).

Combined saloon cars, Holden HQ and Gemini incorporated the Commodores (Brock Mitchell, Jamie Manteufel) and Falcons (Wayne Drury, Jaiden Miscamble) running with the fourteen Holden HQ and four Gemini cars.

Formula Vee category had two main packs of cars. A first tight group between Alexander Hedemann (Rapier Mk2), Lachlan Murphy (Formula Vee Polar), Tim Alder (Volks Engineering Rapier), Gerrit Van de Pol (Sabre Mk2). A second group of Scott Andrew (Rapier Formula Vee 2007), Mark Moran (Elfin Cruder), Jeffrey Robinson (Elfin 1600 Vee) all running the 1600 cc engine specifications with the Nimbus Formula Vee of Alan Don in the 1200 cc engine format.

HILLCLIMB ROUND 2

From the runs on Saturday the fastest 12 drivers were Dean Amos (36.58), Dean Tighe (38.94), Warwick Hutchinson (39.26), Brett Bull (40.16), Greg Tebble (42.54), Ed McCane (43.11), Ross Mackay (fastest sedan with a new class record, 43.83), Michael Larymore (fastest sports car, 44.02), Jim Heymer (45.54), Gavin Taylor (45.72), Ken Graham (45.92) and Brian Pettit (46.01).

REGULARITY

Robert Martin (Daihatsu Handi) took the class with a loss of 13 points from Geoff Masser (MGB, down 18 points), Shaun Rankin (BMW Z4, down 24 points with Lindsay Derriman next with a loss of 63 points in his Toyota Vienta. From their first attempts Geoff was ahead with the loss of 4 points from Shaun (minus 5), Robert (down 6 points) and Lindsay a little way back with the loss of 23 points, Robert was ahead

after run two down 6 points, the Shaun (minus 7), Geoff (down 8), Lindsay (loss of 29), run three saw Geoff ahead (minus 8) from Robert (down 9), Shaun (less 11) and Lindsay (down 49), Robert (minus 11) ahead from the fourth run from Geoff (minus 13), Shaun (loss of 24 points) and Lindsay (down 55 points). This would be the order after the final climb.

HISTORIC GROUPS

Group class wins to Barry Smith (Ford V8 Special, Group K, 57.25), David Owen in the ex Geoff Cohen Bulant Mk7, Group Q Sports, 49.69), Greg Tebble (Van Diemen FF2000, Group R Racing, 42.54). David was having his first hillclimb competition event after acquiring the Bulant and steadily improved his times over the weekend from 59.92, 53.91, 52.69, 51.01 to 49.69 seconds.

SEDAN CARS

Garrett McDuling took the Road Registered cars under 1600 ccs with a 56.18 time in his Hyundai Excel X3. Harry Doling was fastest in the 1601 ccs to 2 litre class with a 49.52 time in his Toyota Celica just 0.05 seconds from Jeff Watson (Honda Civic Type R, 49.57), Richard Marken (Peugeot 205GTi, recording his best time in the 205 of 51.80 seconds) and Chris Balhatchet with a best time of 52.81 seconds in his Renault Clio. From the first runs Jeff was in the lead position with a 49.65 then a 49.57 run to Harry's 50.18, 49.68 and 49.65. The position remained the same until run eight when Harry recorded his best time of 49.52 whilst Jeff did not improve on his best 49.57 run. In the over 2 litre class Ian O'Hara (BMW M2 Competition turbo, 47.15) was quickest followed by Derek Holstein (BMW Cooper S, turbo, 48.10), David Phillips (Volkswagen Golf GTi turbo, 49.57), Andrew Pearce (Ford Focus XR5 turbo, 49.74), Matthew McGrath (Ford Fiesta turbo, 51.50) with Ray Balhatchet (Nissan Skyline turbo, 53.56). On the first run Ian and Derek were separated by 0.01 second (Ian 48.65 to Derek's 48.66), on run three Derek recorded

a 48.14 to gain the lead from Ian (48.26) however on run four Ian regained the lead with a 47.64 time compared with Derek's 48.11. The order remained the same for the remainder of the climbs.

Dave Sidery won the Improved Production under 2 litre class continuing his under 50 seconds results, this event 49.77 seconds in his Volkswagen Beetle from Greg Cameron (Hyundai Excel, 51.81), Steffi Stehr (Holden Barina, 52.12), Jodie Bailey (Holden Barina, 53.80) then Mark Daniels with a best run of 54.54 seconds in his Hyundai Excel. The over 2 litre class went to Ken Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 45.92) from Pauline Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 46.73) with the Ford RS Focus turbo of Brad Stratton recording a best run of 50.85 seconds.

Brad Smith won the Circuit Excel Class with a best run of 51.76 seconds from Ross McAndrew (56.55 seconds) and Andrew McCartney with Andrew's best run of 57.68 seconds.

Domingo Aboltiz won the under 2 litre Modified Production class with a 47.49 time in his Honda Civic from Noel Dore (Volkswagen, 54.00) and Jan Piere Lautenbach recording a 59.60 time in his Hyundai Excel. The over 2 litre class went to Brendan Merrick (Datsun 120Y turbo, 48.63) from Phillip Dalton (Honda Integra turbo, 51.39) with Greg Brown (Holden VE Commodore, 52.95 seconds).

The under 2 litre Sports Sedans record of 44.41 set during the December 2019 event by Ross Mackay was lowered on Ross's second run to 44.29 seconds then on his next climb to 43.83 seconds. New tyres do work. Next in class were Gavin Taylor (Volkswagen Golf, 45.72), Jason Martell (Escort, 50.05) and Robert Souter (Datsun 1200 turbo, 53.31 seconds). The over 2 litre class went to Robert Souter driving his Datsun Sunny turbo for a best run of 46.68 seconds.

All Wheel drive Forced Induction class went

to Sebastian Black (Subaru WRX turbo, 46.91) from Cary White (Subaru WRX turbo, 46.93), Adrian Purcell (Subaru WRX turbo, 48.17), John Stuckey (Subaru WRX turbo, 50.84) with Benjamin Everson in his Subaru Impreza turbo with a 56.44 seconds time.

SPORTS CARS

Phillip Rowen won the Production sports cars 1601 ccs to 2000 in his Mazda MX-5 with a 49.38 time from Greg King (Toyota MR2, 50.36) and Chris Lake (Toyota 86, 55.45). The over 2 litre class went to Michael Larymore (Toyota MR2 turbo, 44.02) followed by Jay Masten (Datsun 240Z, 49.02), Glenn Amos (Lotus 2 Eleven, 51.34) with Denis Cotton (Porsche 914, 56.00).

Jeff Graham won the over 2 litre Sports Cars class with a 48.95 time driving his Mazda MX5 Supercharged from Andrei Shinkarenko in the Saker SV1 recording a best run of 52.33 seconds.

The Clubman Sports Car class went to Brian Pettit recording a 44.60 time in his Westfield SE Clubman from Jason McGarry (Caterham R300, 45.39) and Ainsley Fitzgerald (Arrow Clubman, 47.62 seconds).

Supersports/sports 1300 class went to Jim Heymer (Farrell L) again in the 45 second bracket with a 45.54 time being 0.10 seconds quicker than his March time.

FORMULA CARS

Rick Miles won the Formula Ford class with a best run of 44.96 seconds in his Kookaburra FF91. This is only 0.47 seconds off the long standing record of 44.49 set by Brett Peters in 1989.

Ed McCane (DJ Racecars Firehawk) won the up to 1300 ccs Formula Libre class with a 42.23 time from Stephen Edwards who completed only one run in his GS Yamaha R6FL recording a 72.07 time before more investigations were warranted. The outright

closed record and Formula Libre over 1301 ccs class record of 36.24 seconds set by Dean Amos during the December 2019 event was lowered on the seventh run. Dean recorded a 36.16 second run in his Gould GR55B to record the Fastest Time of Day. Next in class was Dean Tighe in the new Empire Wraith Supercharged with a time of 38.32 seconds with Warwick Hutchinson (OMS 28 RPV03 turbo, 38.34) and Brett Bull (Van Diemen RF03K turbo, 40.16 seconds) who completed only two runs before retiring the car for the weekend.

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Hutchinson (38.34), Brett Bull (40.16), Ed McCane (42.23), Greg Tebble (42.54), Ross Mackay (fastest Sedan, 43.83), Michael Larymore (fastest Sports Car, 44.02), Brian Pettit (44.60), Rick Miles (44.96), Jason McGarry (45.39), Jim Heymer (45.54).

TOP SIX

Michael Larymore (47.83), Greg Tebble (42.61), Ed McCane (42.08), Warwick Hutchinson (38.21), Dean Tighe (38.16) and Dean Amos (36.48 seconds).



Dean Amos won Fastest Time of Day and, in doing so, also set a record for the fastest time ever recorded in a Club or Closed hillclimb at Mt Cotton. His time was an incredible 36.16s. He also was the fastest in the Top Six competition. (Photo by Ian Colley)

A selection of competitors in action taken by and selected by Ian Colley.



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