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NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW

The M.G. Car Club of Queensland wishes to welcome as members
the following, and may their association with the club be a
long and friendly one;-

Geoffrey Trews; Colin Wenzel; Terry Kay; Jon Siddins;
Darrin Siddins; Ian Coston -MG TC,TF&BGT; Paul Gordon;
Paul Livaditis; Nigel Mills -MGB; Ian Palmer; Geoff Sa
Geoffrey Sakzewski -MGB; Chris Talbot; & Alan Telfer.

A couple of these are 'old members' renewed i.e. Ian Coston
and Alan Telfer and we're not sure about Col Wenzel (his name
is familiar) EDs.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTSMARCH

- 21st Friday + NIGHT RUN - leaves Clubrooms 8.00p.m. Bring a torch, 'referdex', navigator. Set by devious Dave Robinson. Enter on the night.
- 23rd Sunday + HILLCLIMB - Mt. Cotton Hillclimb Circuit. Entries close 14th March. For supplementary regulations contact Joan Appleby on 57 1561, entry forms available from Clubrooms on Friday nights also.
- 28th to 31st EASTER M.G. CAR CLUBS NATIONAL MEETING AT ADELAIDE
- if interested ring Peter Rayment 300 3148.
(Denis Land has seats available on his plane to and from Adelaide for the Easter Meeting ring him on 370 2398 (W) or 378 1633 (H) if interested)

APRIL

- 13th Sunday + CLUB RACE MEETING - organised by M.G. Car Club of Queensland at the Lakeside International Raceway. For sup. regs. contact Joan Appleby on 57 1561. Help needed as officials on the day - if available contact Joan or a Committee member.
- 20th Sunday DAY RUN - for all members of the M.G. Car Club of Queensland. Starts Club Rooms (18 Nash St., Rosalie) 9.30a.m. Lunch at the lower carpark at the Wivehoe Dam and back home again - not an arduous journey. For rain check or more particulars contact Peter Rayment 3003 148 (H) 835 8932 (W).
- 27th Sunday + HILLCLIMB - Mt. Cotton Hillclimb Circuit. Entries close 18th April. For Sup. regs. contact Joan Appleby 57 1561.

MAY

- 11th Sunday PICNIC DAY - 'MOTHERS DAY' Maclean Bridge (Beaudesert Rd.) Sports Cars (Marque) gathering - bring the sports car, the blanket, the food and the beverages. Have a good lazy day of looking, eating and talking. For more details contact Peter Rayment 3003148 (H). -10a.m.
- 16th Friday + NIGHT RUN - leaves Clubrooms 8.00p.m.

JUNE

- 1st Sunday QUEENSLAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Mt. Cotton
- 22nd Sunday INTERCLUB MOTORKHANA

+ Point Scoring Event for M.G.C.C. of Q'ld

EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Congratulations to the Committee for a very relaxing time - on the evening of the Trophy Presentation Dinner at the Cafe Galichet last Friday Night . It's good to dine out for a change - and not have to worry about helping to prepare the meal before hand plus all the other worries involved with meal making and serving. Everyone there was of the opinion that it should be repeated next year.

If you're into more relaxing events these days then here's one for you - the Club is having a Day Run to Wivenhoe Dam on Sunday 20th April. It will leave the Club Rooms at 9.30a.m. - so if you feel like a picnic why not join us.

If you have something to tell us -- please write it down and send it to us!! Your thoughts are very important to us for without them, the Club would not be what it is to-day. Often we have people go to great lengths - telling us minor details about an event - good and interesting, but - in our hectic life we often forget those minor details, which are very important to any report - 'the meat in the sandwich' so to speak. So...please put pen to paper next time your mind is bursting with facts and figures and send us 'the meat'. For without 'the meat' an article is non-existent. Even if you can't write a story - don't worry we'll attempt to make it into one - when we have the facts.

Had to have our shed roof replaced recently after that bad hail storm in October and rang Mark Trenoweth (of U-Build-it Garages) for a quote. For those of you who can remember, Mark used to drive a beautiful Jaguar (envy) at Mt. Cotton a few years ago. He still has the Jaguar apparently - but Colleen and himself now have quite a family - 3 - so the family is keeping them busy at the moment - though he informs us he'll be back!! Mark gave us a good discount on the re-roofing project - not that we were after it - and said if any other members of the Club wish to show their cards then they too can receive a discount.

The Club would like to thank the following members for the use of their cars at our Display at the M.T.A. Motor Show recently:-

- : Ian Costin M.G. TF
- : Soctt Ramsey M.G.A
- : Joan Appleby M.G. Magnette
- : Rod Hiley M.G. 18/80
- : Wayne Henman M.G.B
- : Denis Land M.G. TC

All did the Club credit, and we feel sure the public were thankful for the display.

Well we must end for now and PACK, we are off to Adelaide on Saturday morning at 4a.m.!!! - think of us 'nuts' as you sleep in - as we head off to keep the flag flying for Queensland.

Peter & Delia Rayment.

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VALE

We are sorry to record the passing of
Martin Tighe , son of Ivan & Joan Tighe.
He was a valuable Club Member and a reliable
competitor, with a friendly personality.

He will be missed.



PICNIC RUN REPORT

The Marque Sports Car Clubs Association picnic run held on
9th February to Mt. Tamborine proved both successful and
enjoyable.

Rubbing shoulders along the route and at the idealic picnic
grounds at the finish were members and their cars, from
Porsche, Lotus, Healey and of course M.G. (including two t/Types
this time - and not ours either)..

The run went smoothly and the weather was fine and hot, but
to our pleasure it was degrees cooler at the top of Tamborine.
After lunch the Marque Clubstrophy presentation for 1985 was held
for 1985. Several of our members received Class wins; Malcolm
Spiden (Class 2); and Alex Milns (Class 4). Whilst Peter Rayment
received 2nd best individual for the Outright Winner. And to top
off the day our Club won the Best Club of the Year Award.

After we dispursed at the picnic area we visited Club members
Chris & Pauline Lake who live up there at Witches Chase and
said 'hello'. They certainly have a good spot.

The next day run will be held on 20th April, leaving from the
Club rooms 9.30a.m.



BODS & BENDS

There was a young couple from Tamborine, who were frightfully keen ..
to mix with the bunch....but forgot to lunch.....on theright day it
seems.....Who forgot that the Club Dinner was on Friday 7th
and woke on the Saturday with expectations of a good evening that
night only to find that they'd missed it.....the Lakes that's who....

Car and People at the Picnic Day.



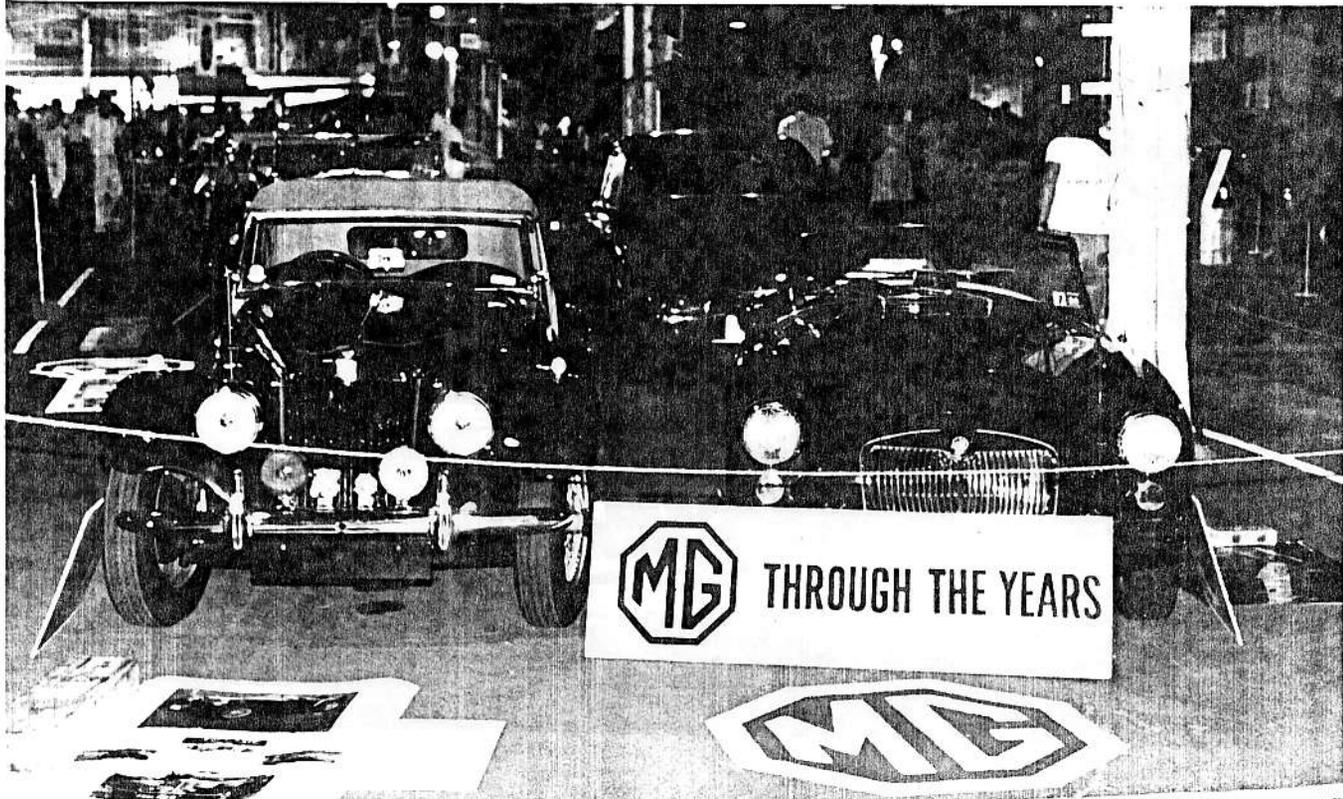
Part of the Club's Display at the 1986 Brisbane Motor Show.

The cars consisted of:-

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| 1928 | 18/80 | of Rod Hiley | 1946 | TC | of Denis Land |
| 1953 | ZA | of Joan Appleby | 1954 | TF | of Ian Costin |
| 1960 | MGA | of Scott Ramsey | 1978 | MGB | of Wayne Henman |



Photo courtesy of the Queensland Times.



Q.R.D.A. CLUB RACE MEETING

On a bright and sunny Sunday, 2nd March 1986, we embarked for Lakeside for the Club Race Day which replaced the Sports Sedans and G.T.Championship round.

On reaching the Control Tower, it was very comforting to see that the Clerk of Course was Club member John Jones and that he was to be assisted by Greg Evans and Libby Jones. M.G.Members also helped out in the timing team with Michelle and Veronica and Bev being co-opted very early in the day when things didn't look too promising timekeeper wise. Any Hockley was there, working the buzzer as usual so things were able to get under way.

I didn't see much of practice, as we were extremely busy with times having to be typed and roneed for the drivers to see. I think our members have realised they can get their times fairly quickly up in Queensland, and they all come and stand around waiting.

Event 1 was the Avon Tyres Div 11 Sports & Racing Car Race which was won by Club member Terry Gay with another member Ian Peters coming third outright. In the class placings for racings cars - all placegetters were M.G.Members i.e. Terry Kay, Ian Peters and Giles Cooper. In the sports cars Wayne Cossor collected and second and this was extremely good as it was his first time at Lakeside.

Event 2 the Gemini and Laser Scratch Race members who were all vining for positions included Darryl Searle, Ian Palmer, Kev Heffernan, John Novak, Roger Spencer, Keith Duce. Roger Spencer came out the best gaining a second placing.

Event No. 3 Appendix J Scratch Race. Again we had good representation from the Club in the form of George Pampling, Richard Barker, Pat Mewing and Alex Milns. Here the second place in the event went to George Pampling. Event No. 4 Touring and Sports Sedan Race saw Tony Jay deserting the Minis and driving a Mazda. How did it go Tony? Bruce Horey peddled the Fiat, Fred Sayers the mini Tony Sigley an Escort and so did Jim Berry, and Terry Corbett. Vern Hamilton (Good to see you back on the race track Vern) sent a Isuzu quickly round the track and Russell Scheikowski (Golliwog) and very gay looking Torana. Fred Sayers collected second place and Russ Scheikowski a third.

Event No. 5 Sports and Racing Car Scratch Race again saw our members doing very well Gary Cossor who started from the rear of grid taking third place in the sports cars and Noel Orphan taking first outright and first in Racing Cars, with a best time of 53.8.

In the Qld Formula Vee Series Thierry Reig ran his Manta for only the second time and did some very respectable times during the race. Unfortunately it is very hard to beat the top three or four cars in this class. Event 7 the Touring and Sports Sedan Scratch Race, saw Ken Nelson in his min take third place outright only 2.3 secs behind the winner.

In event 8 Appendix J Race, George Pampling again took out second place. It's very hard to catch the other little brick, isn't it, George?

Event No.10 Qld Racing Car Championship, saw Noel Orphan win with a best time of 53.7 secs. Chris Campbell, John Boyce and Ian Peters all had an interesting sussel and Terry Kay and Giles Cooper kept one another honest.

Event No. 11 Sports Car Feature Race brought Gary Cossor into competition with Peter Tighe's Mallock. Starting from the rear of the grid, Garry managed to pass Peter who then passed back, but Gary eventually got the great placing of third.

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Race Meeting Continued.

Event No. 12 Touring and Sports Sedan Scratch Race brought together some very close racing. Ken Nelson grabbed a second place in his mini whilst our other competitors had a very good time. Kev Heffernan must have been a very busy boy that day, with driving the Gemini and also the Commodore.

Event No. 13 Appendix J Sprint Again brought George Pampling into second place. It was good to see that Mal Ryan was able to keep his Fiat going for the last two races of Appendix J after missing the first race.

All in all it was a very good day for the drivers, and good viewing for the spectators. I was sorry to hear that Jim Berry had pranged the Escort under the Dunlop Bridge. (I believe that is where Bob Cossor also knocked it about some twelve months ago). Perhaps the car likes the look of the Armco there. I hope that everything is O.K. now Jim.

It was good to see so many of our Club competing and also acting as officials for the meeting. I think these Club days are very satisfying because the drivers support us well and it is only a pity that more spectators do not come as the racing is very close and very enjoyable.

I hope to see you all at our Club Race Meeting which is to be held on Sunday 13th April 1986. We can always do with workers for that day. Spread the word around your friends because we can always do with spectators too.

Joan Appleby.

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PRESENTATION DINNER

I couldn't let the Octagon come to print without saying something about the dinner last Friday Night.

Personally, it is one of the best dinners I have had in a restaurant at this type of function, and the service was excellent.

To have 60 people come to the event was very good, as in previous years we have been lucky to get 20 - 30 to a function. If you won a trophy and were not there to collect it, I would suggest you come to my place at 48 Armentieres St., Kedron and pick it up, otherwise it may sit in my office until next year.

I hope that we can continue in this vane for our future dinners, and that more people will want to come to partake of a very pleasant and friendly evening.

Joan Appleby

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IN THE PITS

These past few weeks have been very black for we Motor Sport people.

First the massive insurance slug, which I reckon will almost put an end to Motor Racing in Queensland, except for our Hill climb.

The sad news of Martin Tighe's death.

It is enough for me to put a big sign up in my racing car workshop (especially now that I have sold my rocket) - "Gone Sailing"

But there is some good news.

Like our beaut stand at the Motor Show. The cars were magnificent.

What about Peter Bull? He has been busily terrorising the Southeners at the Bathurst Hillclimb Round of the New South Wales Championship. Peter went down there in his 10 year old Elfin. Not only won Fastest Time of the Day in his 1600cc, four cylinder rocket, but proceeded to rub noses of V8 supercharged monsters in it. Some mighty fine p ecission driving. I am told that the X record holder was too upset to talk to him!! As I write this Peter is preparing to hit Silverdale on March 2nd. Good Luck Mate ! From the M.G. Car Club of Queensland.

The Cossor Clan has been busy over the past weeks. Wayne has bought the Tasma sports car which is a Rover V8 powered projectile . At present it is in bits getting the once over before they unleash the thing at the Hill - should be good to watch! Father Bob has asserted his authority over Wayne and has insisted he does a Race Meeting or two in the Welsor first, before playing with a couple of hundred healthy horses at Mount Cotton.

My good friend Guy Freeman, who for those of you with long memories was the Competitions Manager for Shell and used to have those enjoyable beer-n-bickies after the Racing in the Shell tent until his retirement about 7 or 8 years ago - is in need of a M.G. choke cable assembly with a twist lock for one of the old cars he is restoring. If you have a spare and you can afford to part with it. Please give Guy (353 1732) or myself (205 3673) a ring, it would be appreciated.

Until next time or when I see you at the Hill.

Cheers.

RICHARD CROSTON

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WANTED

M.G.Y. contact Gary Spark (067) 655540 (Tamworth).

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WANTED

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TRADING POST

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AUCTION SALE

(Inconjuction with the M.G. Car Club National Meeting)

ADELAIDE - EASTER 1986

WEDNESDAY - 2nd APRIL, 1986

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VIEWING DAYS

SATURDAY 29th MARCH, 1986
TUESDAY 1st APRIL, 1986

AUCTION SALE

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The M. G. Car Club of Queensland was formed in November, 1954 by a group of motoring and M.G. enthusiasts.

The Club has prospered under the M.G. name and is one of the oldest Clubs in Queensland.

M.G. Car Club occupies club rooms at 18 Nash Street, Rosalie, Brisbane and has an active local and country membership.

Local members are well catered for by events organised by the Committee.

Types of events include night runs, motorkhanas, rallysprints, rallies, picnics and hillclimbs as well as natter and get together nights at the Clubrooms each Friday night at about 8.00p.m.

Country members as well as local are well catered for by a newsletter which reports on events and things of interest.

A large range of perpetual trophies are available to be won by members for various events concluding at a social presentation night.

M.G. Car Club of Queensland operates the Mt. Cotton Hillclimb situated 30 km. from Brisbane. It is a bitumen track set in a bush setting on which Club, State and National Championships have been held.

Probable the best part of being a member of this Club is the friendly and informal atmosphere that prevails.

It is not essential to own a M.G. to be a member because most events run by the Club cater for all types of cars from road going (sedan or sports) to all out racers in various classes. Your friends are welcome to join as well.

The Committee and Members invite you to join in the fun of motorsport.

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848 5061 (W)

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The Membership Secretary,
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NAME IN FULL.

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