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- and planning begins for Perth in 2016.



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President's Report

We are now approaching the half way mark of the year 2015. So far the months have flown by with lots of activities in the club.

The Hillclimb has been very busy to start the year with four competition events so far being run and the largest event for the year is set to happen at the end of May in the running of the QHC.

Our clubrooms have been put to good use so far this year with a multitude of events being held within or run from the clubrooms. Our day run people have been active enjoying many scenic runs to various locations.

Over Easter our intrepid members ventured to Victoria for the National Meeting. As a club we were well represented with some very good results from the meeting which will be detailed in a separate article in this issue.

As always your committee is trying to find ways to bolster our membership numbers as we are starting to see a drop in numbers due mainly to an increasing age of our loyal members. Some of these members can no longer use their beloved cars and are being forced to sell them. It would be interesting to have feed back from members as to how we may achieve the goal of having more young people join the club so as we may have a future for the club starting to be built.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have assisted the club

in any way during the time I have been President. Sometimes it is hard to get around and thank each and every volunteer for their service to the club but without these people we would not be able to function as we do. Many have given freely of their own time and resources to better the facilities owned by the club. Most people will not notice some of the donations made by our members but they are many and varied in how they assist the club to function.

As we move towards September and the AGM, it is once again timely to remind each and every one of you to think hard about who you wish to have as President after the AGM to guide this club through the next stage of its development. There will be at least 4 members of the current committee who will step aside at the AGM to make way for any new members who wish to take up the challenge. As we have had a hard time in filling spots on committee for some years now it is more important than ever that you think of what you can do for your club rather than what your club can do for you.

I look forward to the remaining 5 months as President and hope to continue meeting and talking with as many members and Chapters of this great club as I can until this term ends.

- Neil Lewis

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Some words from Elaine

Thanks to a collection of articles on the National Meeting, this issue has turned into something of a National Meeting 'special'. As well as a brief introductory article to introduce a collage of just a sample of the photos taken by Max and Matt Johnson, there are articles by the Rayments who are long term attendees, Andrew Lake who attended his first NM as a participant and Jim Armstrong and 'That Lot' - a group mainly from Central and North Qld who are regulars and organise themselves to make a long group outing of it. These should provide insight for those of you who sometimes ponder 'What's it all about?' My thanks to all those who contributed these articles and the photos which accompany them.

Inside are also all the regular features - Bits and Pieces where one question is answered and two more are asked; reports from our very active Chapters and the roundup of Competition events and reports of Club runs, both midweek and weekend. Our special thanks go to people such as Richard Higgs, Allan Tebbutt, Phil McMahon and Don Glover who have taken the initiative in organising day runs and continuing thanks go to Bruce Mutch who always musters strong support from organisers and participants for the midweek runs. Our thanks go to all those many members who take time and trouble - and it does involve time and trouble - to organise all the many runs which encourage you to get your MGs out of the garage and onto the road. And don't the public love to see them.

Which brings me to the next topic ... Concours. It may seem early to be mentioning it as, even by the time you receive this, there will be still be a couple of months before the event. Ross Kelly, the organiser, has already got the supp regs and entry forms organised and a copy of these is included for your use. He is emphasising that this is more than

a competition event and that the display element is also important and has attracted sponsorship from Club member, Denis Cotton.

Some significant MG birthdays are being acknowledged this year and Ross has a poster competition organised and needs your participation in it. He would like all present or past owners of these MG TCs, MGAs and MGB GTs to submit to him their favourite photograph of their car. From these photographs, three posters - one to celebrate each model - will be designed and produced and will be given to the winners of a "Lucky Draw". To be eligible for the draw, you must have submitted a photograph of your car for inclusion in the poster. The draw will be held at Concours on 2 Aug 2015. To submit your entry, email your photo as a jpg file to Ross Kelly at grkelly@bigpond.net.au - the sooner, the better and easier for Ross but photos must be received by Sunday 12th July 2015. Please include your name and some information on your ownership of the car e.g. when it was purchased/sold whether you still own it or not etc.

Also included in this issue is a brief tribute to Ken Wilson, a member of the Wide Bay Chapter, who died recently. Like a number of other Club members, Ken was not satisfied with one MG and had a stable of 9 of them at the time of his death.

Space has not allowed for a couple of interesting general articles which have had to be held over until the July issue - but it will be worth the wait!

Final date for submissions for the July issue is the end of June. The Notice of, and Agenda for, the AGM will be included in that issue. Please note the comments from the President's Report re the situation regarding the need for more committee members.

Notice Board

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 \$2.50. The goal will continue to be to have something special happening on the first Friday of each month. Your suggestions are welcomed.

(P) indicates that the event is pointscore for Club trophies. The rules for pointscore for trophies can be found on the News page of the Club website. The pointscore is updated throughout the year by Ian Fettes so you can see how competitive you are. Please contact Ian with any queries you may have.

June 5 Friday Noggin 'n' Natter

Lockrose Khanacross Dirt surface HSCCQ

June 7 Sunday Day run (P)

This will be an afternoon run going to the Caboolture War Museum at Caboolture airfield then on to Bribie for fish and chips. Meet at Pine Rivers Park UBD 109 C 2 at 12 noon for 12.30 departure for Caboolture Warplane museum. Travel via Narangba to the museum then on to Savages for fish and chips at Bribie. Entry to museum is \$10 per head or \$5 for OAP. Numbers required by Sat 6 June either by phone 33855312 or email the.bods @bigpond.com.

June 13/14 Sat/Sun CAMS State Championship Races Rd 2 QRDA

At Morgan Park (P)

June 19 Friday Noggin 'n' Natter

June 21 Sunday HSCCQ Motorkhana (P) or Khanacross

At Willowbank Driver Training Complex

24 Wednesday Mid Week Run

Meet at 9am for a 9.30 start at The Calamvale Hotel Carpark (UBD: Map 220 J 14) for 70km run to smoko at Junior Chamber Park (2k east of Beaudesert) folloqws by a 100km to lunch at Jimboomba. BYO morning tea and lunch. Organiser is Greg Hannant - email:Vatree@bigpond.com.

June 28 Sunday Day run (P) organised by Don Glover

To Lockrose Museum.

July 3 Friday Noggin 'n' Natter to be held at Shannons

305 Montague Road, West End QLD 4101. MGCCQ Clubrooms will be closed. Shannons will have a HOT lap prize worth \$500 for anyone who gets a quote for their home and contents/Investment property on the night.....or Vehicle quote is OK too (see attached flyer). Meal for the night will be pizza.

July 11/12 Sat/Sun Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 4 (P)

July 12 Sunday poss RACQ Motorfest TBA (P)

July 17 Friday Noggin 'n' Natter

Night Observation Run Interclub Challenge

Rd 5 (P) or Mid Afternoon to Mid Evening on Saturday 18 – TBA

July 22 Wednesday Mid Week Run

Start Logan river Parklands, Blackbird St. Beenleigh, usual spot at 9.00am for 9.30 departure. 2 Dams Run. 75 mile run to lunch. Run organiser is Errol Hoger - Mobile No. Is 0408 703 220; Home phone 07 33414041

July 26 Sunday Day run (P) organised by Richard Higgs

August 2 Sunday The Denis Cotton Social Car Display and Gearys' Sport Car Concours at U of Q

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Glen Sturits
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New members

We welcome the following new members and wish them a long and happy association with the Club.

Sarah Hiley-Gilmour
John Klowss
Richard Faulkner
Kim Edwards

Diana Klowss
John Davidson
Gaven Clark
Michael Lewis

Bits'n'Pieces



Do you remember the photo from last issue of the unidentified T types racing? The following response came from John Cranley who was able to identify himself and contributed these details -- "The photo was taken at Strathpine in around 1956 or 57. At that time the car was at Stage 1 tune. It's a TF 1500 registered new in 1955. The mesh grille on the front was to prevent stone chips. They were a constant worry on those old gravel air strips. It also has felt over the front mudguards. NAW-672 went from that to what you see in the later photos from Lowood, cycle guards, aluminium bonnet, extractor exhaust, 13-1 compression, running on straight methanol.

After a race meeting we would come home strip off the racing body parts replace the original guards and other body work, remove the cylinder head and put a copper plate with a gasket on either side to reduce the compression ratio and replace the head.

All back to normal I would drive it to work the following day. I hope this is of some interest. I don't know what became of it after I sold it, Would be nice to know."

Does anyone know the answer for John?

John is a regular on midweek run and still tries to protect his cars from stone chips by the addition of carbras. Admittedly, if you were driving along country roads in a Bentley or Honda NSX you'd be wanting to protect it from stone chips too!



Pictured is ABD organiser presenting a plaque to Mark Wessling, Manager RACQ Automotive Services, thanking them for their 2014 ABD Sponsorship. The presentation was at RACQ HQ at Eight Mile Plains.

RACQ Automotive Services is also sponsoring ABD 2015.



This is a very small photo of a very large photo which is on display on a wall in the Clubrooms. With the passing the time, the information on who donated the photo to the Club has become misplaced. Can anyone help by supplying

this information? If so, please advise David Robinson.



A keen-eyed member saw this photo on Facebook and sent it in, maybe wondering if anyone with a trailer wanted to rescue it from its seeming abandonment. Only difficulty is the location which is somewhere in Poland!



This photo, taken at a midweek hillclimb working bee earlier this year, shows Barry Smith working on the bank in the second loop while Malcolm Spiden looks on/supervises. Little did Barry know then that he would benefit from all of his hard work at a recent hillclimb in his Ford Special.



Another photo from a hillclimb working bee - this one from Jim Heymer who is ever on the lookout for photos of the wildlife there. He had to be looking hard to pick out

these two tawny frogmouths who were making a great and successful pretence of being part of the tree.



A 'before and after' story --- A not so obvious GT special has recently been finished in Wide Bay ... Frontline LE50 spoiler, Sebring rear, airconditioning, electric windows and bonnet release, in-dash GPS, 5 speed gearbox ... and the list goes on. Check it out at www.pinterest.com/tinmars/mgb-gt/ . Hopefully you will get to read the full story in a coming issue.

John Preston reports that he and Wendy watch SBS quite a bit and so see many of the ads. From watching he concludes that red MGBs are associated with retired people (by MLC) and yellow MGBs are associated with dead people (Alex Gow)!

Interested in rallying from the past? a 'Rally Reunion Re-Run' will be held on 6th Sept. It is a non-competitive social drive that is open to members of any CAMS affiliated car club. You can find out more about it at www.facebook.com/groups/480642912078110/

'COMMEMORATION OF THE LIFE OF IVAN TIGHE' FUNCTION

Text by Elaine Hamilton; photos by Malcolm Campbell and Elaine Hamilton



More than 100 people attended the function held at the Clubrooms on Sat 7th March to commemorate the life and achievements of the late Ivan Tighe.

This provided an opportunity for people to express their condolences and best wishes to Joan and family and to chat with each other about their memories of Ivan. Winner of 10 Australian Hillclimb Championship titles, Peter Gumley and his wife, Kylie, came all the way from Wollongong for the function while others, such as hillclimb specialist Stan Pobjoy, also travelled from interstate. Apologies were received from a number of people including John French, Carole Corness and Ann Thomson.

While the reason for the get together is a sad one, the positive is that functions such as this one create reunions for people whose paths have not crossed for some time and that was certainly true of this function.

Although this was not a memorial service, Ken Trudgian, the Club Chaplain, was a guest speaker. Other guest speakers included John Fraser who also read a tribute from Iain Corness, Jim Lowe, Annette Truscott and Richard Mattea who delivered the Phil Irving award (medallion and certificate) to Joan.

The many collages of photos on show drew plenty of attention. These depicted Ivan's life in motor sport from his early competition days on two wheels through his circuit racing and hillclimbing and, finally, to his reproduction of a pre-war Auto Union race car.



(Photos from top left) Another photo collage put together by David Robinson, Club chaplain, Ken Trudgian, delivered an address, Joan Tighe with Richard Mattea and Ivan's awards, a section of the crowd, 10 times AHC winner Peter Gumley came from Wollongong with wife, Kylie, Jeff Englund chats with Dean and Peter Tighe





IVAN TIGHE AWARDED THE PHIL IRVING AWARD FOR 2014 BY CAMS

This award consists of a medallion and a certificate. The certificate bears the following citation --

The Phil Irving Award was established by CAMS to recognize outstanding contribution and engineering excellence in motorsport at the Australian or International level.

The 2014 award was given to the late Ivan Tighe for over fifty years of automotive engineering excellence, particularly in the fields of camshaft, crankshaft and poppet valve development and manufacturing.

From the Mayback to today's V8 Supercar, one of the few constants in the ever changing world of Australian motorsport was Ivan Tighe. Ivan has literally done and seen it all, from racing a motorcycle across Europe in the 1950's to the establishment of one of the most highly regarded automotive engineering workshops in Australia, in Ivan Tighe Engineering. The list of his involvement with successful motorsport efforts is endless.

Ivan's contemporaries are considered the greats of engineering excellence in Australia, but the name Ivan Tighe deserves to be amongst the other greats of Irving, Holinger and England.



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Vale Ken Wilson: 9 June 1954 - 25 April 2015 - MG Enthusiast

A tribute from the Wide Bay Chapter



Ken Wilson passed away peacefully on the morning of Anzac Day. Ken was a great friend. The sort of friend we should all have and would be lucky to have. Always optimistic, happy, ready to share a tall tale and happy to share a beer!

In our MG fraternity right around Australia Ken was well known, not only for his dedication to preserving our motoring heritage, but also for enjoying and using his stable of MGs.

Contrary to what you may have heard, Ken's interest in MGs didn't start in 2006 when he bought his first MG, that delicious red MGA. His interest actually dated back to 1971 when, as an apprentice, he coveted an MGB which belonged to a fellow workmate. At that time he promised himself that one day he would try to own an MG. Well ... that certainly happened with Ken accumulating 9 MGs, from modern to not so modern.

Following the MGA came a Y type, an MGC, a TC, the V8 GT, a TC Special, another Y type, an SA from the 1930s, and yes, yet another Y type. Naturally, being part of the family, the cars had names. There is the Duchess, Pearl, Ellie May, Millie and the list goes on ...

And which was his favourite? Probably the cute little TC boat tail special which has been likened to a piece of fine porcelain. Or maybe it was "The Duchess", that huge SA from 1936. Or perhaps one of the Y types? Regardless, he enthused over them all.



MGs form a tribute to Ken at his funeral on May 4

Apart from the fun of driving his varied collection, Ken also thrived on attending the MG Clubs' National Meetings, even driving the Nullarbor to attend when he and Ellen lived in Western Australia. It would be silly to even attempt to list the awards his cars garnered ... there are just so many from so many National Meetings!

Our lives are richer for having known Ken. His good nature and happy friendship will be missed by us all. There can be no doubt that his spirit and enthusiasm will be with us in the future as we head down the back roads on our Chapter outings.



Three of the cars from Ken's stable - an MGY, SA and TC bobtail special.



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national meeting 2015

This is a brief overview of the event which is well supplemented by the three following reports - one from regular NM attenders Peter and Delia Rayment, one from first-timer as a participant Andrew Lake and one from Jim Armstrong who recounts the trip to the event and the event itself for "That Lot" from Central Queensland.



MGCCQ members who attended were Sandra Armstrong, Jim Armstrong, Cathy Bartley, Steve Begley, Glen Boyce, John Boyce, Dan Casey, Ada Clark, Stuart Clark, Bev Clydesdale, Ron Clydesdale, Dianne Davies, George Diggles, Stuart French, Liz Gannon, Peter Gannon, Norm Goodall, Lyn Hayward, David Hall, Beth Heraghty, Bill Heraghty, Bev Hoyle, Graham Hoyle, Noeline Johnson, Max Johnson, Matt Johnson, Ross Kelly, Wayne Kirwan, Megan Perrett, Julie Kunst, Gary Kunst, Michelle Lake, Andrew Lake, Lyn Rushby, Paul Lupton, June Phillips, Brian Phillips, Delia Rayment, Peter Rayment, Roz Riley, Steve Riley, Debbie Slattery, Tony Slattery, Malcolm Spiden, Alan Quinan, Rae Vanderkyl, Jim Vanderkyl, Pat Walker, John Walker, Barbara Wasley, Ken Wasley, Don Webster.

Final Results - The National Meeting Organising Committee advises that full and final results are available at www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2015/results.html. **FULL DETAILS OF MGCCQ MEMBERS' RESULTS ARE ON PAGE 66**

Our Club members together won the Wratten Trophy while Cathy Bartley won the Joan Richmond Trophy, Ross Kelly won the TC Owners Club Perpetual Pre-War Trophy and David Hall won the prize for best Action Photograph.

Photo Galleries - Professional photos of all events are now available via www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2015/gallery.html The full resolution original files may be downloaded free.

PHOTO COLLAGE PHOTOS ON PAGES 13 - 18 BY MAX AND MATT JOHNSON











records broken - 2015 national meeting

by Delia and Peter Rayment

New records were set in the Yarra Valley Victoria during the 2015 MG National Meeting.

The whole of the Easter Weekend from Registration to the Farewell Breakfast on Tuesday Morning the days were FINE!

What a fabulous time was had by all. Most Queenslanders stayed at the York on Lilydale Resort which was central to all events and very close for the Registration and the Farewell Breakfast as they were held at the Resort. It was a great venue for trailers with plenty of parking for same. There was even a pool but I believe only a few fingers were lost when trying the temperature of the water. With the leaves starting to change colour it presented a wonderful sight with all the MGs around. During registration it was great to socialise as it was only a short stroll over to it. However there was still some cleaning of cars for the Concours the next day as some of the MGs had driven up to 3000km.

Friday Night and the Noggin 'n' Natter at the extended MGCCV clubrooms. Here there was a clubs' banner march in before the official opening of the National Meeting by Paul Plummer, the MGCC Overseas Director. Paul was looking for a whip round to help Victoria's financial situation after a drive in a ZT only minutes after arriving in Australia. Finger food kept coming throughout the night along with the Rocker Cover racing that was held in a tent annexe. Much cheering and oohs could be heard while the racing progressed.

Next morning and a beautiful day with morning mist slowly rising made for a lovely drive to Rochford Winery at Coldstream. Into position directed and at 9:45 judging started. There was also a good line-up of display cars from 1925 to current day racers next to the food tent. After the first round of judging 7 Queensland cars were called up to the bullpen for outright judging. All registrants

were provided with lunch vouchers so we all have a very nice meal. Trophies for the Concours were given out on the day. All up 170 cars judged.

Saturday night was back to the clubrooms for an optional spit roast meal and, surprise, more chatting. Another very social night. Tonight the clocks went backwards to Qld Time so a bit of a sleep in. Sunday morning and off to Rob Roy Hillclimb. A 32 minute drive according to Mr Google. Once again a misty morning. A wonderful drive in the open car. Breakfast was supplied at the 'Octunda' an eight side rotunda, to the early starters before the briefing and onto the runs. All up 112 runners. The Octunda proved to be a popular meeting point all day, as there was free coffee and tea all day long and the times were displayed on a big screen of the last 10 or so cars.

Roy Roy's start line now has the old Templestowe PBR Brake shoes erected here. From the start we had a slight uphill climb flowing into a slightly blind right and a veer left onto the crossover. Next there is a steep climb where one's visor fogged up as we headed into the early morning sun glow to be followed by another blind steep left hander to be followed by a few wiggles and across the finish line. Down the gravel return road (terrifying) back across the crossover and into the pits. We all had 3 runs to get used to it. Another name to add to the venues that one has run at. If you wanted you could have gone out here on Friday for a quiet drive around. Lunch time and we were provided with a huge lunch bag. A 12" roll, a couple of wraps, a muffin, fruit, a kitkat etc. It was good we had had our runs or with all the extra weight competition would have been fiercer than it was. Peter took the TC up to 7500 revs, an area where we don't normally go. More socializing and comparing of times with the opposition.

For those who did not compete at Rob Roy

there was a competitive observation run for the 50 vehicles. Once again they were fed.

A free night, so it was a short walk to the Bistro for a Senior's meal. Great value. Following the feed there was a discussion on Train, Transport or Planes for the members wanting to utilize these forms of transport to the National Meeting in 2016 in Perth. Some of us are driving, but it was good to hear that if there are enough people wanting transport, the prices could be decreased.

Monday morning and another short drive to M.E.T.E.C. for the motorkhana. It is a pity that we do not have these driver training centres like this in Queensland. A great facility for teaching young and older drivers how to drive safely. Once again 111 drivers rose to the challenge of Double Kidney, crossed four point and a straight slalom were set out to challenge us. Luckily we practised at the motel the night before around the beer/wine bottles. It helps. The crossed four point was on a concrete skid pan. Half was smooth the other half polished so you could see reflections. So with a little bit of rubber scrubbed off the tyres some steering wheel twiddling the times came thick and fast. Some complained of sore knees from banging the gear lever and sore shoulders from winding the steering wheel plus many more tall tales.

Those who didn't want the skill and fun of the motorkhana could go on a non-competitive Kimber Run for more drives around the Yarra Valley and the Dandenong Ranges.

Following a spa bath (all the rooms had one) to soothe the aching bodies it was off to the Presentation Dinner for more chatting, good food and of course the presentation of medallions to those who won gongs.

Come the end of the night, we, all the Queenslanders, who attended were pleased to be awarded the John Wratten Memorial trophy for the best performing club. Much cheering.

Next morning and it was a short stroll over to the farewell breakfast. More chatting and then slowly over the next couple of days it was back home for this year and to start planning for Perth in 2016. It rained after the Farewell Breakfast.

We have not mentioned any names nor scores as there are so many but these are available together with an array of wonderful photos (which can be downloaded) on MGCCVs website.

Even though we have said that would not mention names in our report, a special thanks must go to Noeline Johnson for all her hard work in organising our accommodation and the buses to the venues for the whole week-end. We know that everyone appreciated her efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to Victoria Club for a wonderful week-end.

POST SCRIPT

Following the Delegates Meeting everyone will be pleased to know that we now have a couple of centres have put there hands up to organise future National Meetings. The future had been looking very bleak. Following 2016 in Perth we now have

2017 Adelaide where they are hoping to use the old Mitsubishi Test Track at Tailem Bend that is being turned into a circuit

2018 Tasmania probably based at Launceston

As a club, we should look to put our hand up again to keep these fantastic events going. If you have ideas chase up the committee.

On a sadder note after we had been presented with the Nuffield Oceania Trophy on the Presentation Night. It was found there was a miscalculation and the trophy should have been awarded to a very competitive Newcastle. We transported the trophy from Melbourne and handed it to the Newcastle Club at their Ringwood Motorsport complex on the way home. They were there as they were having some of the new variations

for the various circuits checked by CAMS Officials. It appears they have up to 18 variations available there now.

On a positive note Newcastle is in favour of a combined sporting event between Queensland and Newcastle similar to what goes on between Victoria and South Australia. We both have venues and we are sure a challenge would help both clubs. If you think this idea has merit, chase up a committee member. This would be for MG and invited cars.



Delia Rayment trying hard, Some of the cars at the motel, Peter Rayment on Start Line at Rob Roy, Two old Blokes Ross Kelly & Norm Goodall, Don Webster starting at Rob Roy, Wayne Kirwin and his Whitewalls, waiting at the motorkhana and Malcolm Spiden cornering hard at motorkhana.



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An account of a recent trip to the

Australian national mg meeting, Easter 2015

by four members of the MGCC of QLD, Capricorn Chapter, and other MGCC of Qld members known as "That Lot" - by Jim Armstrong

For around 15 years now, a group of MG enthusiasts from Northern and Central Queensland have been travelling to the MGCC Australian National Meetings. This group have, over the years, been referred to by our Southern Counterparts as "that lot". Obviously, a term of endearment, I'm sure. As years went on it became recognised that "that lot" seemed to enjoy themselves more than most, so the group has continued to grow somewhat each year. This year 9 cars travelled down together to Lilydale Victoria and a tee shirt was struck to commemorate. The trip officially started on Friday, March 27 when Graham and Bev Hoyle travelled from Bowen in their V8 MGBGT to Yeppoon to join us. After staying overnight with Gary and Julie Kunst, they, along with Julie and Gary, met with us (Sandra and I) at our home on Saturday morning March 28 at 6:30am.

We then proceeded to travel to Kershaw Gardens where Ada and Stuart Clark were waiting to join us in their brand new, fully restored, Iris Blue MGA. This was to be the maiden voyage in this car as Stuart and Ada were frantically preparing the car right up to the last few days before our departure. The last obstacle turned out to be road registration. Stuart will never forget the letter "N" again. After the group stopped "drooling" over their car, we set off on our journey, next

stop Biloela to join up with Wayne Kirwan and his lovely partner, Megan.

We left Rockhampton and travelled toward Biloela when at Dululu a comfort stop was called for by our women folk. During this stop Stuart reported that the "Temp gauge on the MGA was reading high but the car seemed happy enough!" We then continued on. On arrival at Simmons Bakery Biloela we were met not only by Wayne and Megan but prospective new Capricorn member Peter Graham in his bright red MGA Twin Cam. After formalities, it was realised Ada and Stuart were not with us. Several phone calls to them soon revealed what must have been heartbreaking for the Clarks after so much work. The MGA was overheating. After many suggestions, Stuart decided that the best thing was to get his car home and once again come in his Honda. They made necessary arrangements and we agreed to meet them in Armidale.

Back in Biloela, Wayne and Megan had reserved and decorated a table for us at Simmons's Bakery and had made a CD to commemorate the journey (all road songs). Our "pieologist" (Graham Hoyle) gave the Simmons pies an 8 with Parkers Pies from Rutherglen NSW being the pinnacle and placed 10 on the pie graph, er, um, chart.

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Once again we were off all playing the "That Lot" CD (out of sync I might add) over our CBs, but alas not with Ada and Stuart. After lunching at Gayndah, we continued on to Crows Nest where we were booked in to a Motel and also where we met Jim and Raye Vanderkyl in their MGA who joined us from the Wide Bay mob. By now Graham's v8 was misfiring and not responding to the usual tickle up. Gary K reckons that Crows Nest is now only called Nest as Graham's car chased all the crows away!

Sunday morning, bright eyed and bushy tailed, we headed toward Warwick for morning tea and to meet up with Beth and Bill Heraghty, MGA Coupe, Jill and Dan Casey modern Ford Focus, Cathy Bartley and Dianne Davies modern MGTF Trophy. We congregated at The Coffee Club. Our group was meant to be complete at this point. However without Ada and Stuart, it wasn't. That was when Graham Hoyle announced he wasn't confident in travelling further and was going get his car looked at a Garage somewhere in Warwick. Gary K had a new fuel pump so lent it to Graham to try. Wayne Kirwan elected to stay and help Graham and so the rest of us took off, now less Graham and Bev Hoyle, Wayne and Megan and of course Stuart and Ada. The plan was to overnight at Armidale. As we were going through Guyra we received word that Graham and Bev's V8 was again mobile and they, along with Wayne and Megan, would catch us at Armidale, which they did. After two very long days, Stuart and Ada also caught us up that evening.

Early next morning, Monday 30 March, we headed to Bathurst through Tamworth, Werris Creek and Mudgee. It was an uneventful but beautiful drive.

A cool early morning in Bathurst, Tuesday 31, several of our group decided to have a drive around Mt Panorama, most completing around 5 or 6 laps, before returning to our Motel where some of the womenfolk took advantage and had a brief sleep in. Today we had planned to head for Tumut via Cowra for a tour of the famous Japanese Gardens. We had a brief morning tea break

there before we commenced our tour of the gardens. Then tragedy struck for Sandra. Still in her wheel chair after her recent left hip replacement that went wrong, she was toppled out, landing on her left knee, doing suspected damage to her left leg and new hip. She endured pain for the rest of the trip and is still incapable of weight bearing on her left leg.

We continued on to Tumut. Our evening meal was at a typical but well maintained old pub and afterwards Gary K, Wayne K, Graham H and Jim V did a pub crawl back to our motel. (All of about 3 hotels and about only ten minutes before the last lager waltz was to be called)

April 1 saw most of us heading down the Alpine Way having lunch at Jindabyne, continuing on to Thredbo and around the foothills of Mt Kosciusko to our Motel at Corryong. Again, an absolutely magnificent drive; however. a couple of our group elected not to travel this way and took a short cut to Corryong to avoid long winding roads. What did they get? Not so long but winding roads! In all, another good day.

Thursday, April 2, last day of our trip down to Nat Meet... We left Corryong in convoy heading to our final destination of Lilydale. On our arrival we were met and made welcome by the Brisbane members of the Club.

Then the games began:

Good Friday: Registration for meeting and then back to the Motel to scrub all the accumulated grime, cow dung, roadwork's mud and whatever else from your car, polish and shine every panel, polish the bright work, clean every nut and bolt, wash windows and vacuum out ready for Concours the next day.

The Noggin 'n' Natter and Rocker Cover racing was held in the VIC MGCC rooms that night and whilst Sandra and I didn't attend due to her condition, I am led to believe that it was a good night with ample finger food this year.

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Easter Saturday; Concours on grounds of Rochford Vineyards Yarra Valley. With our cars all polished and looking almost brand-new again, it was off to the Vineyard for judgement day. Each car is placed in class with other similar cars. I would estimate around two hundred odd cars were there all gleaming in the morning sun. The Judging began and by lunch the results were in. Lunch by the way was a grand affair this year with multiple choices of seafood, lamb, beef etc and with complimentary beer, wine or soft drinks to boot.

Our little group from Capricorn did surprisingly well in the concours.

Gary Kunst...1st Class M (MGBL and later)
Wayne Kirwan...1st Class X
(MG Specials pre MGA)
Jim Armstrong...1st Class Z
(MG Super Specials)

And further to this cars travelling
with "that lot"

Bill Heraghty...1st Class I
(MGA COUPE Single Cam)
Cathy Bartley...2nd Class ZE
(MG TF modern)
Graham Hoyle...3rd Class R
(MGB V8 inc Costellos)

Good result from quite a small group. That evening we had a free night so we had dinner at our motel which had a bistro with quite a comprehensive menu, soft chews for seniors.

Easter Sunday; After a healthy breakfast of Easter eggs, it was back in business again for either the Rob Roy Hill Climb or the dreaded marriage busting Observation Run. Most of our group opted for the Observation run. This was a most beautiful drive up the Dandenongs, the serenity only interrupted only by husband and wife squabbles over each other's interpretation of the clues. It's now 2:00pm and after nearly 5hrs, it's over. Except you have to wait for the results. Again another free evening, and back to the Bistro.

Easter Monday 6 April. Last day. Choice

today is go to Motorkhana where you can achieve several things.....like wear out a perfectly good set of tyres, break an axle, bust a gearbox or diff or even maybe over rev your engine whilst doing things around witches hats that would ordinarily be grounds to have your car confiscated with a free night's accommodation courtesy PC Plod. But, should none of these things occur you might win a trophy!

Or, Second choice take the Kimber run and drive through the Yarra Valley and Dandenongs and enjoy a good feed at the finish hosted by the Maryville Rotary Club but no trophy. Most of us chose the latter except for Wayne Kirwan who could be still going through puberty, maybe???

Monday evening and presentation night has arrived. The evening starts off with what you would expect; mingling, beer, wine or two and some greasy finger food. Except we missed all that! Our bus driver took us to the wrong venue! Eventually we arrived just as the dinner gong sounded and we sat down to enjoy a lovely meal which was rudely interrupted by some bloke with a microphone handing out trophies. The end result though wasn't too bad again for the Capricorn Chapter and The Queensland Club.

Gary Kunst... 3rd in class observation run and still married.

Wayne Kirwan.... 1st in Class Motorkhana, 3rd in Class Observation Run, still in love; and tie 1st for NZ Plate.

Jim Armstrong ... 2nd in Class observation run and still married but only because she can't run away!

And from "that lot" ...

Bill Heraghty 3rd in Class observation run.

Cathy Bartley 2nd in Class observation run and winner Joan Richmond Trophy. (Only for female type competitors.)

Queensland was awarded the coveted John Wratten award (like the "HOLY GRAIL") and the Nuffield trophy which meant that the Queensland Club won the meeting overall. What a success story!

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Next morning, Tuesday 7: only the farewell breakfast of cereal, fruit, plastic eggs and bacon, coffee, tea or juice and it was all over. But, wait on a bit, turns out apparently the Vics aren't too good at Maths. Newcastle Club was rightful winners of the Nuffield Cup and Wayne Kirwan didn't tie for 1st with NZ Plate but came 2nd. Oh well that's life, who wants a Kiwi plate anyway! Probably picked up at St Vinnie's in Auckland, made in Taiwan and stained with 2nd hand sheep dip!

After saying our farewells, we all went different ways on the home journey, meeting up with family and friends along the way but now all home safe and sound (well most of us) after travelling around 6,000 km, ready to do it all again next year in Perth.

"Mad" you say? Probably.

Footnote: since writing this article Sandra has an all clear from the Dr and all is now walking again with the aid of crutches.



Jim standing by my car at concours, First stop at Simmons Bakery, Biloela, Stuart and Ada Clark's just completed Iris Blue MGA, Gary Kunst receiving his 1st place medal at Concours, Wayne Kirwan and the elusive Kiwi Plate, Jim receiving the 1st place at Concours.

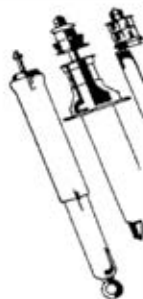
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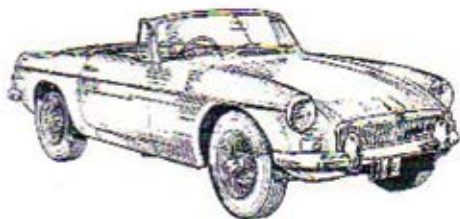
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JUNE			
		WB	(HB) MWR (Carters) Coffee Run to Goody's @ Toogoom (Wallets # #)
5	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
6	Saturday	CC	Agnes Waters
		DD	Goondiwindi Customs House. Trains, Planes, Automobiles and Bike Festival
		WB	(B) LTA (Beckmans) Camping Weekend @ Mingo Crossing (BYO Everything)
			Lockrose afternoon and evening Khanacross Dirt surface HSCCQ
7	Sunday		Day run (P) to Caboolture Air Museum
		CC	Agnes Waters
		DD	Goondiwindi Customs House. Trains, Planes, Automobiles and Bike Festival
		WB	(B) LTA (Beckmans) Camping Weekend @ Mingo Crossing (BYO Everything)
			Lockrose Khanacross Dirt surface HSCCQ
8	Monday	CC	Agnes Waters
		CC	Rockhampton Invitation Rally Rockhampton Historic Car Club Breakfast day 3
		DD	Goondiwindi Customs House. Trains, Planes, Automobiles and Bike Festival
		WB	(B) LTA (Beckmans) Camping Weekend @ Mingo Crossing (BYO Everything)
10	Wednesday	DD	(Ron and Judy Gillis) Toowoomba Hockey Club Mid week run for lunch
13	Saturday		CAMS State Championship Races Rd 2 QRDA at Morgan Park (P)
		CC	Rockhampton Heritage Village
		FNQ	All British Day Weekend
14	Sunday		CAMS State Championship Races Rd 2 QRDA at Morgan Park (P)
		CC	Rockhampton Heritage Village "Rock N Roll Classic"
		FNQ	All British Day Weekend
		WB	(HB) EMR (Host TBA) M/T BBQ Lunch at Monduran Dam combined run (BYO everything)
		WB	(B) EMR (O'Donoghue) M/T BBQ Lunch at Monduran Dam combined run (BYO everything)
19	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
20	Saturday	FNQ	Australia Classic Rally
21	Sunday		HSCCQ Motorkhana (P) or Khanacross at Willowbank Driver Training Complex
		CC	Baralaba Bob Holbeck Baralaba & Beyond Tour
		FNQ	Australia Classic Rally
24	Wednesday		Midweek run - Organiser is Greg Hannant - email: Vatree@bigpond.com
25	Thursday	WB	(HB) MWR (Carters) We Know Where? Mystery Coffee Run (Wallets # #)
27	Saturday	FNQ	Interclub Sports Day Picnic
		WB	(B) EMR (Host TBA) Paradise Dam M/T Apple Tree Creek Lunch (Wallets)

28	Sunday	DD	Day run from Toowoomba
JULY			
3	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter - to be held at Shannons, 305 Montague Road, West End QLD 4101. MGCCQ Clubrooms will be closed.
		WB	(B) EMR (Muttons) Brooweena Lunch Run with Hervey Bay Crew (Wallets BBQ)
		WB	(HB) EMR (Elsons) Brooweena Lunch Run with Bundaberg Crew (Wallets, BBQ)
8	Wednesday	CC	Caves Mid Week Lunch run Caves Hotel
		DD	(Ron and Judy Gillis) Bull and Barley Hotel Cambooya Mid week run for lunch
11	Saturday		Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 4 (P)
12	Sunday		Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 4 (P)
			poss RACQ Motorfest TBA (P)
15	Wednesday	WB	(HB) MWR (Overton) Coffee Run to Homemade Café – Pt Vernon (Wallets # #)
17	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
			Night Observation Run Interclub Challenge Rd 5 (P) or Mid Afternoon to Mid Evening on Saturday 18 – to be advised
19	Sunday	CC	Many Peaks Many Peaks/Ubobo Lunch Invite Ulysses Motor Bike Club
		WB	(B) EMR (McColums) BYO M/T Lunch @ Tiny Tea House (Wallets # #)
22	Wednesday		Mid Week Run - Run to Two Dams, Wyaralong /Maroon, Errol Hoger organiser
24	Friday	FNQ	Yungaburra Markets Weekend
25	Saturday		Noosa Hillclimb
		FNQ	Yungaburra Markets Weekend
26	Sunday		Day run (P) organised by Richard Higgs
		DD	(Greg Newey) Warwick CBD Jumpers and Jazz Car Display
		DD	(Bob Marsh) Day run from Warwick
		WB	(HB) EMR (Martins) Lunch Run @ Cordalba Pub (M/T, Wallets # #)
			Noosa Hillclimb
AUGUST			
2	Sunday		Denis Cotton Social Car Display held in conjunction with the Gearys Sports Car Annual MG Concoors at the Uni of Qld, St Lucia.
		DD	MGCCQ Concoors at UQ St Lucia
7	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
9	Sunday	FNQ	Cairns Swap Meet Car Bike and Truck Show
		WB	(B) EMR (Muttons) BYO M/T Lunch @ Mt Perry (Wallets # #)
12	Wednesday	DD	(Ron and Judy Gillis) Greenmount Hotel Mid week run for Lunch
13/17	Thurs to Tues	CC	Leyburn LTA to Leyburn
14	Friday	CC	MG Coastal Local Sun Coastal Tour Marina Lunch
16	Sunday		Lotus Club Queensland Khanacross Interclub Challenge Rd 6
21	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
			Night Observation Run (P)
23	Sunday		HSCCQ Queensland Motorkhana Championship Rd 4 at Willowbank Driver Training Complex
		DD	(Rob Fraser) Day run from Toowoomba

The Denis Cotton Social Car Display & The Gearys Sports Car Annual MG Concours.

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Permit Number: 415/0208/01

PROMOTORS: MG Car Club of Qld Inc., GPO Box 1847, Brisbane 4001.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE: Ross Kelly, Malcolm Spiden, Rodney Lapworth

VENUE: Great Court, University of Qld, Enter via University Drive off Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St. Lucia – as directed by MG roadside signs & marshals.

ADMINISTRATION

Date: Sunday 2nd August 2015

Event Director: Malcolm Spiden

Event & Entries Co-ordinator Ross Kelly Ph. 07 3352 4151 Mob. 0411 746 215

grkelly@bigpond.net.au

Judging Co-ordinator Rodney Lapworth

1. ENTRIES: (a) **Concours Entries** are to be accepted by the following up to 9.00pm on Friday 31.7.15

- Email to mgccq@mgccq.org.au or grkelly@bigpond.net.au
- Post to GPO Box 1847, Brisbane 4001.
- Entry forms will be posted to entrants by contacting Ross Kelly 0411 746 215.

(b) **Display Only Entries** accepted as above or on the day subject to additional entry fee. Display Only entrants are encouraged to advise Ross Kelly on 0411 746 215 if entering on the day for allocation of vehicle space in class order.

(c) The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entries subject to NCR 83.

(d) The organisers reserve the right to include additional classes or break classes apart depending on entries received.

2. STARTING TIME AND PLACE: Judging will commence at **9.15 am**, Great Court, University of Qld, University Drive off Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St. Lucia

3. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS: Persons eligible to enter the Concours are **current financial members** of the MGCCQ. Visitors and members of other clubs are welcome to display their cars.

4. COMPETITION: Vehicles to be in place by **9.00am (but not before 7:30am)** as directed by MG class signs and marshals.

The aim of the event is to identify the best presented car in each class taking into account appearance, mechanical condition and originality

- Vehicles are to be at the Concours venue by 9.00am and cleaning and adjustment of vehicles will not be permitted after judging commences.
- Judging will commence at 9:15 am and be conducted in teams of three (3) judges or two (2) at the discretion of the Event Director. Classes may be combined depending on entries received.
- Judges shall be appointed by the Event Director from volunteers from those attending. Prior notification to Event director would be appreciated. Judges will be briefed prior to the commencement of judging.
- No inducements, judging aids such as mirrors, ramps or stands shall be permitted. No entrant shall provide any information to the judges during the judging unless requested to by the judges.
- **Entrants may display a sign** detailing the vehicle specifications, photos of the vehicle and the

entered vehicle's history. One sign only allowed not exceeding A1 in size.

- Organizers may use display boards for details relating to individual models.
- Vehicles, except rolling chassis, must be driven from outside the Concours area to the judging position.
- A car will not be judged unless a correctly completed Concours entry form is prominently displayed upon it, e.g. under the windscreen wiper.
- These entry forms will be given to drivers upon entry to the Concours judging area.
- Individual scoring sheets remain the property of the organizers.

4a. Display Only Cars: Vehicles to be in place by 9.00am (but not before 7:30am) as directed by MG class signs and marshals. The Display Only cars will not be judged for the Concours but will be parked in the Class Order.

5. GENERAL:

- No tents and shade structures are to be erected within the area nominated by the event organizers for display of the vehicles.

6. AWARDS: The following trophies will be awarded.

- (a) Class winners selected from the entries presented for judging in each class. These trophies will be presented on the day.
- (b) The Best MGs of the day will be selected from Class Winners in the following categories. These three trophies will be awarded on the day.
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 - Post 1980
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Class D:	MGTC	Class T:	MG Midget
Class E:	MGTD	Class U:	MG Y Saloon and Tourer
Class F:	MGTF	Class V:	MG Magnette ZA to Mk IV
Class G:	MGA Roadster (Single Cam)	Class W:	MG Front Wheel Drive
Class H:	MGA Twin Cam	Class X:	MG Specials (Pre MGA)
Class I:	MGA Coupe (Single Cam)	Class Y:	MG Specials (Post TF)
Class J:	MGB Mk I (pull handles)	Class Z:	MG Super Specials
Class K:	MGB Mk I (push button handles)	Class ZA:	MG RV8
Class L:	MGB Mk II Roadster	Class ZB:	MG-F
Class M:	MGB BL and Later Roadster	Class ZC:	MG Rolling Chassis
Class N:	MGB Rubber Bumper Roadster	Class ZD:	All MGs post 1 Jan 2000 other than F/TF's
Class O:	MGB GT Mk I and Mk II	Class ZE:	MG-TF

Class P:	MGB GT BL and Later	Class ZF:	
		Class ZZ:	MG Chassis (Other components free)
Class NM	Non- MG Marque – all vehicles other than those listed above.		
Class RC	Race Cars – Open to all Vehicles including Specials that have competed in Competitive Track or Hill Climb Events.		

The organisers would appreciate your help with judging a class. Please nominate on the Entry form your availability and preference of classes or contact Ross Kelly. (Ph 0411 746 215 or Email grkelly@bigpond.net.au)

*Remember it is **your Social Day & Concours** and a little help from everybody makes the total job easier. Even if you are inexperienced, YOU can always be a constructive third person judge on all matters. The other judges should be able to answer most originality questions. If unavailable for judging, there are several other jobs that your help with would be appreciated.*

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- ☐ \$15.00 Concours - paid early (Provided received prior to 9.00pm 31.7.15)
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		WB	(B) EMR (Gables) BYO M/T Lunch @ Bororen Hotel (Wallets # #)
24	Monday	DD	24 to 31 August Central Queensland Extended Tour 2015
26	Wednesday	Mid Week	Week Run 7
31	Monday	DD	24 to 31 August Central Queensland Extended Tour 2015
SEPTEMBER			
4	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
5/6	Sat/Sun		CAMS State Championship Races Rd 3 WDSCC (P)
6	Sunday	FNQ	Day Run
9	Wednesday	DD	(Ron and Judy Gillis) Leyburn Hotel Mid week run for Lunch
13	Sunday	WB	(B) EMR (Beckmans) BYO M/T @ Elliott Heads Lunch @ Penny Lane Gardens (Wallets # #)
18	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter and Annual General Meeting
19	Saturday		All British Day set up at Tennyson
		DD	Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Car Display Queens Park
20	Sunday		All British Day at Tennyson (P)
		CC	Gladstone Gladstone & Harbour Cruise & G/s Yacht Club
		DD	All British day at Tennyson
23	Wednesday		Mid Week Run 8
26	Saturday		Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 5(P)
27	Sunday:		
			Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 5(P)
		DD	(Greg Newey) Day run from Warwick
		WB	(B) EMR (Prassers) BYO M/T Lunch @ Woodgate Bowls Club (Wallets # #)
OCTOBER			
2	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
3	Saturday	WB	(B) LTA (Muttons) Cania Camping weekend (BYO everything)
4	Sunday	FNQ	Day Run
		WB	(B) LTA (Muttons) Cania Camping weekend (BYO everything)
5	Monday	WB	(B) LTA (Muttons) Cania Camping weekend (BYO everything)
9	Friday		poss BSCC Night Run TBA (P)
14	Wednesday	DD	(Ron and Judy Gillis) Picnic Rudds Park East Greenmount Mid week Lunch run
16	Friday		Noggin N Natter
			Night Observation Run TBA (P) (NIL IF BSCC holds event the week before TBA)
17	Saturday		Mt Cotton Hillclimb Come 'n' Try and Test 'n' Tune
18	Sunday	CC	Mt Morgan Smoko Dam – Lunch Mt Morgan Grand Hotel
24	Saturday	WB	(B) EMR D (Beckmans) Lighthouse Festival @ Burnett Heads (Wallets # #)
25	Sunday	DD	(John Boland) Day run from Toowoomba
28	Wednesday		Mid Week Run 9

NOVEMBER			
1	Sunday	FNQ	Day Run
		WB	(B) EMR (Prassers) BYO M/T Lunch @ Spotted Dog (Wallets # #)
6	Friday:		Noggin 'n' Natter
7	Saturday		Australian Hillclimb Championships at Jacks Hill, Barbagello Circuit, West Australia
			Noosa Historic Hillclimb
8	Sunday		Australian Hillclimb Championships at Jacks Hill, Barbagello Circuit, West Australia
			Noosa Historic Hillclimb
11	Wednesday	DD	(Ron and Judy Gillis) Plainsland Hotel Mid week run for Lunch
14	Saturday		CAMS State Championship Races Rd 4 WDSCC (P)
15	Sunday		CAMS State Championship Races Rd 4 WDSCC (P)
			HSCCQ Motorkhana (P) and Khanacross Willowbank Driver Training Complex
		CC	Capricorn Coast Breakfast @ Sailing Club
20	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
			Night Observation Run (P)
22	Sunday	WB	(B) EMR (Southgates) Brierley Winery Childers Ladies Day (Wallets # #)
25	Wednesday		Mid Week Run 10
28	Saturday		Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 6 (P)
29	Sunday		Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series Rd 6 (P)
		DD	Day run from Warwick
DECEMBER			
4	Friday		Noggin 'n' Natter
5	Saturday	CC	Rockhampton Christmas Dinner
6	Sunday		MGCCQ Christmas Party
		WB	(B) (Dansie) Planning Day 2016 (BYO)
9	Wednesday	DD	Mid week Overnight run
10	Thursday	DD	Mid week Overnight run
13	Sunday	FNQ	BBQ Breakfast
		WB	(B) Evening (Muttons) Christmas Lunch @ Penny Lane Gardens (Wallets # #)
16	Wednesday		working bees final for year



Working bees are held every Wednesday at the hillclimb plus others as per the calendar and on Wednesdays as needed at the clubrooms. Contact Malcolm Spiden re hillclimb and Max Johnson re clubroom working bees.

CC = Capricorn Chapter of MGCCQ **DD** = Darling Downs Chapter
FNQ = Far North Queensland Chapter
WB = Wide Bay Chapter; **HB** = Hervey Bay Section of Wide Bay Chapter
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TBA = To be advised **P** = Towards Annual MGCCQ Point Score

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A first timer's national meeting

by Andrew Lake

Whilst I have been a member of the MG Car Club for many years and assisted at many Queensland National Meetings, I previously haven't had the opportunity to compete. When the 2015 National Meeting Yarra Valley venue was announced, including competition at the famous Rob Roy Hillclimb, it was time to put plans into action.

For the uninitiated, the MG National Meeting is held annually over the Easter long weekend, consisting of a concours and two competition events, namely a speed event and a motorkhana. For those who don't want to risk their vehicle in competition, an observation run and Kimber run are also held. Points are scored at each event and these determine the major awards, especially the Wratten Memorial Trophy and Nuffield Oceania Trophy. It doesn't matter if you don't have the shiniest car or if you are a slow driver, just taking part helps the final score. Normally, all the Queenslanders will stay in the one accommodation, described as a "school camp for grown-ups" with advice, assistance and camaraderie always present.

Thursday was arrival day at the York on Lilydale Resort. Once the car was emptied, it was time to prepare the car for scrutineering and to get it clean for the Concours. Cleaning the car involves cleaning everything you can think of and then cleaning some more. If it can be seen, at least remove the dust and oil. Don't worry if your car is 'well-loved', just think of it as the car's annual bath!

Friday was registration and scrutineering at the York on Lilydale Resort. Firstly, registration and regalia collection is completed and all entrants were given a bag of goodies and local information. Scrutineering is like most events with an inspection of the vehicle and safety equipment. After that, the remainder of the day is free to explore the area (or continue

to clean your car).

Friday night was the Noggin 'n' Natter and 'rocker cover racing' at the Victorian MGCC clubrooms. The racing is entertaining with lots of imagination used to 'improve' MG rocker covers.

Saturday was the Concours at the Rochford Winery. After parking the car the final clean is conducted. You then check out the opposition, with their little brushes, sticky tape, damp clothes and tyre shine to see how your car really compares. In my class there were 8 cars, with 6 judged, so I collected 1 point for the MGCCQ. After a tour of Nellie Melba's house, checking out the racing and pre-war cars (my soft point) and doing a wine tasting, it was time for the results. Queensland did well with several placings. After that, back to the accommodation via a couple of other wineries!

Sunday was the hillclimb at the Rob Roy hillclimb track, which is fairly short and doesn't require braking. Cars were given three runs, with the best time to count for the competition. I was able to finish first in my class and 13th outright for the day! Then back to the accommodation via another winery for afternoon tea. Sunday afternoon was the MGCCQ traditional motel carpark motorkhana practice where the tests (marked with wine bottles) were walked around in preparation for tomorrow. The non-competitive event was a point-scoring observation run in the Yarra Valley.

Monday was the motorkhana at a driver training centre. This was an early start and all drivers discovered that one of the tests was half on an exceptionally polished piece of concrete. The tests had been tested at the HSCCQ 'come and try' day in January as well as the previous afternoon. Competitors had two attempts at each test, with the best time to count. I finished 2nd

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in my class and 20th outright for the day so, apart from fluffing one test, I was pretty happy. The polished concrete was like driving on ice! The non-competitive event was a Kimber run in the Yarra Valley.

Monday night was the presentation dinner, held at a function centre in outer Melbourne. The results are elsewhere, but Queensland won plenty of awards, especially the Wratten Memorial Trophy. We also did have the Nuffield Oceania Trophy, but had to relinquish it to Newcastle on a recount. Plenty of class awards and some perpetual trophies were also won by Queensland. Tuesday was the farewell breakfast, with the opportunity for more photos with the trophies. After that it was time to repack the car and wend our way home. Tuesday also turned out to be the only cold & wet day of the entire journey.

Advice for first timers. If you haven't attended the National Meeting before, there is plenty of advice from club members who are regulars. Even competitors from other clubs will provide advice and support at events. Normally a practice motorkhana will be held in January (or thereabouts) where you will have plenty of time to practice all the tests at the National meeting. I would strongly recommend doing the practice day. If there is an 'inspection' of the speed event available, have a look. Take up the opportunity to reserve your accommodation with the club as it:

1. makes it easy; and
2. means you are with friends and ready support.

Most events are only ½ day, so roll the National Meeting into a driving holiday and take the opportunity to explore the local area. Finally, no matter how clean you think your car is, someone else's will be cleaner!





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March Midweek Run

by run organiser, Allan Tebbutt; photos by Bruce Mutch

A bright sunny and hot for this time of year day greeted the starters (19 cars of which 14 were MGs) at the BP Morayfield Bruce Hwy. We had one car go to the BP Morayfield which the instructions had said. I did not even know there was a BP in Morayfield! (Note to self - more explicit instructions are needed.) We tried this run a couple of years ago and got washed out, not this time.

A 30 minute leisurely drive to Glass House Mountains National Park Lookout with fabulous views of the western side of the mountains was followed by a relaxed morning tea break.

We then saddled up for another leisurely drive through the back of Glass House Mountains then on to Peachester before getting on to Bald Knob Rd. What a great drive this road is as it takes the drivers from heavy timbered country to farming to another great view of the mountains.

We then went on to the Maleny Rd in to Landsborough and then to Mooloolah Valley before enjoying more winding roads to

Participants Were:

Aubrey Ross	MGA
Greg & Rhonda Hannant	MGB
Ian & Karen Fettes	MG Magnette
Vern & Elaine Hamilton	MGB GT
Allan & Joyce Tebbutt	MGB
Jeff & Pat Heslewood	WRX
John & Trica Cranley	Bentley
Owen Mc Neill & Dino Mattea	MGB GT
David Miles	Mgb GT
Paul Lupton & Lyn Rushby	MG Magnette
Neil & Jenny Summerson	Merc
Barry Smith	MGB GT
Colin & Carmen Gibbs	MGB
Bryan & Carmen Ponting	Liberty
Trevor Mills & Fred Enever	MGB
Errol & Wendy Hoger	MGB
Jan Burke	MGB
David & Ann Ferro	MGB
Bruce Mutch & Ross Brunckhorst	SUV

Eudlo then to lunch at Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden.

From the comments received everyone seemed to enjoy the drive. We had a couple of new starters for the mid week run hope they keep coming for more drives.



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April Midweek Run

by Jeff and Pat Heslewood

On what could only be described as a perfect Autumn day, 14 cars set out from Springfield Lakes. A further 9 cars joined us at either morning tea or lunch and ,with a total of 23 cars including 12 MGs, it could have been a real challenge to keep the group together. However, despite a pretty tight schedule, everyone arrived at the various stops within minutes of each other. After recent rains, the countryside was a picture(see Bruce Mutch's comments below), particularly through the Somerset region, and we rolled into Kilcoy to enjoy a quick chat and a nibble for morning tea. The next section took us through the scenic little locality of Neurum, joining the highway just north of Woodford, continuing through the always impressive scenery around Maleny & Montville to arrive at our lunch stop of Yandina Historic House. The local volunteers looked after us really well and we headed off refreshed on our final leg for the day.

This took us towards Kenilworth before heading north on Skyring Creek Rd and eventually joining the Bruce Highway to Gympie. We turned off on the Tin Can Bay Rd and 45 minutes later arrived at Rainbow Beach. Our host at Rainbow Sands Resort had us booked in and happy hour by the pool was underway by 4:00pm. The Rainbow Beach Sports Club welcomed our very happy group of 39 and served up a great dinner for all. Things were a little slower in the morning but breakfast at a couple of local cafes and another brilliant

Participants Were:

Ken & Val Ponting	MGB	BRG
Geoff & Glennis Anderson	Jeep	Silver
Errol & Wendy Hoger	Territory	Blue
Bruce Mutch	MGB	Camino Gold
Jeff & Rosemary Turner	Volvo	Cream
Greg & Rhonda Hannant	MGB	White
Bruce & Gail Bayliss	Volvo	GT
David & Meryl Miles	Hyundi	Silver
Jeff & Pat Heslewood	WRX	Blue
Ian & Karen Fettes, Dianne Davies	CRV	Bronze
Ted & Rosemarie Jones	Merc	Silver
Kerry & Dale Horgan	Merc	Silver
Bryan Ponting & Carmen Daly	MGBGTV8	Yellow (sort of)
Dennis & Dianna Kelly	MX5	Green
John & Tricia Cranley	Honda	Silver
Barry Smith	MGB GT	White
Barry Lutwyche	MGB	Red
Jan Burke	MGB	Red
Margaret & Dino Mattea	MGA	White
Mary & Owen McNeil	MGB GT	Red
John & Pat Walker	MGB GT V8	Red
Ron & Bev Clydesdale	Midget	White
Alan & Joyce Tebbutt	MGB	Blue
Marie & Cyril Bennett	Toyota (MG TF)	



day soon had us all firing and ready to go again.

After taking in the magnificent views and a short photo session, we departed Rainbow and headed to the Gympie Gold Mining Museum for a leisurely morning tea stop. Our final stretch was a very pretty drive through the locality of Cedar Pocket, then Kin Kin before stopping at Pomona for lunch where we were again well looked after at the Mountain Stop Cafe. What a great social group we have for these outings, and our hosts at each stop made it that much more enjoyable. Everyone is out for a good time and we always head home looking forward to the next one.

Observations on the Mid Week Run To RAINBOW BEACH by Bruce Mutch Observations . I would like to make a comment on some of the most beautiful condition of the country through the Brisbane valley and northern areas ever seen . The Brisbane Valley through the Wivenhoe Dam and fattening country and is really putting weight on cattle . This is

good because the price of cattle is at an all time high . On up to the mountain country around Maleny, Connondale and Mapleton where stock are camped by 8.00 o'clock in the morning showing they have filled up on this excellent feed . These are mainly beef cattle as the dairy industry has been decimated by supermarket low priced milk which has severely affected economic returns to the farmer.

On the way home next day we went down the Cedar Pocket Road to Pomona east of Gympie and what a change in the country !!! It was heavy rainfall country with high growing Setaria , Guinea Grass that the farmers have had to slash as it had gone rank and the stock were not "doing" (putting on weight), as the old dairymen used to say "there's no milk in this feed". All in all a very interesting trip of 300 miles in good company. Yours "Safety Fast" Charlie Brown.

LOST A brand new blue "MG" cap in Gympie (reward for return)
FOUND An excellent picnic - set mugs, thermos and pack left at Kilcoy.



April Day Run

by Allan Tebbutt; photos by Errol Hoger

Sixteen cars started the run and we met one other at the café. The weather gods smiled on us and we had had an incident free run to the café.

Some of the older cars were parked outside the café (see photos) for a great photo shot.

While lots of coffee was consumed the pancakes and also scrambled eggs were very popular. Every one said they enjoyed the short run and the refreshments.

All we need now is for some other members to contact Elaine and give her a date to do more of these runs from eastern suburbs or southern suburbs or western suburbs. For the first of these, having seventeen cars arrive for the event shows how popular these would be.

Participants Were:

Allan & Joyce Tebbutt	MGB
Errol & Wendy Hoger	MGB
Grahame & Wendy Amy	MGY
Dino & Margaret Mattea	MGL
Neil & Margaret Taylor	MGF
Peter & Michelle Sellars	MG Magnette
Glen & Chris Townsley	MGTD
Greg & Rhonda Hannant	MGB
Jeff & Pat Haslewood	Subaru
Neil & Jo McCorkindale	MGTF
Cyril & Marie Bennett	MGTF
Aubrey Ross	MGTC
Jan Burke	MGB
Owen McNeill	MGBGT
Howie Debney	MGTD
Barry Smith	MGBGT
Kerry Horgan	Cadillac



CHAPTER Chatter

CAPRICORN CHAPTER EVENTS

by Gurney T Clamp

Sunday 15th March

TANBY GARDENS & BYFIELD

The central members of Garth & Leslie Barnes, Trevor (Butch) Bambridge, Stuart & Ada Clark, Terry Dwyer & Ann Burbidge, Robbie & Garry Galloway, John Hinton & Debbie Jury, John & Margaret Horton, Ian Wilhelmsen and Biloela's Brian & Glenis Russell had the earliest start when they started arriving at Kershaw Gardens at 8.15 a.m. and were all on time for the planned 8.30 departure time. At the junction of Yeppoon Dairy Inn roads they met up with the coastal group of Ian Carleton, Gurney & Gloria Clamp, Phil & Margaret Henry, Don Madden & Trevor Anderson. Jim & Sandra Armstrong who were sporting a trailer on the back of their MG to carry his wife's (Sandra's) wheel chair.

There was only enough time for members from each group to have the normal meet and greet before heading off towards Emu Park via Cawarral to the Tanby Gardens on Tanby Road for morning tea and catchup with Rodger Warne & Phylis Davies. It was pleasing to be welcomed by the cheerful staff of Melissa and Alissa at Tanby Gardens where members enjoyed morning tea while having the usual members' chatter in the surrounds of the gardens similar to

that of a resort.

After morning tea Jim & Sandra Armstrong, Don Madden & Trevor Anderson said their goodbyes while the remainder of the group headed to Byfield for lunch at the Byfield store. The route to Byfield was via Tanby road, Yeppoon's scenic highway onto Farnborough road and the sight was one that will remain in the memories of members for years to come as the once heavily timbered roadside road was a scene of devastation as a result of the strong winds from cyclone Marcia a couple of weeks ago. It was very obvious why it took up to five days for the road to Byfield to be cleared for general use as huge trees were pushed up along either side of the road and the once proud and beautiful pine tree plantation is in tatters.

On arrival at the Byfield store, Rod, its owner/manager, welcomed and thanked us all for our support by just making the trip to them. During lunch members discussed what they viewed on the trip to Byfield as well of their experiences during and after the cyclone, with most reporting that they had no bad structural damage only a large number of trees, big and small, either being blown over or snapped off half way up the trunk. It was an experience that they all said that they did not want to live through again.



18-19th April

Mount Perry Run - by Ian Wilhelmsen

The weekend of the 18 and 19th of April was to be the first overnight run for 2015 and not wanting to miss the rendezvous at Kershaw Gardens saw the alarm clock set for 6.30 am. I needn't have bothered as I was awoken earlier than that with the pitter patter of rain on the roof. So it was that the dynamic six headed off in let's just say, "moist" conditions. The hardy souls attempting the quest were Phil and Pam White, Phil and Margaret Henry, Terry Dwyer and Anne Burbidge, Ian Carleton, Butch Bambrick and Ian Wilhelmsen. Butch decided to leave Noddy's car at home and instead brought his BMW Z3.

With the roadworks to the entrance to Rockhampton from the south in full swing, we had to travel down the Bruce Highway to Midgee then detour across to meet the Burnett Highway and travel through Bouldercombe and up the Mt Morgan range. The drive up the range was quite exhilarating as the surface was wet but is now impeccable. I found the best way to ascend in a safety fast manner in an MGB is to stay in second gear and keep the revs between 4000 and 5000 rpm and you find yourself at the top of the range with a big grin on your face. We then proceeded to Dululu for our morning tea stop. By now we had left the precipitation behind us and it wasn't to bother us for the rest of the trip.

With all cars humming along nicely it wasn't too long before we had another brief stop at the park in Thangool. This was the site Phil H lost his glasses on a previous trip so we go through the motions of trying to find them. He says he has had a few changes of prescriptions since that incident so even if they were found, they would be useless. Pretty much right on 12 pm we arrived in Monto and proceeded to the Albert Hotel where the new proprietor shook our hands and welcomed us. We were seated in a very classy part of the establishment and enjoyed excellent meals washed down by some refreshing drinks. After leaving Monto, it was a nice drive to the rest area at Ceratodus where we had another brief stop. This was to be the meeting point with people from the Wide Bay/ Bundaberg Chapter, but they decided to cancel as they thought traffic would be a problem as Saturday was the Mt Perry show day. As it turned out there was very little traffic and we had

an absolute ball driving the road winding through lovely countryside to Mt Perry.

The show was indeed in full swing as we entered Mt Perry, with its obvious rural atmosphere evident by the number of horses and massive horse floats present. Resisting the urge to have a go on the laughing clowns, we proceeded to our destinations, the Federal Inn for the others and the caravan park for me. Now as many are aware I tried numerous times to confirm I had a cabin at this park and it was only confirmed when I dropped in on our way back from the Bunya Mountains at Easter. There is a mythical manager at this park called "Chris" but I am still to meet him. He can't be too bad though as he had pictures of Casey Stoner and Chris Vermeulin on the walls of the office. A lovely lady called Wendy looked after me and she said Chris rides a Harley – no more needs to be said!

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on the back deck of the Inn, watching ducks, chooks, rainbow lorikeets and other birds doing what they do best and having cold drinks, nibbles and great conversation. Mr. Henry almost found himself with a gig at the show when the proprietor, Shane, received a phone call to say the band that was to perform that night at the show had cancelled. Country and Western is the flavour up in these here parts and Phil thought long and hard about his Slim Dusty before reluctantly deciding he should spend time with the MG crew. Before long it was time to have tea, and the staff coped exceedingly well with our group who were now becoming quite ebullient. The meals were excellent and our host Shane explained his collection of artwork hanging on the walls and also produced some excellent coffee and hot chocolate at the end of the night. He and Rachel are excellent hosts and should you find yourself in Mt Perry, you couldn't find nicer people to spend time with. When I originally thought about a trip to Mt Perry, it was the Grand Hotel I had in mind but found out that it had closed. This was very disappointing, as I have spent some wonderful times there on various motorcycle trips, however there is good news. Two ladies now have a liquor license and the pub will reopen on Mother's Day in May.

Sunday morning saw the troops walking the streets of Mt Perry and taking photos of

interesting things such as a statue to gold miners (there is an active gold mine still operating) and of all things, a Leopard tank. As we left Mt Perry we detoured up to a lookout, which gives a commanding view over the area and then proceeded to have a drive through the Boolboonda Tunnel that was constructed in 1883/4 and is 192 metres long and is cut through solid rock and is unlined and unsupported. I thought it might be fun to blow the horn as we passed through and others joined in. I'm so glad it didn't initiate a rock fall!

After the tunnel it was just a short trip to Gin Gin where we had a morning tea stop and then on to Miriam Vale for lunch. We parted ways after lunch with members heading home for a well-deserved rest. I had one more stop though, and that was the Raglan Tavern to quench my dry throat. I met a Harley rider there who informed me he had a 1969 and a 1971 MGB in his youth and has been thinking of getting one again. We may have a prospective member here although I think one Harley riding member in our club is enough don't you think Mr Holbeck!!! My thanks to everyone who participated on this trip, you make travelling in a group a wonderful experience.



Sunday 19th April

KEPPEL SANDS / BONDOOLA

While some of our members (Ian & Rosemary Carleton, Terry Dwyer & Anne Burbridge, Phil & Margaret Henry, Phil & Pam White) were enjoying themselves on a tour to Mt. Perry, our other Rockhampton members Garth & Leslie Barnes, Rosco James, Gordon Kelsey, Jo & Katie Emmert, Daryl & Joy Penridge, David & Anna Tempest were able to find room at Rockhampton's Kershaw Gardens amongst the large number of members from the All Classic motor club who were also gathered to start their Sunday outing. Our members started the day off at 8.50 a.m. and headed to Bondoola Golf Driving range on the Yeppoon-Rockhampton road where they met up with coastal members, Jim Armstrong, Gurney & Gloria Clamp, Don Madden, Rodger Warne & Phylis Davies for morning tea after which the combined group headed to Emu Park via Cawarral to view the newly erected stage one of Anzac commemorative precinct.

On arrival we found it difficult to get a car park due to large number of people who wanted to view this display. This is where we caught up with Jenny Hill and her mum. The display will be on everyone's must do list when they next visit

the coast, as all concerned with its construction should be congratulated for a job well done.

From Emu Park we toured to Keppel Sands to ensure that we arrived at the town's only hotel before the Yeppoon motor club who had almost booked out the outside dining area, but we were able to organize enough tables to allow us to enjoy lunch and a refreshing ale, after which the ladies chatted while the men got to check out Garth & Leslie Barnes new addition to their MG collection a 1970 Red MG B.

Friday 24 April

FISH N CHIPS @AFISHIONADOS, Yeppoon

It is not very often that our members have the opportunity to get together for dinner and on a rare occasion that is what happened on Friday 24 April when Garth & Leslie Barnes, Ian Wilhelmsen, Stuart & Ada Clark, Jo & Katie Emmert along with new members Neville & Barbara Funch travelled from Rockhampton to join Jim & Sandra Armstrong, Gurney & Gloria Clamp and Trevor Anderson, in his newly restored Daimler Dart at Afishionados fish 'n' chip restaurant on the beach front in Yeppoon. We all enjoyed the hospitality of staff who served us. Afterwards we moved to the nearby Coffee Club to wind up the evening.

(Photo right) Don Madden Emu Park Anzac War memorial and (far right) Leslie & Garth Barnes, Rodger Warne, Phylis Davies & Rosco James at Keppel Sands Hotel)



CHAPTER Chatter

Darling Downs Chapter Report by Gary Lawrence, DD Chapter Coordinator

March and April have continued to be socially active for the DD Chapter.

A number of our regular run participants have been 'off doing their own thing' with overseas trips, hence the numbers of participants on our runs has been down slightly.

We have a number of interesting social runs planned for the next couple of months including an overnighter to Rainbow Beach. The report on that run should make interesting reading as we usually have an embarrassing tale to relate. It was great to see our Chapter represented at the 2015 Nationals by Brian and June Phillips. They have related some interesting and enjoyable stories of their trip to Victoria. One of the more entertaining ones relates to the oil consumption by their motor home resulting from pressurisation of the crankcase from the recently installed turbo. Not only was the underside of the motor home covered with a layer of oil but also the newly painted TF sitting proudly on the trailer behind gained a light spray.

Our extended August tour is now only four months away. Planning for this event will begin in earnest over the next two months.

Lunch Run 11 March 2015

Our self-catered 'picnic style' lunch runs continue to be a popular choice. This format gives us plenty of time and flexibility to linger as long as we like, eat when we want to and make as much noise as we want.

Our lunch venue on this occasion was Dalrymple Park in Allora. This park seems to be very popular with travellers with several mobile homes and caravans setting up camp during the time we were enjoying our lunch. In our group of 12 today we welcomed Joy and Trevor Jones from down the range. Quite a few of our regulars

were missing for various reasons.

We still had our usual, relaxed get together where we sorted out the world's problems with our own style and wit.

Participants: Greg & Beth Newey; Ron & Judy Gillis; Brian & June Phillips; Bob & Mavis Marsh; Marilyn & Phil O'Brien; Joy & Trevor Jones.

Monthly Run 29 March 2015

The Darling Downs Chapter run on Sunday 29 March started after morning tea at the highway park in Allora after Toowoomba's unofficial tour leader found the right park.

On a perfect autumn day seven cars with sixteen people set out through some of the most scenic areas of the south eastern downs. The run took us through the rich farming areas of the Goomburra and Freestone valleys followed by the townships of Yangan, Tannymorel and Killarney to Queen Mary Falls.

The popularity of the falls as a Sunday destination was evident by the number of visitors to the area including several car and bike clubs. After a short stroll through the magnificent gum trees to the falls, with a good volume of water cascading over them, you can understand the reason for this popularity.

The group then proceeded to the Killarney Hotel for an enjoyable lunch with the usual socialising and chatting.

Bob and Mavis Marsh were unable to use their MG for the run. Greg and Beth Newey came to the rescue and used their Ford GT. Not only did Bob and Mavis get to enjoy all the activities of the day, they had the added luxury of being driven about in air conditioned comfort. Some light pushing exercise was arranged for after lunch when one member, who drives a beautifully restored red MGA, but shall remain nameless, found the starting capabilities of an

MGA are greatly reduced when the battery is flat. Maybe he thought if he left the lights on it would make the car easier to find. This embarrassing event just had to get a mention; it was only a matter of how much of a mention it received. Taking part in the run were Gene and Faye Lucas, Greg and Beth Newey, Bob and Mavis Marsh, Andrew and Susan Willesden, Rob and Narelle Fraser, Delia and Stephan Morey, Tony and Leigh Wright, John and Marg. Boland. This was a good attendance considering many of our regulars are busy traveling to various places.

Lunch Run 08 April 2015

Our visit to Mussels Restaurant in Warwick proved to be something a bit different from our usual outings. Even though parking near the

venue was a bit of a challenge, the Buffet lunch was enjoyed by the 13 members who gathered for our lunch run.

Nice to hear the Astons are now the proud possessors of an MGB GT (obviously the mini was too sedate) and have joined the fold of MG enthusiasts. I am sure they will have plenty of enjoyment from their little car as we all have. Participants: Bob & Mavis Marsh; John & Marg Boland; John & Linda Aston; Kevin & Cheryl Jaques; Rob Fraser; Ron & Judy Gillis; Gary & Janis Lawrence.

Apologies: Phil & Marilyn O'Brien; Helen Goodfellow.





Monthly Run 26 April 2015

We certainly found out winter is approaching as we gathered at Peacehaven Park in Highfields for the start of our April monthly run. The gusty westerly winds gave us a sense of what is to come but the beautiful autumn sunshine negated the impacts to some extent.

Sharing morning tea at the park, with a hot coffee and beautiful views to the Bunya Mountains, was a great way to get our monthly run off to a good start. Coincidentally it was also my birthday (age will not be revealed but the wrinkles give it away!!) which became public knowledge when a surprise birthday cake miraculously appeared on the morning tea table. This prompted discussions around 'April babies'. You would be surprised as to how many people are born in late April.... must be something to do with Christmas in July.

Leaving the Park we headed west across the black soil plains passing through Gowrie Junction and Kingsthorpe. Both of these towns, old railway sidings supported by local primary industries, have morphed into rural residential enclaves on the outskirts of Toowoomba.

Continuing our run across the black soil plains we headed east and south, before heading west along the Toowoomba Cecil Plains Road and to the Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport for a self-guided

tour of the terminal. This is certainly a first class facility, a credit to the developers and a great asset for Toowoomba. And of course, not to be outdone by the recent tour group of our fellow MGCCQ members from Brisbane, we also took the opportunity for a MG photo shoot.

The last leg of our run took us across the south-west outskirts of Toowoomba to our lunch at the Southern Hotel. The Southern Hotel was an excellent venue for our end of run gathering with good food and an environment conducive to conversation. It is amazing how quickly 2 hours can disappear.

Overall this was a very enjoyable and relaxed run.

Participants: Jim Carstens, Helen Goodfellow & Del Jensen, Andrew & Susan Willesden, Brian & June Phillips, Alan & Deb Maskell, Gene & Faye Lucas, Gary & Janis Lawrence



CHAPTER Chatter

FNQ Chapter Report **text and photos by Cherie Fransen**

Sunday, 8 March - Flying Fish Point run

Participants

Cynthia Bevan – MX5, Lyn & Wayne Morgan – MGB, Tony Boland – TD, John & Cherie Fransen – Midget, Ken Freeburn & Julia – MX5, Kim & Fiona Halloran – MX5, Brendan & June Hammersley – MX5, John & Helen Honan – MGB, Bob & Patty Ingram – 4WD, John & Annette Collet – MGA, Harvey & Kay Williams – Mini, Leon Johnson – Mini, Sam Figallo – MGF (joined us in Babinda)

Our first Sunday run for Autumn in the north started with a hint of bad weather so, after a few days during the week of heavy rain, a few were wondering whether it was wise to bring our club cars or perhaps our everyday drives would have been a better choice. In hindsight, we all need to thank Bob and Patty being the only ones to bring their 4WD in case it was wet, (we prepared participants advising this drive would include a little unsealed road, therefore might be getting a bit muddy), but the weather gods were kind and we all agreed that it was actually because the Ingrams brought their Hilux, the good weather eventuated...chuckle.

Departing from the Hungry Jacks car park, we cruised along Mulgrave Road out of town and onto the Bruce Highway as our first meeting

point was 60km south of Cairns. On the way, we passed one of the highest peaks in Queensland, Mount Bartle Frere on the right and then continued on to the little township of Babinda, stopping at FJ's Café. This establishment is well set up for coffee and morning tea and, with its motoring themed décor, it is just perfect for a travelling group of fanatics like us. We found out the following week that our line-up of little cars, parked out the front, featured on their Café Facebook page, nice!

Morning beverage requirements fulfilled, we were back on the road, turning again southward with our mission to reach Flying Fish Point, just north of Innisfail, in time for lunch. To add some colour, scenery and adventure to the run, John thought going cross country, figuratively speaking, would be fun and without the assistance of the GPS, relying rather on memory from coming this way before, we turned east off the Highway where the group was pretty much 'led astray'! It felt like the right direction, after all how far east can you go until you end up in the ocean, so with this slight detour we travelled through the swaying cane fields, past little farm houses on both sides, machinery parked up in the paddocks being a Sunday, we had not yet reached what we liked to think was 'the dirty part of the run'.

Recollection of the correct route, eventually came to our trusty leader, so a U Turn was performed with precision and we were back on





Saturday, 4 April - Historic Car Show and Red Beret Hotel lunch

Participants

Graham Hepburn – Red Bugeye Sprite, John Collet – White MGA, John & Cherie Fransen – Red Midget, Ken Freeburn & Julia – Black MX5, Kim & Fiona Halloran – Red MX5, John & Helen Honan – Tan MGB, Bob & Patty Ingram – Red MGA, Leon Johnson & Llorien – Green Mini, Wayne & Lynn Morgan – Austin Healey, Harvey & Kay Williams – Yellow Lotus7, Tony Basham – Red TD, Tony Boland – Green TD

Cairns and District Historic Vehicle Club (whom we have shared some events with) advertised they were conducting a local display for the general public to view and appreciate some fine motoring history.

track...welcome to the 'unsealed section' of our journey, woo hoo, lots of red dust. With the roof off is not ideal, but who cares, you can wash your face, your hair and your car when you get home!

Fortunately, this path led us straight to the Flying Fish Point café right on the waterfront where we all parked seaside and by this time were ready for some tasty food and a cold drink. After a feed and a natter, we were back on the road, heading for Cairns, but not before a number of the group paused once again at another aquatic titled watering hole, The Fishery Falls Hotel. Great sized group today and the weather was amazing, a few sprinkly drops on the road but other than that everything was great.

We thought it would be a nice start to our Saturday morning run to drop by too and have a look, before heading north and having a bit of lunch at Redlynch. Their meet was held in a shopping centre car park on the main road into the city as this made it easy for passers-by to be attracted to the spectacle. C & DHVC were really excited about the collection of cars that gathered for their event, both vintage and classic, vehicles of all descriptions driving from as far away as Mackay and Townsville, as well as locals from Cairns and the Tablelands.

As the MG members arrived in our club cars to view the line-up, we were really chuffed to be invited to join them as part of their display - that was a nice surprise. A few more modern cars, including Hot Rods from the local All American group also turned up, so it ended up being a



decent size group, from all over the place, for the locals to walk past and reminisce. It was nice to see a varied audience, young and older, and overhearing discussion, and the words “I remember when...”

As it approached the middle of the day, it was time to get on the road for lunch, out of the hot sun and to be able to sit around a table and have a chat. The Red Beret Hotel was the choice, having a huge undercover verandah and a nice variety on the menu on what was turning out to be a lovely afternoon.

A few things to mention before we close this edition's FNQ Chapter submission, we were able to have our first viewing of Wayne and Lyn's terrific Austin Healey 3000 and also Brendan and June were not able to attend today due to driving back from Brisbane in their newly acquired Healey, can't wait to see that one in person as well! We might have to keep an eye on these second car additions to Members' stables, soon the Healeys will outnumber the MGs. Did you hear that Bob? (Currently rebuilding a Healey Bug Eye Sprite).



CHAPTER Chatter

Wide Bay Chapter Report by Darrell Martin

I was sitting chatting to myself the other day (that way I find I don't get into as many arguments) when the full impact of one of our recent runs came to me. Didn't occur to me at the time, but quite ... well, you decide on a description when I come to it. It was the run led by Margaret and Peter Elson to Broweena and Paradise Dam on 12 April.

But of course we have had many other great runs during the past two months, both short and long, with happy times, good food and enjoyable cruising!

8 March - A joint run

And this is where this period started. A longer run to Woodgate for a BYO everything morning tea, BBQ lunch and, for those so inclined, afternoon tea. We knew there would be a good attendance as both the Bundy Crew and the Hervey Bay Mob would be joining up at Childers for morning tea.

The Bundy Crew travelled down the Isis Highway before leaving it for an interesting drive through to Childers, so much more exciting than the main highway. Arriving at Childers they found that the Hervey Bay Mob had already arrived and taken all the best shady spots (to quote Allan Dansie

"Ah ... well that will teach us to leave at our appointed time").

Morning tea over (and a spot of retail therapy for some) the group travelled back out of Childers, on to the Goodwood Road and then Woodgate Road all the way to the Woodgate foreshore. While there were numerous others at the venue our large group quickly settled in and had the BBQs running. Some run prizes were given out with Coral and Neil Honey taking 1st, Lorraine and Trevor Drummond 2nd and the Sue and Sel Prasser 3rd. After lunch a few of the group headed out to Walkers Point, to be amazed at how close Burrum Heads was across the river (less than a kilometre, but well over an hour by road).

I should mention that it was on this trip that one driver asked for help in checking that his blinkers worked. The answer he got back was "Yes ... no ... yes ... no ... yes ...".

All up we had a total of 8 cars carrying 14 from Bundaberg and 10 cars with 18 people from Hervey Bay - a total of 32 noisy, chatty, happy people.

19 March - Hervey Bay

This time in Hervey Bay 7 cars and 12 people turned up at our starting point for a run to Maryborough to have morning coffee.



Margie and Dave Roberts were there at the start with Dave proudly showing his nice new shiny engine bay, resplendent with a Weber perched precariously on the motor's side (carby, not BBQ though he claims it is fairly hot!).

Led by Sonja and David Carter the group headed out to the small township of Howard before taking the highway south to Maryborough and a delightful little place called Homewares from Everywhere.

There was a little cake, a little coffee, a little drive and, I am told, maybe even a little retail therapy. All in all, a relaxing midweek run.

21st March - Bundaberg

Just to be different, the Bundy Crew decided to have an outing on a Saturday. But not just any outing - they went flying.

After driving out to the Aeromodellers Club on Coonar Road, it was time for a BBQ lunch and fun fly. The lunch was scheduled for 1.00pm and after that things got serious as the flying commenced. It was not quite as disastrous as it may sound though as the planes were on a "Buddy" system. In other words, the instructor could take over at any time so all our budding aviators had to do was listen to their instructor and have fun. It sounds easy but when you think about it ... ummm ... when the plane turns and comes back towards you your controls reverse. And I won't even attempt to work out what happens if it happens to be upside down! However, what happens at the field apparently stays at the field as my embedded spies refuse to supply any evidence of daredevil antics, barrel rolls or hard landings. It is probably good fortune that these battery powered flying machines don't use Lucas switchgear - like its three position switch - Off, Dim, Flame.

29th March - Hervey Bay

Once again Sonja and David Carter stepped up to lead us on a country drive - this time to the Rainbow Beach Surf Club for lunch. Thirteen cars for this one with 25 people certainly confirmed it as being one of our more popular outings.

Travelling through Maryborough and down the Tuan Forest Road the first stop was at Poona for morning tea. You would realise it would not be proper for me to reveal the name of the driver

who bedded his rear brakes in by leaving his handbrake partly on for the first part of the drive. So I won't!

This run was trouble free with three (Yep ... three) recently restored GTs putting on a good turn of speed with no oil loss or parts falling off. The lunch was excellent with the views from the newly refurbished dining area quite breathtaking. It now seems to have become a tradition that, following lunch, a beeline is made for the ice cream shop with its huge range of flavours. The day finished with small convoys touring the area and heading back home. And no, I haven't forgotten the impact of the Broweena run ... it's further on.

3-6 April National Meeting

This, I am sure, will be covered elsewhere. Suffice it to say that our Chapter was ably represented by Raye and Jim Vanderkyl and by Lyn Hayward and David Hall.

11 April - Bundaberg

You know ... the Bundy Crew really do seem to have a good time. On 11 April they cruised the coast for the afternoon and finished up with "Fish 'n Chips" by the sea at Bargara. After gathering at the Quay Street car park the group had a briefing on what they were going to do for the afternoon.

Eventually they all headed off with the Beckmans in the lead and the Prassers in the yellow Mercedes as tail end Charlie. After heading south to pick up the Ring Road they made their way to Elliott Heads where a shelter shed was found as the ideal spot for afternoon tea. This was also a chance to talk about future events and, once again, to solve the world's problems. Next stop was to the Hummock lookout

(Bundaberg's only real hill) to enjoy the view of the ocean and surrounding area and the sun going down over Bundaberg. Not happy with just that, they then headed off to Bargara Esplanade to find a parking spot and a suitable table by the seaside for dinner.

As they sat, quietly eating their fish and chips, a worried look crossed a few faces. Perched above them, a rather large, very hungry possum was thinking of joining in. Ultimately though, it

stayed in the tree and just watched. Phew!

12 April - Hervey Bay

Yes, this was the trip that made me sit up and take notice. Organised by Margaret and Peter Elson it was a jam-packed run to Broweena and Paradise Dam.

First, we headed to Maryborough where we regrouped and then sprinted out to Brooweena to the historical village/museum where we enjoyed an all you can eat morning tea and a wander through the museum. Broweena is a delightful small village, just off the road between Maryborough and Biggenden and all too easy to go whistling past.

The full impact didn't hit me until later but it was to do with the magnificent historical museum. When you can recognise virtually all the exhibits, know how they are used, have actually used many of them, and even worse - still have some, you begin to wonder if you should be an exhibit as well! Still ... the memories are good and the Village is a must see if you are ever travelling that way.

From the Village we headed to Paradise Dam where we settled in high above the Dam, BBQs cooking and warm breezes drifting across. A wonderful day for the 25 who followed Margaret and Peter on this mystery run.

22 April - Hervey Bay

Our final run for this period was to have lunch at Maryborough. While the weather forecast for the week showed some early rain by Wednesday all had cleared and we were off.

Leaving from the Bay we had a bit of drive to explore some of the region before heading back for a BYO morning tea at Howard. Part of this early section included a drive around the Pacific Haven where there is a private residential airport with residences lining the runway. However ... at morning tea when the group was asked "What did you think of the airport?" the general response was "What airport?".

After that there was more driving, avoiding the highway whenever we could, to have lunch at the Westside Tavern at Tinana. This is an eatery we used to frequent a few years ago and once again it put on a meal you couldn't jump

over. Honestly!

The thirteen who attended ate well, drove carefully and talked .. and talked ... and talked. And that's about it, but finally ... for all those battling with MG drips, leaks and creaks, remember that old ditty ...

**Roses can be red,
And MGs can be green.
So keep telling yourself,
It's only a machine!**

Safe driving all ...



Competition Corner



SRA-TSA Hillclimb series Rd 2

by Cub reporter; photos by Steve Johns



Sat 28 March

The first day of action at the hillclimb saw a mixture of highs and lows - the highs being the 4 record-breaking runs of the day. These were from Mark Pryor who reduced his record from 52.44 to 52.24, Brian Pettit who reduced his record from 44.43 to 44.38 and Pierz Harrex who reduced his record firstly down to 45.18 (from 45.19) and then made a big jump to 44.82.

Warwick Hutchinson provided another highlight by being the only driver to go sub 40 and did it twice to prove his point.

The lowest point of the day was Michael Ciccotelli's accident with the good news at the end of the day being that, while suffering injuries including a couple of broken ribs, Michael was released from hospital after two days and is going to be OK. There was disappointment for Stewart Reid when the left front wheel came apart after a close up meeting with the kerb at the hairpin putting an end to his competition for the day.

Dean Tighe had his car back on track after some development work and had a couple of minor problems which will soon be ironed out... it was hoped to be by Sunday but that was not to be.

Sunday 29 March

There were more highs and lows of motorsport competition on show at Mt Cotton on the second day of competition in the SRA/TSA Hillclimb series. This was particularly personified by Pierz Harrex who had been having a brilliant weekend by breaking his own class record, not once but twice. Unfortunately, on a later run he probably set a record for the most spectacular save by the nuts as he and his BMW plowed into them sending up a dark and heavy cloud of nuts and dust in which his car was visible only because of its bright colour.

Barry Smith was another to experience a bad end to his day when the throttle on his Ford V8 Special jammed open on the last run of the day and he found

himself being the beneficiary of lots of hard work and toil he had put in at working bees in the second loop. Barry has been one of the most diligent workers at the track over many many years and is at the hill with a group of fellow workers every Wednesday and we are sure that he will bounce back with his usual enthusiasm as his energy needs to go into repairing - or perhaps replacing? - his car.

In happier stories, there were others than Pierz who kept up their record breaking habits and they were Mark Pryor and Brian Pettit which will make for some interesting series points at the top of the points table. Liam Leven who has returned to the hillclimb after a short break also returned to his record breaking ways and Warwick Hutchinson, Michael von Rappard and Neil Lewis all posted sub 40s runs in good competition for FTD and Top Six.

FTD was won by Warwick Hutchinson with a time of 38.70 which he eclipsed in the Top Six to win it in a time of 38.67. Michael von Rappard who had qualified second for the Top Six was deprived of the opportunity to challenge Warwick when the drive chain in his car broke on the starting line something that Chris and Simon Lake also experienced during competition over the weekend.

Best MG Award was won by Peter Andrews and Most Improved (for the best newcomer to the hillclimb) was won by Noel Wicks.

Pierz makes good use of the nuts



(Photos top to bottom)

Brian Pettit - class
record breaker, Liam
Lavin - class record
breaker, Mark Pryor -
class record breaker,
Peter Andrews - Best
MG, Warwick Hutchin-
son - FTD, the Lakes
on track, Rod Johns
and Jim Milliner
provide fodder for a
caption competition!



Rd 3 of Hillclimb series

Saturday, 18 April, 2015

Today had one high point and one low point and a lot of good competition happening in between. High point was Geoff Cohen, winner of last year's series, breaking the record for his class and giving him one bonus point for the series points. Low point was Paul Van Wijk's spectacular accident at the hairpin where the nuts once again proved their worth. Paul was basically OK but had a cut to his leg so it was thought best that he be taken to hospital to have that seen to and to have a general checkup.

Sunday, 19 April, 2015

A great day of almost uninterrupted running saw competitors get a total of 10 runs for the weekend. At the end of this time, Mark Crespan had joined the ranks of the records breakers and broke his own class record twice. Warwick Hutchinson was the outstanding performer for outright results setting a 38.96 for fastest time of day and then eclipsing it with a 38.56 to win the Top Six.

It was good to see Paul van Wijk make a return to the hillclimb late on Sunday to be at the presentation of trophies.

EAST NIGHT OBSERVATION RUN

Try number 2 to run the first night observation run. The run had been scheduled for February until the day of very heavy rain meant a force majeure as many roads may have been not have been passable so in the interests of safety the run was postponed. Commencing from clubrooms the path headed East through Rocklea past CJ's truck wash, those factory trailers for sale before joining Evans Road through some of the industrial estate in Moorooka. The Tarragindi suburb beckoned with a visit past the South District Junior Rugby Union sports-ground and then St Jochims Primary School. Once over Logan Road next on the travels were Holland Park bicycles and Eastern Suburbs Junior Rugby League grounds, Majestic Park to bring all outside the City Council works depot. By following the street directory from Fursden Road to Muir Street took the tour down Bennetts Road to Coorparoo for the telephone numbers of the dentist and physiotherapist. Final part was to travel down Venner Road past the fish and chip convenience shop to return.

Runners on the evening were Brian Krieger/Tony Best/Helen Best (Holden Barina), Michael Galletly/Stephanie Galletly/ Phillip Pulley (Toyota Corolla red) and Tony Galletly/Elspeth Galletly (Toyota Corolla white) all finding the most number of observations with Martin Stepanchich/Kevin Stepanchich (Mazda MX5) and Grahame Amy/Wendy Amy (BMW Mini) missing one with Don Webster/Bernie Pereira MGTD missing more than one.

CAMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RACES ROUND 1

First round for the 2015 championships were conducted at Morgan Park promoted by MGCCQ over the weekend of 21-22 March.

Included in the drivers' briefing was the acknowledgement and recognition of the work of Bill Campbell in the development of Morgan Park Raceway. Bill was a tireless worker and seen by many as the driving force within the Warwick District Sporting Car Club by having the vision for the Morgan Park complex. The work has developed this circuit from a 720 metre unsealed surface into the fine motor sport complex of 2.96 kilometres with eleven circuit configurations. His passing will be sorely missed.

Weather over the weekend was cool and windy on Saturday with the threatening rain holding off until well after the last event of the day and just cool on Sunday. Range of racing categories present at the meeting were Formula Vee both Formula V and Historic Group V celebrating 50 years of competition, Formula Ford and Racing cars, Production and 2A Sports cars, Marque Sports Cars, Saloon Cars, Improved Production Touring Cars, Gemini Series, Hyundai X3 Series, Historic Touring Cars Group N, and Sports Sedans.

WEST NIGHT OBSERVATION RUN

March was to the east, April was to the west. First was to find Sew Eurodrive before joining the Ipswich Motorway then exit at the Darra sign. Over the motorway and rail lines would lead to the Sumner Park suburb down Dandenong Road. Here we located 3 bus stops and 3 electrical substations prior to returning to Oxley via Seventeen Mile Rocks Road. Grindley Constructions project greeted all before seeing Castrol oils are used at Franklin's workshop. From Sherwood Road onto Fairfield Road then Hyde Road to see Argee rubber stamps before travelling via Fenton, Fairfield, Cornwall, Noble, Fenton, Cottenham and Cameron then under the rail bridge to join Ipswich Road. After finding Josie and Leo's convenience shop (with Peter's Ice Cream) a short detour to Moorooka past Oliver's motor

cycles, using the Rocklea underpass to return. Runners Martin Stepancich/Kevin Stepancich (Mazda MX5), Chris McMahon/Peter Stringfellow (MGB).

TSA/SR AUTOMOTIVE HILLCLIMB SERIES ROUND 3 REGULARITY

Brendan Merrick took the Regularity class in his Nissan 180SX with a loss of 6 points from Flavio Paggiaro (MGB GT V8, 13 points lost), Lindsay Derriman (Hyundai Lantra) down 22 points, David Dumolo (Triumph TR3A, 26 points) and Shaun Rankin (MGBGT, 30 points). Their first runs resulted in Brendan losing 1 point from Lindsay down 3, Shaun minus 8 with Flavio and David both losing 11 points. Run 2 saw Flavio gain 3rd place as he remained on 11 whilst David's total was minus 15 and Shaun totaled 19 points. Round 3 saw Flavio jump to second still on 11 with Lindsay now 3 rd on 13 points.. Thus the order remained the same with the class win to Brendan.

SEDANS TYPE CARS

Peter Rekers won the under 1600 cc Production and Invited Cars class with a best time of 53.73 seconds in his Suzuki Swift GTi from Daniel Zeimer (Toyota Corolla, 54.32), whilst the middle capacity class went to Chris Balhatchet (BMW 318i, 54.42) from Ray Balhatchet (BMW 318i, 57.64). Quinton Nicholson (BMW M3, 49.80) was the fastest in the over 2 litre class from Martin Eggesfield (Ford Fiesta turbo, 51.41), Matthew McShane (HSV Clubsport R8, 51.60 set on his first run), David Jackson (Mazda RX-7, 54.59) and Jan Bucifal (VW Passat, 58.31).

Shane Merrick (seen on 2 wheels around the 2nd loop in his Datsun 1200 Coupe) won the Modified Production under 2 litre class with a best run of 47.34 seconds ahead of Duncan Harrison (Toyota Corolla, 50.08), Noel Dore (VW Beetle, 52.54), Andrew Tuite (Holden Barina, 55.86), Karl Reinke (Hyundai Excel, 62.24) and Joanne Reinke (Hyundai Excel, 65.04). The over 2litre class went to David Jones (Suzuki Swift GTi turbo, 49.24) after a tussle with Cameron Hurman (Mazda RX-7, 49.60) and Noel Preston (Holden Commodore, 49.98) then David Mowles (Mazda RX-7, 50.36), Paul Milevskiy (Ford Falcon XR6 turbo, 51.92) and Bill McCollum (Holden Commodore, 51.95).

Cameron was first ahead with a 50.10 seconds from Noel (50.50), David Mowles (51.44), Paul (51.92), David Jones (52.01) and Bill (52.84). After the second climb the order was Noel (49.98), Cameron (50.04), David Jones (50.17) and David Mowles (50.92). At

the finish on Saturday Cameron (49.60) was ahead from Noel (49.98), David Jones (50.17), David Mowles (50.92), Paul (51.92) and Bill (51.95). The order remained the same until run 8 on Sunday with David Jones lowered his time to 49.78 seconds then took lead with a run of 49.24 seconds to claim the class win. Jonathan Manning took the up to 1600 cc Improved Production class in his Leyland Mini (79.48) with Danny Mischok winning the 1601 to 2000 cc class in his Escort (Ford Escort, 45.32) ahead of Scott Dean (Toyota Yaris, 47.32) with Wayne Ferguson (Volkswagen T3 Fastback, 60.72) and Ian Daldliesh (Volkswagen T3 Fastback, 61.26). The over 2 litre class went to Ken Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 45.76), Pauline Graham (Datsun 1600 SSS, 46.69) and Troy McGrogan (Mitsubishi Lancer, 47.68). Pauline was quickly in the lead on the first run (48.04 seconds) from Troy (49.44) with Ken trailing (49.83). Ken then lowered his times to 46.90 then 46.40 seconds to claim the class.

Ray Evans claimed the PRC Rally car class with a 52.38 time in his Escort whilst the All Wheel Drive Forced Induction went to Troy Rolley (Subaru WRX Sti, 51.30) from Greg Rekers (AUDI TT, 52.80). On Saturday Greg was ahead with a best run of 52.82 seconds to Troy's 53.11 however by run 6 on Sunday Troy moved ahead with a 51.30 time run.

Ross Liddle (Isuzu PF 50, 45.95) won the up to 2000 cc Sports Sedan class chased by Tyson Cowie (Escort, 46.80), Craig Harrison (Daihatsu Charade, 51.83, Jason Martell (Ford Escort, 52.75), Kristy McAndrew (Datsun 1000, 55.31), and Ken McAndrew (Datsun 1000, 55.91).

In the 2001 cc and over class Alex Daniels (Ford Escort turbo) was the quicker with 45.24 run on his last climb which placed him in the top 10 and eligible for the top 6 shootout consideration. Next was Jeff Daniels (Ford Escort turbo) with best run of 47.25 seconds. Mark Pryor (Hyundai Excel, 52.33) took the Hyundai X3 Series class from Ross McAndrew (Hyundai Excel, 56.40) then Ken McAndrews (56.46) and Gloria McAndrew (Hyundai Excel, 59.12).

SPORTS CARS

Craig Winter (MGF now repainted in black, 51.99) took the Marque Sports car class up to 2000 cc from fellow MG driver Peter Andrews (MGF, 52.12). Peter was ahead from the first climb until run 6 with runs of 53.07, 52.90, 52.82, and 52.80 compared to Craig's 54.65, 53.13, 53.11 when Craig set a 51.30 to set up the win from Peter. The 2001 cc and over class went to Mark

*Craig Winter - winner of
Best MG and
Mark Crespan - only record
breaker for the weekend -
photos by Steve Johns.*



Crespan (Ford RMC) in a class record time of 43.87 seconds.

Brian Pettit (Westfield SE, 45.11) won the Clubman Sports Cars from son David Pettit (Westfield SE, 46.55). After the Saturday runs Brian had recorded a best time of 45.64 to David's 50.28 however the time gap had been reduced on Sunday (Brian's 45.11 to David's 46.55). Chris Johns won the Sports Cars open under 2 litre in his JFR Suzuki Cappuccino turbo (47.49) which included a neat gyration through the hairpin on his 3rd run with Jeffrey Graham (Mazda MX-5, 48.42) taking the over 2 litre from Hanson Wheeler (Mazda MX-5, 49.86).

FORMULA CARS

In the open wheeler categories Jim Heymer (Hornet F/Vee, 52.43) took the Formula Vee class, Gary O'Mullane (Kinsella, 49.50) won the Superkarts whilst Rick Miles took the Formula Ford group in his Kookaburra FF91 with a 46.23 seconds run.

In the up to 1300 cc Formula Libre class Neil Lewis (DBF, 39.66) sportingly forgave half his allocated runs on Saturday to help Michael von Rappard repair the chain mechanism on the Dallara so Michael was able to run on Sunday. Neil claimed the class from Jim

Milliner (OMS 2000M, 40.70), Rod Johns (Norris Hawk Mk 11, 41.13), Peter Gilbert (BNG N1, 46.12), and Paul Van Wijk (Zip GP, 50.37) who tested the Queensland nut shell wall and the catch fence in the hairpin when his brakes failed.

Warwick Hutchinson won the over 1300 cc class in his Van Diemen RF92-RPV02 (38.96) ahead of Michael von Rappard (Dallara F392, 39.39), Dean Tighe (Dallara-Judd, 40.20) and Dean Amos (Gould GR37 43.71) with only one run as the ECU stopped working and was unable to obtain a suitable unit over the weekend.

HISTORIC CLASSES

The wins in the historic groups went to Paul Shergold (Ford Cortina Mk 2, 53.18) from Ron Duffield (Hillman Imp, 65.32) Group N (Touring Cars) up to 2000 cc, Noel Wicks (Torana GTR XU1, 50.74) in the Group N over 2000 cc, Group S (Sports Cars) to Stephen Callaghan (Alfa Romeo GTV 2000, 58.02), Chris Johns (Ford Escort, 47.42) in Group U (Sports Sedans) and Formula Vee class record to Geoff Cohen (Malmark Elfyn, 52.07) lowering the mark set by Alan Don in 2013 from 52.12 to 52.07 seconds.

TOP SIX SHOOTOUT

Warwick Hutchinson took the shootout with a 38.56

run from Jim Milliner (41.05), Neil Lewis (41.11), Rod Johns (42.67), with Alex Daniels sliding the Escort through the second loop for a 45.04 time. Unfortunately Michael von Rappard suffered a breakage as he accelerated from the start line.

Best MG: Craig Winter

Fastest Time of Day: Warwick Hutchinson

COMPETITION RESULTS FROM THE 2015 NATIONAL MEETING IN VICTORIA

CONCOURS : From the official class results for
MGCCQ members:

Class C (Pre War Supercharged Racing and Sports
over 1000 cc)

Ross Kelly, 4th;

Class D (MGTC)

Peter Rayment, = 6th;

Class F (MGTF)

Brian Phillips, 5th;

Class G (MGA Roadster - Single Cam)

Jim Vanderkyl, = 6th; Stuart Clark, = 6th;

Class H (MGA Twin Cam Roadster and Coupe)

Dan Casey, 5th;

Class I (MGA Coupe – Single Cam)

Bill Heraghty, 1st;

Class L (MGB Mk 11 Roadster)

Peter Gannon, 3 rd;

Class M (MGBL and Later Roadster)

Gary Kunst, 1st;

Class Q (MGB GT Rubber Bumper)

David Hall, 1st ;

Malcolm Spiden, 5th;

Class R (MGB GT V8 including Costellos)

Graham Hoyle, 3rd;

John Walker, 5th;

Class T (MG Midget)

Ron Clydesdale, 1st;

Class V (MG Magnette ZA to Mk IV)

Paul Lupton, 3rd;

Class X (MG Specials Pre MGA)

Wayne Kirwan, 1st;

Don Webster, 5th;

Class Y (MG Specials Post TF)

Matt Johnson, 1st;

Class Z (Super Specials)

Jim Armstrong, 1st,

Steve Riley, 5th;

Class ZB (MGF)

Glen Boyce, 2nd;

Andrew Lake, = 6th;

Class ZE (MGF – TF)

Cathy Bartley, 2nd.

OBSERVATION RUN - Class results for MGCCQ
members:

Group 1 (Pre MGA cars from classes A to F, U and X).

Wayne Kirwan/ Megan Perrett, (MGTF Special), 3rd;

Brian Phillips/ June Phillips, (MGTF), 4th;

Group 2 (MGA and Magnettes

classes from G to I and V).

Paul Lupton/Lyn Rushby, (Magnette), 2nd;

Bill Heraghty/Beth Heraghty, (MGA Coupe), 3rd;

Stuart Clark/Ada Clark, (MGA), = 6th; Group 3 (MGB,

MGBGT, MGC/GT and V8 with Costellos

classes J to S).

Gary Kunst/Julie Kunst, (MGB), 3rd;

Graham Hoyle/Alan Quinan, (MGBGT V8), 6th;

Group 4 (Midgets and

Front Wheel Drive MGs classes T and W);

Group 5 (MGF/TF classes ZB and ZC)

Cathy Bartley/Dianne Davies, (MGF TF), 2nd;

Group 6 (MG post MGTF classes ZA, ZD, Y and Z) Jim

Armstrong/Sandra Armstrong, (MGBGT V8), 2nd.

HILLCLIMB

Ross Kelly, class C, 2nd;

Peter Rayment, class D, 1st

Delia Rayment, class D, 4th;

Malcolm Spiden, class Q, 1st;

Ken Wasley, class Q, 3rd;

John Walker, class R, 4th;

Ron Clydesdale, class T, 3rd;

Don Webster, class X, 3rd;

Matt Johnson, class Y, =6th;

Steve Riley, class Z, 6th;

Andrew Lake, class ZB, 1st;

John Boyce, class ZB, 5th;

Glen Boyce, class ZB, 6th.

MOTORKHANA

Ross Kelly, class C, 1st;

Peter Rayment, class D, 1st;

Delia Rayment, class D, 2nd;

Malcolm Spiden, class Q, 1st;

John Walker, class R, 3rd;

Ron Clydesdale, class T, 1st;

Wayne Kirwan, class X, 1st;

Don Webster, class X, 2nd;

Matt Johnson, class Y, 4th;

Steve Riley, class Z, 5th;

Andrew Lake, class ZB, 2nd;

Glen Boyce, class ZB, 5th;

John Boyce, class ZB, 6th;

Cathy Bartley, class ZE, 4th.

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The Club has always prospered under the magical influence of the MG name. The Queensland club occupies clubrooms at 8/16 Collinsvale St, Rocklea.

The club's committee organise many types of competitive and social events, including hillclimbs, navigation runs, sprints, race meetings, and motorkhanas which give you a chance to develop your driving skills without harm to either yourself or the car. A large range of perpetual trophies are sought after each year. They cover every type of event that the club engages in, and the winners receive replica trophies which are presented at the club's annual presentation night.



The Mount Cotton Hillclimb, where events are held frequently, is a thrilling bitumen sealed course about 30 kilometres from Brisbane and is owned and organised by the MG Car Club of Queensland Inc. Probably the best part of being a member of the MG Car Club is the friendly and informal atmosphere which prevails. It is not essential to own an MG, owners of all makes of car may join as well as their friends.

The committee and members of the club invite you to join - we know you'll be pleased that you did.

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