

P R O G R A M M E

May	Friday	28th	Seminar
	Sat.	29th	Working Bee Mt. Cotton 10.00 a.m.
	Sun.	30th	Closed Autocrosse
June	Friday	4th	Hillclimb Preparation Night
	Sun	6h	QUEENSLAND HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS Mt. Cotton
	Friday	11th	Natter Nights (Tales of Ups and Downs)
		12/13th	QMROA Open Rally
	Friday	18th	Night Run
	Sat.	19th	Party Night
	Sun	20th	Working Bee Mt. Cotton Open Motorkhana (Qld Champ. Round III)
	Friday	25th	Natter Night
	Sun	27th	Lakeside Races
July	Friday	2nd	Film Night

STOP PRESS We have just been asked by QMSC to join in a sprint meeting with them on Sunday 13th June. If you wish to run please let one of the committee members know so that we get Supplementary regulations to you.

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Rule 7 There is no editorial this month.

The obvious reason that there is no editorial this month is because we have no editor. As you have read in last month's copy of the Octagon, Allan and Colleen Conway have stepped down from the positions of Editors. We, the Committee, are most grateful for all they have done in this field, and really appreciate all the hours of work they have put in on the Magazine whilst they were doing the editing.

To continue getting the news to you so that you know what is happening in your Club, it is essential that we have some person to step forth to the Editor's position.

This month an effort has been made to produce this magazine by already overworked committee members, so if any persons or person are willing to do the job, please contact a Committee member, even if it is only for one issue.

You don't need to have writing ability, only the ability to get articles from other people and have them to the typist for production on the right day of every month. BE A GOOD ORGANISER and have everyone else doing the work for you.

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QUEENSLAND HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS - MT. COTTON

Due to CAMS National Council deciding in their wisdom that there will not be a series of Hillclimbs to decide the Australian Hill Climb Champion, M.G.C.C. will be running the Queensland Championships on the day normally set aside for an Australian Championship Round.

## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE NATIONAL MEETING

The Annual National Meeting was held for the first time on the South Island i.e. Tasmania, and what a beauty it was, mainly due to the attitude displayed by its inhabitants. Their friendliness and readiness to help wherever they could contributed strongly to make an extremely enjoyable holiday, even though a few problems did occur (they always do when one goes Overseas).

Programme was - Friday -Registration Day actually should be called drinking day - the lads consumed 18 x 18 gallon kegs (I'm not kidding). The owner had to close the bar at 2.0 a.m. - at that stage he had 6 kegs left for a wedding reception the following day.

Saturday      Concours      75 entries  
                 Motorkhana 115      #

Sunday          Lap Dash      132 entries

From the Sunshine State came Rod and Heather Hiley via the Casino to observe some Charlies loosing money, Steve and Kay Austin at last on holidays, enjoying every minute including some oversteering motoring from Queenstown - well it is a holiday. Last over came Neil McNeil on his first National Meet trip and Mal Spiden with different badge on a white "sprite". Only trouble encountered was the front shock absorber on the Midget received a weld job at 5.00 a.m. on the Melbourne Wharf (boat sailed at 7.30) so as to cease the bump understeer (sounds like along story).

Thursday found quite a few members at Symmonds plains. Steve was informed "this is a rough track" as he saw the billiard table surface.

On his second lap Mal Spiden blew the bottom out of the extractors and Neil thought he stretched a push rod, but no. John Sluce immediately offered his extractors in exchange for some coinage.

Registration Day, the day for renewal of old acquaintances and the commencement of new ones, found most in the process of physical fitness exercises of the right arm. So four Banana benders or peanut peelers ventured into battle.

Concours with 76 entries saw the MG of T.Hearn (V) gain outright honours. Rod Hiley won the MGC/MGRTV8 class as always presenting an immaculate car. Malcolm came a lowly fifth in class from six entries. In the field were 2 pre war cars, MGA of R. O'Malley from S.A. and a MGJ2 from NSW of M.Robertson, 16 T types 12 MGA's and 18 MG's. For the first year a non-marque class was held with 6 entries won by a Ferrari Dino, from Triumph TR6, Triump TR3A, Mini Clubman GT, Morgan 4/4, E Type Jaguar.

Motorkhana was next and outright winner and fastest MG was Jim Ridgewell (MG Midget) from W.A. Steve Austin came home 8th in class (MG) from 33 "T" and 22nd Outright. Rod, after many years absence finished 5th in class and 68 outright. The last time Rod competed in a Motorkhana was at Tingalpa in a TC in 19-- eh. Malcolm was done in the Midget class by 5 secs and had to be content with 2nd in class and 2nd outright, whilst Neil secured 8th in the non marque class and 20th outright. We didn't win but certainly we were not disgraced.

So now to the 132 who entered the Lap dash. Outright went to the ex Glyn Scott/Alan Long/Gowans Lotus 23E of Ian Howard (T) Time 68.96 secs. Fastest time by an MG went to Andrew Rennie (V) MG V8 (78.02 secs). Unfortunately this article is being written without the results of the Lap Dash but Steve Austin was lapping in about 1.28's and cursing about having the wrong gearbox in -

Malcolm just gained first in class with a desperate 87.61. Mean while Neil, trying to keep those photographers happy, produced a 85.8 sec. lap with a tremendous 4 wheel lock up into Marlboro corner - very spectacular.

The John Wratten trophy for competition between the centres was won by the Victorian centre. 1977 the National Meeting will be held at Katoomba, with Perth the venue in 1978.

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#### AND HERE COMES THE MESSAGE

M.G.C.C. Queensland NEEDS a strong team (as far as numbers is concerned) to arrive at Katoomba and blow the sox off these Southerners in all forms of competition. The 'old' (oh dear) hands at National Meetings are a little tired of these Southerners taking home most of the silverware and the John Wratten Trophy. We need a tremendous number of members (in MGs or not) to come to Katoomba Easter 1977. It is only 600 miles away. The West Aussies travel across the Nullabor each year (200 miles of dirt included) and the Taswegians must spend \$200 each year BEFORE they arrive on the North Island. If they can do that, there is NO excuse for you not to travel a measly 600 miles to compete.

If you are a little adventurous, contact Malcolm Spiden, Ken Potter or Joan Appleby and tell them you can come in 1977.

Now don't forget, come and camp with "Mum and Dad" at Easter 1977 and bring the trophies home to Queensland.

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#### DIGGERS TROPHY

The old diggers revived themselves for the Anzac Day Hillclimb. God was on our side for once and decided not to drink for the day. After delays (probably the PSL) the meeting finally got under way with John Davies and his Robb Holden singing "Here we go gathering nuts in April". On his way to the hair pin whereupon the air controls on the front of his car decided they did not like it there. A bit of hacksaw work saw the car ready for its runs proper.

A turnout of 41 entries (one did not arrive) meant that the Ace Drivers could only get 3 runs. Due to the warm conditions, no world records were created. However the improvers were Tony Jay with 57.0 secs (sans Racing rubber), 57.9secs for Robert Jones, and Gerry Bezet with 52.8. All the first timers behaved themselves, and stayed on the black stuff. Sprprise of the day was Glen Carpenter in his MG 1300 doing a 59.2 sec run.

Fastest Time of day went to Peter Rayment with Top Six Eliminator being won by Ross Horton in his beautiful Lynx 1962 FJ. MG Awards went to Glen Carpenter in the MG 1300 for the under 1600 cc class and to Ken Potter in the MGC for the larger class.

Very easy to win an MG Award with only three cars competing. Let's hope for some more sporty entries for the July Hillclimb.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to express my gratitude to those members of the Club who so willingly offered their services as officials on the day when the service crews did not turn up. Without their help the meeting would not have gone on, and we appreciate what you all did for us.

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DON'T FORGET THE QUEENSLAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS ON

RESULTS OF THE APRIL NIGHT RUN

1.	Alan Conway	Colleen Conway	Renault	21
2.	Max Boothby	Bob McMurdo	Marina	30
3.	Ann Thomson	Neil McNeil	Valiant	34
4.	Mal Hopcraft	Dale Jeffreys	Cortina	40
5.	Ken Potter	Paul Simpson	Galant	48
6.	Hayden George	Darry Vanderberg	MGB	53
7.	Meg O'Shanesy	Mal Spiden	Honda	58

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SPORTS AND CLASSIC CAR MEETING

A great day was had by all those who knew about and journeyed to McLean's Bridge on May 9th for the Sports and Classic Car Meeting.

About 150 cars attended the meeting including some from interstate. The ultimate site being one group of eleven cars with Alan Telfer's Lotus Super 7 leading the four Lotus and seven Ferrari Dinos. Yes, seven. Five 246's, a 246 Targa and the new V6 engined 308GT42+2. And the amazing thing being that five were from north of the border. The Lotus contingent consisted of Super 7's, an Elan Elan 2+2 and Europa.

The MG Marque was represented by quite a large number of MGB as well as TD, TF, MGA, MGC, Midgets and a TD that now has Midget mechanicals and an MGA Twin Cam that now has an 1800 motor and only one cam.

The RR-Bentley were behind the former group with their before-I-was-born Bentleys and a Silver Cloud and Silver Shadow Rolls Royce.

All Austin Healeys were represented from their 100/4 BNI model to the 3000 MkII save for the 100M and 100S.

Likewise the Triumph Owners put on a well represented display with all models of the TR series and from the early 50's an 1800 roadster.

Other vehicles present were Austin Healey Sprites, Riley, Jensen Healey, Lancia Zagato V6, Alfa Romeo, Jaguar - E Type roadster and FHC, XK 150 DHC and FHC, Mark V, VII and VIII and Mk II and S Type Saloons, Daimler 2½ litre V8 saloons, Morgan +8, Austin 7, Aston Martin DB5, Bristol 400, Porsche 911 Targa and a Mustang whose owner must have considered it as a "Classic".

The afternoon was finalised with the come for a ride thrash over the bridge, down the road and return with an extra late brake effort for the crowd and the park entrance.

A truly great day. With the continuance of the type of event we can still be able to look forward to and enjoy sports and open air motoring.

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IRON MAN CONTEST

Friday	9th July	-	Treasure Hunt cum Scavenger Hunt cum Navigation exercise
Saturday	10th	-	Sprint Meeting - Lakeside
	10th	-	Motorkhana - Lakeside
Sunday	11th	-	Hill Climb - Mt. Cotton

You may enter for all of the events or only those that particularly interest you.

JUNE CAR DISPLAY

JUNE 1st to JUNE 5th We have a display at Sunnybank Plaza on that week. We urgently need volunteers to staff this and to see that the cars don't get leant on or otherwise mauled. You Don<sup>ST</sup> have to answer a lot of questions about the cars, because you'll find that the public are experts. However, you should be able to give intelligent replies to queries about THE CLUB, other clubs and sport in general. THIS IS NOW EXTREMELY URGENT

We have a great chance here for some publicity for the Club and the hillclimb so please spare a little time. Some of the committee will be tied up as it is the week before the Hillclimb Championships, so please hop in and do your bit.

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FOR SALE M.G. Magnette ZA. Excellent body and motor. Very original motor car. Phone David Miles 208 1976

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WANTED One straight Mini Panel Van body - no need for engine - see Peter Rayment at Clubrooms.

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FOR SALE M.G.B. 1966, soft top with roll bar fitted - no rust in body - unregistered as it is being restored. See car at Mrs. Wojtasik, 115 Caladium Street, Gumdale.

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REMEMBER Discounts are available from Grand Prix Leyland Spare Parts at Gympie Road, Chermside on production of your Club card.

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BODS AND BENDS

No Tasmanian holiday would be complete without a tour of the Longland circuit - or at least four spirited laps.

Seen in the streets of Brisbane while setting a night run, a certain vehicle carrying a 'P' plate followed by OOF - 123 number plate.

Alan Telfer was just talking and mentioned the word Vanwall. Young Haydyn George said "What's that" - That is the generation gap.

"A new more streamlined kind of M.G. may be introduced to the sports car market next year" - they were the headlines in Modern Motor, September, 1955.

At the National Meeting 1977 there is to be a Magazine competition from the centres, a photographic competition - come on all you amateur photographers - and a Miss National M.G. so go to it.

We hear a certain Tasmanian by the name of Ross Story is touring around the North Island with so incriminating evidence from Launceston. You have never head of him, well he is usually in cognito as "Rommel" as he drives tanks.

Did you know that the ash tray was an optional extra on the M.G. Midget Mk I and cost 7s.9d.

Ex Brisbane member Greg Symes in his Clubman GT won round 1 of the

## MICKY MOUSE'S BIRTHDAY

On May 7th, Mickey Mouse had a birthday (forget how many) and was having a party at the Exhibition grounds. On Thursday night, the Secretary was asked to get three cars to help transport the Disney Characters to the party.

After some hectic phone calls, three very generous people offered their services. I am afraid that in ringing up Hayden George and finding him not at home, Mrs. George (his mother, was conned into taking her newly acquired MGA to the party. The other two helpful members were Vivian Irvine and Les Rose. We are most grateful to them for the use of their cars and time (we saw them on TV at least) and the Channel 7 representative was very impressed with the members, their cars and their punctuality.

Thank you, one and all.

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## NATIONAL MEETING FOR QUEENSLAND?

Many people have asked when is Queensland Centre going to host the National Meeting. At the rate and on our past performance NEVER. Let's face it only 6 Queenslanders (4 competitors) travelled to Tasmania for this year's meeting. W.A. fielded 21 competitors and they must travel a little further than we do (including 200 miles of dirt on the Nullabor - SA side of course).

At the present time, even if we were given a National Meeting, I do not believe we could hold it successfully because not enough members understand the format to this type of meeting to visualise the problems that can and do occur.

So if we really wish to hold it (Tasmania did a superb job this year) it is up to us - you, me and the dog next door to create a team to be at Katoomba next year. It is only 600 miles away (1988 will be Perth) and we do need you to come. As always there will be a concours, lap dash and Motorkhana. You don't have to have a perfect car for the concours (but it helps). You can certainly putter around the circuit on a lap dash or motorkhana (if you wish to ~~xxx~~ try to get fastest time go ahead) all we want you to do is arrive AND enter or compete in ALL events. You don't need rolls bars, wired sump plugs for the lap dash, you can borrow fire extinguishers and helmets - so those excuses are gone. All I am saying is - if you don't wish to drive at 10/10 th you don't have to, there will be enough desperates present, to unhold our reputation. JUST GET THERE.

We must win the John Wratten Trophy for the weekend competition i.e. concours, lap dash, motorkhana. You and your friends get together and plan and make sure of your holidays (just the Easter Weekend will do) for Easter 1977 NOW.

Write, call, phone or see at the Clubrooms, in the train,  
on the beach  
or anywhere

Mal Spiden, Ken Potter or Joan Appleby

and tell us you are coming.

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Did you hear the story about a bird imitator who was out of work. He walked around in New York visiting circus managers trying to find a job but the situation was hopeless. Circus Manager at the last circus said he hadn't any work for a bird imitator. The guy was thinking about this as he opened the window and flew away.

SURFERS - 15/16th MAY 1976

Who needs the Holden Precision Drivers? Our Group B cars can go through the same evolutions and finish up in a heap instead of a line.

Did you know that we also have amphibious Formula Fords.

This was only part of the action at Suffers, yesterday and today. The weather was very kind and the crowds in attendance were treated to some very good practice times and very spectacular racing. Some of the closest I have seen in quite a few years.

How long is it, since we have seen thirty racing cars all out of the grid at once? And the competition between them was very enjoyable to watch. Vern Hamilton certainly had his Kaditcha flying and I am sure Vern as well as all of us are very pleased to see him doing so well.

It was also good to see Kees Koppenol and John Richardson back in the sports car scene, both having cars with lots of potential.

The results below, show that M.G. members are still holding up the Club's banner in the motor sport scene -

	Outright	Class
V. Hamilton	2 x 1st	2 x 1st
B. Singleton	1 x 2nd 1 x 1st	2 x 1st
D. Johnson	2 x 1st	2 x 1st
G. Russell	1 x 3rd	1 x 2nd
		1 x 3rd
C. Wenzel		1 x 3rd
J. Richardson	1 x 3rd	1 x 3rd
J. Fraser	1 x 2nd	2 x 2nd
G. Scott	1 x 3rd	1 x 1st
		1 x 3rd
K. Koppenol	1 x 2nd	1 x 2nd
		1 x 3rd
K. Peters		2 x 2nd
M. Hopcraft		1 x 1st
R. Tomkinson		1 x 3rd
R. Horton		1 x 3rd
P. Pull		1 x 3rd

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PARTY NIGHT

On Saturday 19th June 1976, Mrs. Coral Scott (Gary and Tony mother) at 58 Howard St., Rosalie.

It will be a Bar-B-Cue starting at 7.0 p.m. Steaks, rolls etc provided at a cost of course. \$1.50 *to test budget and cost don't need admission of course.*

Get a party of friends to come and prove that M.G. Car Club Queensland Centre can have successful party nights. WE (who go) always enjoy ourselves.

DONT FORGET SATURDAY 19th JUNE, Bar-B-cue

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QMSC SPRINTS

M.G.C.C. are invited to a Sprint meeting at Lakeside on 13th June. Please ring Joan Appleby (57 1561) to receive Supp. Regs.

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### New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members -

Gerry Dezett who used to be a member a couple of years ago and has rejoined since obtaining a very fast Clubman GT.

Bob Tunsted who has joined as a Country member, and lives at Grafton. Hope to see you for the Hillclimb Championships in June Bob.

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AUTOCROSSE Don't forget the B.S.C.C. Autocrosse to be held on 30th May. See last Octagon for information regarding eligibility of cars.

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### D I S C U S S I O N G R O U P

I hope that everybody is going to turn for the "exchange of Opinions between four racing drivers" on 28th May, 1976. We would like you to be there by 8.00 p.m. to start directly on 8.15 p.m. Refreshments will be served when words have run out.

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Make sure you watch your Programme very carefully, as there are lots of things on at present and you could miss out. Pin it on the wall beside your bed so that you check it every morning.

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WANTED - 1970-1972 MGB or TRIUMPH TR 4 - 6 in good condition. Would like to exchange for 1974 3 door Honda Civic Manual, 16,500 miles in good condition, plus cash. If not possible will pay cash for either machine and sell Honda separately. Further particulars Phone Paul Venema 229-2361 (Work) 285 1460 (Home)

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