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A SINCERE CANTEEN THANK YOU.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the running of the May hill canteen and the recent QHC canteen while Paul and Virginia Young were away.

Special mentions to the wonderful Barbara Derriman and her grandson Alex who worked all 3 days, Don Webster and everyone else who volunteered over those 2 events.

The QHC canteen was a huge success and is a major source of income for the club.

With quantities of 28 dozen bacon & egg rolls, and hamburgers, 16 dozen sausage sizzles and hot dogs, 10 dozen sandwiches and the 200 cream buns that's a lot of food to organise, cook and serve to the hungry competitors, crews, spectator crowds and all the volunteer workers, flaggies and officials that ran that event.

These canteens do not run themselves and takes a very dedicated team to pre plan, organise, purchase goods, organise helpers and run on the weekends so if you are able to assist in coming events please do so and help the club and have some fun and laughs and cream buns along the way.

Thank you all again for your help, support and dedication it was very much appreciated.

Berenice Stratton



THE STATS

- 336 bacon & egg rolls and hamburgers
- 192 sausage sizzles and hot dogs
- 120 sandwiches
- 200 cream buns

200 FREE CREAM BUNS!

During the recent 2026 Queensland Hillclimb Championship event there was a special tribute to a special man to the MGCC club after the recent passing of long time club member and ex club President David Miles.

In a loving tribute to David, his wife Meryl ordered 200 cream buns from the Cottage Bakery in Loganholme, who have supplied the canteens buns and bread for many years to be given away when anyone purchased something at the canteen.

These Aussie old fashioned delights were David's favourite sweet treat, so in loving memory to David, 200 buns were given away to eager patrons at the event by 2 of Don Webster's grand daughters who were helping in the canteen on the day.

The looks of delight on people's faces when offered a free cream bun was wonderful and thanks to Meryl, David was remembered and honoured in the nicest way possible.

Words and photos by Berenice Stratton



QHC WAS A FAMILY AFFAIR

At the recent QHC we had many family groups in attendance showing just how family orientated these events are.

From competitor family members to club members and their families all help to make all aspects of these events so special. Member Don Webster persuaded one of his sons, one of his sons in law, one daughter and two grand daughters into helping in the canteen on the Sunday of the event and they did an outstanding job feeding everyone.

Lin & Barbara Derriman's grandson Alex who volunteered all 3 days in the canteen was so helpful and versatile and deserves an enormous thank you for his efforts.

Event Secretary Mary White also had her son Noel and grandson Marcel come along to support her and the event.





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WIKNER FORD SPECIAL

I was idly scrolling through the Internet when I came across the facebook page of 'Allora Cars and Coffee', however, what caught my attention was a photo of an old race car, and its owner, Doug Partington.

I met Doug nearly 50 years ago when we were involved in Historic Racing and competed against each other in MGs and other cars. I was aware of the



More details of the car can be found here

<http://www.wicko.com/wickowiknerford.htm>

https://kipdf.com/doug-partington-s-wikner-ford-special-1922_5ab145be1723dd349c80ecaa.html



THE OLDEST RACE CAR IN AUSTRALIA

existence of the Wikner Ford Special but had never seen it.

I saw that on the following Saturday the car would be on show at a recently built display at the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

Too good an opportunity not to see the man and his machine. Not enough time to organise a club run, but I did mention it at the Friday Noggin and Natter. So, an early start in my MGTD to drive through winter fog and roadworks over Cunningham gap to arrive at Allora in time for breakfast.

The Wikner Ford Special is recognised as the oldest known Australian built racing car. Purpose built in 1922 from used Model T Ford parts by Geoff & Roy Wikner in Leura in NSW.

Originally raced at the legendary tracks of Penrith, Gerringong Beach Kiama, and also at the opening of The Olympia Speedway Maroubra, NSW December 5th 1925.

As a teenager, Doug Partington spotted the car of his dreams in pieces under a Brisbane house in 1958. He purchased it with the help of a loan from his Mother and got it going.

His first outing in it was in 1962 when he drove it at the Lakeside circuit in an historic parade at the Tasman International Formula One meeting.

The car is "as built", with only 4 known owners, and has been in Doug's ownership for nearly 70 years. Doug and the car have participated in many speed events, and the Wikner Ford Special is featured in a number of publications. The Allora Regional Sports Museum have made a dedicated display of the car and its many achievements.

After viewing the car, talking to Doug, having a coffee, and talking to locals, I was ready for the drive home in warmer weather.

- Don Webster



Geary Sports Car CONCOURS

A beautiful first Sunday in July in the Riverside Rocks Park by the Brisbane River was the setting for the Annual Geary Sports Car Concours and Club Display.

The site was shared with Tuff Nutters Inflatable large tent for adventure entertainment for families.

Thus an already made audience and interested spectators to observe, inspect and enquire about the MG vehicles.

From the formalities of assessing the MGs the Class placings were:

Class G MGA Roadster 1500cc:

James Willshire with John Walker and Andrew Manfield

Class G MGA Roadster 1600cc:

Jeremy Buttigieg

Class H MGA Twin Cam Coupe:

Mark Wellard

Class H MGA Twin Cam Roadster:

Brian Cather

Class I MGA Coupe Single Cam:

Tracy Bergan

Class L MGB Mk11 Roadster:

Rob Jenkells

Class N MGB Roadster Rubber Bumper:
Keith Brodie

Class O MGB GT Mk1:

Andrew Manfield

Class O MGB GT Mk11:

John Bowen

Class R: MGB GT and Costello:

Robert Jenkells with Greg Hambridge

Class X MG Specials Pre MGA:

Don Webster

Class Y MG Specials Post MGTF:

Matt Johnson

Class ZA MGR V8:

Aiden Pavey

Class ZB: MGF except MGF/TF:

Julie Mundy

Era Awards

Pre MGA:

Don Webster

MGA to Modern:

Brian Cather

Modern:

Aiden Pavey

Daily Drive:

Greg Hambridge



Chapter Chatter

DARLING DOWNS

MAY 31

Brian & June Phillips

As the years pass by, finding a new run for the MG Car Club is often a challenge. When we heard that the gravel road from Crows Nest to Blackbutt had been upgraded to a sealed road, we decided to investigate this option for a possible “MG Run”.

We heard rumours of a pie shop that is so loved by locals and tourists, that we had to accept the challenge and investigate the “rumour”. We set off to check the condition of the road and found it to be “twisty and windy” with many dry creek crossings and very little traffic. Perfect for an MG run in the making.

So, on a chilly morning in May, a total of 13 cars fronted up for the run starting at Pioneer Park in Highfields. Included were 3 new members, Steve Evett, Mike & Yvonne Wade and Wallace Hunter and his grandson Charlie, who we welcomed into the MG family.

Our route took us out onto the highway at

Cabarlah, with the destination for morning tea at Bullocky’s Rest Park in Crows Nest. This route eliminated pesky traffic lights and kept everyone together. The bullocks used to take 2 days to do this trip, we did it in 30 minutes.

With morning tea and comfort stop completed, we ventured on through Crows Nest to try out the new road. Little traffic was encountered between Crows nest and Blackbutt.

The road is in good condition and the cars went scooting through the hills and gullies making MG driving very enjoyable.

We lunched at the Blackbutt Hotel and gave the drivers three choices for the return journey – west to Yarraman, back the way we came or east via Esk.

Rumour has it that some members, prior to leaving Blackbutt, took our advice and checked out the bakery, however, we’re not sure if it was pies or vanilla slices that were purchased! We hope everyone enjoyed the run, especially our new members, as we did.





PARTICIPANTS Michael & Marilyn Keating - MGBGT, Mike & Yvonne Wade - MX5, Steve Evett - MGF, Janis Lawrence - MX5, Bill & Del Fischer - MGA, Brian & June Phillips - MGBGT, Wallace Hunter & Charlie - MGB, Ron & Judy Gillis - CX3, Susan Willesden & Trevor Martin - MGB, Helen Goodfellow & Del Jensen - Corolla, Narelle & Rob Fraser - MGTD, Owen & Kay Douglas - MGB, Barb & Mal Campbell - PT Cruiser.

JUNE 10 Marilyn Keating

What a day we encountered for our June lunch meet. Very thick fog and drizzly rain greeted us as we arrived in Toowoomba on our way to our lunch meet at Oakey RSL Club.



It's not unusual to see that much fog at the top of the range, but unusual for us to experience such thick fog almost all the way to the western outskirts of Toowoomba, and then clearing as we neared Oakey. I do feel sorry for those who live at the top of the range, looking out over the valley with magnificent views and then having to experience white-out quite often at this time of year.

Needless to say, there were only two MGs amongst the group of eight cars who rolled up for the lunch at noon (extra Brownie points to Ken & Sue, and Owen).



The Oakey RSL is always a safe bet for a nice lunch and you rarely have to wait long before your meal is served. It was interesting to note that on the menu for seniors, was a "corned beef and white sauce pie".



That's the first time I have ever seen that version of a pie on a menu, or indeed, in any pie shop. I decided I would be brave and try it, and I can say it was very nice indeed. Something a little different to the usual fish and chips, crumbed chicken etc.

Following lunch there was the usual catch up with fellow members and after solving the world's problems (and there are a lot

of them), it was time to head home. A very pleasant couple of hours taken care of.

PARTICIPANTS Michael & Marilyn Keating - Jaguar XJ6, Ron & Judy Gillis (travelled with the Keatings), Jim Carstens - Falcon, Ken Shead & Sue Craig - MGBGT, Gene & Faye Lucas - Honda, Helen Goodfellow & Del Jensen - Corolla, Bill & Del Fischer - Honda, Owen Douglas - MGB, Trevor Martin - Nissan.



JUNE 28

Ian & Jenny Roberts

A brisk early morning start for this month's run may have discouraged a few of the faint hearted, however, with our small group we headed off down the range to Grantham, to the famous Floating Cafe. As usual, the staff were friendly and the breakfast menu was enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately, on departing, Peter and Jenny Wild caught their exhaust on a piece of concrete in the carpark and returned home safely (albeit noisily) without further participation on the run.

After farewelling Peter and Jenny, the rest of us trekked down what is locally called Heifers Creek Road. There was magnificent scenery which included valleys, hills, steep cuttings, falling rocks, speed bumps and boom gates in the middle of nowhere (I think the ground might shift and the road gets affected). As we neared the end of that road, the landscape turned into farming lands, and a short run later had us at Clifton Centenary Park for our BYO morning tea.

PARTICIPANTS Michael & Marilyn Keating - MGBGT, Susan Willesden & Trevor Martin - MGB, Peter & Jenny Wild - Daimler, Janice Lawrence - MX5, Gaye Hawkshaw & Debbie Schier - Camry, Alan & Debbie Maskell - MGBGT, Gene & Faye Lucas - MGTD, Ian & Jenny Roberts - MGB.



Chapter Chatter

WIDE BAY CHAPTER

My gosh where has the first six months of the year gone? It seems only yesterday we were deciding what to do with 2026! As we are all aware we had several changes, including a new chapter coordinator in the shape of Kevin Charlton who has done us all proud to date.

David Hall and Lyn Haywood continued their quest and created and formally opened their Haywood Hall MG Collection and from all accounts have had several other motoring (and the like) clubs visit their fantastic venue.

There are several planned activities for the rest of the year including the Xmas party which is organized for later in the year at the Hervey Bay Boat Club which has also become the new de-facto venue for the clubs monthly coffee mornings during the winter months here in the bay.

Our other venue at River Heads has done us very well during the warmer months and the atmosphere there is very picturesque and conducive and suits the members needs very well but unfortunately as there is only outside seating at the Café there it has gotten a little too cold for a number of us and we decided to reevaluate things for the winter.

On to the chapters runs and activities!

May 27

Wednesday 27th May was our last River Heads Coffee Morning. It was Another fantastic morning the coffee and cake spoke for themselves along with the first-class service from the ladies at the cafe, we had 29 starters resulting in good conversation and swapping of good ideas.

June 14

The next club Sunday lunch outing was scheduled for the 14th June and ran from



the Hervey Bay information centre and proceeded to the Maryborough Woocoo Park for initial refreshments and then on to Tiaro the Hideaway Hotel for lunch.

A big thankyou to Paul & Yvonne Overton for organising and leading our run. We had some 18 club members, travelling to Wookoo Park from Hervey bay where we met another 16 members totalling 34 members.

There were 17 shiny classic cars that travelled in convoy to Hideaway pub for a country style lunch, even though as a group we were spread out a little bit, everyone interacted in the varied conversations, it was a great day out.

June 24

Next came Wednesday the 24th June and our first coffee morning at our revised venue, the Hervey Bay Boat Club.

This was a great success and the coffee lounge there was a much warmer atmosphere for the members to discuss future club activities.

This was another good excuse to drive the clubs classic cars, enjoy good coffee with good people. And our coordinator Kevin is very pleased with the number of members coming on these mornings, where we get to discuss the direction our chapter is heading.

At these times we get to discuss where the club members might want to visit on one of our club days and discuss other things in general. On this occasion 27 of our members attended having a great drinking coffee, chatting and basically having a good time.

July 16

July saw the chapter off to a great start on 16th July with a Morning Tea at the Australiana Craft Farm, Lunch at the Miners Arms Torbanlea. The weather was good, good to see a convoy of lovely cars. A really friendly bunch adding up to good, friendly, chatter. It seems like the chapter is progressing well with everybody enjoying themselves with the positive feedback from the 17 members who attended that day.

July 29

Our final activity for July was our usual coffee morning on the 29th of the month at the Hervey Bay Boat Club. The aim of this meeting is to enable members to get together to discuss whatever is happening in the world!



Chapter Chatter

WHITSUNDAYS CHAPTER

April 12

After the monthly car enthusiast gathering at the Mackay Marina, our chapter had a run to the Leap Craft Rooms and tea house.

This saw several cars gather at the Good Guys, 1 x MGA, 2 x MGB, Triumph TR8 and a Porsche 911 Also, a couple of more modern cars.

After a departure at 9.30 and a short run through the back roads we arrived at the Leap. On offer at the tea house was their usual , fresh scones straight from the oven, slices and cakes along with tea and coffee. An enjoyable outing was had by all.

April 26

The April longer run was on the 26th and saw a procession of cars heading along the northern side of the Pioneer river crossing at Pleystowe then meandering through the picturesque Pioneer Valley to the Pinnacle Hotel for lunch. The weather being a little ominous some played it safe with only 2 MG's a Mustang and then a BMW V8 and a couple of other modern cars in attendance.

The first of the May outings was on Mother's day, May 10th and After several members had attended the covered in chrome gathering they reconvened at the Good Guys for a short run to the Botanical Gardens Cafe where the husbands treated their wives to a lovely Brunch / morning tea.

May 24

On the 24th May members once again Gathered at the Good Guys for our longer run of the month to the Hay Point tavern. Upon arrival members were ushered through the gate onto the front grassed area between the hotel and the beachfront for a car display.

Cars present were, 2 MGBGT's, 1 x MGB roadster. a TD , a MGF and a Nissan Z.

April 29

The Bi-monthly dinner on the 29th saw a great turn up to the Mackay surf club where everyone enjoyed a lovely meal and the company of fellow members. Conversation flowed on many a topic, not only cars.

June 4

June 4th was a midweek run being to Mirani for morning tea, however the members were surprised by a mystery drive which took them up the highway to Kuttatub and then meandering through the back roads and into Mirani. Those who didn't take a picnic purchased morning tea from the local Kookaburras store. Being a beautiful day and great company along with the mystery tour, everyone very much had an enjoyable day.

June 14

The second Sunday of the month 14th June saw many members attend Covered in Chrome and then after regather at the Good Guys for an outing to Melba House , Marian for morning tea.

Our Scheduled run to Eungella for Lunch at the Chalet unfortunately was a wash out with rain falling and places receiving some decent numbers. Modern day cars could have been taken but given our destination the range and Chalet would have been in the clouds so not the makings of a nice day.

July 12

The 12th July once again being the second Sunday of the month was Covered in Chrome at the Mackay Marina. The day was just perfect with beautiful clear blue sky's and no wind, So not only did this bring out the car enthusiast's but also the boaties with cars and trailers lining every possible large parking space and grassed areas.

Afterwards we met at the Good Guys for a 9.30 departure for a short run back into town and a procession down Victoria, st left onto Sydney st across the river along Malcomson

st to Goosies. We had 2 x MGA , 7 x MGB , 1 x Triumph and 1 x Porsche, a very nice collection of cars.

Once again, we were treated to a brilliant buffet breakfast at Goosies and some fine coffee. Conversation flowed and we all enjoyed the quiet relaxed location, lingering for some time before leaving.

July 24

Friday 24th we gathered at the Andergrove Tavern for our Bimonthly dinner. This was attended by 15 members who all enjoyed the company and many a conversation. The meals once again did not disappoint. We all lingered for some time chatting and discussing further our upcoming events.







Social & Motorsport Calendar

The following abbreviations are used for Chapter names:

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

SEPTEMBER	
2 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
4 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
5 Saturday	HRCC Historic Supersprint and TT Regularity at Queensland Raceway
9 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
13 Sunday	Australian Hillclimb Masters at Collingrove
16 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
18 Friday	State Championship Races 4 Queensland Raceway / MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
19 Saturday	State Championship Races 4 Queensland Raceway
20 Sunday	State Championship Races 4 Queensland Raceway
23 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week Run
25 Friday	MGCC Annual General Meeting at clubrooms
26 Saturday	All British Day set up
27 Sunday	All British Day at Tennyson / South Australian Hillclimb Championship
30 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
OCTOBER	
2 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
3 Saturday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 5
4 Sunday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 5
7 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
9 Friday	Bathurst 1000 V/8 races round 11
10 Saturday	Bathurst 1000 V/8 races round 11
11 Sunday	Bathurst 1000 V/8 races round 11 / MGCCQ Lunch Run / Bundaberg Chapter Cordalba Pub run
14 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
16 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
17 Saturday	Australian Khanacross Championship (dirt) at Awabawae Park Newcastle
18 Sunday	Australian Khanacross Championship (asphalt) at Ringwood Newcastle / HSCCQ Inter Club Challenge
	Khanacross at Queensland Raceway / Capricorn Chapter October Run
21 Wednesday	Working bee at clubrooms
23 Friday	Gold Coast V/8 races round 12
24 Saturday	Gold Coast V/8 races round 12
25 Sunday	Gold Coast V/8 races round 12 / Bundaberg Chapter BBQ Mt Perry

28 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week Run
29 Friday	Australian Hillclimb Championship at Jack's Hill Western Australia / Australian Motorkhana
	Championship at Bendigo
31 Saturday	Australian Hillclimb Championship at Jack's Hill Western Australia / Australian Motorkhana
	Championship at Bendigo
NOVEMBER	
4 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
6 Friday	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 6 Morgan Park / MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
7 Saturday	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 6 Morgan Park
8 Sunday	Motorsport Australia State Championship Races 6 Morgan Park / Bundaberg Chapter Agnes Waters Markets
11 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
14 Saturday	Noosa hillclimb / State Super Speed event at Morgan Park
15 Sunday	Noosa hillclimb / State Super Sprint at Morgan Park / Capricorn Chapter November Run
18 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
20 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms
22 Sunday	HSCCQ Motorkhana at Willowbank Raceway Driver Training Centre
25 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb / Mid Week November Overnight Christmas Run
28 Saturday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 6
29 Sunday	Mount Cotton hillclimb 6 / Bundaberg Chapter Christmas Party
DECEMBER	
2 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
4 Friday	MGCC Noggin N Natter at clubrooms To Be Advised / Capricorn Chapter Christmas Party
5 Saturday	MGCC Christmas Party at clubrooms in afternoon To Be Advised
6 Sunday	HSCCQ Christmas Party at MG clubrooms
9 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
13 Sunday	Bundaberg Chapter Lunch at Goodies
16 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb
23 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb To be decided by volunteers
30 Wednesday	Working bee at hillclimb To be decided by volunteers





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Competition Corner

Mount Cotton Hillclimb August 2026

Again the weather had some influence on the lap times for the drivers during the August meeting.

Cold mornings meant cold track surface along with six ducks who wanted a closer spectator view of the competing vehicles. No native animals were injured during the event.

The fastest dozen times recorded on Saturday were set by Warwick Hutchinson (OMS28, 39.11), Cody Collins (Subaru WRX 42.28 and fastest Sedan), Luke Weiks (Empire 001, 42.53), Camm Morris (La Base Crosskart, 42.81), Ed McCane (OMS CF04, 44.03), David Quelch (DPQ03, 44.45), Matt Read (Readster MTR1, 44.59), Michael Larymore (Toyota R2, 44.65 and fastest Sports car), Scott Anable (BMW 325i, 45.08), Doug Anable (BMW 325i, 45.14), Steve Hampton (Mitsubishi Evo X, 45.20), Paul van Wijk (OMS Hornet, 45.79).

Sunday climbs resulted with the Regularity class won by Lindsay Derriman (Toyota Starlet) from Robert Martin (Daihatsu Handi) and Chris Lake (Toyota 86). Craig O'Connor took the Historic Group N up to 2000 ccs in his Fiat 124 with a best run of 60.75 seconds.

SPORTS CARS

Production Sports Car Class up to 2 litres went to Ian Power win the Production Sports cars in a 55.22 second time driving his Mazda MX5. Ian recorded several times in the 56 second bracket (56.67, 56.43, 56.25, 56.18 and 56.28) before the 55.22 time.

The over 2 litre class went to Michael Larymore (Toyota MR2 turbo, 44.15) with Dave Roberts being the fastest MG with a 49.50 time.

Jeff Graham won the Sports Cars over 2 litre in his Mazda MX5 in 49.55 whilst Andrei Shinkarenko recorded a 53.18 time in his Saker SV1.

Jason McGarry won the Clubman Class with a 45.41 in his Caterham R300 with Ainsley Fitzgerald (Arrow Clubman, 47.40) whilst Jim Heymer ran a 47.74 time in his Farrel Clubman for the Sports 1300 class.

SEDAN CARS

Modified Production Sedan cars saw Daryll Searle win the under 2 litre class in his Suzuki Swift (59.03 time) and Brendan Merrick (Datsun 120Y turbo) faster in the over 2 litre class from Warren Amos (Ford Focus, 52.26).

Brendan had times in the 48 seconds (48.61, 48.17, 48.13, 48.04), 47 seconds (47.67, 47.14, 47.12) then his best of 46.72 for first place in the class.

Road registered sedans under 2 litre class to Arpad Romandy in his Nissan Pulsar SSS in a best time of 53.59. The over 2 litre class went to David Youd (Honda Civic Type R, 47.30) 0.72 seconds from Harry Doling (Ford Fiesta ST, 48.02), Chris Balhatchet (Renault Megane, 49.45) with 0.35 second from Hannah Youd winner of the Cottons Creations Fast Lady award at the State title (Honda Civic Type R, 49.60), Ray Balhatchet (Nissan Skyline, 53.15 with Tate Matthews recording a 55.46 in his Volvo C30).

Waco Hamlin won the Improved production class by 0.01 seconds to Andrew Hughes. Driving his Honda Civic Waco ran most of his climbs in the 48 second bracket with 48.51, 48.49, 48.72, 48.54, 48.53, 48.43 with his best of 48.42.

Andrew having his first event at Mount Cotton in his Commodore VP ran a 52.42 on Saturday with times of 52.29, 50.61, 50.81, 48.93, 48.56, 48.64 for his best of 48.43 on Sunday.

The All Wheel Drive class record of 42.36 set on 8 August 2010 by Michael Collins was lowered by Cody Collins to 42.28 seconds

thus the class record remains in the family.

Next in the class were Steven Hampton (Mitsubishi Evo X, 45.20), Adrian Purcell (Subaru WRX, 47.26), Brendan Martin (Subaru Impreza, 48.97), Peter Martin (Subaru WRX, 50.41) with Julie Huynh (Volkswagen Golf R, 51.17).

Gavin Taylor winning the Sports Sedans under 2 litres in his VW Golf with a 46.76 whilst Scott and Doug Anable contested the lead for the over 2 litre class.

On Saturday Scott was ahead with a time of 45.08 to Doug's 45.14.

Third in the class was Jae Collins (Nissan Skyline, 47.40) 0.10 second ahead of David Malone (Torana GTR XU1, 47.50) with Glenn Anable (BMW 2002, 49.11) and Geoff England (Falcon EB, 49.93).

The order remained until the second last run with Scott (44.60) from Doug (44.97), Jae (47.40) and David (47.50). Doug claimed the lead with his best run of 44.42 seconds just 0.18 from Scott. The final placings gave Doug Anable (BMW 325i, 44.42), Scott Anable (BMW 325i, 44.60), Jae Collins (46.94), David Malone (47.36), Glenn Anable (49.11) with Geoff England (49.93).

FORMULA CARS

Mark Arnold was the faster of the Superkarts in his CRG Go Kart KZ175 (48.29 seconds) with Natalie Fossey (Honda Arrow, 51.68).

In the Up to 1300 ccs Formula Libre class the final result saw Connor Tebble (Speads RM11, 41.69) finished just 0.61 of a second from Paul van Wijk (OMS Hornet, 42.30) with a gap of 0.23 second to Luke Weiks (Empire 001, 42.53) with 0.28 second to Camm Morris (La Base Crosskart 750 ccs, 42.81), Ed McCane (OMS CF04, 44.03), Greg Tebble (Speads RM11, 45.96) then Stephen Edwards (GS Yamaha R6FL 800 ccs, 51.73).

On Saturday afternoon Luke was in the lead with a 42.53 from Camm (42.81), Ed (44.03), Paul (45.79), Greg (45.98) and Stephen (61.41).

The 1301 to 2000 ccs class saw David Quelch (Homebuilt DPQ03, 44.45) finish 0.14 second from Matt Read (Readster MTR1 998 ccs turbo, 44.59) whilst Dean Amos took the Over 2000 ccs class and Fastest Time of Day with a 37.19 time in his Gould GR55B followed by Warwick Hutchinson driving his OMS28 RPV in a 39.11 time.

Fastest 15 over the weekend were Dean Amos (Gould V8, 37.16), Warwick Hutchinson (39.11), Connor Tebble (Speads RM11, 41.69), Cody Collins (42.28), Paul van Wijk (42.30), Luke Weiks (42.53), Camm Morris (42.81), Ed McCane (44.03), Michael Larymore (44.15), Doug Anable (44.42), David Quelch (44.45), Matt Read (44.59), Scott Anable (44.60), Steven Hampton (45.20) and Jason McGarry (45.41).

TOP SIX SHOOTOUT

This round was won by Dean Amos (37.68) with Connor Tebble (40.6), Paul van Wijk (42.85), Camm Morris (43.27), Cody Collins (44.52), Michael Larymore (44.71).

Most improved: Andrew Hughes

Best MG: Dave Roberts

Fastest Time of Day: Dean Amos



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The MG Car Club of Queensland Inc was formed in November 1954 by a group of owners and enthusiasts of MG motor cars.

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.

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