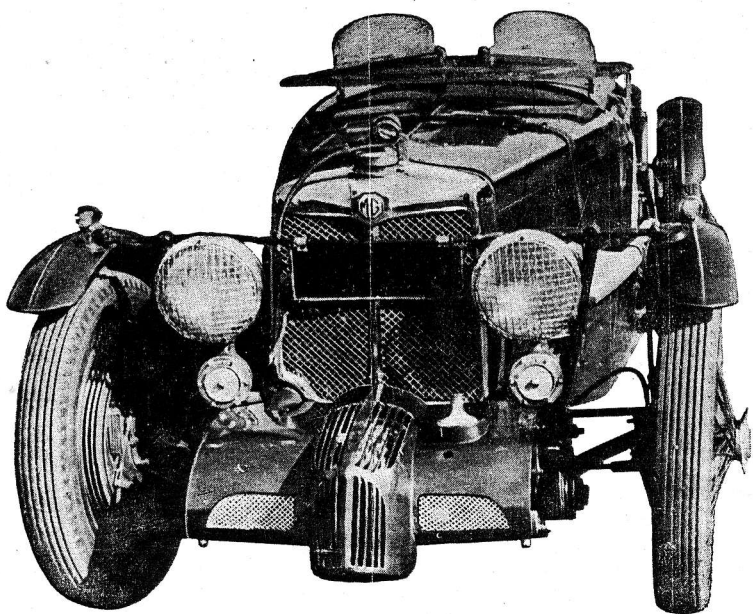
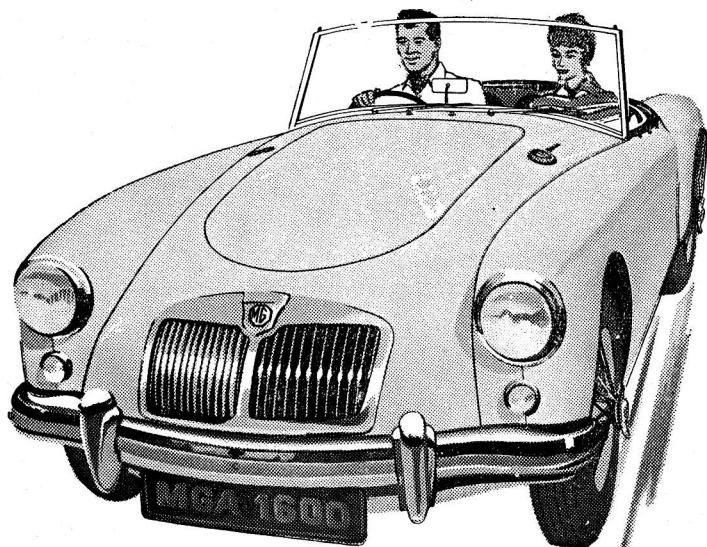


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## F O R E W O R D

By the time you read this, the Annual General Meeting will be only a few weeks away. That doesn't leave us much time to think about this, the year's most important event for the Club.

Every club member should be giving a great deal of thought to his choice of committee because this choice is not the responsibility of a few but of every individual financial member. Obviously, the degree of worth of a club depends directly on the efficiency of it's committee so, if the club is to be worthwhile, then it's executive must be an efficient, harmonious group.

Foreword cont'd

The man (or woman) that you choose must be able and willing to devote a lot of time to his job, he must also be prepared to spend a little money - not much but it usually costs something - and probably most important, of all, he must be able to work as a team with others. This latter ability is probably the most difficult of all to accomplish. One must be able to ignore personalities, completely. In other words, he must be able to work with his fellow committee members whether he likes them or not.

Every committeeman receives his share of criticism -not only for his own, but also for other peoples' errors and decisions. Therefore, he must possess tact and more important still, he must be big enough to accept this criticism and, if it is warranted, be able to admit this and try to correct the fault.

Now, I am not suggesting that our committees have ever risen to this standard. This would be perfection which is, unfortunately, an unattainable ideal. What I am getting at is- if you think that you can achieve these ideals or are prepared to try, then you owe it to your club to stand for election at the Annual Meeting. If you know that you cannot do the job, then make sure that you elect the best committee possible.

R. Davis  
Vice-President.

OXO

SECRETARY'S CORNER.

By now, you may be aware that the Road Safety Award was won by Alan Killips, who drove an immaculate T.F.. Congratulations Alan, on a well earned win. For his efforts, he wins the Craven A Cigarette Trophy.

Soon. there will be a Census form arriving at your address. This form is very important to the club, and requires all details of your car, engine number, model etc.. We need these to be returned as soon as you can reach the nearest mail-box as there will be a lot of work compiling the register we are assembling. I know you give details of your car when you join the Club but these soon become out-of-date when you buy a new car.

I hope, that by now, all members have their membership cards. If you have not, please notify the Hon. Treasurer Merv. Head also, there may be some delay involved to those who have paid their subscriptions to 'Safety Fast' but the matter is in hand. On the subject of 'Safety Fast' those wishing to subscribe to this excellent magazine (surely an all time bargain at 16/-) please let us know Also, 'Racing Car News' for 27/6 per year, five shillings of which goes to your Club. Why not order now?.

There are stocks of car badges, windscreen transfers, lapel badges (from 4/-), club ties etc. at the Clubrooms

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting at the Clubrooms is on the 24th November 1961. A new committee will be elected and the business for the year discussed.

That's all for now. See you next month.

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### P R O G R A M M E

October 1st Inter-club Gymkhana at Tingalpa  
 October 6th Film Evening at the Clubrooms  
 October 15th Club Run. Starting at the Clubrooms at 8.30 a.m. and going to Maleny via Bon Accord Falls (lunch) and returning through Nambour to finish with a Barbeque at Petrie.  
 October 22nd Gymkhana and Concours de Elegance  
 October 27th Lecture on Tuning by Keith Turner Commencing at 7.30 p.m.  
 October 29th Sprint Meeting C A N C E L L E D

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### NEW MEMBERS

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		Ipswich Qld.

## New Members Cont'd

The M.G. Car Club welcomes you, one and all. Let us hope you have a long and pleasant association with us.

FILM EVENING      August   18th      by      B.L.W.-P.A.W.

As promised earlier, the films seen this night were all from the B.M.C. Library in Sydney.

The Mountains, Lakes and Rivers were a sight to behold as they unfolded with the miles as the Morris Minor travelled across Canada. The roads were all dirt with large bridges crossing all the rivers. An interesting note that none were alike and all were picturesque as the countryside.

Another interesting film was the production of the M.G.- from the drawing board, this film also included Stirling Moss's Record breaking attempt on the Utah Salt Flats. Then the production of the Twin Cam and the trials it was put through at the factory, the speedometer needle was seen at 120 m.p.h. on the high speed test track.

The stirring drive by Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom was well rewarded by coming first in the 'ladies section' of the Alpine Rally. There was a large team of M.G.As entered in the Rally and three of the teams were girls. It is one of the toughest trials in Europe and the roads are nearly goat tracks.

Many thanks to our projectionist, Brier Thomas, for excellent work. Also, many thanks to Joan Appleby for the Goodies provided for Supper.

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AUSTRALIAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIPS LOWOOD 3rd Sept.  
by Teddy Boy.

Those who attended the Australian Touring Car Championships meeting at Lowood on September 3rd were treated to some fine driving displays by various competitors.

The first event, the Restricted Sports Car Race, was won by Mrs Ann Thomson's Lotus in the capable hands of Alan Reed. Mrs Thomson is a prominent and consistent member of the Club and, as the Queensland Centre sponsored this race, it was doubly pleasing to see her car win.

Tim Harlock's Centaur, powered by a 105E engine, similar to Mrs Thomson's Lotus was second, an XK120 Jaguar third and our good friend, Bill Gates, fourth in his well prepared TR3A.

In the Holden Car Scratch Race, N.S.W's Bob Holden was first very closely followed by Cec Keid in his F.J. Holden. Cec was driving very nicely and looks like providing quite a hazard to the other Holden men. Lionel Ayers was third in this, having dropped back with engine trouble.

The main event, the Australian Touring Car Championship was spectacular indeed for the first few laps. Ian Geoghegan was out in front in the 3.4 Jaguar, Ron Hodgson's 3.8 second and Bill Pitt third. However, with Pitts excellent driving he was soon second and in chase of the flying 3.4 of Geoghegan.

Both had broken Pitt's lap record in practice and continued to lap well below this figure. Pitt's ultimate best time was a new record of 2Min. 3.7 Seconds.

Bob Jane's white 3.8 Jaguar retired with mechanical trouble, leaving Bill Burns, in the ex Mackay 3.4 fourth behind Hodgson.

Bev. Fleming, in his Lotus 1100, had a victory in the Sports Car Scratch Race., which was run concurrently with the G.T. race and Denis Geary, in the Lotus Elite, came second to Bob Jane's ex Moss Maseratti 300S and Harry Cape third in the Twin Cam Coupe.

The last race, the Mt. Tarampa Handicap, was won by Bill Gates in the TR3A. We are very pleased to see this as Bill has not been blessed with the best of luck lately. Tim Harlock was a close second in the Centaur with Barry Campbell third in his immaculate red M.G.A.1600. Glad to see Barry score a place.

Brian Pettitt, out for the first time in his Sprite, showed good form and stayed close to the N.S.W. M.G.A. of F. Ausina.

Other Queensland Centre members competing were, Doug Bright, (M.G.T.C.) J. Spartacus (W.R.M.) C. Roman in the blown M.G.A. 1600 and John Sherman in his Falcon.

All in all, a very good day.

POSITIONS VACANT.

Members are needed to help look after the Clubrooms and also assist in the organising of Treasure Hunts. If you are desirous of becoming a member of one or both of these Committees, please contact;

Brian Tebble      97-5872    for House Committee  
 Ron Davis        49-1140    for Treasure Hunt Committee.

BRIEFING

A big Hand to Vince Appleby (Gymkhana Committee Chairman ) on an efficient, informative and explicit briefing meeting in the Clubrooms on the 22nd September.

Let us hope you reap your reward on the day, Vince.  
 1st October---Gymkhana Grounds---Tingalpa.

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An interesting note for the keen M.G. driver who is racing his car and wants to take off as much weight as possible (who doesn't?).



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## N E W S

We believe Max Williams, an old member of the Queensland Centre, who will be remembered for racing the very fast T.C. of the Ecurie Lismore will be competing at the November Lakeside meeting in his Formula Junior Gemini. Max has been overseas for some time now, where he has been racing the Gemini on the European circuits.

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## G.B.U. TROPHY.

I have had several enquiries as to the meaning of the G.B.U. Trophy (Gay Bachelors Union) well; it's very simple and, I think, explains itself. So, if you haven't brought along a lass to one or more club events this year, look out, you may be the recipient of the Trophy Presentation.

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## THANKS.

Bill Thomas wishes to express his thanks to those who assisted him in the Timekeeping at the Carnival of Flowers Meeting at Toowoomba. Without your co-operation, it would have been difficult to carry out the duties of Timekeeper.

SOCIAL JOTTINGS

by

The Girls.

Wedding Bells.

Best wishes for the future to Ian & Jan McLeod also Eugene and Deidre Blunt.

Birth

To John & Lynn Finnimore- a son. Congratulations to both Engagements.

Jim Fry has popped the question to Patty Geoghegan and she has answered 'Yes'. All the best.

Congratulations to lady member, Jan Evers, and Vernon Gilmore.

'How to lose members' by Beverley Marcovitch-- absent-mindedly wrung wettex out of window- just as well there was no one passing by, Bev::

Merv. Appleyard surrounded by bevy of beauty in city street recent lunch hour. Cassanova looked like an amatuer.

Recent Treasure Hunt, Des Coles and Elizabeth Hilder were hosed by irate dusty householder as they navigated along a dirt road.

Champagne Charlie is his name: Esteemed Vice-President, Ron Davis, has a definite taste for the good things of life- had numerous refills of fizz at recent wedding.

Keith Herron (of petrol-surge fame) was forcefully assisted by certain Singer owner into kissing the bride at Club member's wedding.

Mick Gruger refused, adamantly, to celebrate 21st birthday but friends did not heed him- surprised him at Craig Lind's home- Congratulations Mick:::

One M.G. Magnette in preparation stage for Sprints- pity 'Chief' Sprints cancelled/

Denis Geary proud and excited owner of Cooper Maserati Good luck and good motoring to you.

Brian Tebble, Kerry Horgan and Bill Tonks allergic to flowers, certainly not motor racing. Trio awakened Saturday at Toowoomba feeling under par. 'Wog' going round:::

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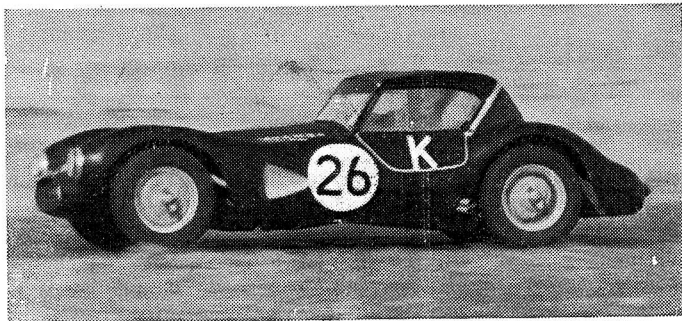
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