

PROGRAMME

- May 9th Natter Night
- May 11th McLean's Bridge (Gathering of Sports Cars)
- May 16th Navigation Run (from our Clubrooms)
- May 23rd Natter Night
- May 30th Natter Night
- May 17/18th Aust. Tour. Championships (Surfers)
- May 25th Sprints at Lakeside
- June 1st Working Bee at Hillclimb to Prepare for Queensland Hillclimb Championships
- June 6th Hillclimb Preparation Night
- June 7th Working bee to make sure everything is in order for the Championships at the Hillclimb at Mt. Cotton
- June 8th QUEENSLAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS
- June 13th Natter Night
- June 20th Navigation Run from Q.M.S.C. Rooms (Iona House Cnr Barry Parade & St. Paul's Terrace.
- June 27th Film Night. (We may be able to show you films taken of the Queensland Hillclimb Championships.

NATIONAL MEETING - EASTER WEEKEND

The weekend got off to a good start with the arrival from Sydney of Bev and Rob Ritchie in the M.G.B. with their "Hobbie Cat" (sailing boat). It is bigger than the car. So they headed off to the coast early and so on the Thursday the exodus from town started. Peter and Delia Rayment headed off with TC towing the trailer with timing gear, three tents and a pile of other stuff. Later that night a pile of tyres 6 feet high turned up at the caravan park being towed by Peter and Lorelle Frazer in the Midget. The tents were popping up all over the place.

Came Friday, Registration Day, the mob all went up to the broadwater and went sailing. The wind was a bit sluggish in the morning but improved by afternoon. On arrival back at camp we found at note on the TC to say that Joan had some problems out at the circuit, so off headed Peter and Peter (sounds like double trouble to me) in the Midget to find Joan with tales of woe. The clutch had blown up on the ZA Magnette so she had come down in old Green Ferro but Vince had had problems in the MG1100, which had been towing the batteries for the timing gear. The car had pumped out all its oil and made funny noises. So with the help of Surfers Raceway's Falcon the MG1100 and batteries arrived at the circuit. Barry Vanderburg in his MGA was right in the middle of the rescue operation only to have clunking noises coming out of the A. This luckily turned out only to be a loose tailshaft so with this tightened he headed back for a swim.

So finally we headed off to registration. There Barry Harvey with VA had just turned up and with a smile from ear to ear said "She is going like a dream". A few minutes later Julie and Greg Findlater and MGB turned up. "I Didn't think we would ever get the car back together (the car had been a stripped shell two weeks before) but here we are."

Ken Potter MGC with his wardrobe of hats "blast I forget my clothes" turned up so slowly the hand was

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getting together. With the crowd getting noisier the tales started to flow along with other stuff.

Eventually we started to head off to bed. So with the TC in the lead then followed "A", Midget, "C", "B", "B" we roared off into the night for a tour of Surfers. I was tempted to put Delia into Barry's "A" and go chasing crumpets in the TC. I got the most waves - must be my good looks.

Saturday saw the concours at the Civic Centre. Here Ruth Wasley turned up in her Midget. We saw Hayden George in his B, Don Webster in TD turned up but had to go. Brian Spain in MGA was recovering after the Noggin the night before. Barry H (smile was still on Face) was showing everybody his pride and joy, the engine of the VA which really looked good. So after a kicking of the tyres and a looking at the cars off we went for a swim.

That night after picking up Pot Pot from John Fraser's we invaded the Harvey's residence and hijacked Hayden and Carol and how do you keep 7 MG's in convoy all the way down to the Tweed Heads Golf Club. So as us oldies lost our 10 cents piece we hear off for a quiet bun home. The young ones stayed on for more.

Next morning the weekend really got going for most of us. The Motorkhana was under way but what a way to start. "Bullet" could not have started it better. Down to the first event drives the quietly spoken Ken Potter in his quiet MGC. Up to the start garage, the six cylinder engine purring happily. Then with twin plumes of blue smoke and the scream of tortured rubber, the first car was away. Peter Frazer Midget with small wheels was flying and got second outright. I came 4th outright in the TC after having a ball with the TC sliding happily. Then Barry Vanderburg came next of our members. Others finished in our Club in the following order - Julie Findlater, Ken Potter, Brian Spain, Greg Findlater, Rob Ritchie, Hayden George, Bob Mallon, Ruth Wasley, Bruce Williams, Delia Rayment and Barry Harvey.

As the Motorkhana finished early some went swimming

some went off sailing with the Ritchies'.

There was a party night at the SPARC Clubrooms at the circuit that night that was an alarming success. The burglar alarm kept going off.

Next morning with lots of willing helpers we set up the timing gear as we of the Queensland Centre were doing the timing.

With the help of Jim Peters, Queensland's Chief Timekeeper and Peter Lynch who after they sorted out how the timing worked, did it all day. With two cars on the track at the one time they didn't have time to scratch themselves so Joan, Lorelle and Carol pencilled the times down. With 113 cars most of which did three runs all at about 60 seconds a run and four hours of solid timing the only hassles happened when someone dithered at the start of their run. This meant it was easy to miss the finish of the car in front of them. This happened to one S.A. MGB GTV8 several times. The poor old V8S water pump was falling to pieces but he still stopped the clocks at 49.9 secs and 2nd fastest outright for the day being beaten by a racing MGB with a 49.5 secs.

Out times were -	Barry Harvey VA	83.0
	Peter Rayment TC	60.1
	Delia Rayment	69.4
	Barry Vanderburg	52.9
	Rob Ritchie	56.4
	Hayden George	54.5
	Julie Findlater	67.6
	Greg Findlater	59.2
	Bob Mallon	57.4
	Bruce Williams	64.3
	Ken Potter	52.0
	Peter Frazer	52.9
	Ruth Wasley	63.7
	Brian Spain	53.9

World. That night saw the presentation dinner at Sea

Barry Harvey took our only concours placing.

Peter Frazer took two first in class for Motorkhana and Sprints.

Peter Rayment TC took two first likewise

Ken Potter first in class at the sprints.

Barry Vanderburg two seconds in class motorkhana and sprints.

Peter Rayment won the Golden Gudgeon Award for best T Type over the weekend.

Joan and Vince Appleby the "Hard Luck" trophy.

So with the close of the weekend at the farewell breakfast the next morning, Ken Potter thanking up ways of beating the Tasmanians who made up nearly the whole of the MGC class, and the rest thinking of how to get to Adelaide next year the weekend drew to a close. All I could add is the more we can get to go to Adelaide the better off it will be for those competing.

P.R.

I would like to add a little to Peter's story of this weekend. Vince and I are most grateful to those who helped us with our cars on Good Friday. Barry Vanderburg who went beyond the call of duty to assist both of us, Ken Potter to stopped to help and left tow ropes etc with Vince, David Harding and Keith White for their support with the loan of a car and to all the other members who came to see if there was anything they could do. To Ivan and Joan Tighe a special thankyou for making our "disaster weekend" turn into something that we will remember with pleasure.

J.A.

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DON'T FORGET THE GATHERING ALL SPORTS CARS AT

McLEANS BRIDGE ON SUNDAY 11th May, - Mother's day.

APRIL HILLCLIMB

With only 26 entries the second hillclimb of the year got off to a good start after about one quarter of an inch of rain falling at the Hillclimb on Saturday night and early Sunday morning. The hoped for entries from the southern clubs did not materialize and so it was entirely up to our members. And did they have fun. As all runs were official they only got seven runs in for the day.

Group A Sports Cars saw a tussle between Bev 60.8 and Bob 60.0 Cossor to finish the day with another broken chain in the Honda's diff. Steve Austin 50.5 got three runs in the 50 secs bracket but could not break into the forties.

Wally (the fastest tow truck in the Bay) Muir after an unhappy first run got down a finally recorded 52 sec run. The bigger sport sedan minis were having a tussle, with Tony Jay taking the cake on 51.6 with Kevin Heffernan 54.6 and Bernie Rutherford 50.2. Back Luck about the car.

Barry Wraith took FTD and broke his class record with a 48.6 secs. The work on his engine certainly paid off.

Greg Marshall 59.7 in the Spidget must have been worried by the opposition as he kept falling into the nuts or spinning throughout the day. Peter Frazer 57.1 must have been trying out Mal Spiden's lines or maybe he is just getting used to the car. Hayden George 59.3 was having a ball in the B. Julie Marshall 63.7 was so shocked by her husband's bad driving that she had clean lines all day.

Peter Rayment 65.3 is still wondering why his TC won't go as well as it used to. Maybe he is getting old.

Brian Spain 58.9 had his A flying after he stopped doing Barry Vanderburg's 57.7 trick of

spinning every time he came to the hairpin. There was certainly a heap of spins during the day.

Tony Slattery 54.4 just pipped the "old man" Keith McConnell 54.5 who likewise Allan McC 54.6 with Barry Lewis 58.7 getting faster all the time.

John Murphy some how got in time to do a 58.5 when he wasn't on Tony Jay's TV camera taking pictures of people spinning all day.

John Heffernan XUI did a 52.9 the car was driving around on auto pilot. I am sure it knows its own way around the hill by now.

Chris Lake 50.2 took out the under 1300 racing cars from John Davis 54.6 and Bruce LeGarde 55.0 in the little Robb Kawaski.

Barry Wraith 49.6 also took the Top Six Eliminator.

The day was certainly fun for those running and don't forget the Queensland Hillclimb Championships on 8th June. The next closed hillclimb will be the ironman weekend Hillclimb on 27th July.

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1981 MG NATIONAL MEETING

The next National Meeting will be held in Adelaide next Easter. Those who are planning to go could they let Peter Rayment 225 7168(w) 303148(h) know so as we can arrange accommodation when we can. At the present time most of the mob are going down seem to be camping but regardless the more we can get down the better.

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Please let us have any articles you might like to be printed in the Octagon. The lack of support in this regard is responsible for the lateness of the printing.

MacLEANS BRIDGE MOTHERS DAY 11th MAY

The MacLeans Bridge gathering this year will be on again on Mother's day so bring yourself a picnic lunch and come along in your sports car. We should be leaving Acacia Ridge Hotel at about 9.00 a.m. to drive out to the This year the organizers will be trying to keep it just t Sports Cars as the grounds of the Classic Cars are too sm for the numbers turning up. So make sure you are in your sports car with your roof down.

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COMBINED NIGHT RUNS

February	March	
P. McCloy C. Lean 119	K. McConnell M. Spiden	128
(W. Bentley B. Jones 116	P. Rayment/D. Rayment	122
(T. Galletly/R. Carter 116	B. Vanderburg/C. Grant	105
King/Hanson 115	S. Petersen/Peterson	85
G/Findlater/J. Findlater	K. McCloy/R. McCloy	70
110	K. Flessler/J. Flessler	66
K. McCloy/R. McCloy 105	A. McConnell/J. Fuller	66
A. McConnell/J. Fuller	G. Johnson/B. Hyde/B. Aspin	38
102		
K. McConnell/M. Spiden	K. Smith/J. Murphy	33
101	G. Fast/B. Fast	30
P. Rayment/D. Rayment 100	W. Bentley/B. Jones	27
B/Vanderburg/C. Grant 95	D. Hanson/P. Hanson	22
M. Skinner/K. Partridge		
87		
J. & R Donnelly 83		
G. Unwin/S. Thomson 81		
P. Phillips/K. Blanchard 80		
(G. Johnson/B. Hyde 70		
(G. Barrows/L. Hodges 70		
(K. Smith/J. Murphy 70		
A. Campbell/A. Rider 58		
D. Dwyer/K. Rowe 56		
J. Finn/J. Manson 30		

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Points towards and night run Trophies

After three night runs a not so complicated scoring system has been devised to give accurate scores for all our members for MG's night run awards for 1980.

Points awarded so far are as follows:-

<u>Drivers</u>		<u>Left Hand Drivers</u>	
Warren Bentley	22	Malcolm Spiden	28
Keith McConnell	20	Belinda Hyde	20
Greg Johnson	14	Julie Findlater	16
Alan McConnell	13	Delia Rayment	14
Barry Vanderburg	12	Greg Findlater	8
Peter Rayment	11	John Murphy	8
Greg Findlater	10	David Hiscox	4
Phil Hutchinson	2	Pat Couper	3
Don Webster	1		

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QUEENSLAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS
8th June, 1980

With regard to this event, I would remind you that if you wish to enter, it is necessary to hold at least a Restricted Licence with C.A.M.S. Please, if you are entering apply for your licence and log book early.

I have just heard that the Wortmeyer is now running beautifully, and Gary Cossor (son of Bob and Bev) has just won the second round of the New South Wales Championships with it, and in the process breaking the existing record. Hopefully it will be with us for the Championships. ALSO some of our best local drivers have indicated they will run to it should be well worth seeing.

If you are not competing, would you please offer your services to the Committee as we will need all the ehlo we can muster for the smooth running of the meeting. PLEASE help us if you possibly can.

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WANTED

John Fraser has just informed me that he needs a "big oil cooler" for his Renmax car. Apparently he's having problems with keeping his engine oil cool so if anyone can help - please help him.

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Don't forget also that John still runs his Advanced Driving School course. If you wish to become really proficient in your car either on the track or on the road - see him. He's the one to help you become the expert.

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We are reserving pages for YOU to write your article in the next Octagon. Come on everyone you must have something to say - so get up and say it. It's no good mumbling to yourself about things, the only way is to let the whole world know about it. I hope we see all your articles in next month, and then we will produce the largest Octagon for many years.

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOU. Either send your contribution to the Box Number or deliver it in person to the little box on the wall of the Club-rooms.

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On behalf of Ann Thomson and myself, I would like to thank all those people in the Club and without, who helped so readily at the Rally at Stanthorpe. I know it is many miles to travel and lds or work went to the preparation and running of it.

Once again to all those who assisted in anyway at all a big thankyou.

A special thankyou must go to David Miles and his father for the use of all their equipment to reproduce the instructions - we don't know what we would do without such help. (By the way members, if you want watches or like gear, please keep A.Miles & co in your mind.

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QUEENSLAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS

DON'T FORGET - 8th JUNE 1980 - SEE YOU THERE

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DAY RUN

The committee are trying to organise a Fun Day Run for members who would like to go on an outing together. We cannot do this without support, and therefore I would be pleased to know how many of you would be able to come on a run on a Sunday, so that we may get together socially. The run will be on bitumen with a stop for lunch. We also envisaged a bar-b-cue finish, but this this is the type of thing we would like to be told about by you. After all it is no good organising such a run if only the Committee turn up. So please let us have your opinion regarding same. Ring me at 57 1561 AH and I will be pleased to listen to what you have to offer in ways of enjoying ourselves in our MG's.

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