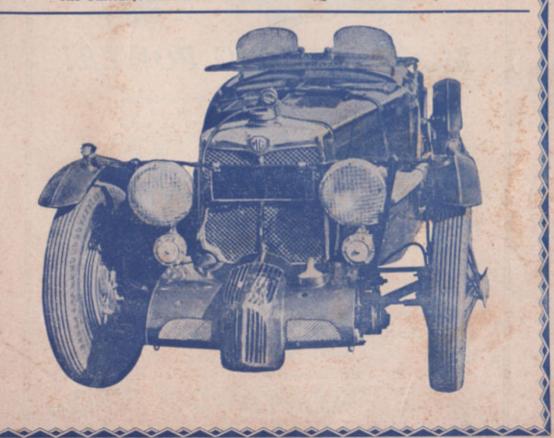


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FOREWORD

After considerable preparation and hard work by members and friends the Gymkhana Grounds have provided us with a venue for many an afternoon of enjoyable sport. Our Gymkhana Sub-committee have drawn up plans to improve the grounds even further. One of the many projects in mind is the building of a Barbeque, complete with all facilities, so that we may relax and enjoy an evenings fun after the Gymkhana. How about entering the team spirit and giving them a hand? Vince appleby is the man to see.

R.T. Lovejoy.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

I am going to steal the 'corner' this month in order to convey my warm appreciation to those members who were so helpful to me during my stay in hospital, following my mishap with the T.D. at Lakeside.

It was with pleasurable anticipation that I looked forward to visiting hours and not one night in two weeks went by without a cheerful collection of 'G' Club members assembled at the bedside. Quite a few sneaked in during the day, too. How could anyone fail to recover with such encouragement?.

It may interest members to know that, having made a study of photographs, eye-witness reports, my own recollections and having inspected the circuit, we have established the cause of the accident as 'front suspension failure'. I am most anxious that no one should blame the circuitas I still consider it to be a beauty.

I also wish to thank those who acted as Officials for Q.M.S.C. on the day. The part you played helped a great deal towards the success of the mosting and the relationship between clubs.

My family and myself have been overwhelmed by the kindness of all those connected with Motor Sport, in my time of trouble. I can only assure you all, who helped that you have our everlasting gratitude and that your interest in my welfare was responsible for my quick recovery.

> Brian Tebble 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

SAFETY FAST

Another reminder to you that Safety Fast Subscriptions close on the 30th May, so, those of you wanting continuity of the magazine, do please pay your subscription to the Treasurer as soon as possible. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

PROGRAMME

MAY 20th BARRECUE.

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26th Scavenger Hunt

MAY 28th Gymkhana

JUNE 9th Film Evening.

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To the above members, a hearty welcome to the M.G. Car Club. Your Committee has worked out and planned a very busy and competitive year for the benefit of all members. Do participate in these events and have your name on the Points Score board and so be in the line for one or more of the Annual Trophies.

PAST EVENTS.

Night Navigational Exercise Nock On.

The Night Navigation Run of Friday the 7th april was run quite successfully, which is surprising, considering the hitches that unexpectedly arose.

Pandemonium reigned supreme when we found that we had more starters than maps and had to despatch a member of the organisation to hurriedly print more. It was our misfortune, that we were not aware of the apparatus needed to print them earlier, (we had spent considerable time in trying to find more while still organising the event). Anyway, we were extremely pleased to see the twenty seven starters and promise that we will allow for even more entrants in all future events. Our next difficulty arose when, owing to the failure to attend of some of the men who were to man controls, things had to be hurriedly re-organised. This accounts for the late start and consequent late finish. At least, this fact caused a more than slightly crimson face on the part of the Chairman, when the first of the entrants caught up with him as he was placing and briefing the new controlmen. For the preceding 'Goofs' we apologise and promise that we have learnt the odd lesson or two and will try to prevent a re-occurance.

A word of warning for future use::::

You all no doubt noted that there was more than a little emphasis on 'ROAD SAFETY' in this event. The reason for this was twofold. Firstly, you must realise that the public (and the constabulary) base their opinions of sports car drivers on what they see. In fact, it is obviously the only way in which they may gain these opinions. Naturally if unfortunately, one example of bad or irresponsible driving will be noted, and will impress itself on the minds of the observers to an infinately greater degree than all the good and courteous driving from the majority of club members. Therefore, it is our aim to eradicate completely, and we mean completely, all examples of flashy or irresponsible driving; not only from our events but also from everyday driving. The other reason for the emphasis on Road Safety is because of the fact that your Committee is, at the moment, negotiating with the 'Road Safety Council' for the holding of a ROAD SAFETY WEEK in conjunction with the Club. As you mus t realise, this could only be of tremendous benefit to the relations of the Club and its members with the public so we therefore hope that you will co-operate as much as possible. The word of warning? Oh Yes: In future events, the emphasis on Road Safety will, become more and more pronounced.

To return to the recently run event, instead of dabb ling in the future, lets look at some of the humourous incidents that occurred. First, of all the laugh is on Night Navigation Run cont'd.

us (so enjoy it to the full).

To prove that 'The best laid plans of mice & men' etc is true, we bow to our superiors who found a road that we didn't dream existed; and, while still complying with regulations, found their way back to the finish without passing through our secret passage control. By the way, talking about controls, the name of the Trials Committee member who, when shown to his control in Inala, asked how the devil he would find his way back to the finish, shall remain a secret. In all fairness, he didn't have a map.

Also, no names mentioned, is perhaps a good rule while talking about a certain gentleman who noticed another entrant following him, just after he had discovered that he was heading in the opposite direction to which he should have been. What did he do? Why, he just shot round the nearest corner, turned out all lights and smiled sadistically as he watched his 'trailer' heading towards Darwin. No, the Fox did not enter after all; and there are no prizes for guessing the moral.

Finally, before giving you the results, we remind you that the next Treasure Hunt will take place on the 25th June (25/6/61) and again will contain new and, we hope, interesting tricks. We offer our congratulations to the place getters and the winner and warn him that we are out for his blood from now on.

. Keith Herron Nav. H. Johnson

Jaguar 2.4

2. Keith Turner

Nav. G. Raymond Nav. J. Quinlan

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Memo to M.G.Drivers:

David Bruce

How about doing something about these outsider type cars?. The problem should not be insurmountable since over 75% of the cars in the club are M.Gs.

Our thanks to Ron Davis and his able Sub-committee for an informative and pleasant evenings entertainment and to all who assisted in making the evening a success.

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The Cirls

To Don and Margaret Allan our sincere congratulations SOCIAL JOTTINGS on birth of daughter - Jennifer.

Recent Sprint Meeting Denis Geary was emulating beauty contestant strutting to and fro with number attached.

Dell Davis would have done he reelf credit as an Olympic representitive as she ran cross country race with husband Ron at wheel of Magnette- who won? Dell, of course.

Two lady members, mother and daughter, immobile middle of Jubilce Bridge early one marning. Were pushed off along bridge by two Sir Gallahads. The incident ends happily however, fuel pump trouble.

Bob (Clark Gable) Anderson came in for his share of criticism- soon shaved off moustache.

Brian Tebble pulled courteously and smartly to side of road hearing ambulance siren but his eyes popped when Gill Bullock (quite some mimic) sailed past him.

Jean Geary attracted wolf whistles galore on way to Lakeside driving Jag. Look out, Denis.

Ask Craig Lind and Tan Hamilton, "How long is a piece

Merv and Geoff Apployard frequent visitors to Greenof string?" mount Hill. In broad daylight, too: Tut-Tut::::

Gratifying to see Ernie Ansell back in harness supervising timing gear also wife Evelyn, a 'do-it-yourself' fan; tied flapping tent fly with red wool after Ernie's efforts with hammer failed.

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As usual, the Centre was well represented at the Courier Mail T.T. at Lowood on the 16th April both in competitors and spectators.

Fortunately, the weather was good; the journey to and from the circuit was pleasant due to the small crowd of about 6.000.

As always, it was the 'slower' cars which gave the spectators their money's worth. The dice between Tom Ross (TR2) and Bevan Fleming (Twin Cam) in the first race was terrific, the decision going to Bevan by a mere 12 car lengths. A very creditable third was Jim Bertram in the fantastic little W.R.M.. Young Bruce Neville, out for his first drive in the immaculate T.C. impressed the crowd by his smooth relaxed style. Keep it up, Bruce:

Another new and very impressive car was Ann Thomson's Lotus XV which showed great potential. Unfortunately, Denis Geary had a day of 'outs'. Having pe rformed a rush welding job on the Ausca, he had the misfortune to break an axle on the starting line. Better luck next time Denis. Ever consistant member, Doug. Bright, was seen in practice frantically swapping spark plugs but apparently overcame his troubles as the car performed well throughout the day.

Lionel Ayers was another unlucky competitor, holding a good position ahead of David Jeremiah in the FE Holden.

One could not miss the opportunity to rave about 'ole Track grip Rose's" drive in the T.T. in his attempt to take second position from the Lotus of Jamieson. Surely Tom must be one of the best and most consistant racing drivers in Queensland and perhaps the most modest. Noticed Vince Jordan driving Len Austen's M.G.A. coupe. Been a long time, Vince.

Brier Thomas was seen taking photos from various frighting positions and Ray Lovejoy was seen all over the place listening to Brian Tebble moaning about not being able to drive.

A nucleus of members descended, as usual, on the Ipswich cafe after the races but I'm told it was very tame this time :::::

SPARE PARTS

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