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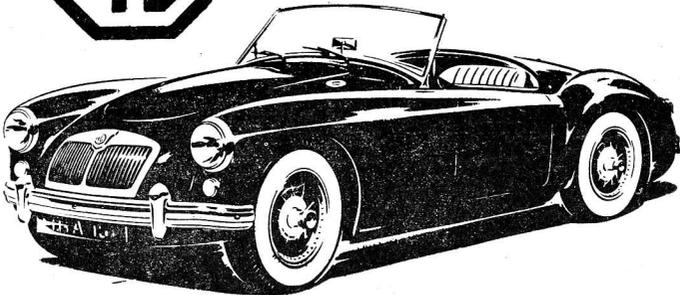
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620 Wickham Street,
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Foreword . . .

Letter received from T.A.C. after recent Road Race Meeting at
Toowoomba :

"Mr. Hunter,
Dear Sir,—

On behalf of the President and all members of this club, I would ask you to accept our sincere thanks for the capable manner in which your team handled the lap scoring and time keeping for our Carnival of Flowers Championships.

The assistance given by you helped to make the meeting a success and we appreciate your members travelling all the way from Brisbane.

Yours faithfully,

TOOWOOMBA AUTO CLUB.

(Signed) K. J. ZIMMERLE,
Secretary."

I would like to take this opportunity of relaying these thanks to members concerned and adding my own thanks to those concerned.

M. E. HUNTER,
President.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Official Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the M.G. Car Club (Q'land) Centre, will be held at the Club Rooms, 620 Wickham Street, Valley, on Friday night, 28th November, 1958, commencing at 8 p.m. As financial Members only are entitled to vote at this meeting, **remember to bring your current Membership Card with you.**

The Agenda for the Meeting will be:—

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of Special General Meeting of 14/2/58.
3. Consideration and Adoption of the Financial Report.
4. Consideration and adoption of the Balance Sheet as at the 30th June, 1958 — financial year 1957-58.
5. Election of Office Bearers for 1959.
6. Election of Honorary Auditor for 1959.
7. Election of the Executive Committee for 1959.
8. Transaction of any Business of which due and written Notice is given.

Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee must be on the prescribed forms and must be signed by the Nominee, Proposer and Seconder. Nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 11 p.m. on Friday, 14th November, 1958. All proxy votes must be in the hands of the Secretary by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th November, 1958.

NOTE: Notice of any other Business to be transacted must be lodged with the Secretary no later than 11 p.m. on Friday, 14th November, 1958, signed by the proposer and seconder.

NO FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE GIVEN

NOMINATION FORM

M.G. CAR CLUB
(Q'LAND) CENTRE

We, as financial Members of the
M.G. Car Club (Q'land) Centre,

hereby nominate:

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for the position of

.....

proposed by

seconded by

I hereby signify my willingness to
act in the capacity as per the above
nomination.

Signed

FORM OF PROXY
M.G. CAR CLUB
(Q'LAND) CENTRE

I,

of

being a financial member of the
M.G. Car Club (Q'land) Centre,
hereby appoint

of

as my proxy to vote for me and on
my behalf at the Annual General
Meeting of the Centre to be held on
Friday, 28th November, 1958, and at
any adjournment thereof.

Signed this day of
..... 19

Signature:

NOTE: Further Nomination and Proxy forms are available for the members from the Secretary at the Club Rooms.

This is your Annual General Meeting. Now is the time to express your opinions, ideas, criticisms, etc., of how your Club has been run during the past twelve months. Speak now or for-ever-hold-your-peace, that is until the next General Meeting.

GYMKHANA GLIMPSSES

(By Dust. E. Throat)

Noticed "Mrs. Pres" and the girls doing an excellent job when seen through a thick dust blanket (they call it "Timekeepers' Camouflage" you know).

Good to see Fred Dyke in it again with Branze Buchanan in harness, making his presence felt. Seems Fred doesn't need to take Tofans after the past Sunday.

Saw Don "Leadfoot" Broadfoot throwing the TR2 about with gay abandon. I personally think it goes better when Don is wearing that cap.

One shady character sporting out-size (lady's) straw hat, flower and cycle guards, didn't take to the water too well, maybe he should visit one of those Tony Tots stores!

Happy to see the Ian Shaws out there. Is driving a Riley 2½ in and out of posts easier than auditing?

Aghast to see Miles throwing the Magnette about with great vive, seeming to be at home in the lounge at all times. But a sad sight to see

all that dust settling on that recently polished dash, Mr. Pres!

Nev "Henry" King amazed on-lookers (and suspension) by the times put up by the old girl of nearly 30 years wear (notice wire wheels at last, Nev).

Overheard one Charlie asking if "Jim Karna" Davis uses his right hand to hang onto driving side door or to pull car round posts.

Nigel Stevens adamant about not knocking over post in forward bending race. We believe you, Nigel, thousands wouldn't.

Appears certain thirsty type wished to consume contents of glass placed on bonnet for "Mugs" race. Wouldn't know anything about that either, eh Nigel?

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SOCIAL NEWS

There is a rumour going round so the Secretary tells us, of a local lass whose vital statistics are 40, 28, 37. Apparently it is true because he sees her quite often. It was suggested that "little Jim" sends the lady concerned a large size cardboard replica of "Sabrina" who is paid handsomely for displaying her measurements. Unfortunately the local does not make a cracker out of hers.

* *

"Bathursters," drawn to the Mt. Panorama Circuit once again during the week-end, 5th and 6th October, report mixed feelings as to the enjoyment of the week-end. While the racing was 100%, the weather did its darndest to wash out Bruce's sleeping bag (containing Bruce) and to prolong meals with gusty blasts which made cooking almost hopeless.

"Spider" was his usual radiant self—overalls, Beret-cap, glasses and cravat—while Dave Sempel, if missed at any time, would eventually be located in one or other of the cars, fast asleep.

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Highlight of the week-end was the rapid formation of an "Ecurie Brisbane" when Graham Perkins' T.F. developed engine trouble. Tasks were properly delegated by foreman Tom Ross (who produced an enormous bag of tools and bits and pieces) which were swiftly carried out by the boys and much "sidewalk supervision" from Sid Little and Des Fegan.

Someone was heard to remark "It's a long way to come just to pull the b—— thing to bits!" I assure you, lying on a ground sheet in drizzling rain is no fun. However, if this makeshift workshop was out of the ordinary, how do you suppose it looked to the guests of the Hotel Bathurst to see 6 bods emerging in pairs from Room 9 and heading for the bathroom? Most peculiar! Actually, it was most enjoyable after a couple of days and nights out in the open to have a shave and shower, but the boys objected rather strongly at attempts by Dave Stewart to charge 2/- a head for the use of his room. (Not a word to Edna, of course).

I think most of the boys enjoyed themselves, and certainly the racing. Briar Thomas was seen wielding camera equipped with telephoto lens about during the events and knowing Briar, some good shots should be on display at the club rooms shortly.

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Speaking of vital statistics, I hear radio mechanic type Jim Anderson has located the ideal "Platter Gal". Her measurements are 78, 33½, 45.

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Mrs. Pres tells us of her recent dieting course (this is presumably for the sprint meeting) and was astounded to find that after a week or so trial, she actually gained a pound.

Edna Stewart was quick to tell us also of her recent loss of weight, but by the way she was looking at Ian Hamilton drinking tea and scoffing biscuits the other night, we think perhaps she has the idea that ALL members should diet or something. Just a reminder, Edna, it's a free country.

Noticed Bill Makeham in city retailers making purchase at cosmetics counter. Just as well you were the recipient, Kay!

Mrs. Pollard, at T.A.C. meeting upended club's secretary from end of

form to help fellow lap scorer down—expression on secretary's face incredible.

At last Mr. Pres and his famed shorts have been forced to part company. Nevertheless, the replacement is worth seeing.

Who was the lady driver of the Simca who stood by looking completely feminine after enlisting the aid of workman on road to track down cause of peculiar noise?

Congrats and best wishes to Geoff Billing and Lou Dellar on their engagement.

Well, "The time has come," the Walrus said," and Greg and John dropped in on Friday night, 11th October, to bid farewell for a while. The boys leave from Sydney on Monday, 14th, headed for England and the Continent and probably a good time. Well, we hope so anyway, and the best of luck to both of you from the gang at 620 Wickham Street.

Welcome

The Centre wishes to welcome new members—

C. S. GRIFFITHS
A. M. HUXLEY
M. D. STEWART
B. WESTON

Come along to all the events, chaps, and have a lot of fun, as well as to support the centre.

It is announced that Sam Pollard and Trev. Connolly have been invited to join the Executive Committee for the remainder of 1958. These two members are to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of John Muller and Greg. Newton. Sam and Trev. are taking the place of two good committee men and the officers and committee feel sure that they will fulfil their obligations with the same zest and enthusiasm as their predecessors.

CLUB ROOMS

(I. Hamilton)

The House Committee wishes to announce that as there are a few things to be done around the rooms before the A.G.M. (28th November), a series of working bees is shortly to be held. It is intended to erect a shelf behind the bar, a screen in front of the toilet and a pinned notice board. Also, some paint is to be splashed about and an endeavour is to be made to clean the floor, after which ash trays will be carried by all smokers. The Centre hopes to have some more small tables soon, thereby providing suitable arm and glass resting places, other than on the bar.

Any assistance by members would be greatly appreciated and it is felt that if a lot of members did a little, it is much preferable to a few members doing a lot. Besides—all members benefit accordingly, so do your bit, chaps. Arrangements will be made soon and information may be obtained from any of the House Committee (Ralph Davis, Graham Perkins, Bob Richards and self) or Club Captain Tom Ross.

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GYMKHANA

(T. Ross)

12th Oct.

Well, on Sunday, 12th October, the Weatherman sure turned on the good weather, and the 28 competitors took to the dust very enthusiastically. The crammed 9 event programme went off quite smoothly with very few delays.

It is good news to hear that the centre profited on the day and that a good time was had by all. One glance at the results for the afternoon will show that the most consistent drivers were Don Broadfoot, Fred Dyke and Ralph Davis.

Top marks must be given to all competitors, visitors, organisers and persons assisting in any way, making this event such a great success.

Thank you.

RESULTS

Forward Bending Race :

1. F. Dyke, 15.05 Buch T.E.
2. R. Davis T.F.
3. N. Stevens MGY

Forward and Reverse Bending :

1. T. Conolly, 16.09 T.C.
2. D. Broadfoot TR2
3. S. Pollard Standard

"Mug" Race :

1. D. Broadfoot TR2
2. R. Davis T.F.
3. P. Pollard A/H 100

Clover Leaf :

1. B. Tebble, 20.06 T.D.
2. T. Ross TR2
3. F. Dyke Buch T.F.

Parking and Braking Test :

1. D. Broadfoot, 29 TR2
2. T. Ross, 29.04 TR2
3. N. Stevens, 33.06 MGY

Serpentine Race :

1. F. Dyke, 34.8 Buch T.F.
2. R. Davis, 36.5 T.F.
3. D. Broadfoot, 37.4 TR2

Garaging :

1. K. Hanson, 27.5 T.C.
2. R. Davis, 28 T.F.
3. D. Broadfoot, 28.4 TR2

Autocross :

1. T. Ross, 51.1 TR2
2. R. Davis, 51.5 T.F.
3. K. Hanson, 52.1 T.C.

"Bob-A-Ding" :

1. D. Packman Morris Minor

OVER ALL POINTS SCORE TO DATE

	Gymkhana	Trials	Ladies	Speed	All Round
T. Ross	34.6	—	—	10	16.9
R. Davis	33.1	4	—	—	10.6
K. Hansen	10	—	—	8	18
S. A. Pollard	6	15	—	14	30.2
D. Broadfoot	26	2	—	—	7.2
K. Ebeling	11	—	—	—	2.2
P. Thew	2	2	—	13	15.4
B. Tebble	6	—	—	16	17.2
N. Stevens	8	—	—	—	1.6
W. Riqrdan	—	—	—	18	18
J. Bonenti	—	—	—	14	14
D. Semfel	—	—	—	14	14
J. Cranley	—	—	—	10	10
Mrs. A. Thomson	—	—	10	—	—
T. Connolly	8	—	—	8	9.3
B. McMullan	5	2	—	4	7
D. Stewart	—	—	—	8	8
J. Gill	—	—	—	6	6
P. Pollard	4	—	—	11	11.8
B. Pollard	12	—	3.4	—	2.6
E. A. Hunter	11	4	7	—	6.2
R. Richards	1	4	4	—	8.2

The only competitors eligible for the All Round Trophy are those who have competed in one of each type of event, i.e., Gymkhana, Treasure Hunt and Sprints or Road Racing.

PAST EVENTS

TREASURE HUNT

(J. Muller)

14/9/58.

After having been checked out from Archerfield by Greg Newton the "Hunters" (No relation to Mr. and Mrs. Pres.) started nutting out Gordon and John's directions and eventually found themselves at Waterford in time for lunch.

Miles Hunter aptly filled the part at the first "secret". Nobody saw him hidden behind a fence next to the Sunnybank Service Station. His daughter, Nan, was also seen by a few members, but this was due to incorrect reading of instructions. The most enthusiastic crew appeared to be that of Manuel Xavier. Greg saw them twice at the start and Nan had several fleeting glimpses. They eventually found her, but came in from the wrong direction.

Considerable deliberation commenced when information leaked

back from the start of the afternoon section, that a tyre change was necessary in this section. This proved to be true, much to the horror of all concerned. After frantic "pit work" competitors appeared to have adequate time, much to the advantage of a certain milk bar owner in Beaudesert, whose Sunday trade grew enormously as the hunt moved through.

Bob Richards had a slight increase in noise due to trouble with his plumbing. The only other mechanical trouble to be experienced was by Miles Hunter, who suffered an overdose of leaking petrol.

The organisers thanks go to Miles and Nan Hunter, Greg Newton and Gerry Rowland for their help in making this event a success.

Placings:—

Tie for First: S. A. Pollard (Navigator J. Mash), R. Richards (Driver H. Richards).

Third: J. Minnimore (Driver N. Thomas, Back Seat Driver Lynn Newman).



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BARBECUE

(J. Muller) 27/9/58.

(Thinks) "Pity about the Bar-b-cue, looks like the rain will really wash it out . . . still, better ring and see if the weather's the same at Bardon."
Burr-burr . . . burr-burr . . .

"Hello! Muller's?"

"Hello! Yes, the fire's alight and there's a steak on for you!" Click!
"Well, I'll be . . ."

While switch attendant (Mr. Muller) answered an almost continuous flow of calls similar to that above, Greg and John did battle with the elements and eventually emerged the

victors, turning out the usually juicy steaks, Gold Top and etc., to be consumed in Bar-be-cue style by some 60 members and friends.

By the time John started on his "Round The World" game, quantities of amber ale had been consumed. This added enormously to the gaiety of nations, with people running in all directions trying hard to sort out the intricacies of the game.

Amongst this confusion could be seen a very orderly group (Bob and Dagma Bishop and Doug Carr) moving from "port" to "port". Needless to say they took the honours.

This most enjoyable evening was concluded with music and soft lights in Muller's fire-warmed lounge.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT
for the year ended 30th June, 1958

EXPENDITURE		REVENUE	
Rent	£240 0 0	Subscriptions	£399 0 0
Printing, Stamps & Stat.	72 10 1	Social Events	97 16 5
Club Room Expenses	53 10 7	Canteen Trading	69 18 5
Depreciation	30 17 10	Donations	24 2 4
General Expenses	26 18 9	Sundry Income	8 19 1
Affiliation Fees	18 0 0	Profit on Badges	8 13 3
Speed Events	17 1 0		
Bad Debts	12 11 0		
Trophies	9 18 9		
Insurance	9 3 0		
Bank Charges	2 10 6		
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Surplus of Revenue over			
Expenditure	115 7 0		
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	£608 8 6		
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BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th June, 1958

The Hon. Auditor has tabled the following Revenue Account and Balance

Sheet:—

CURRENT

LIABILITIES—

Loans	£121 2 0	
Sundry		
Creditors	14 6 10	
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	£135 8 10	

ACCUMULATION

ACCOUNT—

Balance		
1/7/57	£200 0 0	
Add		
Surplus		
of Rev.		
over		
Expen.	115 7 0	
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	315 16 7	
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	£451 5 5	

CURRENT ASSETS—

A.N.Z.		
Bank Ltd.	£111 16 6	
Sundry		
Debtors	24 15 8	
Stock-		
Badges	21 7 0	
National		
Competition		
Rules	6 8 0	
Maps	1 18 0	
Deposits	5 10 0	
Petty Cash	1 10 0	
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	£173 5 2	

FIXED ASSETS—

Furn. and		
Fittings	£195 15 0	
Equipment	54 1 0	
Timing Gear	28 4 2	
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	£278 0 3	
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	£451 5 5	

I report that I have completed my audit of the books, accounts and vouchers of the M.G. Car Club (Q'land) Centre for the year ended 30th June, 1958, and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Club's affairs as at the 30th June, 1958, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me and shown by the books of the Club. I have received all the information and explanations I have required.

(Signed) IAN H. SHAW, A.A.U.Q.
Hon. Auditor.

Brisbane — 10th September.

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