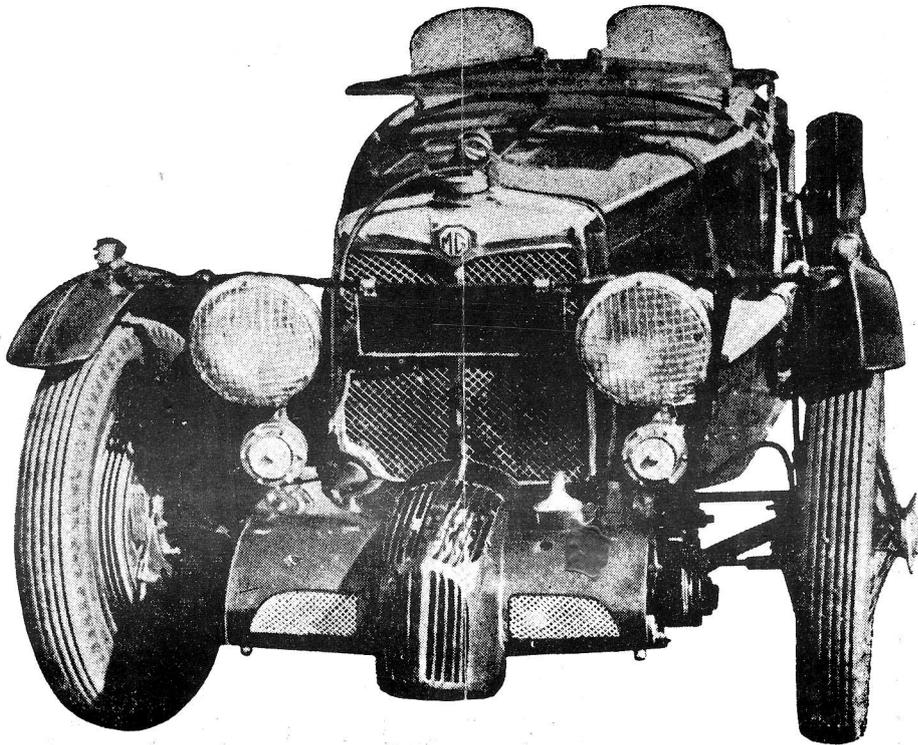
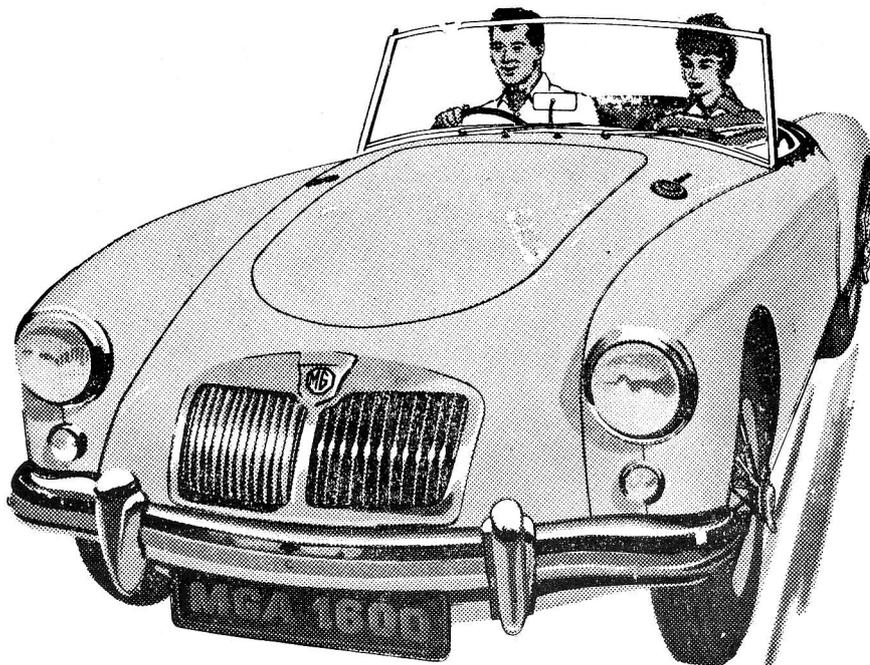


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## F O R E W O R D

Per medium of this publication, it is again stressed the importance of co-operation between the sub-committees not only in their own field, but between each other whether it be Speed, Social, Treasure Hunt, Gymkhana, Octagon or House Committees. Members, if you have any spare time at all and you would like to assist please approach the Secretary who will see that you are placed on a Sub-committee where you will feel you will be able to help most. This way, only, can we expect to organise and run events successfully.

The Editor.

SECRETARY'S CORNER.

During August, the Queensland Centre is conducting the Road Safety Month in conjunction with the Road Safety Council. We are interested to see who is going to win the award for the Best Driver of the Month. With the new speed limits, it should be no hardship for members; all it requires is a little more attention to courtesy.

All members will be issued with a numbered car sticker made of special adhesive tape. The sticker can be removed any number of times without causing any damage to any part of the car.

If any new members do not receive their membership card within a couple of weeks of joining, please remind myself or the Treasurer. Don't forget, there are copies of the Queensland Centre's Constitution available at the Club Rooms.

The 'Entry Forms' are now available for the Sprints Meeting at Lowood on August 20th. Even if you are not competing,, don't forget to turn up and give your friends some encouragement.

Now is the time to offer your service to the Gymkhana Sub-committee chairman (Vince Appleby) to help prepare the Gymkhana Grounds for the big Inter-club Gymkhana to be held on September 10th..

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W A N T E D

The Gymkhana Committee is in need of LOTS of old tennis balls to top the posts used in marking out the events. The condition of the balls does not matter, so please bring them along to Vince Appleby, chairman of the Gymkhana Sub-committee.

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P R O G R A M M E

August	18th	Film Evening
August	20th	Sprint Meeting to be held at Lowood on Sunday 20th August. Entry Fee will be 25/- Commencement at 10a.m.. Scrutineering at 8.30 a.m.. Flying and Standing Quarter and Timed lap of the circuit. Entries close Friday 11th Aug. at 11 p.m. at the M.G.Car



LIBRARY cont'd

change of Committee, it may never be done-- so let's get the lead out of our feet.

As a point of interest, we have received a very generous donation from a Victorian member, who, of course, will possibly never see the result of his good deed. Surely, then, we can expect Brisbane members to help themselves by helping us as soon as possible.

PLEASE, then, see Brian Tebble, Del. Davis, Nan Hunter or myself as early as you can so that they can start work.

R. Davis.

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" "	Standing	F.R. Morrison	""	19.26	""	""
1301-1600	Flying	B. Fleming	M.G.A.	-10.06	Lowood	9/10/60
" "	Standing	J. GILL	T.F.1500	17.5	S/pine	25/8/56
1601-2000	Flying	T.W. Ross	T.R.2	-9.82	""	18/10/59
"" ""	Standing	L. Whittaker	MGTF s/c	-16.84	""	9/5/59
2001-3000	Flying	P. Pollard	A/Healy	-9.41	""	26/4/58
"" ""	Standing	P. Pollard	""""	-17.21	""	26/4/58
3001-5000	Flying	B. Maudsley	XK 140	-9.6	Lowood	9/10/60
"" ""	Standing	B. Maudsley	""	-17.91	""	""

CLOSED CARS

501-750	Flying	N. King	Fiat 500	-16.54	S/pine	9/5/59
"" ""	Standing	N. King	"" "	-23.34	""	9/5/59
751-1100	Flying	S. Pollard	Std 8	-11.69	""	8/11/58
"" ""	Standing	S. Pollard	" "	-20.01	""	8/11/58
1101-1300	Flying	P. Pollard	Std. 8 s/c	11.14	""	9/5/59
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Film Evening cont'd.

The most interesting film seen in the Club Rooms in a long period was 'Magic in Metal'. This was in colour and showed the construction of a Morris Isis engine from the raw material stage to the final testing stage. Including such interesting processes as making the Sand Cores, pouring the cylinder block and machining it on an automated line.

These films were supported by a selection of old favourites and some new 'Woody Wood Peckers' supplied by Briar Thomas who we must also thank for the very able projectioning.

Three films from the B.M.C. Library will be shown on each future film night until their supply ( some 40 films ) is exhausted. Also, since this last film night, the Oil companies have received new supplies so we have a lot to look forward to.

Thank you to all who loaned films and made the evening an interesting one and many thanks to Joan Appleby who so kindly brought along the home made goodies.

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TREASURE HUNT JUNE 25th.

Well, it looks as though we went too far with the degree of toughness in the last Treasure Hunt held on Sunday June 25th. Fifteen keen, bright-eyed members started but only seven blurry-eyed members finished. Maybe, we were too tough, maybe, our competitors were suffering from too many late nights- we don't know but we promise that a bigger percentage should finish our next event.

As usual, Keith Herron won the event in spite of the fact that Howard Johnson, his navigator, was car sick all afternoon. Howard, silly boy, is relying on tablets given to him by a member of the Trials Committee to prevent a recurrence. Doesn't he know that the committee is trying to stop Keith's run of wins?.

It appears that no one stumbled onto the trick of sorting out the scrambled street names. We have explained the system to many of the entrants who probably are kicking themselves for not seeing the simple little key for

## Club Records cont'd

1301-1600	c.c.	Flying	J.Gill	M.G.Y.	-12.31	S/pine	26/4/58
"	"	Standing	J. Gill	"	-20.87	"	26/4/58
1601-2000		Flying	W. Thomas	S/Talbot	-14.47	"	8/11/58
"	"	Standing	W. Thomas	"	26.01	"	8/11/58
2001-3000		Flying	B. Sturdy	Holden	-11.25	Lowood	9/10/60
"	"	Standing	B. Sturdy	"	-18.57	"	9/10/60
3001-5000		Flying	J. Cranley	S/baker	-10.76	S/pine	8/11/58
"	"	Standing	J. Cranley	"	-19.52	"	8/11/58

## RACING CARS

Class	C	Flying	D. Stewart	Witney	- 8.71	S/pine	18/10/59
"	C	Standing	D. Stewart	"	-15.56	"	18/10/59
Class	D	Flying	A. Thomson	A/Healey	-10.13	"	8/11/58
"	D	Standing	A. Thomson	"	-19.01	"	8/11/58
Class	F	Flying	D. Geary	M.G.T.C.	- 9.23	Lowood	9/10/60
"	F	Standing	J. Cranley	M.G.T.F.	-16.29	S/pine	9/5/59
Class	G	Flying	V. Jordan	C/Vincent	- 9.22	S/pine	9/5/59
"	G	Standing	V. Jordan	"	-15.37	"	9/5/59
Class	I	Flying	D. Semfel	F/Norton	10.43	"	18/10/59
"	I	Standing	D. Semfel	"	17.47	"	18/10/59

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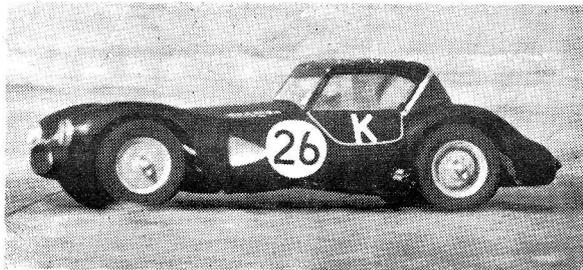
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