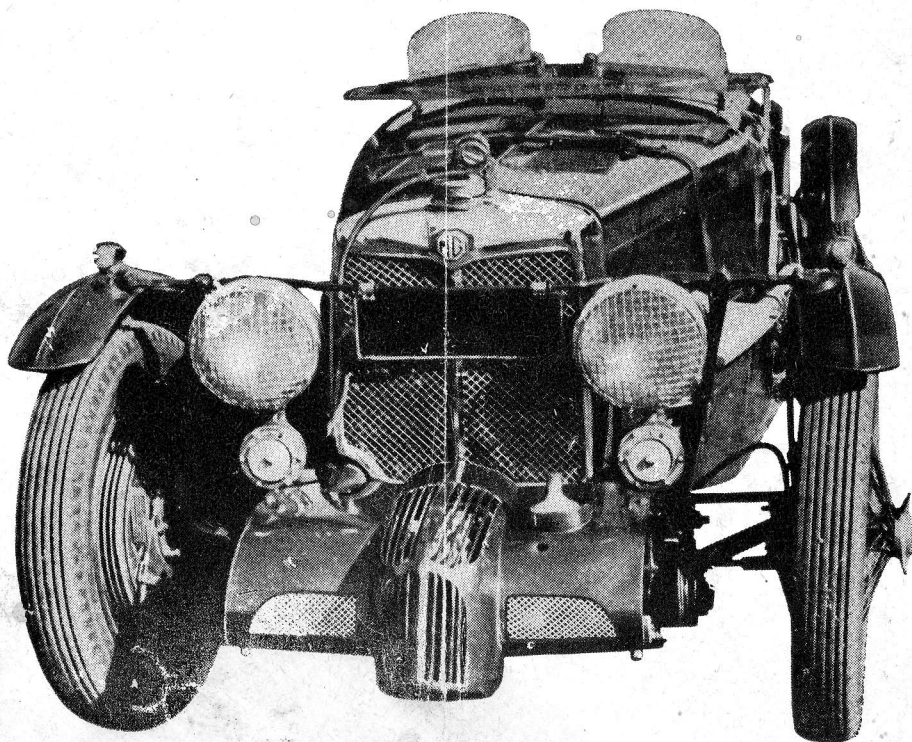
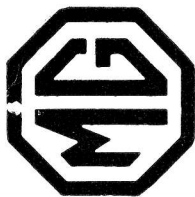


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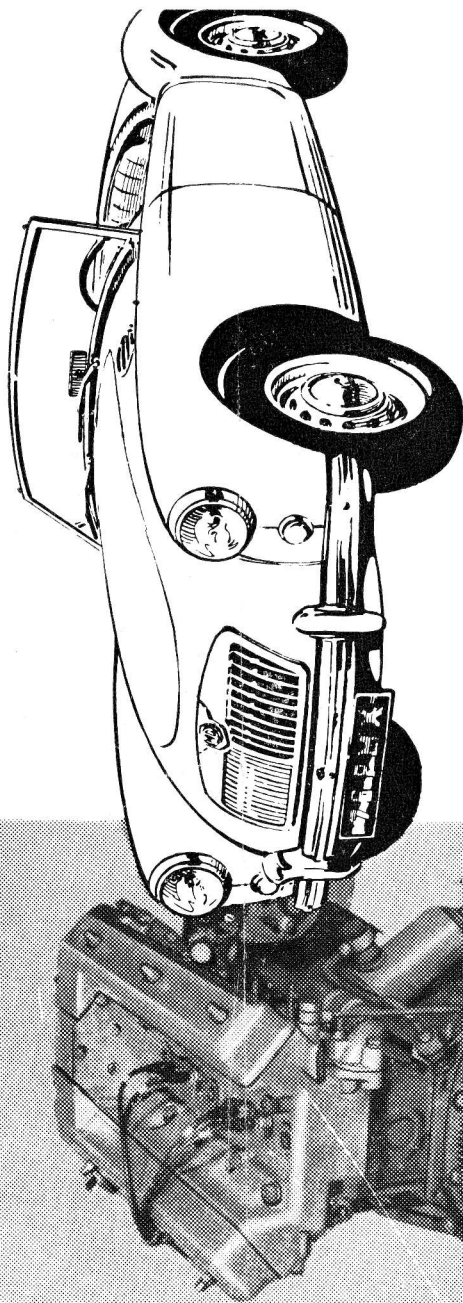
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The greatest disappointment of late has been the poor response to Safety Fast; Full of informative and entertaining print and enjoyed by all when the publication was free to members, yet since a charge of Sixteen shillings per annum (which is approximately 1/4 a copy) has been set, so very few have grasped the opportunity of continuing the delivery. Possibly, you have overlooked or forgotten so for goodness sake, members be in the next batch of subscribers to be sent overseas.

The EDITOR.

SECRETARY'S CORNER.

Last month, I requested your help with 'Safety Fast' subscriptions this month, I have to admit that I overestimated our requirements of the C.A.M.S. Year Books. This informative-publication gives a complete list of Motor Sporting Events throughout the year, as well as the Regulations covering Formula Junior. I hope that those of you who have not already purchased one will do so, even if it is only to help me.

We have a Special offer this month on Club scarves. Price two for £3 or 30/- each. They are just the thing to keep the hair in place in an open Sports car. We would prefer to sell these items without entering into any hire purchase transactions.

Just a reminder regarding subscriptions;- Those of your friends who have not renewed, will not be reading this, so try to bring them back into the fold complete with the necessary finance.

I still have quite a list of Safety Fast subscriptions which require a further 3/6. Rally boys, please:

Due to an influx of paper work, we know we have omitted to forward membership cards to some members. If those members contact me, I will speedily rectify the position.

Just a reminder to members that the Club Car Badges are only hired from the Club so it is your duty to remove them, prior to selling a car.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The resignation of the Honorary Treasurer, Barry Campbell, has been accepted, with regrets, by the committee. Unfortunately, personal commitments make it impossible for Barry to continue in this capacity

The committee has elected Bob Anderson to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year. Congratulations Bob.

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PROGRAMME

- MAY 8th Gymkhana Aspley.
- MAY 14th Barbeque at the residence of Mr & Mrs Muller, Bardon.
- MAY 22nd Club Run to Somerset Dam.
- MAY 27th Film Evening to be held at the Club Rooms.

Members who intend to come to the Barbeque, will you please give your names to Ian Hamilton in the Club Rooms or ring 60-5593. Without this co-operation it is very difficult to cater for the evening, so to ensure the success of the Barbeque let Ian know your intentions as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS.

This month it is my turn to perform the pleasant duty of welcoming the following new members :-

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| G.R. Raymond | 24 Hawdon St. | Wilston. |
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| O.F. Edwards | 9 Outlook Crescent | Bardon. |
| P.G. Graham | 400 Cornwall St. | Greenslopes. |
| G.O. Smith | 33 Butler St. | Everton Park. |
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| B. Fleming | 6 Power St. | Gympie. Qld. |
| D. Miller | 242 Swann Rd. | Taringa. |
| B.J. Appleby | 19 Victoria Crescent | Toowong. |

It would appear that the enthusiasts are joining the club as fast as Abingdon can produce that famous machine. A hearty welcome and I hope to see you competing at our next event.

ATTENTION MEMBERS.

An Interclub Gymkhana is being organised for the 31st July. This will mean a lot of work and naturally as many helpers as possible. Please do not hesitate if you would care to help, there will be a place for you somewhere in the running of the event. Bill Thomas will welcome you with open arms so, just way-lay him in the Club rooms & let him have your name.

WANTED.

The Gymkhana committee are in need of lots of old tennis balls to top the posts used in marking out the events. The idea is, of course if the car tips the post the ball will fall and then ? you're OUT!

The condition, of the balls, does not matter, dirty, scarred or slashed just bring them along to the Club Captain, Ralph Davis. Thank

TROPHY.

The Badge Bar mentioned in the Secretary's Corner last Octagon will be awarded for the highest rated M.G.A. in the Concours D'Elegance which is held in conjunction with the last Gymkhana of the year. A worthy prize which, we feel, deserves a worthy entry.

PAST EVENTS.

by B.M.T.

NIGHT NAVIGATIONAL EXERCISE.

A Night Navigation run was held on Friday 8th April & forty one cars and crews, leaving at two minute intervals, battled with the complexities of the Brisbane northern suburbs for 2½ hours.

All sorts of fiendish problems were devised to keep navigators on their toes and some interesting and unprintable remarks were heard during the night, accompanied by torn shreds of Refidexes, (or is it Refidi?).

Winner Ray Lovejoy's Magnette looked like a travelling lighthouse with lanterns dangling from all doors, Standard equipment Ray?.

Night Navigational Exercise cont'd.

Another Magnette pedaller, Nigel Stevens, came close to having his mount's tail removed twice during the night.

An amusing incident occurred when Denis Geary stopped his Sprite next to a horse and cart, & the horse thrust its head inside the car. Said navigator, Adrian Nickols 'How did you get out there Denis?'. (Actually Adrian knew it wasn't Denis because the horse wasn't wearing a headscarf).

The course ran crazily around the suburbs and came tauntingly for some, close to Mt Coot-tha with never a dull moment, in spite of the low average speed required.

The need to observe stations caused some heartbreak, especially to those who did not read the instructions until halfway along the route.

A gay time was had by TC men Dave Goode & Kevin White, who in an attempt at long distance records, toured Clayfield & Sandgate arriving back at the Club Rooms at 11.45 PM!.

Traditionally, someone had to run out of petrol, this time a Morris Isis, & the intrepid Geary/Nickols team showed their terror of the steep hill at Rosalie by leaping out & abandoning ship.

Ian Michels, Ron Davis & Dell Flitcroft were equipped with miniature tape-recorder and movie cameras, at the various stopping points, but apart from observing Leigh (Bag-pipes) Vine stalking through the undergrowth at Bardon, report all else too blue for reproduction.

Anyway, we all arrived back at the Club Rooms safely, and analksed our mistakes over a welcome cup of tea.

Our thanks go to Keith Anderson, Pam & Barry Weston & Des Coles also to all those who gave their help.

RESULTS.

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| 1. | R. Lovejoy | Navigator | W. Thomas | + 79 |
| 2. | R. Moir | " | N. Carew | + 78 |
| 3. | K. Herron | " | E. Blunt | + 75 |
| 4. | M. Hunter | " | D. Allan | + 72 |
| 5. | N. Whip | " | M. Blunt | + 69 |

STRICTLY SOCIAL

by Chit Chat

Congratulations firstly to Mr & Mrs Bill Gearing on tying the marital knot. I must admit that it had almost slipped through without due Octagon ceremony.

The 'Fox' had his mane a glorious shade of green after his Easter sojourn down the Coast. Now answers to 'the man with Colour-Glo hair'.

Mr "B.G. from B.H." now assuming role of male model. Pity you had to spoil the Duffle Coat with that red four-wheeled monster. Bill.

Frank Taylor and Barry Campbell now sporting new heralds with Barry and Pam Weston in the process of buying (at time of writing, anyway).

Professor Lovejoy of Presidential status has now qualified for his position by locking both Club Room and Car Keys in the Club Rooms. Absent-mindedness, Ray?.

Very pleasant to see the influx of new members from the South. No names mentioned but they all appear to be well padded, financially.

Keith Herron, we now believe, has a partner in crime. Graham Perkins makes a habit of running out of fuel also; new Zephyr too!.

George Taylor left hanging from a limb while gathering wood for barbeque, recently. He has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to Keith Turner for walking out on him.

'Smasher' Millay on top form again; during driving lessons; happily obliged when told to throw her handbag on to back seat, and promptly demolished interior lamp.

The Hunters and Company left themselves open to a lot of comments during Easter but Marg. Allan performed the Dance of the Celery Stalk with Gay abandon. It wasn't Don who was abandoned, though!.

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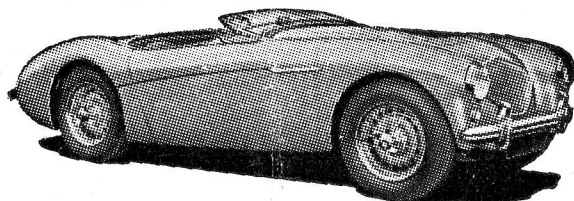
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