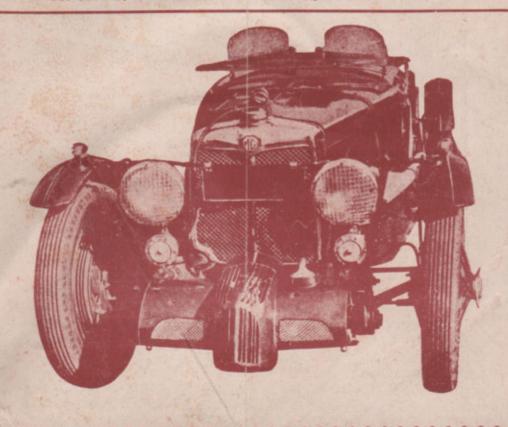


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#### FOREWORD

For the information of newer members, just a few words about the Club. This is the Queensland Centre of the M.G. Car Club, Gt. Britain and was formed in October 1954 with 19 foundation members. Over the last five years, membership has grown to 230.

Should any other body wish to form a club as part of the M.G. Car Club it would become a sub-centre, that is, there can only be one centre in each state. Whether you be in the United Kingdom, wild, N.S.W., Vic., Tas., S.A. or any country where there are Centres, you automatically Foreword cont'd

become a member if you are residing there. If on a visit to these Centres, you are extended the hospitality and amenities of these clubs. All in all, this is a world-wide club of enthusiasts.

The Editor.

#### SECRETARY'S CORNER.

My opening paragraph in this month's 'corner' takes the form of an appeal for help for our Gymkhana Sub-committee There is some very good work going on at our Tingalpa grounds including new fencing, erecting of a 'bush-house' painting of the storage shed and improvements to the bar-b-que area. Anyone interested in helping, can contact myself ar Vince Appleby at the Club Rooms. I may mention, from personal experience, these working bees can be a lot of fun, too.

Whilst on the subject of the Gymkhana Grounds, I would like to appeal to members, to keep their speed down to about 15 m.p.h. on Stanton Road at the approach to the grounds, as any greater speeds send clouds of dustic into the houses along this road,

Members will undoubtedly be interested in a new advertisement appearing in this addition of the Octagon. Well-known club member and racing enthusiast, Jim Bertram, has an automotive repair and tuning business at Chermside. Jim is responsible for the maintenance of Denis Geary's Ausca, Bevan Fleming's Twin Cam and Chas. Whatmore's Lotus so, his workmanship is beyond reproach and guaranteed

By the way, without the support of the advertisers, this club magazine would not be possible so don't forgett if you are a 'G' Club member, it's Howards for new cars, Geary's for second-hand cars, A.W. Barr's for car radios and a Marshall Battery to power them. I notice quite a few members have already been to Doig's panel beating works including Vice-president, Ron Davis (Magnette). Ron won the Concours d'Elegance with that fantastic paint job, too.

PROGRAMME.

JUNE 9th Film Evening to be held at the Club Rooms.

PROGRAMME Cont'd.

June 18th

Club Run. No doubt, you are all aware that there is a Club Run on Sunday 18th June and, no doubt, most of you are eager to know more about it ... The time of departure is 9 a.m. sharp at the ice-works directly opposite the Oxley Hotel The first major stop will be Cunningham's Gap for Morning Tea where there are many scenic walks and other items of interest for the more energetic members. From there, thru a rain forest arriving at Heifer Creek for lunch and finally to Colledges Crossing for a Bar-b-que tea for those who wish. Very necessary items for these day's outings are drinking water (there is none available at the Bar b que spot). Please bring your own lunch and utensils. . Members wanting any further information can

contact me at 31-0191 Ext. 35.

Keith Anderson
Club Captain.

June 21st Night

June 25th

Night Navigation Exercise to leave the Club

Rooms at 8.00 p.m.

Treasure Hunt Here we are again with one of those Treasure Hunts. To start with, There will be about 100 yds of good dirt road. The Trials committee has given a lot of time to planning and plotting a pleasant scenic drive around Brisbane to end with a Bar b que so those intending to stay on at the finish, don't forget to bring your own steaks and refreshments along with you A word of warning, it will be quite possible that there will be secret controls and furthermore, members, contravening the traffic rules in any way will be penalised by the Trials Sub-committee and will be excluded from the nest two events run by the above committee. We had a great roll-up at the last Treasure Hunt so let us have a better one this time. Start will be from the Club Rooms at 1.30 sharp & running fee will be 3/- per car.

#### NEW - MEMBERS.

. Hagmon J.P. Sherman 68 Gordan Street Paddington ' N.S. Parkinson 9 Panorama Street Ashgrove P. Uscinski 57 Cavendish Road Coorparoo G.J. Maynard 19 Victor Street R.L. Dunglison 13 Eltham Street Banyo Mrs D.D. Davis Lymm Street Kedron -Mt. Gravatt

To the above members, the Queensland Centre welcomes you No doubt, you may have a query or two, please do not feel that anything is too small or trivial to ask about. Secretary, Brian Tebble, will be only too pleased to answer any questions or help you in any way.

### 0,000000000000 FORMATION OF THE CLUB LIBRARY. by Ron Davis

As you have no doubt heard, via the grapevine, a motion has been accepted by your committee to form a Club Library This library will contain books, workshop manuals, and mag azines dealing with motoring in general and the sport in particular, and will be available to you, as members, to permit you to read many more books on the sport than would otherwise be possible. Del Davis and Nan Hunter have been appointed Librarian and Assistant Librarian, respectively.

The creation of a club library is long overdue and when it is realised that it will cost only sixpence to borrow a book for a fortnight, we are confident that this will become one of the Centre's most popular activities. A full set of rules will appear in next month's Octagon but, basically, a book may be borrowed for two weeks for sixpence and then for one shilling per week for anytime exceeding two weeks up to six weeks, when it must be returned.

So much for the preamble, now for the 'bite', Obviously building up a library is an expensive proposition if the total cost is to be borne by the club -- impossible, in fact. Therefore, we have set aside twenty pounds of the Club Funds with which to build bookshelves and buy some books. Equally obvious is the fact that this will purchase very few books. However, if every club member could be prevailed upon to donate a book or the cost (or even part of the cost) of a book we would be able to kick off this show with an imposing array of reading material.

Before throwing up your hands in horror at such a

NEW LIBRARY Cont'd.

suggestion, think of it this way, If every member donated a book (even one you may have at home and don't read any more) or money towards a book then there would be about 300 books sitting in the library at your disposal. So, instead of buying a book for yourself and your mates to read (and probably to eventually mislay, anyway) how about sharing this pleasure with all the club and donating it to the library-you can still read it as often as you like. Wait a minute, don't rush out and buy it yet or we will finish up with three hundred capies of 'Maintaining the Breed'. the Mi to the te the blow and the

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by Teddy Boy. PAST EVENTS.

Sprints Lakeside 23/4/61

The Sprints Meeting at Lakeside Race Circuit attracted 39 entries of which 36 were M.G. Car Club members. Quite a few new records were established as this was the first time we have held a timed \* 1/8th mile instead of the usual 1/4. This was due to the shortness of the straight which makes a flying 1/4 a little tricky for the tyro's who find themselves all 'crossed-up' on the lefthand bend.

A feature of the day was the battle of the 'Detroit Barges' with Craig Ling and Kerry Horgan piloting two large Fords whilst Terry Kratzmann guided a Studebaker. Sprints cont'd

The honours went to Kerry and sympathy to the parent owners of the respective mounts who watched their sons antics from a vantage point inside the circuit. Terry drove particularly well in both the Simca and the Studebaker. Denis Geary's Ausca demonstrated that it takes twice as long to cover the first half of a standing quarter than it does the second half. (This car reels off the quarter in 15 secs. and the 1/8th in 10 secs.). Sister Elaine, proved a force to be reckoned with by lapping the circuit in her Sprite in 1m 36 s on the first time she had been around.

Bill Gates reeld off a 1-27 lap in spite of the grader threatening to block the circuit on the Eastern end. Been practicing, Bill?

Brian Finan and Christine Colley surprised a few bods by arriving in the 1600 complete with Uscinski installed supercharger. I wonder if Barry Campbell will buy one now for his 'A'?. We were all impressed with Ian Michels class winning Buchanan T.F. which showed great potential. Jim Bertram's WRM took fastest lap time of lm 23secs..

Ann Thomson was seen fiddling with tachometer telltale needle having just covered the standing 1/8th in 11.4 secs.. Have you a conscience, Ann?.

By the way, who was the entrant wh driving a blue Hillman who described his gear ratios on his entry form as 'horrible' Believe the Secretary had a permanent sneer on his face, after studying the claimed compression ratios on some entry forms.

Welcome back to Motor Sport to the Norman Weidmaiers and Ted Jones. Hope you can get the Wolseley Special to go well.

Our thanks go to Q.M.S.C. for their co-operation and to Nan and Mrs Hunter, Del Davis, Lyn Moffat, Ernie Ansell and Trev. Connolly for manipulating the timing gear. Also to Phil Thew, Les Gisler, Allan Killips, and 'Little Jim' Davis for scrutineering and course marshalls, Vince Appleby, Ross Pringle and Leigh Vine. Your help was sincerely appreciated.

If I missed anyone out, just volunteer for the next & Sprints and I'll make you write it up for the Octagon.

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If, and when, you dispose of your cars, please remember to remove any club badges and windscreen transfers, other wise they can pass into the wrong hands and get the Club bad name.

#### ATTENTION TOENTHUSIASTS.

We have received an appeal for financial help from the boys in England who are entering a Twin Cam 'A' in this years Le Mans. The drivers are the same ones who won their class last year and have to pay expenses from their own pockets. So let's keep the Octagon flying and help all we can. Contributions may be given to the Secretary or any Committee members. Just a few shillings will do. It all adds up eventually.

The Q.M.S.C. is including a race for standard (or near standard) production cars at their Lakeside Race Meeting on July 16th. Entry for this will be free to M.G. Car Club members. However, it will be necessary to obtain a C.A.M.S. licence for this event.

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#### SOCIAL JOTTINGS by

The Girls

Congratulations to Pat and Marie Kennedy on birth of a son; a prospective racing enthusiast.

All the best to Jim and Gloria Bertram- a son- (1 Juan-Manuel- Stirling'). Gregory James.

Kev Baker very domesticated these days, heard he was very busy making tea for Committee members. Looked like an old hand at the game too, nevertheless, your help was appreciated, Kev ..

Ladies had themselves a time at recent club night, took off on skating outing, returned worse for wear, Ailsa Davis reports she could have done better with extra

Denis (Crunchy) McGrath tried persuading ladies into choosing his own biscuits (crunchy type). What's more; he succeeded, must be that new hair cut:::

Trev. Connolly spied shopping in ladies department of well known store. Oh. Trev. shame on you ::

Vince and Joan Appleby lost on Club Hunt, found themselves face to face with Brisbane Sanitary Department. On good authority, we hear the air is very pure around

Hear Keit h Herron went swimming, more or less, in Jag. returning from Bathurst Meeting.

Concours di'Elegence in Club Rooms, not cars, but pullovers, Bob Cribb's Fairisle model, Norm Wrights red fisher type knit, Terry Kratzmann and Craig Lind's green finished jobs and Des Cole's British Racing Green number. WELL GIRLS :: Let's see what you can do :::::

Keen T.C. type, Ted Peel, travels all the way from Canungra to attend Club Nights. Can anyone beat this?.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery toPhil. Thew, hospitalised after mishap. Hurry up and get well, Phil::

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