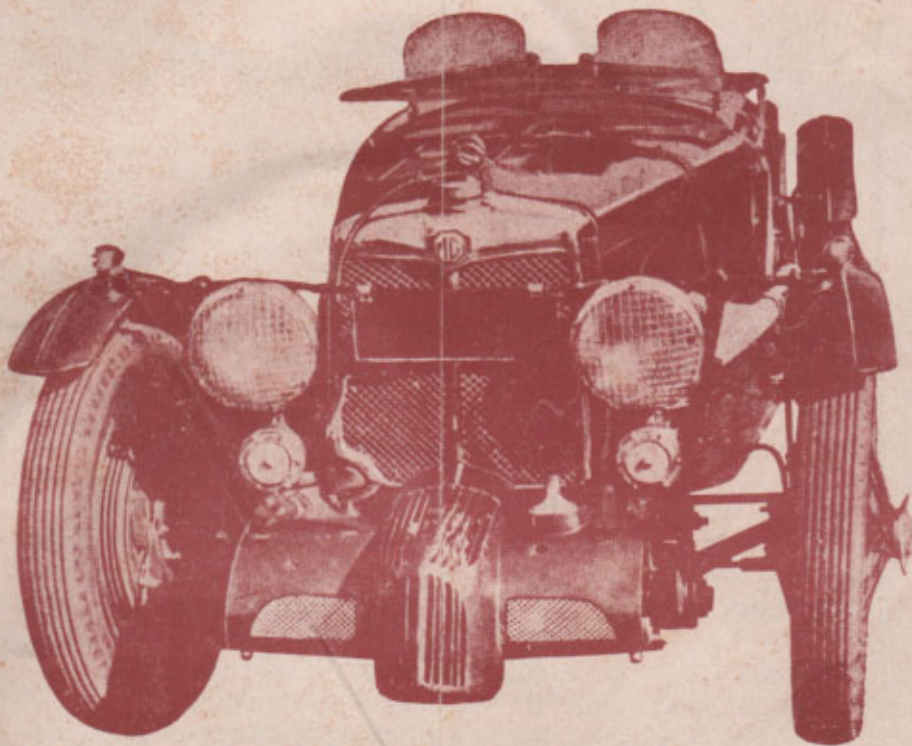
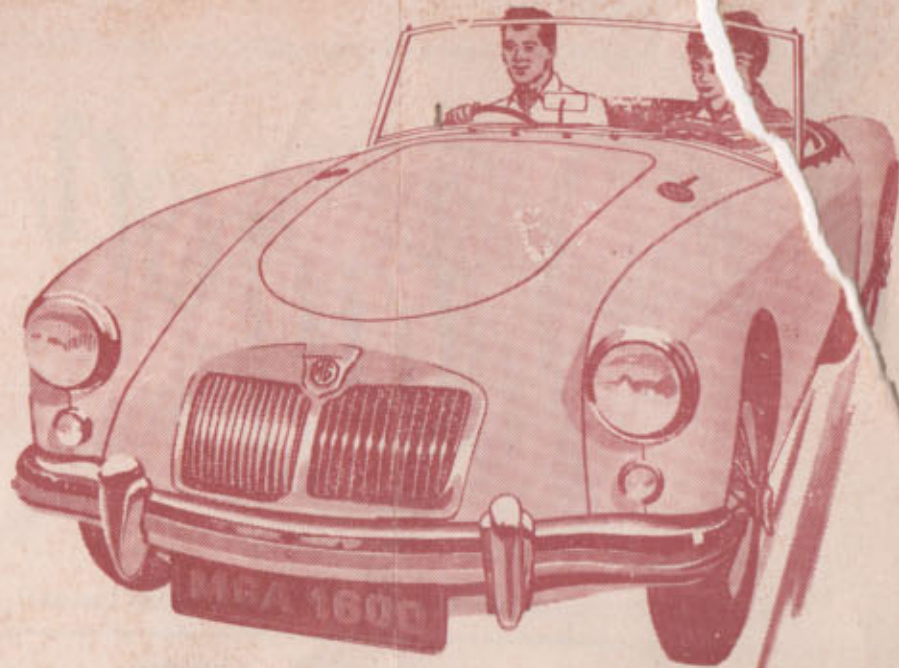


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FOREWORD

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, Q'ld, N.S.W., Vic., Tas., S.A. or any country where there are Centres, you automatically

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.

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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 or Vance 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 dust 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 forget 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.

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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 Navigation Exercise to leave the Club Rooms at 8.00 p.m.

June 25th 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 next 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.

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	Banyo
R.L. Dunlison	13 Eltham Street	Kedron
Mrs D.D. Davis	Lymm Street	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.

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 magazines 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 copies of 'Maintaining the Breed'.

We are negotiating with a bookstore for an account which will enable us to buy our books at a discount and so obtain even more. This firm has also promised a list of desirable books that they have so that we can choose the ones we want. When we get this list, we will post it on the notice board, together with the prices so that you can then tell Del or Nan which one suits your pocket and when.

As all these things take time, it may be a little time before we can open for business but bear with us we are as anxious as you to get our hands on all the books that we feel confident you will help us to obtain. Incidentally, the small charge we are making for the hire of books will be used to increase our library from time to time so it is also well worthwhile.

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PAST EVENTS.

by Teddy Boy.

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 $\frac{1}{8}$ mile instead of the usual $\frac{1}{4}$. This was due to the shortness of the straight which makes a flying $\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

S O C I A L J O T T I N G S 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- ('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 legs.

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 there.

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 to Phil. Thew, hospitalised after mishap. Hurry up and get well, Phil::

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