

P R O G R A M M E

- NOVEMBER
- 11 Natter Night
 - 12 Rally G.C.T.M.S.C.
 - 13 Club Motorkhana (THIS WILL BE THE LAST ONE for the year come one and all and have a 'ball'. Just past SPIR. Look for flag (M.G. of course) on gate on right going to Surfers. Starts 11a.m. Bring your togs & picinc gear.)
 - 18 Night Run (ALSO THE LAST NIGHT RUN for the year. This will be set by Neil McNeil He promises to make it a very 'interesting' run, but also a very simple and uncomplicated one.) Club Rooms 8p.m.
 - 25 Annual General Meeting - Club Rooms 8.30p.m. (ALL NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR TO BE IN PRONTO)
 - 26 Annual Dinner Dance & Presentation of Trophies - Indooroopilly Golf Club - 7.30 Tickets available now from a Committee Member. (You will note the change of date)
 - 27 Open Motorkhana

DECEMBER:

3/4 Stones Corner Rally Q.R.C./Q.R.R.S.

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 1978 --

Falls due on the 31st December. Early Payers welcome. Still at the low price of \$15.

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COVER PHOTO BY MAL. SPIDEN

Shows Richard Warland, winner of the Racing Drivers Trophy for 1977, driving his ASP Clubman at Surfers Paradise. Richard will receive his trophy at our Annual Dinner Dance & Presentation Night - 26th Nov. In the Sidchrome series this year, Rick also finished Third.

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EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Articles received for your magazine this edition were very disheartening, as you will see further. As the gentleman(?) on page 4 has said there are so many topics that one could write on. It's doesn't necessarily have to be on cars (I feel) as that isn't the only facet of this Club. (Yes I know it's the main one).

Our first important attention 'notice' in this edition is to ask all members to have their nominations in pronto for our Committee of 1978. And to attend the Annual General Meeting on the 25th November. (its a Friday night) Secondly we draw your attention to the 2 remaining 'Club' competitive events for the year - the Motorkhana this Sunday (13th Nov) near SPIR (take your togs) - and the Night Run on the 18th (next Friday). A good roll up would be appreciated by the organisers, thank you.

Thirdly our Annual Dinner Dance & Presentation of Trophies night at the Indooroopilly Golf Club, looks like being a tremendous success, with bookings rolling in from near and far - even the Historic Racing Register crew too - goodie. For tickets see a Club Committee member now.

An outing to be attended in December by the car & photo enthusiast is the C.S.C.C.A.'s Mid-day barbeque at the North Pine Dam on the 3rd Dec., if interested see Peter Rayment.

It is with much regret that we've had to cancel the remaining 2 Hillclimb Meetings for 1977 - it would have been a record year otherwise, I feel. The damage down by the fire was considerable and it will take numerous working bees to have the Hill in ship shape for next year's Hillclimbs. People are wanted to work at working bees down at Mt. Cotton, so please see a committee member and offer your help, now.

If you have a suggestion as to what you would like to see in our calendar (i.e. day run) for next year, please tell someone. We can't read minds. And if you do come up with some idea are you willing to give it as much support as you can - i.e. in helping to organise it etc. ..

The Editor raves on!!

We'll be publishing one more edition of the Octagon for this year, our X'mas one, and it looks like it could be a bumper one.

All photos (taken over the year) and any articles for this bumper edition most welcome now.

Enough from this temporary(!!!) Editor, see you all at the M.C.:N.R.:A.G.M.:D.D. & P.T.N. - work those out you guys that like to abbreviate things - a clue - turn to your programme of events.

Signing off
Delia Rayment.

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V A L EPETER Mc CABE

The tragic death occurred on 8th October of our fellow club member Peter Mc Cabe at Lakeside.

Peter, a butcher, from the N.S.W. coastal town of Murwillumbah was well known for his exploits in his M.G.B. Sports car.

To his Family, Mother, Father and brothers John and David we extend our sincere sympathy.

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RALLY RESULTSDRIVERS:

Swaysland	29
Singleton	9
Smallman	4
O'Shanesy	4
Thomson	3
Scott	2

NAVIGATORS

Hall	30
Moir	26
Garth	4
Hutchinson	2
McNeil	2

DRIVER: Harrison 1

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE M.G. CAR CLUB (Q'LD CENTRE) WHICH IS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER, AT THE CLUBROOMS AT 620 WICKHAM ST., FORTITUDE VALLEY. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 8.30 p.m. Sharp.

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NOTICE OF MOTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED:

To change the name of M.G. Car Club (Queensland Centre) to M. G. Car Club of Queensland.

NOTICE OF MOTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED;

To Increase the Life Membership Fee to \$200.

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If unable to attend the above meeting don't forget to give your proxy (form in centre fold) to a friend.

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BODS & BENDS

Gary Scott is to leave for Europe in February 1978 to compete in F3 over there. (want someone to carry your port)

Bob Scott tried his hand as a "pilot" at Surfers last weekend in the Cortina, but landed tail first.

Rumors have it that the John Barrams have been looking under cabbage leaves - with some results!

It appears that the Porsche of Greg Fahey's should be seeing the light of day soon.

ALMOST DESIRABLE NEWS

The problem of being a literary genius, whose talents have not yet been fully realised, is actually finding something to write about. Actually there are heaps of things to write about, but finding someone to print them is an entirely different matter, however, fortunately the editor of this publication obviously can't read so here goes again. (Ah yes but I can spell.Ed.)

The last rally, the Yokohama Warana Rally saw the same band of M.G.C.C. masochists desperately trying to diminish what's left of their bank accounts and cars in probably the most demanding Rally so far this year.

One could probably rave on for pages on the dust problem, but I won't except to say that it was atrocious.

Back to our members efforts, Ross Moir once again featured in the results by navigating Dennis Brown in the 180B SSS? to a well deserved 2nd outright, closely followed (and I mean closely) by Neil Swaysland and John Hall in the 1600 who took out 3rd outright - who said consistancy doesn't pay?

Actually getting back to Ross Moir (if I must) I have been giving Ross a bad time lately about swapping his drivers each Rally, but the said gentleman has stopped playing the field (you little devil you) and is going to navigate for Dennis again - the multitudes of followers are awaiting for their engagement notice to appear any moment, anyway they make a lovely couple.

By order of success the next to be mentioned is Norm Singleton who after starting from Car 32, bought the Fiat home equal 8th outright and equal 1st clubman, a tremendous effort in those conditions. Laurie Garth and yours truly tried desperately all night to stay with the two clubman leaders (Singleton/McLean) but after a few problems, mostly self inflicted, we did manage to end 12th outright and 3rd clubman.

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Almost Desirable News Cont'd.

I have been blaming lack of power (obviously couldn't be my driving) but after a minor transplant coming up I'll probably have to think of another excuse.

The two ladies of the club, and I use the term loosely won't let any director beat them, Ann and Neil (Neil isn't a lady) finished 23rd outright - a result which doesn't really do them justice, and the same goes for Meg and John O'Shanesy (yes I know John isn't a lady either) who came 41st outright - Meg once again had the pick of the draw at car 51.

Apart from a few minor gripes, it was a pretty good event, although Ross Moir (yep- him again) had a closer look around the Gympie Estate than other crews. One final comment on the event was that the times on the Transport sections were just not on. It's getting a bit rough when you have to change to racing rubber to do them in, although without exception all crews did their utmost to protect the sport, even going as far as dropping time on these sections to avoid public wrath for speeding on public roads, - see, we are a responsible bunch.

To enable me to reach the stringent deadline set down by our Editor (you will NEVER spell my name incorrectly again will you?) this article must finish, with the word that due to efforts of certain clubmembers the Apple and Grape Festival Rally will be held in Stanthorpe next year, and promises to be the best event Queensland has seen so needless to say, when the time comes the normal M.G.C.C. spirit is going to be most welcome, (Spirit as in help - not Paint thinners).

Written by that small man
named
Geoff Smallman.

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FOR SALE:-

ALTON AR 3 CLUBMAN (Holden Engine). Good fun and reliable Racing Car. Contact Dale Johnstone Phone 261 2030 (H).

DISCOUNTS TO CLUB MEMBERS

If you produce your club membership card at the following you will receive a discount on purchases or work done.

BARRY WRAITH FABRICATIONS,
28 Monte Street,
SLACKS CREEK.Q. 4127
'Phone 208 3245

FOR; Armstrong Redmax 4 Adjustable Shock
Absorbers....20% off Normal price.
Discounts off..Roll Cages, Roo Bars,
Sway Bars, Selby Products etc.
& Mechanical Repairs, Wheel Alignments
Balancing, tune ups etc.

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BOB JANE T-MART,
Crn. Banfield St. & Gympie Rd.,
CHERMSIDE.Q. 4032
Phone 350 2899

FOR; Kleber Tyres - Discount of 5%
Plus list on Club Rooms Wall.
ASK FOR: Suzanne GARRETT

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MEMBERS!!! Please advise your committee member of
any other business house who will give our members a
discount on purchases or work done (in writing thanks).
Ed.

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Jon Finn & sister will be definite contenders for
the Night Run Trophies next year, after there
initiation to the fun way to spend a friday night,
last night run night.

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Hayden George showed them all what to do in a night
run (and won). When you are confused "go to the next
definite known point and keep going".

FOR SALE:

Gemini Clubman. Complete with 5 Ford Engines (1 X 1530 brand new & 1 X 997 also new), 3 gearboxes, webbers and or s.u's. Heaps of spare rubber, some brand new. Good trailer tremendous , reliable fun car. The lot \$1,000.
Ring John Kelso on 398 1041 (H).

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WANTED:

MGB motor and overdrive gearbox for Peter Frazer.
Contact Peter Rayment at Club Rooms or 36 2980(W)

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FOR SALE:

MGB Speedo and Tacko both in excellent condition \$15 each
Contact Steve Booker, P.O. Box 48, Broadway.Q. 4000.
(You didn't give us an address Steve. Ed.)

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FOR SALE:

MGA 1500 & 1600 parts. Close ratio gear set "A" & "B"
large layshaft \$120. 7 1/2 Bell Star \$30; Mini Guard Flares BMC
Set \$25; See Grant Beaumont at Clubrooms or Phone 391 2631H.

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FOR SALE:

MGB Rollbar - suit early model \$100 Contact Peter Rayment at Clubrooms or leave a message with his Mum on 2683196.

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WANTED:

One Briggs & Stratton Motor for the Club's Mower
see Peter Rayment or Neil McNeil.

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WANTED:

One Editor - to start from January 1978, to June 1978
or full time. It makes you feel as if you are pulling your
weight as a Club Member - and people even talk to you some-
times too. Contact Delia Rayment at the Club Rooms.

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DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CLUBROOMS 25th NOV.

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NOR THE DANCE, DINE ,DANCE DINE TALK ETC 26th NOVEMBER.

BULLETIN 2NATIONAL RALLY 1978

Here it is - Bulletin 2 - More news on what to expect in Perth next Easter.

Before getting onto whats going to happen here - lets just mention something on getting here. We've heard that some people are planning on chartering trains, trucks, buses, planes and ships. There is an alternative DRIVING!! After all it is only a 2½ day trip from Adelaide.

For the last 9 years cars from here have gone to Adelaide and points east by road under their own power. Cars like T types, A's, B's, Midgets and Y types. Now that it's bitumen all the way it's easy to drive and cheaper.

FOR EXAMPLEFUEL

\$70 is about all you need from Adelaide to Perth. Supplies are available at most service stations 24hours a day on the Nullabor.

FOOD

Available where you buy fuel.

ACCOMMODATION

Motel accommodation is available at most fuel stops. Rates vary from \$20-\$30 per night per twin unit. or
Camping spots are numerous. All you need is a tent or a sleeping bag.

NOW, about what to expect!

Plans here are progressing well.

The Concours will be held on the Esplanade, a grassed area between the city and the Swan River, on Saturday. We are expecting a large number of people to attend this event.

Sunday, as you'll remember is Speed Day. That's fixed

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for Wanneroo Park - a good circuit about 25 miles from the Sheraton. Sunday night is the night of the River Trip on board the 'MV Temerair 11' a seaworthy vessel with a licence to carry 700 people, that comes complete with on board BBQ's and a bar that's open all night.

That's all on social/competition for now, look for more news in the next bulletin.

ACCOMMODATION

* Enclosed with this bulletin is a brochure and a booking form for the Sheraton. (booking form to be sent back to us as soon as possible).

As you can see from the brochures it's a top class hotel.

Limited billeting will be available before and after the rally but hopefully most participants will be staying at the Sheraton over Easter as are our members.

If cheaper accommodation is required outside the rally week-end please contact us, and we will supply you with the information required.

Octagonally,

P. HARPER

PRESIDENT

THE M.G. CAR CLUB of WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

* Regarding the brochure mentioned, are available for your perusal in the Club Rooms - ask a Committee member. Ed.

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PLAN NOW FOR YOUR W.A. HOLIDAYS AT EASTER

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HELP MAKE A CROWD

M.G. INTERNATIONAL 1977

This year's M.G. Annual with feature stories and reports on events worldwide in 1976 is a worthy companion to the previous three.

It has a colour MGB cover and is hard-bound with 144 pages. Editor, Dick Knudson has been in Abingdon for a year and researched some more interesting information about the marque.

John Thornley pays tribute to three long-standing important M.G. Car Company employees who recently died and Knudson reveals why the TC was named as one of the world's "Milestone" cars in a lengthy piece.

Dutchman John Bekker tells of an epic 10,000 mile TD journey to the North Cape in Norway thro' Russia and Rumania behind the iron curtain to places where the inhabitants had obviously never seen a sports car before. His photos with unique backdrops are as fascinating as his story.

Mike Allison of "Magic of M.G." fame tells us the life of NA which is chequered indeed and Norman Ewing describes the M.G. life of South African Les Miller, a name synonymous with motor racing in his homeland.

Fully reproduced is a brochure dating from 1932 describing what the M.G. Car Company was all about. Line drawings of factory assembly procedures are included plus photos which have reproduced beautifully. A chance for everyone to read a unique document so close to our hearts.

This is carried a step further with a pictorial record of present day MGB and Midget building which few of us will get to see for ourselves, and the MGB story.

Also illustrated are several design exercises constructed as complete cars which never reached production together with factory modern competition built cars.

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M.G. International 1977 Cont'd.

The round up of events covers those in UK plus the bicentennial rally for M.G.s only thro' the 13 original States of America that made the United States. The prize was the 1,000,000 car built at Abingdon - an MGB 50th year celebration model.

The triennial M.G. International Rally at Hausach is covered with a picture of an R type as well as three VAs all from different countries.

Mike Ellman Brown tells his M.G. life and fixation for Woodland Green cars but especially the last MGA twin cam which was purposefully built for him and has been frugally used ever since.

A profile of Gordon Cobban, the home centre General Secretary, shows the energy and love devoted to M.G.s and M.G. people by him and Elsie his wife.

Lastly there is reproduced a sales leaflet of the C type or Montlhery Midget and another leaflet titled "For the Racing Motorist" covering the J4 and K3 and wait for it - the J5 Midget. You will have to buy this book just to find out what this J5 was which has never before been mentioned in any authoritative book on the marque.

I'm sure I've treated you to sufficient insight to make its purchase irresistible at \$12.50 plus \$2 p&p. Bulk orders from Centre Secretaries welcome. It also makes a great trophy or prize.

Rob Dunsterville,
72 Marlborough Road,
Willoughby. 2068.

P.S. 1973, 74 and 75 annuals available on request as is a price list of all my M.G. books plus some others and a string of motorcycle books.

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DON'T FORGET OUR DINNER DANCE & PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
SATURDAY, 26th NOV., @ Indoorcoppilly
Golf Club House.

NATIONAL RALLY 1978 - PERTH W.A. INFORMATION RE CAR
TRANSPORT TO AND FROM EASTERN STATES

FOR CARS T.N.T. Car Carriers (Division of T.T.T. Transport System P.O. Box 14 - Mosman Park. W.A. 6012

Rates; (Their depot to depot) From Perth to

Adelaide \$155 or Brisbane \$320

From Adelaide \$350 or Brisbane \$490 to Perth

When travelling East to West only - if - 7-10 cars booked in bulk, possible 10% discount on above rates.

If insuring with TNT they charge \$3 per \$100 value of car. Suggest use own comprehensive car insurance, taking out addition to policy approx. cost \$10.

Description of Travel Open truck, specialised to carry cars. Wheels chained and roped down.

Leaving Capital city every Monday or Friday.

FOR PEOPLE Ansett Pioneer;

from PERTH - Adelaide \$84 (2½ days approx.)

- Brisbane \$160 (4½ days ")

for return rates double above prices.

Ansett Pioneer prices include NOTHING. Stops for meals, buy your own. Air conditioned, toilet facilities. etc.

IF you must come over by other means than your own car, to cut expenses, how about you put your car on road transport (TNT not necessarily cheapest) and yourselves on the bus/coach, (to Perth) enabling you to see just how good the road really is and how easy it is to drive and this may encourage you to drive back home.

This is not a recommendation, but only a typical costing of this type of transport for your information.

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MORE BODS & BENDS

Wearing big smiles are Bob & Bev Cossor - son Gary has won the N.S.W. Hillclimb Championships for 1977, after many rounds and a few(!) problems. And close on Gary's heels in second place was M.G.C.C. member Barrie Garner (good on you Barrie).

Barry Vanderburg really knows how to make the navigators and drivers in night runs work. He He He....

Mr. Miles-how is Julie's MGA coming along - we believe there is some pressure being applied.

Peter Aldridge is now State Chairman of C.A.M.S.

The Official Magazine of the M.G. Car Club (Queensland
Centre).
Affiliated with C.A.M.S. and with M.G. Car Club (Home Centre)

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 1977

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	Ross Moir		59 0544
	Greg Findlater	370 1031	
	Robert Ritchie	268 3546	

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Box 1847, G.P.O.,
BRISBANE.Q. 4001

Address of Clubrooms;
620 Wickham Street,
THE VALLEY.Q. 4006

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YOUR C.A.M.S. DELEGATE IS ANN THOMSON - contact Ann on
378 1368.

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REMINDER!!!!!!! OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is to be
held on the 25th NOVEMBER. Please lodge your nominations
for next year's committee NOW!! PRONTO!!!!

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**DINNER DANCE
&
Presentation
of
Trophies
November 26 th**

INDOOROPILLY GOLF CLUB
\$10 Single \$20 Double

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