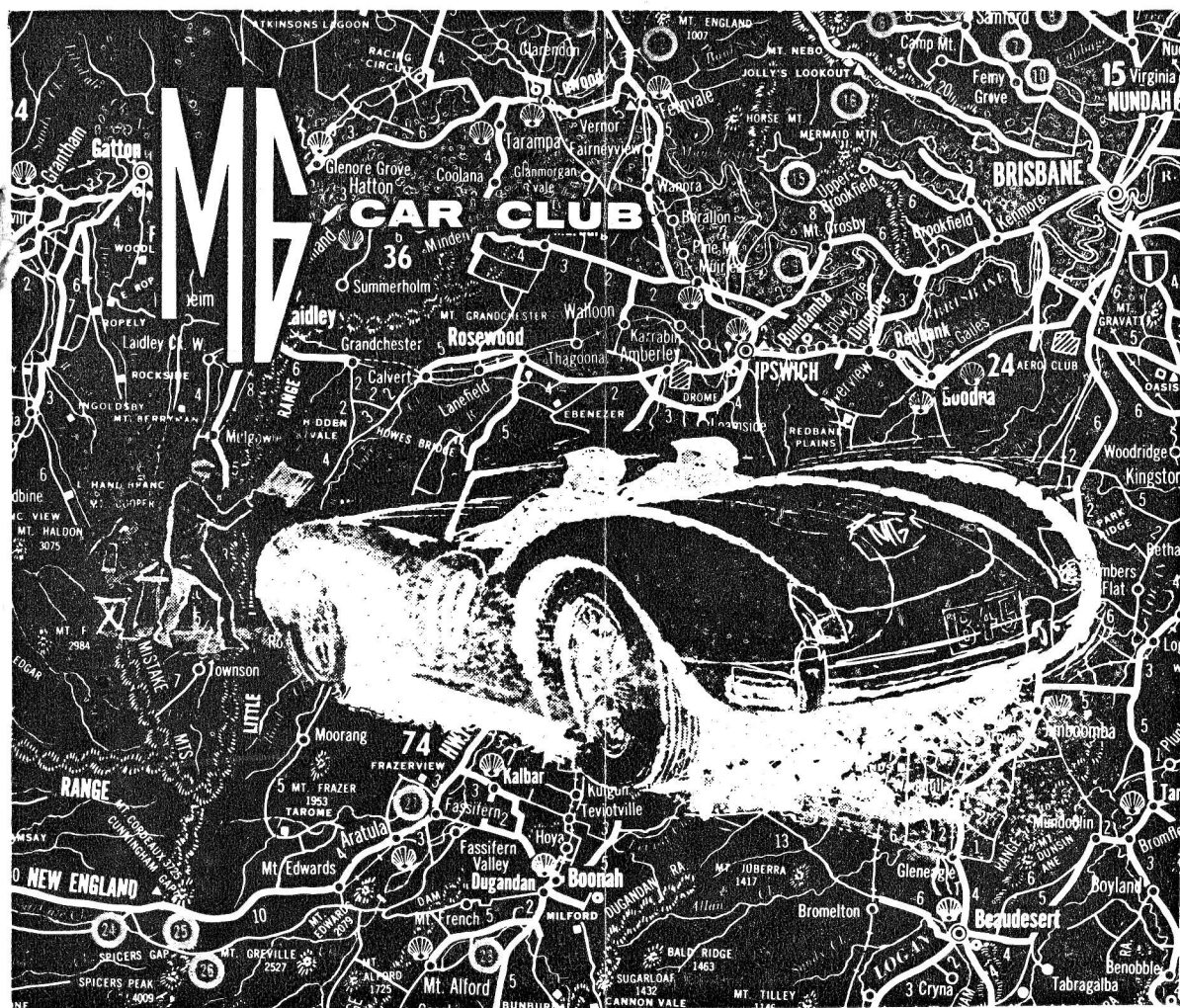


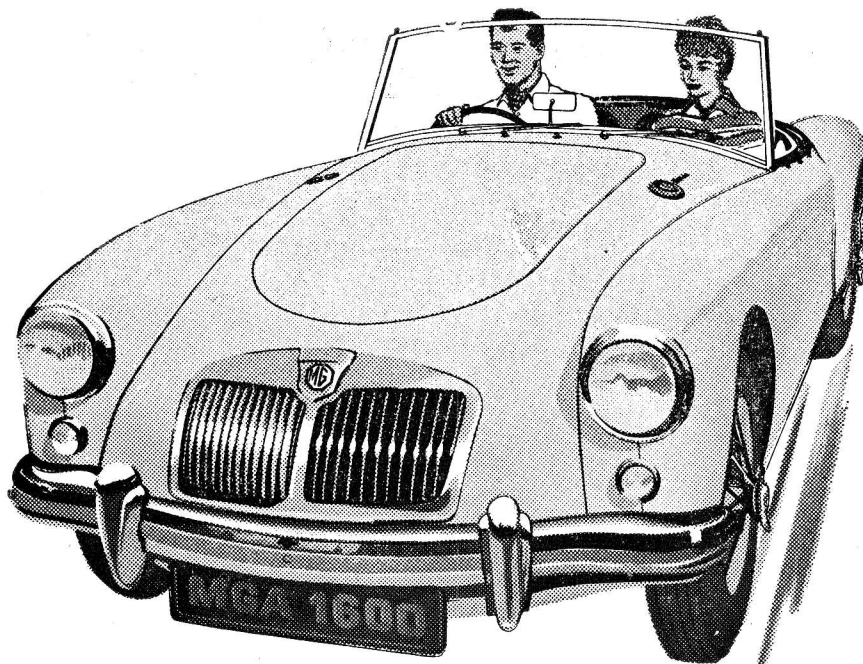


the

Official Journal of the MG Car Club — Qld. Centre.

OCTAGON





MORE DRIVING POWER!

More snap! More liveliness! More exhilaration from every fleeting mile. That's the new MGA 1600. Big-capacity 1600 c.c. engine develops 79.5 b.h.p.; cruises all day at 80 m.p.h.; accelerates smartly to 100 m.p.h. — and more. That's the new MGA 1600.

MORE BRAKING POWER!

More power to *stop*; More power to control that throaty engine. Lockheed disc brakes on the front wheels, hydraulics on the rear. Everything you need to make sports car driving safer than ever — that's the new MGA 1600.

That's the new



Sole distributors for Qld. and N. Rivers of N.S.W.

HOWARDS LTD.

317-Adelaide St., Brisbane — 100 Logan Rd., South Brisbane
and at Toowoomba

THE M.G. CAR CLUB (QUEENSLAND CENTRE)

APRIL 1962

Proprietors : The M.G. Car Club (Proprietary) Ltd. Great Britain.
Affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport.

Patron : Viscount Nuffield O.B.E.

General Secretary :	A. Russell lowry	Phones.
		Home Business
President :	Ron Davis	49 1140 4 4050
Vice-President :	Vince Appleby	57 1561
Hon. Secretary :	Brian Tebble	97 5372 5 4531
Asst. Secretary :	Nan Hunter (Miss)	48 1627
Hon. Treasurer :	Merv Head	7 1207
Club Captain :	Ian Michels	51 1384
Past President :	Ray Lovejoy	56 2730

Committee : R.E. Blunt, D.G. Coles, L.C. Gisler,
B. Marcovich (Miss), W.J. Thomas.

* * * * *

CLUBROOMS
620 Wickham Street,
Fortitude Valley,
BRISBANE.

POSTAL ADDRESS
Box 1847 W.
G.P.O.
BRISBANE.

E D I T O R I A L

At the time of writing, it is not possible for me to be able to judge whether or not you will notice any difference in this edition of the Octagon. Indeed, there may be no difference at all : a word of explanation is needed.

Having purchased our own duplicating equipment, the Octagon Sub-Committee have, for the first time, written, compiled and printed this magazine themselves. We had not been satisfied with the quality of the printing for quite some time; but as duplicators do not "grow on trees", there seemed to be little we could do about it.

I would like to thank the various contributors, and remind members that we will always welcome articles or pieces of gossip. A brand new member has set the example this month, with his write up of Lowood Race meeting contained herein. I wonder if he is an expert at duplicating too?

Barbecue
** G Y M K H A N A ** by B.M.T.

Consequently, we were faced with what could be suitably called a Mud Lark, and an understandable lack of members. Nevertheless some thirty-four stalwarts battled with the whims of our Gymkhana Committee, and all who attended seem pleased that they had.

The "Fair Sex" are proving that they are not the "Square Sex". Jan Luback becomes a little more daring with each gymkhana, and Del Winston, in a determined attempt to blast the moths out of the M.G.A's exhaust, included part of the Autocrosse in her Forward Bending race. All we need now is the return of "Elaine Over-Revs".

The Potato Relay proved hazardous to several competitors, including David Bruce and Kerry Horgan, both of whom "mislaid" their respective mounts. We saw Denis Geary in action out there too! Probably trying to pinch the potatoes to take home. Revs was leaving a trace of hot fuel in the air, (left over from the Cooper Maserati?) as he trundled around in the B.R.G. 1600.

B.B.Q. & Gymkhana. Cont'd.

The Parking Test did not, as rumours had suggested, have any parking meters; but we understand that the Committee are considering this. Those driving big Tanks had difficulty in contesting this event, with the exception of Keith Anderson who had been practising in Astor Terrace for weeks. Allan Killips, pulling a face like a gentleman, condescended to "give the girls a start" in one event, and was promptly downed by the "Greenslopes Bombshell". I bet he won't cover the puddles with his coat any more! Noel Whip drove in his usually carefree manner (the idiot), until somebody put a spoke in his T.C.'s wheel. Why not buy a T.D. Noel?

The Autocrosse was designed as a miniature Lowood, and proved very popular, especially with the Hiley family who apparently had a lease on the site. Make the next one like Lakeside and see how THEY get on!

About this time a few more faces appeared on the scene, bearing goodies for the Barbecue. As our usual site was under water, and we had no time to build an ark, we simply plunked our goods and chattels down in the middle of the Gymkhana area, and had ourselves a ball. Vince kindly chopped up someone's old T.C., and lit a fire. From past experience we have found that having a fire, helps with the cooking of steak enormously; but looking at a few of the steaks there, I gather that many of us believe in cremation! (It must have been a hot T.C.) Yvonne insisted in thrusting a stale bread roll, containing cold steak, into the hands of anyone unfortunate to be caught empty handed. Thanks anyway Yvonne; but we weren't hungry. (I bet you feed all the local stray cats).

We were treated to the sight of many humans waging war with the entire mosquito population of Tingalpa. Some wore car covers, (the mossies?) and others simply stayed inside their cars, although not by themselves.

And so the night drew to a close.. to the sounds of muffled laughter, bottles being opened, the occasional scream of a green ant's victim, the chomping of teeth on steak... this is the M.G. Car Club??

Results below :-

<u>Parking Test.</u> 1st. F. Chappel (T.C.)	<u>Triangles.</u> 1st. N. Wright (T.F.)
2nd. G. Hiley (T.C.)	2nd. R. Hiley (T.C.)
3rd. R. McAllister(T.C.)	3rd. J. Walker (Morris)

Gymkhana Results Cont'd.

Forward Bending Race 1st. K. Turner (Walnut Shell)
 2nd. D. Geary (M.G.A. 1600)
 3rd. A. Killips (M.G.T.F.)

POTATOE RACE

1st. G. Hiley (T.C.) 2nd. D. Bruce (M.Minor) 3rd. A. Killips(T.F)

Autocrosse. 1st. G. Hiley (T.C.) 2nd. R. Hiley (T.C) & N. Wright (T.F)

The "Bob-a-Ding" was won by F. Chappell (T.C.)

CENTRE SPRINTS RECORDS by (R.T.L.)

At the beginning of the year, it was decided by the Executive Committee to alter the Club's Speed Rules covering Sports and Closed cars, to conform more closely with the N.C.R's Appendices C., J., and K. The new rules, by improving competition conditions, have had a widespread effect on the system. Some of the changes which have been made are as follows :-

- (i) Closed and G.T. Cars have been separated.
- (ii) Sports, Closed and G.T. cars are now restricted to a petrol or petrol/benzol based fuel.
- (iii) The cubic capacity range of several classes has been altered.
- (iv) Several Rules have been made obsolete, and new rules introduced.

This has had a great effect on the Centre records, which in most cases are not applicable to present conditions. The following decisions have been reached by the Committee:-

- (i) The Record Book, as at the 31st. December 1961, is closed.
- (ii) A new Record Book has been opened from 1st. January, 1962.
- (iii) Records established in the Racing car Classes will remain, and are transferred to the new book.
- (iv) The fastest time in a class of an appendix after 1st. January, 1962, shall be an established record.
- (v) A competitor bettering the established record at a following meeting, shall be credited with having broken a record, and the time established by him shall then be the record.
- (vi) If a competitor, in establishing or breaking a record, betters the time in the old record book (where applicable), he shall be credited with establishing an Outright Record, and thereafter the Record shall be known as such.

Sprints records. Cont'd.

It has also been decided to present medallions to competitors for establishing as well as breaking Centre records.

Following, is a list of the records established at the Sprints meeting held on the 21st. January, 1962. (Seconds).

<u>SPORTS CARS</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Flying Qtr.</u>	<u>Std. Qtr.</u>
Class G.	R. Greenlaw	A/H Sprite	10.38	
	P. Kinnane	A/H Sprite		20.44
Class F	B. Neville	M.G.T.C.	10.10	19.04
Class Fl	I. Michels	M.G.T.F.	9.63(0/right)	18.31
Class E	B. Wickland	Triumph TR3A	8.84 (0/right)	18.06
Class D	A. James	A/Healey	9.73	18.70
<u>CLOSED CARS</u>				
Class G	B. Broomhall	Morris 850	12.03	21.79
Class F	E. Proudley	Wolseley 4/44	13.31	25.32
Class E	R. Lovejoy	M.G. Magnette	12.56	21.78
Class C	L. Ayers	Holden	8.72 (0/right)	17.74(o/r)
Class A	K. Anderson	Chevrolet	10.11	20.35
<u>G.T. CARS</u>				
Class G	D. Bruce	M/Minor	14.12	23.92
Class E	J. Fresser	Sunbeam Rpr.	10.39	20.04
Class C	C. Lind	Falcon	11.10	20.83
Class A	M. Kruger	Ford	10.29	20.75

xxxxxxx

RACING CAR RECORDS

xxxxxxxxx

Class C	D. Stewart	Whitney Jag.	8.71	15.56
Class D	D. Geary	Cooper Maserati	6.00	12.93

<u>Racing Cars.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Fling. Qtr.</u>	<u>Std. Qtr.</u>
Class F	D. Geary	M.G.T.C.	9.23	16.29
"	J. Cranley	M.G.T.F.		
Class G.	V. Jordan	Cooper Vincent	9.22	15.37
Class I	D. Semfel	Firsk Norton	10.43	17.49

TREASURE HUNT .11th. March. by R.E.B.

The Trials Committee were honoured by fifteen starters in the Treasure Hunt on Sunday 11th. March. Despite sloppy conditions, all appeared to enjoy themselves. While selecting their own routes around checkpoints with a three hour limit on them, it seems surprising to hear of one choosing a route via Wynnun, and another so bored, he just had to sleep on the tramseat on Ipswich Road.

Several members found home was a place loaded with treasure; but the fellow who walked home while the car was in control, really takes the cake. The treasure of the day was collected by Pat Kennedy, who handed in with his treasures, the gearstick from his mount.

Honours for the day went to Merv Head and Ian Campbell, who actually gained twenty points; but only scraped victory by finishing earlier than Keith Herron and Howard Johnson, who were placed second, and were also credited twenty points.

Thanks go to the persons on the checkpoints, who spent the afternoon dodging the rain as they autographed the cards.

[illegible]

S a F e T y F a S t

Annual Subscriptions, which are payable in advance, are now due for all members wishing to continue, or begin to subscribe to the "Safety Fast" magazine. For those not familiar with this, it is a journal published by the M.G. Car Company in England, and includes Centre news, and articles which you will not find in any other publication.

This is a must for the enthusiast, and at only 16/- (Aust.) is an all time bargain. You have only ONE WEEK left to pay. Don't forget!

7
NEW MEMBERS

In welcoming the following new members to the Centre, I wish to convey a special message.

You have joined a Centre of the world wide M.G. Car Club. Should you travel interstate, or even overseas, you will find your membership of this club is the key to a friendly and hospitable reception. We are all part of a big family, an M.G. family.

By becoming part of the Queensland Centre, you have indicated your interest in the M.G. Marque, and in Motor Sport. You have agreed to abide by the rules of the Club, and of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport, with which we are affiliated. We expect you to take part in, and enjoy all the activities of the Centre. The clubrooms are for your use every Friday night, and we have our own Gymkhana grounds at Tingalpa.

I am usually available to help or advise you in club matters, as well as your committee, who are listed at the front of this magazine. We want to see you a lot; hear your reactions to the events, and your criticisms. We have many fine people in the Centre, and hope that you will become one of them. Please arrive and depart quietly from the clubrooms, and remember that the Centre is judged by the standard of behaviour, and driving of its members. Carry your club membership card with you at all times. A point to remember is that those who obtain the most benefit from a club, and those who enjoy it the most, are always the most active members. I hope you stay with us a long time.

B.M. Tebble. Hon. Secretary.

N.T. KING, MORNINGSIDE.

J. McLEOD (Mrs.) CITY.

B.R. SINGLETON, HOLLAND PARK

P.L. HARDY, ST. LUCIA.

A. YANNUCELLI, ASPLEY.

R. STREET, CAMP HILL.

G. RYAN, GRANGE.

I.F. GOOEY, MOOROOKA.

----- J. WARREN, BILINGA, QLD. -----

THE NEW "FULL" MEMBERS CAMPAIGN

Having started the year with a burst of enthusiasm, the drive to enlist more M.G. owning new members is dwindling. The Committee is awarding five guineas to he who proposes the greatest number of

How about it chaps? There are still invitation cards available from the Secretary, which you may leave in parked M.G.'s. If you speak to an M.G. owner who is not a member of this club, do you invite him to join, or find out his name and address, so that the Secretary may issue an invitation? If not, why not start now? You will increase the number of friends you have, and the benefit is to the Centre as a whole.

[illegible]

by P.R.T.

On a rainsoaked track, some cars performed unusual acrobatics in the hands of the tyros, and others were conspicuous by the Drivers' indifference to the conditions. The restricted sports car race resulted in a win for Ted Laker in the beautiful little Lotus Super Seven. Ted will be remembered for pedalling a hot TR3. Tim Harlock brought the O.H.V. Centaur into second place, and Vince Jordan, driving Ann Thomson's Lotus Ford was third. Our square rigger T.D. nosed into fifth, after a fumbling Le Mans start.

Jaguars dominated the main race, the Queensland Touring Car Championships. Bill Pitt was the master on the day, and proved convincingly that you only need drive fast enough to win. Bob Jane, having recovered from a momentous spin, tried hard to catch Pitt, attempting which, he succeeded in passing Bill Burns to take second money.

There were a few monotonous racing car events; but we were rewarded

with the sight of Tom Ross's fabulous new Lotus Twenty Mark Two, and new member Les Gould wrestling the Morris Repco Holden. Tom, as predicted, was taking things easy, and knowing Tom, he will continue to do so until he knows the car. Lionel Ayers' Holden sounded very crisp; crisp enough to bring him third place in the Holden Scratch race. Cec Keid experienced an unfortunate clutch blow up in his Holden.

Every Driver in the Production Sports Car Race was a member of the M.G. Car Club. Brian Tebble's T.D., running in this race only by invitation due to the alloy mudguards, went fast enough to prove that a "square rig" shape is no great deterrent to speed, and scored a convincing moral victory. Then came Brian Finan in the hot 1600 for first money, Barry Campbell in the neat A 1600, Paul Kinnane's Sprite, and Ritchie Greenlaw (Overgeared Sprite). Doug Bright (T.C.), Dan Casey (M.G.A.) and Ralph Edds in the Morris Special were also in this race. All competed in pouring rain. Brian Finan's M.G.A. seemed to have plenty of powernow that he has left the blower at home.

The team scored another first in the Mt. Tarampa Handicap. Brian Tebble took full advantage of a favourable handicap to bring the veteran T.D. into first place, followed by Paul Kinnane's Sprite and Geoff Sakzewski's Walnut Shell. As seems to be typical of handicap racing, the cars were well spaced out.

Unfortunately the wet weather kept the crowds away, although the racing was full of interest because of it.

The fastest lap times of each competing "G" Club member are below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>minutes/seconds</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Mins/Secs.</u>
Ann Thomson	(Lotus)	2.17.3.	D. Casey	(M.G.A.)	2.44.7
B. Finan	(M.G.A.)	2.31.8	T. Ross	(Lotus FJ)	2.06.2
K. Turner	(Centaur)	2.35.7	R. Edds	(Morris Sp)	2.30.9
B. Tebble	(M.G.T.D.)	2.21.9	R. Greenlaw	(Sprite)	2.57.0
B. Campbell	(M.G.A.)	2.29.4	I. Clay	(TR 2)	2.27.9
P. Kinnane	(Sprite)	2.37.8	L. Ayers	(Holden)	2.21.3
D. Bright	(M.G.T.C.)	2.44.9	L. Gould	(Repco Hldn)	2.09.8
B. Neville	(M.G.T.C.)	2.40.3	N. King	(Morgan)	2.26.2
P. Fallu	(Renault)	3.17.7	K. Horgan	(Ford)	2.49.9
J. Halford	(Mini M.)	2.56.9			

(A few of the above times are deceptive, as some of the cars were giving trouble.)

~~worked, but we were rewarded~~

C E N T R E P R O G R A M M E O F F U T U R E
E V E N T S

MAY	11th.	Film Night at Clubrooms. 7.30 p.m.
MAY	20th.	Sprint meeting at Lowood. 11.00 a.m.
MAY	25th.	Scavenger Hunt. Starts Clubrooms 7.45 p.m.
MAY	27th.	Gymkhana at Tingalpa. Starts at 1.00 p.m.
JUNE	1st.	Scalectrix Midget Night at Clubrooms. 8.00 p.m.
JUNE	15th.	8m.m. Film & 35 m.m. Slide night at Clubrooms. 8.00 p.m.
JUNE	17th.	Working Bee & Barbecue at Gymkhana grounds. 10.00 a.m.
JUNE	24th.	Gymkhana at Tingalpa. Starts at 1 p.m.
JUNE	29th.	Organised Tour of English Electric Factory. Starts 8.p.m.

** For the Film and Slide evening, we invite members to bring their own 8m.m. films and 35m.m. slides of interest to club members. (Not the ones of Aunt Flo. and her dogs).

W E H O P E T O S E E A L L M E M B E R S A T A L L E V E N T S
oo
Club Run and Barbecue 29th. April.

Ian Michels organised a club run, followed by a Barbecue at Youngs Crossing, on Sunday, 29th. April. All members who supported the day enjoyed themselves, perhaps with the exception of poor John Gill, whose Morris Major's fuel pump resented all attempts to repair, and John was last seen disappearing over the horizon with his passenger clasping pieces of wire etc., and occasionally joining them together. Sounds very complicated, we hope you made it, John.

As usual, a few bods and bodesses turned up minus steaks; but were rescued by Hon. Sec., who seemed to spend a lot of time up a tree at Youngs Crossing. (Natural Habitat?)

The only thing we left behind was a sprite, and the odour of burnt offerings. A few (?) of us then descended on the abode of one Ian Clay, and proceeded to eat the Clays out of house etc. Mrs Clay was equal to the situation however, and seemed to think that it was nothing unusual to be invaded by a mob of M.G. fanatics in the middle of the night.

Club Runs usually bring a few of our members out of their hibernation, so there is a good chance of another this year if you want it.

THIS AND THAT BY ALL SUNDRY.

It appears that all the members who went "gate keeping" at Lowood thoroughly enjoyed same, and will be doing it again next time.

We liked the tent in the pits, and Joan Appleby's goodies. Thanks to all the girls who helped with the team lap scoring. It must have been nerve racking, as Del Davis was seen smoking two cigarettes at once!

We are told that Kerry (Mal) Horgan has at last fallen into his swimming pool! True Kerry?

Truth is stranger etc.. Miles Hunter tunes his M.G.'S with a bed spanner, and taught Nan to swear at an early age, underneath an M.G.

Members John Cranley and Ted Jones now in used car business at Anne: John will be remembered for exploits with a quick T.F., and Ted for driving same T.F. at Middle Ridge in 1958. (7000 r.p.m. in top!) Rumour has it that Ted has taken on a ball & chain. Congrats!

The boys who went to Bathurst had a good time, although not at the motor racing. A few of them have been getting their speedos checked since the trip. Ever seen a letter box doing 95 m.p.h?

Hon. Secretary seriously thinking of migrating to Melbourne. Went down for Easter Events and hasn't shut up since. (Let's take up a collection & give him the fare.) Intends remodelling the Qld. Centre, (do we need it?), buying a K3, etc, etc, etc, etc, etc, etc, etc.

Kev. Anderson went to Melbourne too, and there met George & Margare Taylor. Kev says you need radar to drive in Gymkhanas down there.

Lynne Finnimore has unique way of defrosting meat. What else do you use the hair dryer for, Lynne? (John says the meat tastes like Brylcreem!)

We are thinking of devoting a special column in the Octagon to the idiots who practise spectacular starts outside the Clubroom on Friday nights. Takes real talent to do that you know!

WANTED. ARTICLES BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT OCTAGON.

STOP PRESS. All members please note. Unauthorised use of the Gymkhana Grounds at Tingalpa is strictly prohibited.

MARSHALL BATTERIES

now established in Queensland

**QUALITY BATTERIES
FOR YOUR CAR ...**
Save with Marshall

**161-163 BRUNSWICK ST.
VALLEY. Phone 5 2141**

Queensland's leading **CAR RADIO SPECIALISTS**

- All leading makes
- New and Reconditioned Sets.
- Low Deposit, Easy Terms.



A.W. BARRS
620 WICKHAM ST. VALLEY.

PHONE 51 5011
SALES — SERVICE — INSTALLATION

DAVE EVANS

722 ROBINSON ROAD, ASPLEY. PHONE 60 2569

Induction and Extractor Manifolds made to specifications

Porting and Polishing, Waggott Camshafts

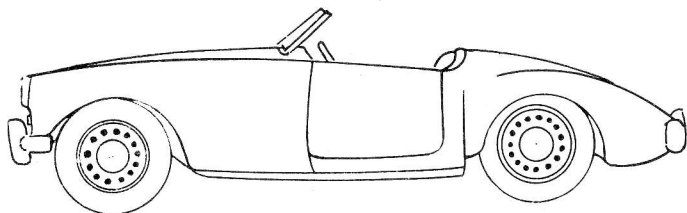
Space Frame and Suspension Unit Fabrications

(As Centaur G.T. for John French)

Trailer and General Light Fabrication

whether buying or selling . . .

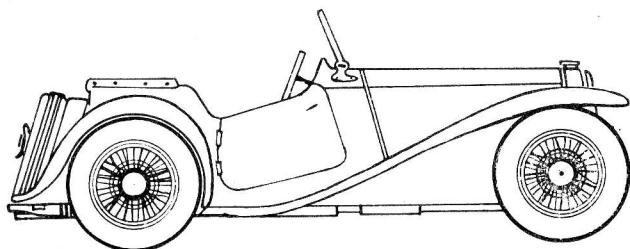
consult
Brisbane's
leading
Sports
car dealer . . .



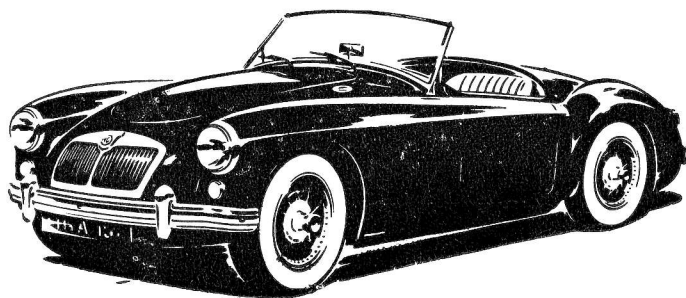
GEARY'S

selected

**SPORTS
CARS**



221 Logan Road
Buranda
Phone 91 2858



easy terms — trade-ins accepted