

P R O G R A M M E

FEBRUARY

Fri. 9th - Natter Night at the BEAUMONTS,
42 Abingdon Street, Woolloongabba
Phone 391 2631 - 8p.m.

Sunday 11th - Working Bee at Mt. Cotton *

Fri. 16th - Navigation Run - Clubrooms 8p.m.

Sat.Sun. 17th/18th - Surfers Paradise Races

Sunday 19th - Working Bee at Mt. Cotton *

Fri. 23rd - Natter Night at the McNEILLS,
17 Pedley St., Wavell Heights
Phone 266 2800 - 8p.m.

Sunday 25th - Working Bee at Mt. Cotton*

MARCH

Fri. 2nd - Preparation Night for Rally - Clubrooms

Sat.Sun. 3rd/4th - M.G.C.C. conduct the Round I of
the Q'ld Rally C'ships - Start Stan-
thorpe - For details ring Ann 378 1368
or Neil 266 2800.

Fri. 9th - Our Annual Dinner Dance & Pres. Night
at the Popular Indooroopilly Golf
Course House - 7.30. For Tickets Phone
Joan 57 1561 or Delia 30 3148.

Sunday 18th - HILLCLIMB Mt. Cotton

JUNE 9th & 10th Australian Hillclimb C'ships Mt. Cotton
to be organised by M.G.C.C. of Q'ld.

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COVER PHOTO - of Rod Hiley in his MGK3 at the All
Historic Lakeside Race Meeting 11th/12th Nov., '78
Photo by Keith McConnell - with thanks Keith.

EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Happy New Year-- well here we go again as your temporary Editor and as such I appeal to you to read further if you are at least a little interested in your Club.

Because of our Clubroom situation (to fill new members in - The Kiosk is only temporary -each fortnight) please consult your calendar of events at the front of this Octagon (opposite page to be oxact) as this will tell you where we anticipate being on each specific Friday night. To make certain, before departing, you could always ring the phone number listed for that date.

Just confirming what is already written on the Calendar, but also seeking help - that the 3rd and 4th March is the 1st Round of the Q.R.C., which Ann and Neil are busy settling, so how about some support there, fellows.

The 9th March (Annual Dinner Dance etc.) looks like being a popular night again - so make your bookings early - all you bring is yourself and friends. OK.

Our Club shall also be conducting the Australian Hillclimb Championships at Mt. Cotton on the 9th & 10th June and we are calling for help now in quite a number of ways.

(a) More workers at the Hillclimb Circuit. Working Bees have been held each Sunday, and it is envisaged that we continue to hold them each week-end (probably Sunday) but please ring Peter Rayment to make certain that there's one on first - 30 3148(AH)

(b) On the days 9th and 10th volunteers are wanted to 'man' the catering booths etc. Please ring me and indicate when you'd like (what hours) to work even if only for 1 hour (that'll mean someone can have lunch in peace). A list, on a roster system, is envisaged. Otherwise we're going to have to let the rights to the catering to an outside body - and goodbye all that 'brass' that can be made - so howabout a bit of support on these 2 days ladies, at least.

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Editorial Cont'd.

Getting back to Clubrooms - we need Clubrooms - for without definite clubrooms we are unable to function as a 'Club' - so as a Club member do your bit. When -ever out driving keep an eye out either for a place to rent or buy - then please ring me if you find anything - with details i.e. address, agent etc. and we shall go from there.

You only get out of the Club - what you put into it! What do you put into your Club??

YES ----would all those aspiring writers come forward and just one of them can take up this interesting post, henceforth.

See you at the A.D.D. & P.N. & the R. & the H.C. OK

Delia Rayment.

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS DUE FOR 1979.

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M.G. CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

are organising the

First Round of the

* QUEENSLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS *

3rd/4th MARCH, 1979

Starting at Stanthorpe

***** We urgently need help to run same *****
(no experiences necessary)
(we'll tell you what to do)

!! If you wish to enter or help !!

Please Phone either Ann Thomson
on 378 1368

or Neil McNeil
on 266 2800 (A/H)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 1979, I hope you all had an enjoyable New Year and used all those holidays to get your cars going for this years events.

We are conducting some very special events this year and will require a large amount of assistance from the members, if they are going to be successful. This means that you will have to try to see if by some means you can give some of your valuable time to the Club. Because the assistance we require involves time. It need not be very much actually if each member spent just one week-end out of each year assisting the Committee they in turn would be able to do much more for you.

The major events which the Club are conducting are on the 4th/5th March, Round I, Queensland Rally Championships. Starting in Stanthorpe area. The 9th/10th June, the Australian Hillclimb Championships at Mt. Cotton and a Race Meeting at Lakeside on the 17th/18th November.

These are just the major events, but we will be organising many other Club events, as well, and would like to see you make a special effort to take part in these. Because they are a great Social day not just a competitive day and they will range from Day Runs, Concours and Motorkhanas to Hillclimbs and Sprints.

As you all are aware we had to move out of 620 Wickham Street because the building was sold, so at the moment we are fortunate to be able to meet at "The New Farm Park Kiosk" in Dixon Street, Newfarm due to the generosity of Denis Purdy and his wife, Erin. Many Thanks Denis and Erin.

We are currently looking for new rooms, but are finding it very difficult. If you know of anywhere
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President's Report Cont'd

that you think might be suitable please call me so that we can have a look. The Friday night meetings are as much an important part of the Clubs Calendar as any other event, so lets make a point of saying to your fellow members and friends "See you at the Car Club on Friday Night". As this helps develop the Club and enable you to have an enjoyable evening talking with your friends and don't forget to bring your wife and/or girlfriends along too.

It seems that several members have got the restoration bug for their M.G's. Don't take too long fellows, get in there and get them going. You miss out on too much by not driving your M.G.

At the Hillclimb we are currently doing a lot of improvements but we need some help, so please ring Peter Rayment if you can come down at any time or if you know where we might be able to buy some materials such as concrete bricks, pipe, toilet cisterns or roofing iron cheap - or better still for nothing.

For those of you that put up with my lack of journalistic prowess and read all of this. Thanks very much and hope to see you all taking an active part in your Club in 1979.

Neil Mc Neil
President

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DATE TO REMEMBER

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FRI. 9th MARCH -7.30p.m.

OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES NIGHT

POINTS SCORED IN 1978

- prepared by Club Captain Mal.Spiden

We thank all members (names appear in the next few pages) for entering in the events organised for all club members of M.G.C.C. of Q'ld and look forward to their participation this year + you (we hope).

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NIGHT NAVIGATION EVENTS

Drivers

G. Findlater	50
P. Rayment	31
D. Webster	31
B. Vanderburg	28
M. Hopcraft	25
G. Whittaker	24
K. McConnell	21
H. George	18
R. Ritchie	14
J. Finn	11
N. McNeil	10
B. Smith	10
A. Thomson	10
G. Fahey	6
P. Doblo	4
A. Telfer	4
J. Barram	2
W. Bentley	2
Rob Cossor	2
R. Gordon	2

Navigators

J. Findlater	54
M. Spiden	52
D. Rayment	31
D. Jefferies	25
M. O'Shanesy	20
R. Davis	18
J. Murphy	15
R. McKercher	6
Bev Cossor	4
G. Carpenter	1

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MOTORKHANA

G. Carpenter	36
K. McConnell	36
P. Rayment	16
L. Barram	12
M. Spiden	12
S. Austin	8

BEST M.G.

D. Webster	73
H. George	39
A. Randall	28
B. Vanderburg	28
G. Findlater	26
J. Findlater	14

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Point Score Cont'dMOTORKHANA Cont'd

J. Barram	6
B. Vanderburg	6
N. McNeil	4
B. Briggs	2
R. Cossor	2
D. Rayment	2
J. Findlater	2

BEST M.G. Cont'd

R. Ritchie	14
G. Fahey	6
P. Gordon	2

GROUP D

T. Peel	21
J. Barram	20
H. George	20
A. Randall	20

LADIES

Julie Findlater	72
Delia Rayment	33
Bev Cossor	29
Meg O'Shanesy	21
Ann Thomson	10
Rhonda McKercher	7

BEST T TYPE

D. Webster	73
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RACING DRIVERS TROPHY

Dick Johnson	51	Bruce Briggs	12
Rick Warland	37	Barry McInnes	12
John Fraser	36	Iain Corness	11
Dennis Carroll	33	Barry Wraith	11
Tony Jay	29	Steve Austin	10
Ivan Tighe	27	John Whittaker	8
Evan Thomas	25	Paul Budda	5
Ian Peters	23	Greg Hansford	5
Wayne Davidson	21	Alan Telfer	5
Dale Johnstone	20	John Heffernan	4
Geoff Russell	20	Col Wenzel	4
Bob Scott	19	Peter Aldridge	3
Kerry Horgan	18	Rob Marshall	3
Robbie Wardrop	18	Russell Scheikowski	3
George Robb	16	Peter Bull	2
Keven Johnston	15	Noel Constantine	1
Gary Whittaker	15	Kevin Kilbride	1
		Barry Nixon-Smith	1

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Point Score Cont'd.

SPEED TROPHY

A. JAY	82
J. Heffernan	81
K. McConnell	69
K. Heffernan	63
B. Smith	60
S. Austin	56
P. Rayment	54
J. Finn	52
J. Pidgeon	46
D. Webster	46
I. Weise	40
Rob Cossor	36
L. Barram	32
R. Pidgeon	32
Bev Cossor	24
D. Partington	22
C. Lake	21
T. Peel	21

J. Barram	20
Brian Cossor	20
N. Constantine	20
H. George	20
B. Nixon-Smith	20
A. Randall	20
B. LeGarde	18
J. Findlater	16
G. Carpenter	16
B. Wraith	16
I. Wells	16
R. Jones	4
G. Whittaker	3
C. Burke	1
G. Haseler	1
J. Murphy	1

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RALLY DRIVERS

A. Thomson
N. Singleton
M. O'Shanesy
B. Nixon-Smith
T. Peel
G. Smallman

RALLY NAVIGATORS

R. Moir
L. Garth
N. McNeil

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DON'T FORGET THE PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AT THE INDOOROOPILLY GOLF COURSE HOUSE -FRIDAY 9th MARCH FOR TICKETS RING JOAN 57 1561 or Delia 303148.

THE OCTAGON



NIGHT RUNS
JULIE + GREG FINDLATER



MOTORKHANA
GLEN CARPENTER



GROUP D SPEED
TED PEEL



SPEED TROPHY
TONY JAY



RALLY NAVIGATOR
ROSS MOIR



RALLY DRIVER
ANN THOMSON

THE OCTAGON



BEST ALL ROUND 4
MOTORHANA
KEITH MC CONNELL



BEST MG 4T TYPE
DON WEBSTER



RACING DRIVER'S TROPHY
DICK JOHNSON

----- THE PRECEEDING PHOTOS

are of the trophy winners for 1978(well of their cars anyway), same will be presented on the 9th (Friday) March at the Annual Dinner Dance to be held this year again at the popular Indooroopilly Golf Course House.

PHOTOS BY KEITH AND ALAN MC CONNELL (THANKS LADS!)

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***** WANTED CLUBROOMS-FOR US(that includes you)

Anyone with any clues as to the availability of Clubrooms to the following specifications, please Contact either Joan Appleby (57 1561) or Delia Rayment(30 3148) NOW.....

- TO BUY OR RENT.....Approx.1,000sq.ft.
- in floor area;
- 24hr. access;
- fire-proof structure (preferred);
- Central position (i.e. City,Valley, Sth.fringe);
- ETC.

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FOR SALE ---- Comp. fron end Mazda RX2; Comp. Rear end Mazda RX2, M.G.A. Chassis 1600 \$50; MGA LH doors \$20 each; MGA Bonnet \$30. Phone Grant Beaumont 391 2631 or 225 8971(Work).

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WANTED Honda Civic (undamaged) Body Shell or complete car. Contact Meg O'Shanesy Phone 391 3443 (A.H.)
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BEST ALL ROUNDER
TROPHY
 (For Annual Competition)

K. McCONNELL	127	C. Lake	21
P. Rayment	102	M.O'Shanesy	21
A. Jay	84	T. Peel	21
J. Heffernan	81	B. Nixon-Smith	20
J. Finn	80	R. Davis	18
D. Webster	73	B. LeGarde	18
J. Findlater	72	J. Murphy	16
B. Smith	72	B. Wraith	16
S. Austin	64	I. Wells	16
M. Spiden	64	R. Ritchie	15
K. Heffernan	63	N. McNeil	14
G. Carpenter	53	A. Thomson	10
G. Findlater	52	G. Fahey	7
J. Pidgeon	46	R. McKercher	7
L. Barram	45	P. Doblo	4
R. Cossor	41	R. Jones	4
I. Weise	41	A. Telfer	4
H. George	39	W. Bentley	2
B. Vanderburg	35	B. Briggs	2
D. Rayment	33	P. Gordon	2
R. Pidgeon	32	C. Burke	1
Bev Cossor	29	A. Dwyer	1
A. Randall	29	I. Dwyer	1
J. Barram	28	L. Garth	1
G. Whittaker	27	G. Haseler	1
M. Hopcraft	25	L. Velleman	1
D. Jefferies	25	G. Velleman	1
Brian Cossor	22	I. Warnett	1
N. Constantine	21		

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ALL TROPHIES PLUS CERTIFICATES RE RECORDS BROKEN AT
 MT. COTTON DURING THE YEAR SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE
 ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & PRESENTATION DANCE -----FRIDAY
 9th MARCH AT the Indooroopilly Golf Club House -----
 WHY NOT MAKE UP A PARTY NOW AND BOOK RING EITHER 571561
 or 303148

EYESIGHT IS PRECIOUS

OR

EYE SAFETY WITH FIBREGLASS
(or how to burn your eyes out)

At a recent safety conference, an eye specialist described a hazard that could affect each of us and our families. That hazard is the catalyst or hardener added to fibreglass resin before the resin is applied. The eye specialist stated that a drop of this catalyst in the eye will progressively destroy the tissue of the eye and result in blindness. This occurs even though an attempt is made to wash the catalyst from the eye. Furthermore, once the chemical has started to destroy the eye, there is no known way of stopping the destruction or repairing the damage.

The specific toxic agent involved is methyl-ethyl-ketone peroxide (MEKP). In laboratory tests, MEKP in solutions of varying concentrations was found to cause eye problems ranging from "irritation" to "severe damage". The maximum concentration producing no appreciable irritation was a solution containing only 0.6% MEKP. Material published on the subject indicates that washing an affected eye within four seconds after contamination prevented injuries in all cases, but no known chemical neutralizer has been discovered. Suggested precautions for catalyst users are eye-protective spectacles and the immediate availability of a source of bland fluid such as water for thorough washing of ocular tissues.

One disastrous experience was described. While fibreglassing a chair at home, a victim had both eyes contaminated by MEKP. Though he made an effort to wash his eyes out, several minutes apparently elapsed before he found water. The sight of one eye was lost immediately, the other was lost gradually over a period of about eight years. Its deterioration was

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EYE SAFETY CONT'D.

described as resembling that resulting from mustard gas burns during World War I.

This fibreglass resin danger was previously unknown to those attending the conference, though many had used fibreglass resin at work or at home. The hazard may be unknown to readers also - and to wives and children who may use a similar kind of resin and catalyst when working with fibreglass or hardeners used in liquid casting plastic.

So before using any of these catalysts, check their chemical composition and take appropriate precautions. The cost of a pair of safety goggles is a very small price to pay for the protection of eyesight.

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SAFETY GLASSES

They protect your eyes and will save your sight - if you wear them. They offer no protection in your back pocket, your locker, or your tool box.

Keep your safety glasses in good condition. Have them adjusted if they don't fit well. Wash your glasses with warm water and soap. Soap the inside of the lenses and wipe with a clean cloth to reduce fogging.

Remember the other fellow's sight is just as priceless to him as yours is to you. Avoid blowing chips in the direction of other workers or anyone who is passing. Keep screens and partitions in place.

Sight is your most priceless possession. Wear your safety glasses!

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO SEPT. '78

Once again I am able to report to you that your Club has had a financially successful year. The profit of \$1,650.00 is certainly not brilliant, it is not even sufficient to do those things the Committee wishes to do for the benefit of members. However, bearing in mind the seriously reduced number of events held, it is a reasonably creditable result. Those of you who read the accounts and can find no reference to the above mentioned sum may care to subtract the expenditure from the revenue and add \$10,000.

Revenue suffered a serious decline in the profits normally obtained from canteen trading and social events. We have to thank those members who handle the catering for the club that the latter account did not show a loss. To some extent this decline was off-set by the improved performance of badge sales, speed events and trials and nightruns.

As was foreshadowed in this report last year the value of the land at Mt. Cotton has been written up. It is now shown in the books at the Valuer Generals valuation of \$13,500. After consultation with our auditors the committee also decided to make provision for the diminution in the value of the loan to Mt. Cotton Hillclimb Ltd. This was done because the company has very few assets and the loan would not be, at this time, recoverable. The balance sheet is simply more realistic in the circumstances pertaining at this time.

Should any member have difficulty in understanding the accounts as submitted, I am always glad to answer their questions to the best of my ability.

Once again I thank all those who have made my task as Treasurer so easy. My especial thanks go to Mr. N.G. Halligan, our honorary auditor, for his continued assistance and advice.

Ann Thomson.

HELMET FITMENT

as from CAMS Report No. 8 December 1978.

Dual Australian Grand Prix winner, multi Australian title holder and Australian Bell helmet agent Frank Matich recently made the following observations concerning helmets.

The fit of a helmet today is far more important than in the past. A helmet which does not fit correctly, or a helmet not designed correctly to retain fit (poorly designed pit circles for retention straps or incorrect profiles at the base of the skull) would render zero protection as a helmet's natural manner of dislodgement is forwards, pivoting around the area of the jawbone. A helmet not on a head effectively renders zero protection in impact, zero protection in a life support manner and actually will contribute to possible generating forces in a whip-lash manner.

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BATTERY SWITCHES

From 1st January 1979 the Rules will require that the "on" and "off" positions of battery master switches required for all first category cars, must be marked with the "off" and "on" positions. This will ensure that there will be less confusion in the event of an accident and the resultant need to turn off the electrical supply.

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DON'T FORGET

3rd/4th MARCH, 1979 - ROUND I
QUEENSLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Being-organised by your Club...How about some support!

HILLCLIMBNEWSHILLCLIMBNEWSHILLCLIMBNEWSHILLCLIMBNEWS

M.G. Car Club of Queensland

will present the

AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1979**

AT MT. COTTON

on the 9th & 10th JUNE

Start preparing your cars now guys!

Also we want your assistance to make this event more successful.

If you are wanting information on the event or are willing to work at working bees etc. ring Peter Rayment on 30 3148(A.H.)

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BODS & BENDS

Congratulations to the Horgans on the arrival of Christopher Roy - just a little bit before time.

Also, congratulations to the Purdys (Denis & Erin) on the arrival of Leo Christopher - hope all is well by this.

Ask Barry Harvey about his 'one wish' story. Hear tell he blew it as he got what he wished for - a naked bird streaking across in front of him. Leisha says he should have wished for money - what do you think fellows?

WE are again compiling a list of people (tradehouses) who offer discounts to M.G. Car Club Members - but this time we shall carry the list forward each Edition. Please advise the Editor on 30 3148 if you know of any one offering discounts etc.

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COMET BATTERY CO. - 54 Granite Street, GEEBUNG.4034
24 hours service. Phone 265 2233 and ask for either Perc.
or Robert McGilvery. Redcliffe Batteries Phone 284 4973.

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Specialists in Computer Wheel Alignment & Balancing.
Front End Repairs & Modifications. Hydrolastic Suspension
Recharge (All makes & Models). 56B Compton Rd., UNDERWOOD.

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DONT FORGET-----Private adds by members in this Octagon
are free - so use the service.

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Caution should be taken when using copper cylinder head
gaskets in combination with 'thread locking solutions',
as these solutions react with the copper and cause premat
ure failure.

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CLUB REGALIA

FOR SALE - Attractive MG T/Shirts - \$5 each

- Cloth Badges - \$2 each

and more. Both items really

good value so for either

See Peter or Delia Rayment

At the Clubrooms or Phone 30 3148

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COME ONE COME ALL

TO THE

***** ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & PRESENTATION NIGHT *****

AT THE POPULAR

INDOOROOPILLY GOLF COURSE

FRIDAY -9th MARCH

7.30p.m

ALL YOU DO IS BRING YOURSELF &

FRIENDS

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM A
COMMITTEE MEMBER

OR PHONE JOAN 57 1561 or
DELIA 30 3148

\$22 DOUBLE
\$11 SINGLE