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Magnette spotted in the back blocks of the Legal District of George Town, Penang.

Shared the car park with Audi's, Merc's and BMW's, they were of course in much better condition.



Members enjoying a cuppa at JJ's Bakery Longford, after completing the May Trial.

Cars outside J.J's.



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NW Members Cars on Display at Ulverstone Waterfront  
Participants at the start of the May Trial, Campbelltown.

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## **MG Car Club May Trial 2014.**

Sometimes there are subtle clues that things may not turn out as you expected. The problem is we don't always recognise them until it's too late.

And so a week prior to the event, "Captain" Bannon returns my call as I was enquiring about the May Trial. "Oh it's a just a fun event" he says, "nobody takes it seriously".

"So there's no chance of divorce proceedings after the event then?" I ask.

"No, don't be silly, come along and you'll have a great time".

He sounded so happy and sincere and I swear he sounded like he was smiling.

**Subtle clue missed!**

The morning of the event dawned crisp and sunny - an ideal day for a pleasant drive in a sports car. We meet just before 10.00am at the Motor Museum - Rhonda and I in our MX5, Geoff and David Sherriff in their MX5 and Mark "Deadeye" Dilger in his MG thingy. We swap polite (and not so polite) remarks about each other's cars and then Mark announces that he thinks we should head off shortly as he has worked out a bit of a long drive to Ross. ROSS?

"Hang on a minute Deadeye" I say. "Aren't we going to Campbelltown?"

"No, definitely to Ross" he says stubbornly.

**Another subtle clue missed!**



After some debate he agrees that we should be going to Campbelltown. I suggest that he might like to tag on to the back of the MX5's in his leaky old MG and follow us to CAMPBELLTOWN. Outnumbered, he agrees. We head off in the direction of White

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Hills and on to Evandale where we stop to let the MG thingy catch up and let Deadeye have a recuperative cup of coffee before the marathon drive to CAMPBELLTOWN.

So, we arrive at CAMPBELLTOWN and park up next to another one of those MG's and do the meet and greet thing and swap long and short stories. Very pleasant so far. Soon "Captain" Bannon arrives in his ute and unloads the BBQ. I notice that he is smiling a lot.

### **Another subtle clue missed!**

Soon after I see Deadeye and The Captain in conversation with two others. One of these I've met before – his name is John James. The other is the CAMS steward – we'll call him Shorty! The Captain is still smiling. I soon realise that I have encountered this James fellow before – I mean a looong time ago. Many years ago when I was a much younger man, I entered a navigational trial held around Deloraine/Elizabeth Town. A supposedly light hearted family day out filled with fun and motoring. I vowed after that event, I would never, ever enter another one of those trials. The man who organised it stood in front of me – it was that James fellow. And there they all stood – The Captain, Deadeye, Shorty and John James – THE JAMES GANG!

I turned to Rhonda and said, "Come on, we've got to get out of here". We looked around for an escape exit but they had it covered – The Captain had parked his ute across the exit and Deadeye was standing next to it. There was no escape. Worst of all, the b.....ds had taken my \$30 entry fee. The Captain was still smiling!

We had no choice – we had to take part now. So we took our map and instructions and Rhonda proceeded to work out our route. Geoff Sherriff came over and leaned into my window and said – "Have you worked it out then?" I said "Yeah, my navigator has worked it out – how about you?" Clearly he hadn't and we felt sorry for him so we let him look at our map. Rhonda had a very smug look on her face – not her best look but I was happy to see it. Mind you, we hadn't left the car park yet!



Then it was our turn to pull up to the start line. Deadeye was stood there with a stopwatch. This is the man who wanted to take us to Ross and they gave him the important job of

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using the stopwatch. Geeeee? Anyway, after the allotted minute we were sent on our way, ready for anything they could throw at us. The first section was a breeze and we arrived at the check in station at the right time and felt as though we had this thing nailed. The leader of the gang, that James fellow, greeted us with a smile and congratulated us on our achievement so far and headed us in the direction of the next section. He smiled and waved us away and lulled us into that false sense of security that so many con men are able to do so effortlessly. B.....d!

I won't go into detail about the argument that took place in that small MX5 cabin a little further down the road, and I won't tell you all the new swear words that I learned that afternoon but I will tell you that I did learn that I have a similar parentage to that James fellow.

Anyway, calm soon descended over the little MX5 cabin and we decided, sod it, let's go and have a coffee and stuff this stupid trial. So we headed along the roads that the instructions insisted we should not drive along and we stopped at the Longford toilets to have a pit stop (it had been a long afternoon). As we got back into the car we spotted the Gang across the other side of the road from the park, all stood there laughing and waiting for their victims to arrive.

I said to Rhonda "Do you think they've seen us yet"?

She said, "I doubt it".

I said "Have you got a hand grenade in your handbag"?

"No" she said.

I said "You carry a handbag the size of a small house and you haven't got a hand grenade in it"?

I won't tell you about the argument that took place in that small cabin of the MX5 or even more new swear words that I learned but I will tell you about the plot that we eventually hatched. Not great admittedly but we were stressed and it was the best we could come up with at the time.

We would fold the stupid instructions and map so tightly that they would become a deadly missile that we would launch from the cabin of the MX5 at speed and take out the leader of that James Gang. So now we got up to speed and as we approached them, The Captain, Deadeye, Shorty and that James fellow, I took aim and launched the missile and kept driving. Bugger – missed him! I should have aimed it at one of the tall ones not that little fellow.

So where did we finish then? Well it doesn't really matter does it? It's the taking part that counts. Bollocks!

So will we be taking part next year? Well Rhonda has said never, ever, ever, ever again will she navigate for me. Geoff Sherriff offered me his navigator David, but he won't argue so that's no fun. I could do it by myself and probably win it but I think on reflection that I'd rather become a member of the Gang. I'm sure I'd fit in and as I didn't manage to kill any of them with my grenade I'm sure they'll have me.

So Captain, Deadeye, Shorty and Mr James – what do you think?

Eamonn Matthews.

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## **Presidents Report**

A wander through the ancient temples of Greece, the ruins of Rome or the magnificent mansions of England can leave me a little cold.

For, although I appreciate the architecture, builder's skill and decorators labours they don't have the same soul when packed with tourists, as I imagine they had when alive with their owners, friends, children, furniture and chattels.

I don't dare compare some of our member's garages to the wonders of the world, but some do have more life, for me.

They reflect in lots of ways the creativity of their owners and in others their personality, they can hide many secrets in their dark and mystical corners and their contents reflect the hours of enjoyment spent in labours ranging from a quick polish to a full blown modification or build.

Every dent in a bench, worn out tool or battered manual can tell a story of a trial, a tribulation of blood, sweat and tears.

It's always exciting to be invited into what many call Maxie's museum, his garages bulge with Tasmanian motor racing memorabilia that fires the imaginations for first time visitors.

Our public officer and life member, Bill Griffith's garage reminds me of those enchanting and secret places where old English engineers created motoring wonders to beat the establishment.

Bruce Hills space is a different kettle of fish, his garages are brimming full of so many marques and parts with so much potential that I would suggest if you are privileged with a tour, you take a sleeping bag and a cut lunch or two, it will take a couple of days to do the full tour.

Members like Dave Tamplin's (Mr Rover's) space reflect his single minded passion, although there's the occasional British bike.

Families also play a big part in the style of garages; Craig Twining has taken on the family tradition in garaging, if you ever visited his father's you'd know what I mean.

Greg Bannon joins with his son Kurtis to share their creative side and fill up their garage together.

There are many more worth mentioning, life members, Cheryl and Tony Gurnhill and John Biggelaar's are just a couple of these romantic temples I've been privileged to enter.

And to finish without mentioning two of our most accommodating garages would be a failing of this story.

Jim Brown and David Short have run their garages for lots of members of our club and I know that if every helpful hint, enquiry, late night rescue or hard to source part had been charged at the full commercial rate then they would both be very rich men.

It's their expertise and knowledge that is invaluable to maintaining the marque.

With about 300 members it's a fair estimate that 100 or so garages should be worth visiting around this state.

So don't tidy up, don't hide the treasures, be proud of your garage and invite us for a garage tour.

We should all enjoy the experience.

Phil Tilley



## **Ed Says**

It occurs to me as we travel through Asia, that just how lucky we are to have road rules that 95% of people actually obey. Now many people who know me will have to pick themselves up off the floor about now. Forget the frustration of no indicating or not keeping left, the road rules here appear to be, do whatever you want just try not to hit another car.

By try not to hit, I mean miss by the smallest margin possible, measured in points of mm's.

Then there is the lack of police, oh how I wish our own traffic police were as non-existent as here. We have a two lane major through road, double yellow lines and cars parked 2 deep, not a cop or parking warden in sight. But they still manage to have 2 lanes of traffic, (remember that points of mm's). Then you have motorbikes driving down the footpath because the traffic is so tight they can't drive between cars like they normally do. We then turn the corner, we have one lane each way, but not wide enough to park cars, so they park them 2 deep on the footpath, and everyone walks on the road in between the traffic. I am not sure what the road toll is here, but we have only heard 4 ambulance sirens in 7 days and we are just up the road from a hospital, so either there aren't many or they don't bother calling an ambulance? Then there are the taxi drivers.

Scenario 1: Forget that thrill ride at the theme park, just call a taxi, barter the fee before you get in and then sit back and enjoy the thrill of the ride. I was lucky enough to have the front seat in a Hi-Ace maxi taxi, an 80km/h freeway, we were doing 110km/h and I couldn't see the number plate of the car in front. All I could think of, was how am I going to be able to drive without my legs. In retrospect having such a short distance is probably a good thing because the reduction in speed of the car in front before impact would be minimal so the speed of impact would actually be only a few km'h, what would happen after that is anyone's guess.

Scenario 2: Imagine this if you can, the taxi driver has a phone cradle strapped to his steering wheel so when driving in a straight line, the phone is upright above the centre of the steering wheel. We are driving along changing lanes at will and driving in unmarked lanes, when the phone rings, he puts it on speaker and keeps driving, in a crouched position with his nose about 100mm from the phone. I'm thinking he cannot see the road!!!, but wait he turns the wheel and tilts his head to follow the phone, OMG we are going to die!!!

Scenario 3: Three lanes merge into 2 the white lines do not change to indicate a merge, the barely visible single white line just continues into the kerb as it angles to the reduced width of the road. So the taxi driver speeds up to get as far up the lane as he can, but the traffic is stopped, so at the last minute he slams on the brakes, but not soon enough, and we hit the back of a stopped car in the adjacent lane. So what happens next, nothing!!! you just drive off and wave as you go past the car about 200m down the road.

I can only imagine the road rage if this was to occur in Australia.

Greetings from Asia, Ed.



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## **Club Captain Report**

### **MAY TRIAL**

July 20th, half way through Winter and you could not get a better day weather wise for the running of the May Trial. Other than the entrants, there were other Club members who made a social outing of it by joining in for lunch.

Our Cams steward for the day was Club member Ian Wade and the scrutineering was done by Donald Fraser.

John James had again set a course that was to challenge all who entered (goes without saying). With the navigator/driver briefing over and our starter Mark Dilger in place it was time to move" em"!! Craig Large was entered in the B with a family friend as driver. James Large was to be driven by Kellie, Robin Wilmot was going solo, yep, driving and navigating. Sophie Tilley was in the passenger seat telling our President where to go and Janet Sutcliffe was navigating for husband Tony in their B GT.

My job was to follow the event through and collect the road boards some time after the last car had started, while doing this I was passed twice by a gold B GT travelling in the opposite direction and the driver certainly had his head down; ah Tony, that Mr James. Next was the MX5 of Geoff and David Sherriff, with David doing the navigating. John and Geraldine Biggelaar were entered in their 1954 MG TF and with their side curtains removed there were soon on their way. Regular competitor Shane Manly was another entry with Herby riding shot gun, and as usual with the hood down, maybe he doesn't have a top for it !!

Eamonn and Rhonda Matthews were entered in their well-travelled MX5, rumour has it that as team Matthews approached the last major check point a missile was thrown from their passing car in the direction of Mr James; seems they had made a ball of the notes and maps.

A hot drink at the Bakery and the placing's finally worked out; it was Craig Large who was the winner for 2014; second place went to Kellie Large and a very good effort by Robin Wilmot to come in third.

Regards Greg

## Life Members

Joe Paul (dec)	1969	Bob Moore	1974
Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	Ian Wade	1984
Terry Atkinson	1984	Dennis Burgess	1984
Chris Ellis (dec)	1985	John Sluce (dec)	1994
Robin Wilmot	1998	Bill Griffiths	2007
Tony Gurnhill	2009	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Bronwyn Zuber	2013	Greg Bannon	2013

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For those members that are facebook users, we now have a MGCCT facebook page. Feel free to add events photos and videos, just remember that anything offensive or not relevant to the club may be removed at the discretion of the administrator

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**PAST EVENTS:**

The Old Boys Night on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July was well attended by some of our older members, although dwindling in numbers these days. It was good to see these older familiar faces gracing the bar at the Civic Club and spinning a yarn or two about the old days of the club and having a beer or two. It is becoming difficult to keep in touch these days with unknown addresses and the advent of mobile phones in lieu of landlines.



Wayne Goninon's mid week run on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July was well attended as usual (29 people) with a good selection of cars as depicted in the photos. From South Hobart we travelled along Churchill Avenue to Sandy Bay

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Road. We then proceeded through Taroona, along Kingston Beach to Blackmans Bay and Tinderbox. The journey brought us to the Margate Bowls Club where we enjoyed a spit roast. This meal format proved very good as it easily catered

for the numbers and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A working bee at Baskerville in preparation for the upcoming Historic Race Meeting in early October attracted some 40 people with a significant amount of work undertaken.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August** – Kempton Motorkana

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August** – The Mid Week Run with Wayne Goninon

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August** – Herbie's Mini Mountain Madness and Breakfast at the Park ! With a run to the Springs / Summit weather permitting, finishing at Waterworks Reserve. Special treats prepared and BYO drinks or buy there.

WHERE: Depart Civic Club 134 Davey Street, Hobart at 8.00am (MG Time), arrive Waterworks about 9.30am. Large hut (Hut 9) has been booked.

*A warm invitation is extended for those of the North of the State to attend.*

Action: Dennis Burgess

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** – Run to Bruce Hills' residence via Richmond for a BYO BBQ. Depart Civic Club 9.00am. Action : Bruce Hills

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – The Mid Week Run with Wayne Goninon.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – The inaugural "From Britain to Bunna Car Show" in conjunction with the Rover Car Club. Details to follow. Action: Brett Johnstone

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Run to John Pooley's winery with BYO BBQ. Details to follow. Action : Bruce Hills

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Overnight stay at Mt Lloyd. Details to follow. Action : Bob Leeson

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Evening run to Franklin for fish and chips. Details to follow. Action : Bob Leeson

Bob Leeson

**Northern Sub Centre**

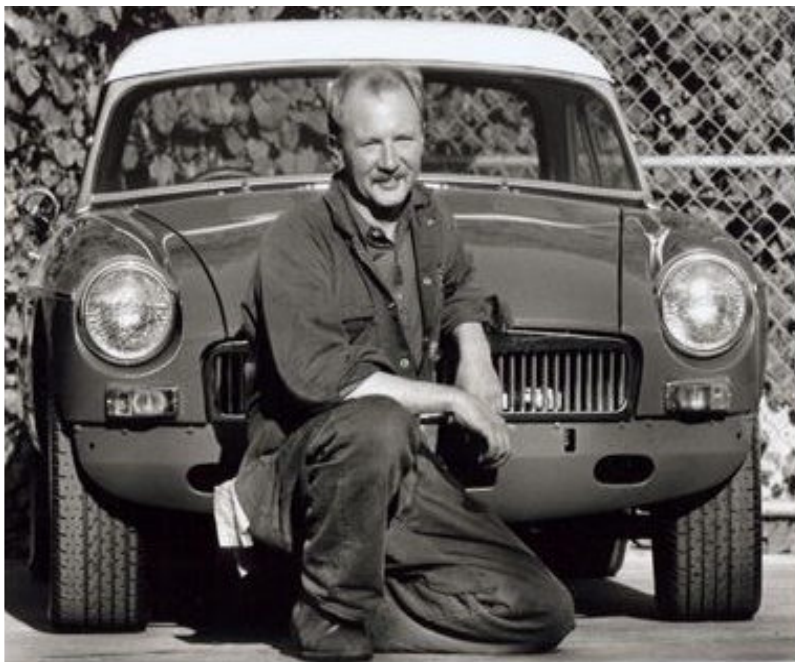
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No Northern Report Provided.

**Results – May Trial 2014**

Position	Team		Vehicle	Points	Ladies	Junior	MG ONLY	Best performance by an MG
	Navigator	Driver						
1.	Craig Large	Steven Goldsmith	MGB	-60			5	5
2.	James Large	Kelli Large	Nissan - XTrail	-65	4		3	
3.	Robin Wilmot		Citron	-75			2	
4.	Phillip Tilley		MGB	-90			1	3
5.	Janet Sutcliff	Tony Sutcliff	MGB GT	-125	3		1	2
6.	David Sherriff	Geoff Sherriff	MX5	-145			1	
7.	Geraldine Bigelaar	John Bigelaar	MGTF	-155	2		1	1
8.	Dennis Burgess	Shane Manley	MGF	-160			1	1
9.	Rhonda Matthews	Eamonn Matthews	MX5	-200	1		1	

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Our annual Xmas in July Dinner at the Forth Pub was a huge success.

Chef Cate Bramich & her staff certainly surpassed our expectations in preparing & serving a delicious traditional Xmas Dinner for 33 eager & hungry guests. The decorations in the room and on the tables were superb which gave the night a festive, warm and relaxing feel about it with many members donning their Xmas gear.

On October the 19<sup>th</sup> the club will hold a Kids and Family Day at Wings Wildlife Park, Gunns Plains. “THE FUTURE OF OUR CLUB IS THE YOUTH OF TODAY” (Big Writing Ed!).

If you don’t have kids, grandkids, neighbours kids, maybe approach your local school. There may be some kids that would enjoy a day out. I will have more details later.

WOW, Brilliant, Sensational, Excellent, Superb, Fantastic, Fabulous, Unforgettable, Simply the Best is only a few of the superlatives that describe the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Midgley’s Winter Getaway”. On behalf of the 44 attendees I must congratulate and thank Andrew and Sue-Anne for the time and effort that went into planning this weekend, it’s pleasing to see that the organising was about all members enjoying themselves “I can assure you, we all did”, it’s people like Sue-Anne and Andrew that make our club such a pleasure to be part of.

I believe next year’s event is already in the planning stages. If you did not attend this year, talk to a member that did, and I am sure that you will want to attend next year.

I can assure you it will be memorable experience that you won’t forget for a long time  
Bla, Bla, Bla, Bullshit, Bullshit, Bullshit, L.O.L

Team MGB of Clark’s, Bannon’s and Stuart’s, the current MG Winter Olympic Champions have thrown down the challenge to all teams in 2015. We have the trophy, try and take it from us!!!

MGB73

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## **NW Run to Railton Pub**

Cold and wintery weather did not deter our club run to the Railton Hotel for lunch on Sunday 27/7.

Our 1st stop was the very popular Local Farmers Market held at the Wharf area at Ulverstone. The market is renowned for selling and displaying some of the finest produce available in Tasmania. An enthusiastic organizer spotted our immaculate MGs and enquired if we would like to display our vehicles in a prominent position at the market. Of course any chance we get to promote our club is greatly accepted. Our immaculately prepared vehicles instantly attracted a very eager and enthusiastic crowd.

The "Mayor of Penguin" Rover Edwards arrived late as per usual in the very distinctive Rover SDI. The newly built race car thundered into the parking area and immediately proved a crowd favourite. Unfortunately Rovers day ended prematurely as a small radiator leak was detected.

Apart from an annoying drizzle the drive to Railton past the Paloona Dam was uneventful with the MGB of John and Dawn Irving setting a steady pace. We were greeted at the Railton Hotel by owner and club members Bruce and Kerstin Caterer. 22 hungry members were treated to a fabulous country pub counter meal prepared by Kerstin.



Claire and Stein Anderson were made welcome after their trip down from Deloraine.

Our thanks go to Bruce and Kerstin for their hospitality and we hope that they can join us in the near future for some of our club events. Seven MGs parked in the main street of Railton instantly created a great deal of interest amongst the locals.

One lad was heard to comment "why does a small car like an MG need 2 parking spots" It appears Peter":Gormy" Clark parked his MG directly on the top of the white lines, not in front or behind as most would do but on top.(I believe a photo will soon appear in the magazine.

A fantastic day was had by all.

Cheers

Roy Stuart ( MGB73)

Roy's Big Dummy Spit – Race Car Give Away, As seen outside Roy's recently

# **Multiclub Motorkhana Sunday 10th August 2014 “The Wilderness” Kempton**

**Scrutineering begins at 9.00am**

**Drivers briefing at 9.45am**

**Level 2NS CAMS licence required, single day  
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## **Driver Profile – Mark (Have a Chat) Dilger**



Roy I'm still feeling nervous about loading my own shot gun for someone else to fire. These are Mark's last words before lamenting and completing Roy's questionnaire.

### **Some facts about Mark:**

Nickname:

Sparky: Kids would call me Sparky Marky as the old man would fire up at times.

Top 3 things on bucket list:

Travel to Europe

Build an MG that was out of the ordinary

Travel in our caravan

Why do you like your MG:

It's a good original car and it's a little different and the second MG I have, as it should go better than the average MG

How did you come to buy your MG:

Liked the colour scheme as it was a poor man's Aston or Jaguar, grey with red leather interior

What is your everyday car and why:

Holden Colorado as it is practical

Most embarrassing moment:

Went to a conference and arrived late due to the Tassie flight times. Had some black gel pens in my brief case that leaked on the flight over. The room was so dark so took my seat and put my hand in my case took out a pen without noticing it had leaked and proceeded to wipe my hand over my face so when the light came on I will leave the rest to your imagination. Needless to say I did not need to introduce myself to anyone for the next 4 days but it took a day to get the black ink off my face and thank goodness I did not scratch anything else.

Favourite Drink:

Whiskey or red wine. even a good coffee

Who would you most like to sit next to on a plane:

On a plane I like most to sit next to a thin person that does not rabbit on.

Least favourite dinner guest:

Clive Palmer as he would most likely eat your lunch as well as push you out of your seat.

## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, August 2014**

Biggest Victory:	My first place win for a meeting on 1/4/07 and I will let you work out the irony of the date
Favourite Track:	Baskerville as it suites best the cars that I have owned and raced.
Ambition as a driver:	Keep going whilst I enjoy the buzz
Best experience racing:	The first time I drove the red MG roadster that I fully restored.
Worst experience racing:	Having a bloke throw up in our car after a work party as the smell stayed in that car for the remaining time I owned it, especially when you turned the heater on and it made that car a pain
What is your dream car:	An Aston Martin as that just appeals as being a quality car without the bling of a lot of the Dream cars.
Favourite driver:	Craig Lowndes
Favourite Restaurant:	The restaurant at Coles Bay as it has great sea food and a great outlook across the water.

As told to Roy Stuart

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**Drivers briefing at 9.45am**

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## **BREAKFAST AT THE PARK**

For 2014 the MG Southern Sub Centre is returning to a more traditional 'Madness on the Mountain' mid Winter Breakfast with all the trimmings..

### **MENU**

- Chicken and Corn Soup
- Seasonal Vegetable soup
- Chicken and Snow Pea stir fry
- Mixed Seafood stir fry
- Special Fried Rice
- Cold Sea Food Platter
- Cold Meat Platter
- Salad Platter
- Steak
- Sausages
- Bacon
- Meat Balls
- Mini Chicken drumsticks
- Stuffed Chicken Wings
- Deserts
- Cheese and Biscuits
- Tea and Coffee

**Where:** Leave Civic Club, Davey Street at 8:00 am (MG Time) on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August** for a run to the Springs and Pinnacle (weather permitting) arriving at Hut 9, Waterworks Reserve between 9:30 and 10:00 am for a breakfast feast.

**How Much:** \$5 per person donation for food

Breakfast Beer, Champagne and Sparkling Burgundy available for gold coin donation

Please advise Dennis 'Herby' Burgess at [dennisburgess@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dennisburgess@ozemail.com.au) or on 0409 128 341 if you intend to attend

## **The Funny Bone**

Indians asked their Chief in Autumn if the Winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the Winter was going to be cold with lots of snow and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared.

Being a good leader, he then went to the phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter going to be cold?"

The man on the phone responded, "This Winter is going to be quite cold indeed."

So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes", the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold Winter."

So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again: "Are you absolutely sure that the Winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replies, "the Indians are collecting wood like crazy!"

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It had been raining for days and days, and a local river crested, flooding many houses. The waters rose so high that one man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house.

As the waters rose higher and higher, a man in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the rowboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and suddenly a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters continued to rise. A helicopter appeared and over the loudspeaker, the pilot announced he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and eventually they rose so high that the man on the roof was washed away, and alas, the poor man drowned.

Upon arriving in heaven, the man marched straight over to God.

"Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?"

God gave him a puzzled look, and replied "I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

# **The Village Triabunna & The Rover Car Club of Australia, Tasmanian Register Present "From Britain To 'Bunna Car Show"**



The Inaugural British Car Show at The Village Community Centre in Triabunna will be held on Sunday 19th October 2014. The Rover Car Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2014, the Tasmanian Register members will have their cars on Display. The Monthly Village Market will be held, with craft and produce stalls. Second Hand Books, Bric a Brac, BBQ and refreshments will be available.



Where: The Village 20 Melbourne Street Triabunna  
When: Sunday 19th October from 10.00am to 1.30pm



Join us on the wonderful East Coast of Tasmania, we would ask that cars be in position on The Village Lawns by 10.00am. There will be prizes for People's Choice Award, presented at 1.00pm. Participants can then wend their way home if they wish, or take a look at the other wonderful East Coast Attractions. Entry is Free.



The Village can provide on site camping with kitchen & toilet facilities, if anyone wishes to arrive on Saturday.

The Triabunna Village Home Pages: <http://triabunnavillage.com.au/>

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**Calender of Events***Events in italics are not Club Events*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Date</b>
SSC - Working Bee	Civic Club	Greg Bannon	Sat, 09 Aug 14
<i>Multi Club Motorkhana</i>	<i>Kempton</i>	<i>Greg Bannon</i>	<i>Sun, 10 Aug 14</i>
NSC Mid Week Meal	3 Steps on George	Mark Dilger	Wed, 13 Aug 14
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 14 Aug 14
NSC - Social Run	North	Mike Paine	Sun, 17 Aug 14
SSC - Herbie's Mountain Madness	Waterworks	Dennis Burgess	Sun, 17 Aug 14
SMS Round 3	Latrobe	Greg Bannon	Sun, 31 Aug 14
TSS Round 5	Symmons Plains	Kevin Knights	Sun, 07 Sep 14
SSC - Social Run	Richmond	Bruce Hills	Sun, 14 Sep 14
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 17 Sep 14
Historic Race Meeting	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot	Fri, 3 Oct 14 - Sun, 5 Oct 14
Square Riggers - Southern Run	Baskerville Historics	David Taylor	Sun, 05 Oct 14
Tops Off Car Show	Parliament House Lawns	Rodney Belbin	Sat, 11 Oct 14
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 16 Oct 14
NSC - Family Run	Wings Wildlife Park	Roy Stuart	Sun, 19 Oct 14
SSC - Social Run	John Pooley's Winery	Bruce Hills	Sun, 26 Oct 14
Supersprints	Baskerville	Greg Bannon	Sun, 26 Oct 14
SSC - O/Night Run	Mount Lloyd	Bob Leeson	Sat, 1 Nov 14 - Sun, 2 Nov 14
Square Riggers - Northern Run	TBA	Frank Brooks	Sun, 02 Nov 14
NW - Xmas Party	10 Victoria St, Ulverstone	Max & Margaret Wood	Sat, 08 Nov 14
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 12 Nov 14
<i>Barrington Hillclimb</i>	<i>Barrington</i>	<i>NWCC</i>	<i>Sat, 15 Nov 14</i>



## SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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Photos of the recent MGCCV OST at Rob Roy depicting the usual great MG enthusiasm and a winter event to extend performance of man and machine.

Pics courtesy Matthew Magilton.



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