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Guess who's not driving an open top car?

Waiting for the off.



Coffee and Scones at the salmon Ponds

Morning Prayers?



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- The battle of the TC’s, John James at the ready.
- Phil Tilley in his TC special
- Nic Twining solo in the Spridget
- Shane Manleys MGF
- William Twining first time in the Spridget with dad instructing

Inside Cover photo’s from Bothwell Run Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

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## **Maxies Motorkhana**

In the short time that I have been in the club I have listened to many stories of what used to happen at Maxies, it was the biggest social/competition event of the year held in January at Maxies Winkleigh property. So for this edition I thought why not put some of that history into print and inform the newer members of the club of why this event is held with such high regard within the club.

Maxies Motorkhana is an iconic event on the MG calendar, it dates back to 1977 and has been run in every conceivable weather and paddock condition. The motorkhana trials are run in one of the paddock's adjacent to the Freeman homestead, one year the cows had recently been in the allotted paddock, and so the competitors had to contend with cow pat's as well as wet grass, being from a dairy farm, I can imagine the smell coming off the exhausts of the competing cars. I have also been told of the year that the paddock was so dry that the dust being kicked up, engulfed the cars so no-one could see if they hit, went around or over the flags or not.

The most number of competitors to be entered was 52, which reduced the number of trials to 2, and a long wait between drives. With the last competitor rounding the flags in fading light, anxious to get to the bonfire and a cold refreshment. After the competition was done the socialising would continue into the early (late) hours of the morning. In recent years the competing numbers have reduced to around 15, and the competition is all over by lunchtime, even the social numbers have reduced and not a sole to be seen at sunset.

So I sent out a call to some of the more long term members who have fond and maybe distorted memories of Maxies motorkhana, to recall why this event is special to them and regarded so highly. I recall at Maxies last year in discussions about the history of the event, I was told by one esteemed member "the older I get, the better I drove here".

Contribution from Tony Gurnhill.

As a relative newcomer to the Club, only 24 years, I am not totally familiar with the origins of Maxy's, but it always used to be held on the Australia Day long weekend giving Southern members the opportunity to camp there overnight as many did; we did ourselves on one occasion.

The event was a pinnacle of the Club's social year, MGCC tradition, and is seen as an opportunity for many junior members to have their first competition drive.

The motorkhana used to start later in the day, with an evening BBQ, after which Maxy would open his sheds and the rest of us would drool over his fantastic collection of desirable cars.

The only time I have damaged my car (apart from a minor indiscretion at a hillclimb) is in a motorkhana, Maxy's specifically; the first time I put a pimple in the aluminium bonnet because of an aluminium rocker cover that was taller than a standard one. (I can't understand why people modify their cars). The second time was when I shoved the fan through the radiator. Maxy kindly lent me the radiator from the "Animal" to get me home. I have not done a motorkhana since.



**MGCCCT Maxies Motorkhana January 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 Provisional Results**

Plc	Driver	Car	Club	T1 Enterprise		T2 T Station		T3 On What a Feeling		T4 Cross Four Point		Club	Total	Ladies Plc	Jun Plc	MG Only	Best performance by an MG
				Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2						
1	Tony Sullivan	MH	WACCOT	57.81	34.87	22.11	22.28	36.92	33.18	28.71	26.35	AF.1	118.81			4	
2	Derek Burgess	MH Special	WACCOT	65.21 (WJ)	35.82	24.44	24.28	42.42 (WJ)	38.64	44.04 (WJ)	27.71	F.1	124.48			3	
3	Gabe Twining	MGC	WACCOT	41.08	36.5	25.98	33.81	37.28	36.03	30.63	28.62	BR.1	127.11			4	4
4	John Trett	Demon 1989	C & T	65.21 (WJ)	42.87 (1)	28.2	23.28	37.8	42.42 (WJ)	44.04 (WJ)	27.81	CR.1	131.43				
5	Duncan Stamp	MGB	WACCOT	60.21	37.81	28.31	28.81	38.15	37.02	30.25	30.89	BR.2	133.39			3	3
6	Niall Marshall	MGB	WACCOT	41.24	38.78	28.75	28.88	39.5	37.08	32.67	29.36	BR.3	133.95			2	2
7	John Sullivan	MH	WACCOT	38.08	37.07	31.82	30.07	43.32	38.27	35.65	31.65	AF.2	137.08	3		2	
8	Nicholas Twining	MG Midget	WACCOT	41.82	38.91	32.82 (1)	28.08	42.42 (WJ)	38.69	31.17	30.91	AF.1	137.54		3	3	3
9	John James	MG TD	WACCOT	41.35	38.88	28.47	28.47	41.67	38.65	33.05	31.15	BR.4	137.95			1	1
10	Shane Manely	MGB	WACCOT	65.21 (WJ)	38.08	28.85	28.05	38.92	38.98	44.04 (WJ)	35.62	BR.5	140.08			1	1
11	Gabe Large	MGB	WACCOT	65.21 (WJ)	38.88	28.07	27.38	51.17	42.42 (WJ)	30.31	28.53	BR.6	142.7			1	1
12	Philip Tilley	MG TC	WACCOT	46.71	42.88	37.44	31.88	42.42 (WJ)	41.43	33.47	32.77	BR.7	148.88			1	1
13	William Twining	MG Midget	WACCOT	47.45	46.02	38.88	30.85	57.62	47.28	44.04 (WJ)	36.04	AF.2	161.07		2	2	2
14	Nicholas Marsh	Demon 1989	C & T	68.31 (1)	65.21 (WJ)	32.04 (1)	28.01	47.87	40.01	44.04 (WJ)	44.04 (WJ)	CR.2	198.57				

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Committee Meeting Details		First Monday of the Month Ross Meeting Room, Ross, 7:30 pm	

## **Presidents Report**

After attending many MG events throughout the years I began to notice that there was a difference between T type drivers and owners and the rest of the MG enthusiasts.

T Type owners seemed to have a knowing smile, wore funny hats, drove cars that were certainly unique and had, I guessed, a secret handshake. Their ability to entertain themselves working on their old motorcars seemed to be only limited by the knowledge and history they had gleaned over countless years.

Their ability to love and worship - slab fuel tanks, the aerodynamics of a house brick and spindly wire wheels was certainly something I failed to appreciate, until I actually purchased the TC. It's like joining a whole new club, you turn up with your new acquisition and find yourself inundated with enthusiasm, knowledgeable and unfathomable information, and it's a lot of fun.

I now appreciate the slogan "Safety Fast", because driving the TC over rough gravel roads and along our bumpy highways simply means, the speed you are able to drive is just "safety fast". With today's overruled and regulated motoring environment, perhaps the TC's the perfect motorcar, but like all new fraternities it may take a while to be fully accepted, because as yet I haven't been shown the secret handshake.

On behalf of current and past state committees, I'd like to thank the outgoing treasurer, Ches Bogus for his years of service and commitment and welcome Kathy Gaby who has kindly volunteered to step into the position.

Chris Wagstaff – outgoing southern representative is going on holidays for a few months and has encouraged Brett Johnson to hold the fort.

We've had a good start to the competition year with Maxi's motorkana, the various competition committees' and their chairman are planning more events for us to be proud of, these hard working members do a great job for you and our club, all they need is your appreciation and support. I encourage you to have a look at the competition side this year and give a hand, it can be very rewarding.

The social calendars and activities, I've been told, have been full and well attended; let's hope they continue to give you the entertainment that you want.

The northern sub Centre has set a date (3-03-13) for us to hold another volleyball competition and social get together at "Rainbow's End", Sophie and I would like to welcome as many of you as possible, bring your bathers, hopefully sunhat and umbrella for a bbq and fun on the riverbank.

Phillip Tilley  
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## **Ed Says**

Six months ago I advised that my email address had changed, my old address was finally turned off on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jan, and has caught some people out. For those of you that send in articles and information for the magazine may I strongly recommend that you use the universal email address [editor@mgtas.org.au](mailto:editor@mgtas.org.au), this way when this job does get handed over to another person you will not have to find their email address. Also if Sue-Anne decides to sign up to some other “too good to be true” offer and my email changes again then I only have to advise Craig L and all mail will get through – Sounds like the US postal service slogan!!!

The recent bushfires have left a trail of devastation with many families left homeless, and/or suffering significant losses of property. What a testament to people heeding the advice of emergency services not only in directions during the crisis, but also in their preparation of the possibility of such a disaster. No-one was killed in the fires, but the stories of survival are inspiring, some even spine chilling when you think of just how close they came to succumbing to the fire. As far as I am aware no MGCCT member lost their home in the fires, however Tassie is such a small community that everyone of us knows someone who has lost something.

Member Peter Thorne lost a couple of rare cars he had stored at Carlton Beach, I understand that the TF was not one of them, so we will continue to see the TF at future concourse's.

Peter Deck is a well-known member of the NWCC, having built a Mini based motokhana special which has competed both in Tassie and Nationally over the last 25 years, possibly more. Peter survived the fire with his car and boat and what he could throw in the boat. I understand the special was badly burnt, maybe beyond repair, but there are some people looking into rebuilding it for Peter. A fantastic gesture on their part.

Janine Beard and Tony Jones are well known officials at Tasmanian Motorsport events, Janine & Tony lost everything in the fires.

I have received a request to list some events that are not club events, but still might be of interest to members to take their much loved MG's out for an interesting day trip. I have listed a couple below that may be of interest, if you know of a local event that could be of interest to other club members drop me a note and I will include it in the magazine.

### **Events of Interest**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** - Heartkids Car & Bike Show, Relbia

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Steamfest, Sheffield

**Weekend 22-24<sup>th</sup> March** - Seafest Festival, Triabunna

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## **Membership Report**

This month we welcome 1 new member:

- Peter O'Driscoll, from Hobart. Peter is already well known to a number of southern members.

We welcome you to the club and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Our current membership is 279.

Sue-Anne Midgley

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Looking through the  
windscreen on Phil's TC  
special at the row of  
spectators at Maxies.



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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		

## MGCCT Facebook Page

The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

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

## MGCCT Website

[www.mgtas.org.au](http://www.mgtas.org.au)

A copy of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website.  
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Latest Events information and links to other MG Clubs and car clubs.

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Club Meeting Details		Every Tuesday Night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
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Our Chicken and Prawn night (Dec 18) was well attended and considered a great success, even if Herby did surprise us with a \$5 cover charge, as most of us had full belly's we smiled and coughed up. Thanks to the ladies who provided salads and desserts.

The South East Rally (Jan 19th) saw our club members with two wins and a runner up. Greg Ellis 1st with a 1960's MG 1100, Peter Shaw 1st with a 1970's MG Midget and John Sherrif, runner up with a 1970's MG B. Around fifteen club members ran in the rally, congratulations to all those that participated. I have been told to get your entries in early for next years, 30th Anniversary South East Rally, as it is filling fast.

In January, our monthly social run took us to Bothwell. (Jan 27) The run was well attended with fifteen people and eleven cars, including 4 X MG F's, 3 X MG B GT's, and also a MG B Roadster, MG A, MG Midget and an MG TF. An exciting turnout of MG's had a smile on everyone's face, I have been told it is the first run of solely MG cars in quite some time. Departure at 9.30 from the Civic Club took us on to the Salmon Ponds, at Plenty, for morning tea. A serving of scones, jam, cream and tea, led into a second serving of the same for some! Moving on to Bothwell should have been fairly straight forward, however some navigation advice was later found to be a little wayward, causing a certain TF to travel 18km of gravel road at a racing pace of 40km/h. I hear that the views and particularly the smells were breathtaking! The run was considered a great success, with good weather, food, roads and mostly well behaved cars. They only overheated, as usual...

Coming Events:

In February we have a State Motorkhana round at Kempton (Feb 17) and Supersprints at Baskerville, (Feb 24) please see the adverts for these elsewhere in the news. Competitors, Officials and volunteers always needed, please get in touch if you need anymore information. For any information see Robin Wilmot.

There is a run to Collinsvale, (Feb 24) departing the Civic Club at 9.30, with the cost being a gold coin. We will then get to be a part of the car display at the Rock The Vale event, held with the Collinsvale Market. Good music, food, crafts and vintage machinery are assured. We can help make sure there are some good cars as well! For any info see Brett Johnstone.

In March things are getting much busier, including a Poker run, (Mar 3) to the friendly residence of Mike Ellis, how we get there will no doubt be interesting! Departing the Civic Club at 10.00 for a BYO BBQ. For any information see Chris Wagstaff.

In other news:

Quite a few of members and friends of our club have been recently affected by bushfire. Discussions have taken place, resulting in a decision to assist and we will be needing all the volunteer workers we can muster. When the time is right there we be drains to dig, paths to lay plus numerous other tasks. Details to come, see Herby for any more info. We send out thoughts and sympathies to those affected.

Thanks to Frank Manley for his fund raising efforts in recent months, these will be put to good use. May we all continue to support his efforts.

The state meeting this week agreed to look at ways to run a 1/4 mile event, annually from 2014. I know this will make some southern members very happy.

Speaking of motorsport events, we are always needing more competitors officials and volunteers, the jobs are numerous and varied, if you would like to contribute, please get in touch with Robin Wilmot.

Brett Johnstone



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Club Meeting Details		Last Wednesday night of the Month: 7.30 pm for meeting. VCCA Rooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston	
Postal Address		PO Box 682, Launceston, Tas 7250	

We have commenced our new year in the club with a BBQ sausage sizzle at 6.30pm followed by the meeting at 7.30pm. This has been a good initiative and makes the meeting night a social gathering and gives members a chance to have a chat (they don't find this difficult) then a meeting and in the middle and followed by a coffee and a further chat.

Greg Bannon bought along a DVD to do with cars (what else) but unfortunately everyone was chatting and we ran out of time but the get together does afford the opportunity to introduce different activities which I encourage.

As always we commenced the social year with Maxi's motorkhana which was a good opportunity to get together after the Christmas break and for those that wanted to play in the dirt to do so the others continuing the chatting which we seem to be so good at.

We have a good events calendar organised for the coming months to give a chance to use our cars and enjoy some good events and we are on the last of our summer midweek runs with the last one in March.

We will continue the BBQ Sausage in bread at the next two meetings while summer is with us so come along at 6.30pm everything supplied by the club at the VCCA club rooms at Lawrence Vale Rd.



**Coming Events**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb;** Mid week run, Mike Paine organiser; 6.00 pm start, Motor Museum; BBQ/picnic BYO everything.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb;** club visit to Jock McLeans car collection , Meet at 150 St John St Launceston; 7:30 start. Bring BYO drinks and the club will provide some nibbles.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb;** Run to Evandale Penny Farthing Fair; 8:30 start at Motor Museum.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb;** Film Night Ulverstone ( Tony and Wendy Lansdell's home) this is an evening event with a stay over at Ulverstone. You will need to arrange accommodation. (this was changed from 24<sup>th</sup> March as initially scheduled).

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March;** Run to Phil Tilley's Place (Rainbows End; Targa) BBQ etc. Members to meet at Motor Museum, 11:00 am . BYO BBQ Picnic etc.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March;** mid-week evening run; John Biggelaar to coordinate. 6:00 pm at Motor Museum; BYO everything.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April;** run to Waratah Hotel; Greg Bannon co-ordinating ; more information to come.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June;** St Marys car show (Ian Saunders coordinating; more info to come, closer to the date). Put this date in your diary and come along and enjoy some great drives and sight-seeing with the chance to chat with other club members.

Raffle Draw won by Mike Payne and the prize was a set of Screw Drivers donated by Webster's. Thanks Andrew Merry for providing the prize.

**Next Meeting** 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Sausage in Bread at 6.30pm BYO drinks and club will provide the rest.

Mark Dilger Northern Sub Centre Chairman

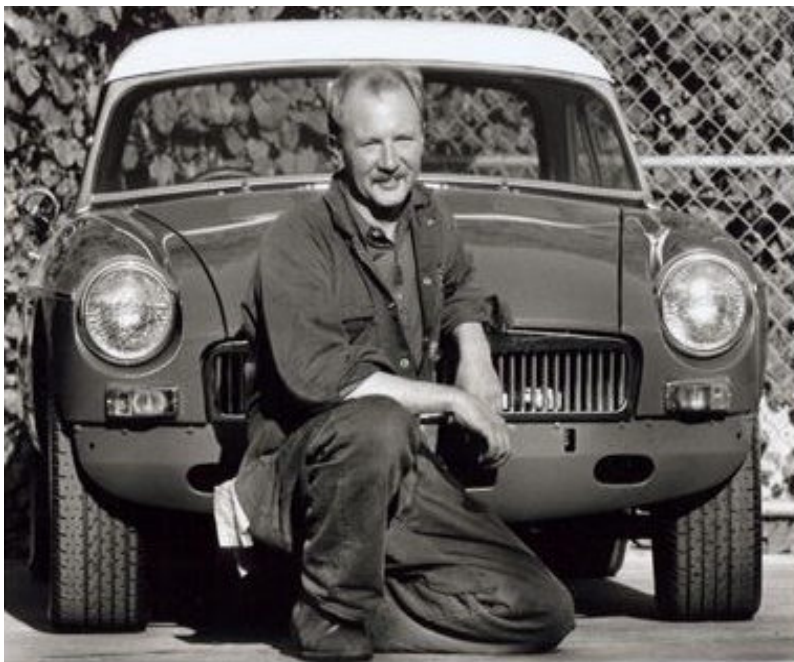
**Exhaust Notes**

**Wanted:** 14 x 6 Rim, steel or alloy, 4 stud to suit MGB, suitable as spare.  
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## **Australia Day Run – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Australia Day at Acacia Hills,

A warm cloudy day; just what we ordered. No need to seek out shady spots, but no rain either.

The Northern contingent travelled to Beaconsfield, Holwell, and the obligatory coffee stop at Frankford. Then on to Acacia Hills.

The North West participants made their own way, as did the sole Southern representative, Shane Manley. Great to see you there, Shane, a long day for you.

In total there were 36 people in attendance,

1 from South

12 from NW plus 3 grandchildren, and one guest

18 from North plus James Large

A lovely way to celebrate this important day on our national calendar; good company, good weather, and lots of chatting.

Cheryl



Margaret and Frank

Steen and Kuz enjoying a quiet one. Or maybe Kuz has had 2?





Maxie and Winsome chatting  
with Tina and Peter Richards

The old and the new adorning the carpark:  
Phil Paine's - RV8  
John Bigellaar's - TF  
Bruce Keogh's - MGF



Gary and Tony inspecting  
progress on the TC project.



**North West**

Position	Member	Partner	Contact Details
Co-Ordinator	Greg Bannon	Margaret	(h) 6423 6263 (m) 0419 389 105 <a href="mailto:northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au">northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au</a>
Club Meeting Details		Second Thursday night of the Month: 6.00 pm for meal and social evening. Bridge Hotel, Forth	

For last month's social evening Tony and Wendy had a run organised that would finish at a Restaurant. Starting in Spreyton our group was led by Andrew and Sue-Anne on the back roads to Sheffield then over the Gog and onto Mole Creek. At Chudleigh we were joined by Steen in the "A" for the run into Deloraine. Our evening meal was at the Red Restaurant. With our meal now over and the evening light now faded we started the journey home but before we had made the town boundary it was obvious John and Dawn were having issues with their headlights, fortunately they were able to continue. This brought back memories of our last visit to this town with the owner of another "Red" MG also having his lights fail. The whole evening was very enjoyable.

Next was Maxie's Motorkhana where another member of the Twining family was introduced to motorsport, that being Jackie and Craig's youngest son William who was competing in the Spridget. Phillip Tilly also competed but this time in his TC. With the competition over Phil kindly offered me the keys to the TC and having never even sat in one I found it an offer I couldn't refuse.

Back at Maxies we parked near an immaculate Black ZA Magnette, it reminded me of one I saw many, many years ago in Launceston and in the same condition sitting behind a shop front window near the corner of Brisbane and Tamar Streets, the lower level of this building is now a Chemist Shop.

Cheers Greg.

**Coming Events.**

**Thursday 21st Feb;** Joc Mcleans Car Collection in Launceston.

A run will be leaving the information bay near the Wattle Hill Service Station at 6.00 pm. Please feel free to bring a cold drink. Because of the highway upgrading I will be taking my modern car and I do have some spare seating available.

**Saturday 23rd Feb** Lansdell's Film Night

Keep this date in mind, the previous film nights have been very successful.



**Sunday 3rd March** Run to Phillip and Sophie Tilly's Property.

This run will be leaving the Devonport Breakwater Car Park at 9-30 am and travelling to the Launceston Motor Museum to join with the Northern Group who are leaving the Motor Museum at 11.00am for the run to "Rainbows End".

This is a BYO BBQ, overnight camping/caravanning is available. For those not travelling with the run, proceed to Nunamara, go ~10km's first turn left (Peck's Hill Rd), first turn right (St Patricks Lane), first driveway on right (#16)

**Sunday 24th March** Devonport Car Show.

More details in next months magazine.

## **A Night Under the Stars**

A fund raising effort for the Dunally primary school Parents & Friends Assoc.

Under normal circumstances, this evening's proceeds are handed over to the Cancer Council for their Relay for Life. However, with the devastation on the Tasman Peninsular, Wendy & I thought it more appropriate that the proceeds be channelled to the Dunally Primary school.

*Re live the days of old, (for those of us who can remember), when we had nights at the drive-in movies. We plan to have a "walk-in" picture night on Saturday Feb 23 on the lawns in our garden at Winterbrook.*

Entry is by donation (not compulsory).

The format for the evening will be a BBQ dinner from 6:00 pm whilst we wait for sunset. The film to be shown has been decided and it is a modern classic.

If you are interested in attending the film night, please advise me of your attendance (as spaces are limited) on 0418 378 214 by Feb 17, 2013

BYO food, drink, a plate of supper to share, rug and something comfy to sit on.

*Remember that this night is for the benefit of the Dunalley school children and **all** proceeds will go to the P & F Assoc.*

PS. There is a plan B if it rains.

Breakfast run on Sunday morning, contact me for details.

Tony and Wendy Lansdell

**Deloraine Run - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**



Tables of NW members at the Red Restaurant



The long arm of Roy trying to steal Kerry's gelato

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## **Vale – John Trowbridge**

John Trowbridge, universally known as ‘Trowy’ passed away last Saturday (26<sup>th</sup> January) after a long illness.

Trowy raced in hillclimbs and standing quarters in a number of home built specials.

Over the years he constructed a total of 47 race cars culminating in the super quick Mazda powered sports car driven by Geoff Munyard to lap records at Baskerville, Symmons plains and Winton.

John had an amazing sense of the ridiculous and was always ready with a quick comment on any subject.

To wife Pat and his family and friends we extend our sincere condolences.

John was inducted into the Tasmanian Motor Sport Hall of Fame in 1998.

His induction citation follows:

### **JOHN TROWBRIDGE (Inducted 1998)**

John Trowbridge built a total of 47 race cars from 1956 to 1984, but was always interested in constructing machines - a passion he acquired when he joined the Air Training Corps as a 14 year-old in 1949 and learned about engines, airframes, and firearms.

A State rifle shooting representative for four years, he built his first two cars at age 20, in 1956, both Austin 7s, which he raced in hillclimbs and standing quarter events – they were to be the only two front-engined cars he ever built.

He built many cars in the following years, mostly powered by motorcycle engines.

One was tagged “The five-day special”, built over Easter and powered by a 200 cc Tiger Triumph engine – it went on to record numerous class wins.

In 1959 John purchased the first Goggo Mobile Dart in Australia, again competing in many hillclimbs and standing quarters.

His like of the unique Goggos produced three more racing cars with engines from Goggo sedans.

In 1965 John built his first Trowbridge Formula Vee for Tasmanian racing legend Dick Crawford, as a one-off project, which Dick renamed as a Trojan.

John’s interest in Formula Vees was further aroused a few years later when he rebuilt an Elfin Vee for another customer, prompting him to design and construct his own version in 1971.

This was the beginning of the era of the Trowbridge Formula Vee, many of which went on to hold many lap records and win races at Tasmanian circuits against top fields in the days when 24 Formula Vees on the starting grid was a regular occurrence.

In 1978 John built and designed the JT-35, which was the first monococque chassis sports car in Tasmania, with foam-filled fuel tanks and powered by a Mazda 13B rotary engine.

The car went on to hold lap records at Baskerville, Symmons Plains, and Winton (Vic.).

During his construction days, John also rebuilt a number of Matich, McLaren, Elfin, Formula 5000 Lola, Brabham, and Cooper cars to name a few.

But his involvement in Tasmanian motorsport was not limited to the workshop and the track and he was also an active member of the North-West Car Club, Light Car Club of Tasmania, 500 Car Club of Tasmania, Hobart Sporting Car Club, Formula Vee Association

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of Tasmania, and instigator of Tasmania Auto Sport Inc. (TASI), which over a period of seven years raised a significant amount of money for the betterment of motorsport in Tasmania.

John was also involved in the running of the very successful Fiesta Slalom (held on Macquarie Wharf, Hobart) and also organised a number of treasure hunts, cryptic trials, standing quarters, and hillclimbs.

In 1977 he was awarded the Formula Vee Association of Australia trophy for Tasmanian clubman of the year.

John built his last race car in 1984 when illness forced him to retire from business and unfortunately, also building cars.

*Profile by Martin Agatyn*

## **2013 National Meeting – Toowoomba**

Registration for the 2013 MG National Meeting is now open. Any member who registers to attend the National Meeting, please advise me (Ed) of your registration.

An online registration and secure payment system via Visa or MasterCard is now available on MG Car Club of Queensland website [www.mgccq.org.au](http://www.mgccq.org.au) . Follow the link to National Meeting and subsequent prompts.

Alternatively, the following link will take you directly to the online registration - <https://registration.mgccq.org.au/registration/signup.aspx>

Bulletin 3 which includes the Supplementary regulations is available to download from the website, or can be obtained by contacting me (Ed).

The national meeting regalia form will become available closer to the date of the National Meeting and you will receive notification when this is available.

### **Photographic Competition**

Photographs are to be submitted for judging at the time of registration on Friday 29 March and will be available for collection on the night of Monday 1st April at the conclusion of the Presentation Dinner function.

Following the delegates meeting after the 2012 NM, there is a small change to the rules making the maximum size now A4 (210 x 297 mm or 8.3 x 11.7 inches).

If any member has a photo they wish to submit for this competition and are not attending the National meeting then please contact me (Ed).



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## **Terry Atkinson – CAM's Award Recipient**

On Saturday evening (19<sup>th</sup> January) MGCCT life member Terry Atkinson was honoured at the Tasmanian CAM's annual dinner by being awarded the Police Commissioner's trophy for outstanding achievement in motor sport by a Tasmanian. Terry joined the MGCCT in 1973 and has been actively involved in club competition and events ever since. Terry is the third life member of the MG Car Club of Tasmania to receive this award following the late Chris Ellis (1984) and Dennis Burgess (1990 and 2007).

Other notable recipients of this trophy include Kerry Bailey, John Bowe, Barry Oliver and Marcus Ambrose.

The citation for the 2012 award follows:

### **Police Commissioner's Trophy for Outstanding Achievement.**

The Police Commissioner's Trophy recognises a major contribution to motor sport made by an event organiser, a competitor or an official who has attained a significant achievement in Tasmanian motor sport either in the past year or years and as such is one of the major awards presented by the sport.

The recipient of the award for 2012, Terry Atkinson, has had an outstanding list of achievements in the sport from the time he first joined the MG Car Club of Tasmania a long, long time ago.

With that club he took on a number of committee roles, directed a MG National Meeting, directed three Historic Race meetings and until recently acted as Clerk of Course for State series events conducted by the club.

A former State Rally Champion Co-driver Terry has been the Series Steward for State Rallies for a number of years.

For a number of years Terry chaired the State Steward's Panel and has carried out a stewarding role at high level Australian and International level. He has been highly commended for the manner in which he has dealt with serious incidents during his career

Highly respected for his role as Clerk of Course for the V8 Supercar rounds at Symmons Plains Terry has recently taken on the role of Chairman of the Australian Sport and Club Development Commission.

Cheers

**Herby**

Dennis Burgess

**Letters to the Editor:**

**A " Club's " Shed ?**

The President's Report in the January MG Monthly Motoring News was a disappointing read, as it raised yet once again, that tiresome, hoary old topic of our possible ownership of a building - be it " a club house, a centre, a base, somewhere to store the club gear ".

Please let us not spend 2013 wasting magazine space and sub-centre meeting time wallowing once more through this quicksand of an idea trying to work out how such a proposal can stand firm and be a solid benefit for our club.

Let's travel lightly for heaven's sake.

Unencumbered. Unworried. No borrowings. Sub-primes. Dodgy derivatives, rates, taxes, water bills. Weekends of maintenance. You name it.....

I will not lengthen this commentary re-stating the pros and cons of all that has been discussed over the years. Been there. Done that. Been put to rest. Buried.

But I will add we are in great shape in the north having use of the excellent clubrooms courtesy of the VCCA . And speaking personally, I'm quite sure any re-opening of discussions on a building project will not be initiated, nor supported, by us.

Jim Dickenson.

**EFI Engine Management and Flooding**

G'day Ed,

Thanks for running the article by William Revit recently (I wonder whether he is possibly related to the well-known Russian racing driver, Ivor Overevit?).

The problem I have now with Bill's fascinating explanation is that it doesn't fit the facts.

This car was collected on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December & in the following 10 days, it travelled to Devonport, once to Burnie, once to Hobart & various shopping trips around Lonnie, all before it "MISBEHAVED".

When the initial 1000km service came up, the car had in fact done way more than 1000km's !!!

So Over to William

Cheers

John James

# **State Motorkhana Series Round One 17th February 2013 “The Wilderness” Kempton**

**Turn at the MG sign on Main St, Kempton**

- **Scrutineering begins at 9.00am**
- **Drivers briefing at 9.45am**
- **Level 2NS CAMS licence required, single day licences available at the event for \$25**
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**or**

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## **MG Car Club of Tasmania & Mini Car Club**

 **Baskerville Club Day** 

**24th February 2013**

**Entry fee \$110.00**

- **Scrutineering Begins at 8.30am**
- **Drivers Briefing starts at 9.45am**
- **Level 2 CAMS License required (available on day)**
- **Please ensure your car is 'Track Worthy', with fire extinguisher, approved Helmet, steel valve caps, extra bonnet tie-down, ankle to wrist clothing, clear plastic over head lights etc.**

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## **The Funny Bone**

The phone rings, and the wife answers.  
A pervert, with heavy breathing , says,  
“ I bet you have a tight arse with no hair”  
Woman replies,

“ Yes, he is sitting on the couch watching TV, who shall I say is calling!!!”

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It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane:  
"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row. "What are my choices?" the man asked.  
"Yes or no," she replied.

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A woman went to a pet shop & immediately spotted a large, beautiful parrot.  
There was a sign on the cage that said \$50.00.

'Why so little,' she asked the pet store owner.

The owner looked at her and said,  
'Look, I should tell you first that this bird used to live in a house of Prostitution and sometimes it says some pretty vulgar stuff.'

The woman thought about this, but decided she had to have the bird any way.  
She took it home & hung the bird's cage up in her living room & waited for it to say something.

The bird looked around the room, then at her, and said, 'New house, new madam.'

The woman was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought 'that's really not so bad.'

When her 2 teenage daughters returned from school the bird saw them & said,  
'New house, new madam, new girls.'

The girls & the woman were a bit offended, but then began to laugh about the situation considering how & where the parrot had been raised.

Moments later, the woman's husband Keith came home from work.

The bird looked at him & said, '**Hi Keith**'

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Date</b>
NSC - Mid Week Run	Launceston	Mike Paine	Wed, 13 Feb 13
Motorkhana SMS-1	Kempton	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 17 Feb 13
NSC - Joc McLeans	Launceston	Greg Bannon	Thu, 21 Feb 13
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 21 Feb 13
National Penny Farthing Championships	Evandale	Mark Dilger	Sat, 23 Feb 13
Film Night	Ulverstone	Tony Lansdell	Sat, 23 Feb 13
Supersprints	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 24 Feb 13
SSC - Rock the Vale	Collinsvale	Brett Johnstone	Sun, 24 Feb 13
<i>Lap Dash NWCC</i>	<i>Highclere</i>	<i>Karen Baker</i>	<i>Sat, 02 Mar 13</i>
Presidents BBQ	Targa	Phil Tilley	Sun, 03 Mar 13
Poker Run		Mike Ellis	Sun, 03 Mar 13
<i>Strret Drags</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>Dennis Burgess</i>	<i>Sat, 09 Mar 13</i>
<i>Hillclimb CMI</i>	<i>Collinsvale</i>	<i>David Mitchell</i>	<i>Sun, 10 Mar 13</i>
<i>NSC - Mid Week Run</i>	<i>Launceston</i>	<i>John Biggelaar</i>	<i>Wed, 13 Mar 13</i>
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 20 Mar 13
<i>NWCC Hillclimb</i>	<i>Barrington</i>	<i>Karen Baker</i>	<i>Sat, 23 Mar 13</i>
<i>Super Series TSS-1</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>Donald Potter</i>	<i>Sun, 24 Mar 13</i>
National Meeting	Toowoomba	Andrew Midgley	Fri, 28 Mar - Tue, 2 Apr 13
<i>Hillclimb NWCC</i>	<i>Barrington</i>	<i>Karen Baker</i>	<i>Sat, 30 Mar 13</i>
<i>Lap Dash NWCC</i>	<i>Highclere</i>	<i>Karen Baker</i>	<i>Sat, 13 Apr 13</i>
West Coast Run	West Coast	Greg Bannon	Sun, 14 Apr 13
<i>MCCT Supersprints</i>	<i>Symmons Plains</i>	<i>Jason Milner</i>	<i>Sun, 14 Apr 13</i>
SSC - Mid Week Run	South	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 18 Apr 13
Super Series TSS-2	Symmons Plains	Kevin Knights	Sun, 28 Apr 13
Super Sprints	Symmons Plains	Robin Wilmot	Sat, 11 May 13
Super Series TSS-3	Baskerville	Donald Potter	Sun, 26 May 13
St Mary's Car Show	St Mary's	Ian Saunders	Sun, 02 Jun 13

## SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

### For All Pre War, T and Y Type MG's.

Yet another T-Y day as a dedicated group on this occasion 8<sup>th</sup> December gathered at Ross. A dozen cars lined up adding to the time warp of the picturesque and historic village ambience. And including the multiple-choice bakeries, all part of village life. Three TC's, Y, TD, six TF's and Magnette provided the spectacle with much attention to the Kingshott TC and the unusual hieroglyph on David Taylor's new gear knob as is evident from the photograph.



General discussion ensued on the effect of a hot summer sun and the mysteries of MG cooling, thoughts for events, destinations, garage runs and extended tours. More later.

A month on, it remains a time of great reflection and sadness following the passing of Kit Ellis, a stalwart of not just the MG Car Club but a huge contributor to a number of clubs and the broader motor racing industry, not to mention his many friends and associates. A chap of great talent and wry humour, will be missed by many.

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