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MG6-Magnette Road Test – Ernest Litera

Summary

MG6 leads a new range of vehicles heading our way from SAIC, China's largest vehicle manufacturer and owner of the iconic MG brand. It competes in the tough small car segment against a multitude of highly refined, capable and well-presented small sedans, where it blends into the middle of the pack without offering a clear point of distinction, beyond its emotive badge. The MG6 is a reasonable if uninspiring vehicle, from a Chinese manufacturer, poised to expand and develop rapidly. While MG saloons are not new, these manufacturers shouldn't ignore the fundamental ingredients that made the brand great in the first place.



MG6-Magnette

Morris Garages, aka-MG remains one of the most emotive brand names in the automotive world, despite its patchy presence in Australia since the demise of the MGB over thirty years ago. It's a badge imbedded in our psyche as synonymous with open two seater roadsters thanks to decades of enthusiasts tuning and honing their performance into race winning sports cars. This legacy of MG founder Cecil Kimber, may have started with



humble Morris vehicles crafted into more responsive machines for enthusiasts, but, and it's an important but, virtually from day one MG have also built five seater touring cars, saloons and coupes, the likes of which are not well known beyond enthusiast car clubs, and not all of them blessed with the MG mantra for spirited performance and crisp handling.

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Once master of its sporting models, MG soon became just another arm of the sole destroying MC/Leyland/Rover conglomerate, who commanded such brands as Riley, Wolseley and Mini and who gave us the term ‘badge engineering’ where shared models differed only slightly in presentation to go with their badge. In Britain, post the last Abingdon built ZB, MG sedans survived through the 80’s with the FWD Austin Mini Metro, Maestro, and mid-size Montego sedans, while the 90’s brought the more upmarket, Rover based and MG modified ZT and ZR saloons.

In 2005 the ailing MG/Rover group was acquired by the Chinese and in 2008 by Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation, (SAIC) China’s largest auto manufacturer. While enthusiasts had hoped for a resurrection of the modern rear engine F and TF roadsters, sold here between 2002 and 2005, SAIC were focused on the volume end of the market. Leading its return to Australia with the MG6 and currently scrambling to establish dealerships, parts and servicing facilities in the major centres, there’s no escaping the fact that this is the tip of a very large iceberg. By this time next year MG Australia will have on offer the sports hatch MG3, a compact SUV rival for the likes of Nissan Dualis or Holden Trax, and a six speed auto version of this MG6.

For now, the new MG6 comes here in two body styles and one mechanical specification. You can choose between the five door hatchback ‘GT’, and our four door ‘Magnette’ sedan, a name first used for the original 1930s K1 Magnette saloon. While the styling is smart and modern there is little distinction from the wide range of current small sedans.

The MG6 was designed and engineered for the international market at Longbridge in the United Kingdom, and while northern hemisphere cars are also assembled there, Australian delivered MGs are completed and shipped directly from SAIC, with their Rover 1.8 litre turbo petrol engine and five speed manual transmission. There are three model levels for each body type, S, SE and TSE, with pricing ranging from \$22,990 to \$27,990 plus on road costs. At the entry point you get the same solid list of safety and exterior features as at the top, apart from tyre pressure monitoring, and all models receive a four star ANCAP safety ranking.



Inside the entry models, obvious missing features compared to its opposition are cruise control, parking sensors and inexplicably Bluetooth phone connectivity.

Top end models include these, as well as a long list of desirable MG accessories, without ticking expensive options boxes.

Features such as the tilt/slide sunroof, rear view camera and parking sensors, electrochromatic rear view mirror, automatic dusk sensing headlamps,

rain sensing wipers, dual zone climate control, power adjusted and heated front seats and a cabin trimmed in leather.

STAR RATINGS

MG6-Magnette

Pricing	***
Equipment & Features	*** 1/2
Presentation	***
Comfort	****
Space	***
Noise	***
Performance	***
Economy	***
Handling & Braking	*** 1/2
Crash-testing (ANCAP)	****
Green Vehicle Guide	na
OVERALL	***

EXCELLENT ***** GOOD ***** ACCEPTABLE ***

FAIR ** POOR *

The biggest gaps in specification are the lack of an automatic transmission in a market where at least 80% of buyers take that option, and the absence of mapping for the navigation system. MGs 6-speed dual clutch auto is undergoing extended durability testing for inclusion in 2014, along with full navigation, although retro installation of mapping in current cars remains questionable. Physically, the MG6 Magnette sedan is in the same small car category as Mazda3 or Holden Cruze, and likewise it will comfortably seat four adults, or carry three children across the back seat, although it has only two child seat anchorage points. Luggage capacity in the boot is good, short, wide opening doors insure easy access and the usual 60/40 split-fold rear seat provides some load

carrying versatility, despite not folding flat and limited by the structural parcel shelf. The boot is deep because regrettably this MG carries a space saver spare wheel, yet a full size wheel should fit. Up front in our range topping TSE, both seats offer well-crafted contours with reasonable support, while soft leather and padding, proved particularly comfortable on long drives. These seats are heated and power operated, and drivers have six way seat adjustments as well as both tilt and reach steering, for tailoring to individual needs. The seating position, the layout of fundamental controls and the primary instrumentation is good, but the execution of some functions at the wheel needs more attention to match its rivals. To begin with, the push in key operation is clumsy and disconcerting when a restart means removing and reinserting the key. The handbrake in our test car could not hold the car on a hill and is awkwardly located on the passenger side of the console. In addition there are many minor niggles with identifying functions in the row of secondary switches and dials linked to the centre dash computer screen. It all looks good but lacks simple efficiency in operation. The car would also benefit from better road lighting for country night driving. Enthusiasts will chuckle at discovering the 'lap timer' buried in the trip computer menu, but as an example of poor functionality it's useless for consecutive laps or regularity because of a delayed reset function!



A centre console cooler box and hidden passenger seat storage tray are nice touches, yet the single cup holder is another example of poor design thinking, it's neither adequate nor appropriately located in the centre dash. On a check list the MG6 cabin appears to have all the desired occupant convenience features, however little thought has gone into their design, in terms of what owners want to carry and how they use them. Rear seating is also a nice place to be in terms of shaping, soft padding and sufficient space for the average adult. There are rear air vent outlets individual overhead lighting, recessed head rests for vision and storage pockets in both seat back and doors.

Powered by a 1.8 litre turbo petrol engine, an original Rover design, and delivering modest power and torque figures of 118kW and 215Nm the MG6 is a competent rather than exhilarating drive. Comparisons made with performance orientated turbo engines from competitors can be misleading as the MG6s turbo is designed to deliver a linear mid-range feel rather than blistering times. For example our acceleration figures through the gears are comparable to an auto 2.0 litre Honda Civic Sport or 2.0 litre Mazda Maxx Sport. The MG6 is in its element on a sweeping country road where turbo boost and gearing combine nicely to deliver an effortless flow, rather than in suburban traffic where some drivers struggled with the gear shift quality and keeping the drive smooth. This is more of a reflection on how good contemporary manual transmissions and clutches are. As a daily drive our fuel economy averaged out to 8.3L/100km, with mid 7L/100km on the open road and closer to 10L/100km when driven enthusiastically.

A strong suit for the MG6 is its well engineered chassis setup and competent ride and handling package. The car immediately feels planted on the road, soaking up all manner of uneven surfaces, aided by more forgiving 50-series tyres and delivering a solid insulated feeling in the cabin. Hydraulic power assisted steering may not

PRICING

List price	\$27,990
On-road cost	\$2944
Model price range	\$22,990 to 27,990
Metallic paint	Std
Warranty	36Months / 100,000km
Service intervals	6Months / 10,000km

UNDER THE BONNET

Engine capacity	1796cc
Engine type	Turbo four cylinder
Max. power	118kW@5500rpm
Max. torque	215Nm@1750rpm
Transmission/drive	5-speed manual/front

MEASURING UP

Kerb mass	1485 kg
Length	4652mm
Width (incl. mirrors)	2008mm
Height	1472mm
Wheelbase	2705mm
Tyres	215/50 R17
Spare wheel	space saver
Turning circle	

UNDER THE FOOT Seconds

0-60km/h	4.2
0-80km/h	7.0
0-100km/h	9.7
50-80km/h (3rd-gear)	5.7
60-100km/h (3rd gear)	7.6
0-400m	17.2
Stop. dist. from 80km/h	23.3

AT THE PUMP

Overall – RACV test (litres/100km)	8.3
– variation	7.3 to 9.2
Green Vehicle Guide	7.5
CO2 Emission g/km	174
Fuel tank	63 litres
Fuel type	95-ron ULP

UP THE BACK

Towing capacity (braked trailer)	
	1450 kg
Tow ball load	100 kg

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comply with today's ultra-eco electronic trend, but it feels good in your hands with even loading as you roll into a corner and none of the electric's on-centre vagueness. The car sits composed in high speed turns under load without skipping or wandering and delivers good balance and grip.

Overall the MG6 feels solid and durable, but build and finish quality fall short of the high standards set by its competitors and things like the dull undercoat paint finish under the bonnet and boot do nothing to enhance that impression.

Melbourne and Geelong dealerships are currently being established and enthusiasts should keep an eye out for additional savings on early build cars, already starting to stockpile at MG Motor Australia.



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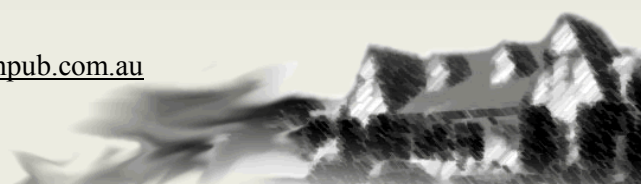
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Committee Meeting Details		First Monday of the Month Ross Meeting Room, Ross, 7:30 pm	

Presidents Report

“The time is passing so quickly”, is a phrase we say and hear so often, but this year it’s true, the weather’s gone to winter already. (Might have to invest in a roof for the TC at this rate)

It’s only a few months to a national meeting at Easter and only ten months to the next AGM, concourse and presentation night.

To keep relevant, fresh and up to date, a club like ours must have a constant flood of new ideas and activities, competitions and social functions and these must come from all members new and old, and it also needs a constant change in leadership in its committees if it is to keep that relevance and new ideas flowing.

Our state committee has a position of General Member unfilled, so come on you members who’ve never occupied a volunteer position in your club, **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU NOW!!**

The tasks are not hard, the committee members are friendly and you can get a sense of achievement and satisfaction during and at the end of your term.

Some of the problems that your state committee will be reviewing this year, are how to make it easier for younger and junior members to join and make a contribution and also the succession planning and encouragement of a greater breadth of members to fill the committee positions into the future of our great club.

I’d love to hear from ant members who have suggestions or ideas on these subjects.

Maxies motokhana is our next competition/social event and hopefully we will see some of our older and newer members who haven’t run a motorkhana previously give it a try at this club day.

Phil Tilley



Ed Says

Well Xmas and New Year have been and gone, I hope all members had a most enjoyable festive season. We hosted 17 family members and were hoping to steal a little time to ourselves with a leisurely drive with the roof off on such a beautiful day, unfortunately our hospitality must have been too good and our quests just would not leave. Then with the change in weather it was a couple of days before we got out to enjoy that drive.

Speaking of having the roof off, if you are able, please come to Devonport on Saturday the 25th before 10:30 am and enter your convertible in the Lions Club Guinness Record attempt. All money raised will go to a very worthy cause (Tas Cancer Council) and what a fun event to be part of. Any queries or if you want a registration form, contact me or Peter Noble on rikki52@bigpond.com . All cars must be registered before the weekend, money to be paid on entry. I have hard and soft copies of the registration form. If all MG's could meet at the Harris Scarfe car park before 10:00 am, then we will make our way to the event in procession.

In the presidents report Phill has asked for volunteers for a General member on the State Committee. The club is also in need of a regalia officer, this role is currently being shared between a number of us. The club has a couple of tubs of regalia, mainly to determine sizes, all regalia is then ordered from the supplier. Regalia is brought to the major club events for sales. If you think you can help the club by taking on this role please speak to myself or Craig Large.

Part of the clubs activities is the running of 3 rounds of the State Super series at Symmons Plains. Volunteers to assist at the event and officials to assist with the running of the event are always required and quite often in short supply. If you or someone you know is interested in motor sport and would like to experience it up close and personal then this is their chance. Visit the CAM's website to register or come along to an event and sign up, then you will have to complete an on-line training module to get you started. Without the volunteers and officials these events will not be able to be run and motor sport will disappear from our calendar.

Since I am already on the soap box, think about putting in contributions to the magazine. Take some photo's and send them into me. Write a little story about how you enjoyed an event or didn't. The more I get about the events of the club more people will think about attending future events, and more the participation the more the enjoyment for everyone.

And if you are doing a project on your car, document what you did and share the experience. Or if you are having a little problem, you may even get some assistance from others in the club who have experienced the same issue. I feel confident that if you combine all the issues every club member has ever had, there are not many left to identify.

So see you at Maxxie's and here's to another great MG Year.

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Membership Report

We have had a few more renewals to this date; this brings us to 266 members. Unfortunately we have had 4 members resign from the club and another 38 who have simply not renewed. It seems to be a trend, that each year we have members who have joined in the last couple of years, who elect not to renew their membership. We all need to make an effort to make new members welcome.

We welcome new members from Devonport, Terry and Colleen Jeffrey they own a Green MG TC.

Membership Officer
Sue-Anne Midgley



Santa at the NSC Xmas BBQ, and is that special guest Wally?



Club Captains Report

State Hillclimb Series 7th December 2013 Highclere

There were only 2 MGCCT members who entered this event. Donald Fraser again used the Clubman but try as he did he was unable to match his time from the previous year. Igor VanGerwen found himself in a similar situation missing out by one tenth of a second to equal his best time, but his time did net him 3rd in class.

State Motorkhana Series Round 1 Kempton 16th February

This is the first of four State Motorkhana Championship rounds and is held on a good grass surface. Food will be available for purchase and details of this event can be seen elsewhere in the magazine.

Baskerville Super Sprints 23rd February

It doesn't get much better; a Baskerville Club Day in our summer months. Last year the surface was dry and hot making for some very enjoyable track time so hopefully next month's club day will be no different.

If you can give some consideration to the day, I am sure you won't be disappointed.

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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A copy of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website.
Membership application and change of address forms are also available for download.
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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The Southern Sub Centre Christmas break up was well attended by approximately forty members and the weather was warm throughout. Thanks goes to Herby Burgess for once again organising the main food platters of cold meat and prawns. Due to the success of our raffles during 2013 there was more than enough funds available and no need for a cover charge. Along with directing the raffle fundraising throughout the year, Frank Manley also organised a Christmas hamper that members each made a contribution too. This hamper was raffled and won by a new member, from the Huon, Kelvin Aldred. This was Kelvins first club event and is probably the warmest welcome someone will get from us!

Coming Events:

Saturday January 18th - The Wrest Point South East Rally is an annual event held every January, organised by the Post Vintage Car Club. The premier yearly event of the PVCC, this rally is a time trial held over one day on the picturesque roads of Southern Tasmania. The event is open to all types of classic and vintage cars and is not restricted to

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PVCC members. There are two separate average speed classes, so all types and ages of cars are catered for. During the week leading up to the rally, there are car displays at Parliament House and Mawson Place, giving the public a taste of what they will see on rally day. Everyone who has an interest in classic and vintage cars should make time to head down to the displays and check out the cars. After a day of touring the rally ends with a delicious meal. An entry/indemnity form and payment should have already been FINALISED! For more information please phone the Rally Director Doug Saunders: 0437 353 799, or e-mail: d.saunders2@bigpond.com. Information can also be found on the PVCC website at www.postvintage-tas.org

Saturday February 1st - A breakfast run to My Slice of Pie Cafe, 111 Dip Road Mountain River, will be followed by a visit to the Wooden Boat Centre at Franklin. Meeting at 8:30am at The Civic Club, 134 Davey Street Hobart, for departure at 9:00am. For more information please contact Bruce Hills: 6248 9480.

Sunday February 2nd - Owners of collectable cars are welcome to gather them at Long Beach Sandy Bay, from 9:00am onwards, from 10:00am onwards parking can become a bit of a problem. If you are an owner of a vintage, veteran, classic or otherwise collectable car, or indeed would like to become one at some point, please feel welcome to attend this informal gathering. The crowd disperses around lunch time. For any more information please contact Peter Shaw: 6223 1020

Sunday February 16th - The first round of the State Motorkhana Series will be an MG Car Club event at Kempton. More details next month. For more information please contact Greg Bannon.

Sunday February 23rd - The first Club day of 2014 will be the Supersprints at Baskerville. More details next month. For more information please contact Greg Bannon.

Regards,
Brett Johnstone





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The weather was slightly inclement but some of us travelled the whole way with the roof off! Didn't feel a drop if doing 60+km an hour. And what a fantastic assortment of cars.

Big thanks to Ian and Victoria Wade, and the volunteers at the Collinsvale Machinery Club for putting on a two course lunch (their first) so successfully, and for showing us their rare machinery. I hope they made a profit towards their restorations.

Best wishes and safe motoring - May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and wonderful Christmas, and a sensational New Year. I hope Santa is kind.

Wayne (white MGA)
Phone: 0408 388 881

PS – I'll be in touch in the New Year about dates for 2014, commencing in February



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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	

Not much to report this month as we didn't have a meeting in the sunny half of the state.

But please take note that there has been a change in starting time for the Australia Day run to the Gurnhill's, this run shall start at 10:30 not 8:00 as I said last month.

A midweek run was held on the 11th of Dec. The occupants of 6 MGs + 2 other forms of transport enjoyed a drive out the back of Evandale and a meal at the Perth Pub.

Over 50 festive Members from the North and North West Sub Centres, jingled all the way (well, rattled all the way as we are talking MGs) to Greens Beach on the 15th of Dec for the North/North West Christmas party. Santa rocked up and entertained and spread cheer to all.

Sunday 26th January: Gurnhills BYO BBQ run to their home. Team North shall be leaving the Motor Museum at 10:30am, for a 12:30pm arrival.

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Saturday 8th Feb: Breakfast Run, leaving the Motor Museum at 7:30am (Phil Paine organiser).

Sunday 23rd Feb or 2nd of March (TBA): Rainbows End Run (The house of the Tilley).

Monday 10th March: Picnic Run leaving the Motor Museum at 9:00am (Phil Paine organiser).

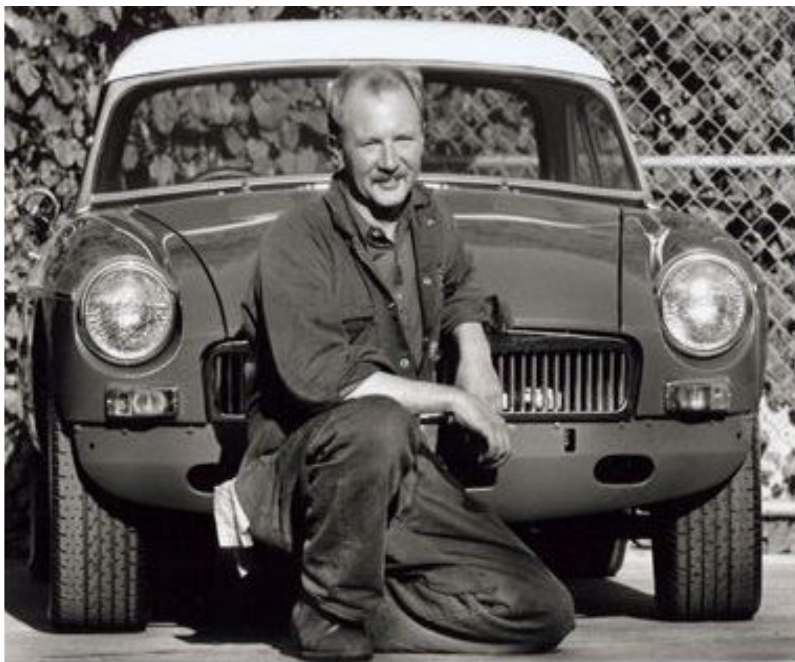


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North West

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Club Meeting Details		Second Thursday night of the Month: 6.00 pm for meal and social evening. Bridge Hotel, Forth	

Once again the historic Bridge Hotel (commonly known as the Forth Pub) excelled themselves with a fabulous Christmas Dinner for 31 members from across the North West.

We all joined in the Christmas spirit and after our meal most members adjourned to Don and Susan Fraser's residence. We enjoyed some of Susan's superb home cooking and partook in some of Don's unique Ports and Single Malt Whiskey from his somewhat extensive wine cellar. It was pleasing to have Barb Edwards' mother, Irene Beaumont, join us for the evening. What a fabulous Club we have.

Our February social evening on the 13th will be at Splash Cafe Restaurant, 30A Old Bass Highway, Wynyard. The Restaurant is BYO so pack your favourite beverages. We will leave the Forth Pub at 5.15 pm and meet at Winterbrook, Ulverstone at 5.30 pm to collect the Ulverstonians. Then onto the western end of the main street of Penguin to meet up with the Penguinites. Then collect any Burnieites at Youngs Vegie Shed Cooe. Then onto Wynyard to be at the Restaurant no later than 6.30 pm.

Our combined North West / Northern Christmas function at Greens Beach was a huge success. A big thank you to the owner of the Caravan Park for the use of his property. Members from the North West met the Northerners at Beaconsfield for the final run into Greens Beach. It was a spectacular head turning site as the MG's travelled in convoy.

Our social lawn bowls has proved so popular that we will be entering two teams in this next roster. We will be playing Wednesday nights at the Spreyton Bowls Club. Unfortunately, last roster we only recorded one win, so with two teams competing this year we are assured of at least one or two wins.

I have pencilled in the 16th of March for a combined North West/North social run. This will be confirmed in next month's magazine.

Roy Stuart
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Midgley's Mid Winter Getaway

It seems bizarre to be talking about a winter run when it is only January, but planning is nearly finalised and because of the time of the year, I need to confirm some numbers to secure bookings (it is the first weekend of school holidays)

They say that you shouldn't change a winning formula, however after 3 years I have succumb to the pressure and this year the run will be over 2 nights.

The agenda for the weekend will be:

Friday 4th July

NW Group leave Anvers at 11:00 am, proceed to St Andrews Inn, Cleveland to meet Northerners and Southerners for a winter lunch at 12:30 pm.

After lunch we proceed through St Mary's and Elephant Pass to 4 mile Creek to drop in on the Kuzniarski's.

Then proceeding onto Coles Bay for night one.

I have reserved 8 holiday homes in Coles Bay which are in close proximity to each other, they are a combination of 2 and 3 bedrooms so think about who you would prefer to share a house with. There is also a couple of 1 bedroom units, so if you really want your privacy then I need to know so I can reserve these units as well. The website for the accommodation is <http://www.freycinetrentals.com/>.

Friday night dinner will be a casserole/bbq/byo, as we get closer we will co-ordinate who brings what.

Saturday 5th July

For those that are keen there are a number of walks in the National Park, of course you will need your Parks Pass to be allowed to enter the park.

There is a sea cruise that takes guests around the peninsula into Wineglass Bay for a fine dining lunch. Cost is \$130/head and I do need numbers as the cruise requires 15 to operate.

For those without sea legs, there is a long lunch wine tour, this is also \$130/head and takes a maximum of 12. Again I need numbers to confirm the tour.

There is a 9 hole golf course if anyone would like to play a round for \$20 or \$35 inc clubs.

Saturday evening we dine a-la-carte at a local eatery, still to be finalised depending on numbers. Tombolo is my preference, but they are limited with space, so we may end up at the Iluka. As usual games will be played and prizes awarded.

Sunday 6th July

A 10am departure to the Pub in the Paddock for a Xmas in July lunch. If there is enough interest from the South I will change this to Scamander, so that everyone can join in rather than splitting the group up, and give others the opportunity to join us.

The cost for the weekend accommodation will depend on the home and the number of occupants, for those couples on their own it will be ~\$150/night, 2 couples in a house ~\$100/night, 3 couples in a house ~\$65/night.

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The Funny Bone

In the great days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to a jungle outpost to relieve the retiring colonel.

After welcoming his replacement and showing the courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches) that protocol decrees, the retiring colonel said,
"You must meet Captain Smithers, my right-hand man, God, he's really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless."

Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a toothless, hairless, scabbed, pockmarked and wizened specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three foot tall.

"Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself."

"Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines. I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division of the Olympics. I have researched the history of..."

Here the colonel interrupted, "Yes, yes, never mind that Smithers, the CO can find all that in your file. Tell him about the day you told the local witch doctor to get f*#%\$ed."

A mother was anxiously waiting for her daughter's plane.
She had just come back from a faraway land trying to find adventure.
As the daughter was leaving the plane, the mother noticed a man directly behind her daughter dressed in feathers with exotic markings all over his body and carrying a shrunken head.
The daughter introduced this man as her new husband.
The mother gasped in disbelief and disappointment and screamed,
"I said for you to marry a Rich Doctor! A RICH DOCTOR!"

A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can.
Three years later, there's a knock on the door.
He opens it and sees the same snail.
The snail says "What the hell was that all about?"

The captain of a team says to the Umpire,
"My team mates want to know if there is a penalty for thinking."
The Umpire says, "No."
The captain says, "Good, cause we all think you're an asshole."

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A 4.3:1 differential in very good condition. This was the standard issue on the MGA. The 4.3:1 ratio is now sometimes sought by Magnette owners wanting a taller ratio.

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Drivers briefing at 9.45am

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MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, January 2014
Motorsports Tasmania, Private Practise

The following information has been received by email, the matter of accessibility to our race tracks for private practise is of concern to our many members who participate in motors sport within Tasmania.

Most people would be aware that there is currently an issue with respect to private practice availability at the Raceways. Currently the company has had to cease offering private practice sessions until we come to an agreement with CAMS as to how these sessions will be operated.

It is expected that among requirements which will need to be implemented will be the need that all drivers hold a minimum of a CAMS L2S competition licence. We will also be required to have a CAMS licenced official to act a supervisor in charge of the activity. The reason for these changes is to meet the requirements of CAMS insurance policy which covers all our activities.

We expect to have this position resolved early in the New Year and will then advise you of the re commencement of private practice sessions and the formal requirements to undertake the activity.

Dick Caplice
General Manager MST
20th December 2013

Private practice, a hot topic at present.

I can assure our members that MST are doing everything we can to resolve our insurance queries with CAMS and relevant insurers.

In the meantime MST are currently planning 4 - 5 designated practice days from next week to the end of January. These practice days will be published by mid next week.

In the meantime MST will continue to work through our issues and be in a position to advise long term future arrangements shortly.

I can assure you that this is a priority for MST and is being dealt with as quickly as possible. MST appreciate your understanding on this matter.

Thanks.
Peter Killick
President HSCC
8th January 2014

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

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
<i>PVCC - South East Rally</i>	<i>South Tas</i>	<i>Doug Saunders</i>	<i>Sat, 18 Jan 14</i>
<i>Guinness World Record Attempt</i>	<i>Devonport</i>	<i>Andrew Midgley</i>	<i>Sat, 25 Jan 14</i>
Australia Day BBQ	Acacia Hills	Cheryl Gurnhill	Sun, 26 Jan 14
SSC Breakfast Run	Mountain River	Bruce Hills	Sat, 01 Feb 14
<i>Skid Pan Day</i>	<i>Rokeby</i>	<i>CAMS</i>	<i>Sun, 02 Feb 14</i>
NSC - Breakfast Run	North	Phil Paine	Sat, 08 Feb 14
SMS Round 1	Kempton	Greg Bannon	Sun, 16 Feb 14
NSC - Social Run	Rainbows End	Phil Tilley	TBA
Supersprints	Baskerville	Greg Bannon	Sun, 23 Feb 14
TSS Round 1	Symmons Plains	Kevin Knights	Sun, 02 Mar 14
NSC - Picnic Run	North	Phil Paine	Mon, 10 Mar 14
NW/N Social Run	NW	Roy Stuart	Sun, 16 Mar 14
<i>Devonport Motor Show</i>	<i>Devonport</i>	<i>NW Co-Ord</i>	<i>Sun, 23 Mar 14</i>
<i>Barrington Hillclimb</i>	<i>Barrington</i>	<i>NWCC</i>	<i>Sat, 29 Mar 14</i>
<i>TSS Round 2 - 60th Anniversary Meeting</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>HSCC</i>	<i>Fri, 4 Apr 14 - Sun, 6 Apr 14</i>
<i>Lap Dash NWCC</i>	<i>Highclere</i>	<i>NWCC</i>	<i>Sat, 26 Apr 14</i>
TSS Round 3	Symmons Plains	Kevin Knights	Sun, 25 May 14
Supersprints	Symmons Plains	Greg Bannon	Sat, 31 May 14
SMS Round 2	Latrobe	Greg Bannon	Sat, 28 Jun 14
Mid Winter Getaway	Freycinet	Andrew Midgley	Fri, 4 Jul 14 - Sun, 6 Jul 14
Xmas in July	Pub in the Paddock		Sun, 06 Jul 14
May Trial	Midlands	Greg Bannon	Sat, 19 Jul 14
<i>TSS Round 4</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>HSCC</i>	<i>Sun, 03 Aug 14</i>
Multi Club Motorkhana	Kempton	Greg Bannon	Sun, 10 Aug 14
SMS Round 3	Kempton	Greg Bannon	Sun, 31 Aug 14
TSS Round 5	Symmons Plains	Kevin Knights	Sun, 07 Sep 14

SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

Always a good indication when reports of Square Rigger activity from last year overflowed into the New Year. The group had a number of runs to complete the season, last month reported the Statewide run to Campbell Town and here the local Square Rigger events of October 27th held at both Hobart and Launceston. The T Types of Peter Bick, David Taylor and Mac Hoban sparkling in the sun on Mount Wellington. Might well have blended with the surrounds had there been snow.... then again.....!!



The Northern group circumnavigated the Tamar lining up at Clarence Point for refreshment. Appropriate to highlight TCs and welcome new comer Roger Anstie in his handsome Cream/Green TC, Phil Tilley TC of course and John Scott's TC creating much interest! John James in TD, Brooks' and Holdens with TFs and Talbot mounted Bill Griffiths made up the group.

The program for this year will be developed for publication next month, any ideas for runs, comments, destinations, sheds, coffee stops will be welcome, replies to:

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