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MG J2 Midget

I was looking through the MG Owners website in the UK

<http://www.mgownersclub.co.uk> recently and

came across a comprehensive listing of MG models complete with interesting information. At the 2005 National meeting I remember seeing a Blue J2 and Red J3 which I thought were just stunning cars, which I had not ever seen before.

So as I came across this information on the J2 which I found most interesting and thought I might share with our readers.



J2 Midget Introduced 1932 - 1934 Number built - 2083

Announced in August 1932 the J2 Midget was outstanding value for just £199 10s. and was within the reach of many enthusiasts of the era. It was based on the successful design of the C type or Montlhery Midget as it was better known, a direct derivative of the M type. From the outset the car represented everything that was right in basic sports car design incorporating such things as a large rear mounted slab type petrol tank with a huge fast fill petrol cap, fold flat windscreen with optional aero screens, centre lock wire wheels, remote control gear change, and a spring spoked flat steering wheel. A temperature gauge, eight day electric clock, leather securing strap over the bonnet and protective mesh grilles for the headlamps and radiator completed the package of extras for an additional cost of £12 12s.

The chassis layout followed that of the C type incorporating virtually straight side members passing under the rear axle with tubular cross supports. The suspension was half elliptic all round on sliding trunnions. Cable operated brakes utilising 8 drums were quite effective for the size of car. The hand brake lever was mounted on a shaft linked to the foot pedal and four cables which allowed easy adjustment of the brakes. Friction type Hartford shock absorbers were fitted front and rear, with the latter being mounted transversely. The chassis was lubricated by a Tecalemit central greasing system, with the grease nipples neatly grouped on the back of the bulkhead wall. Other features of the

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chassis included a 12 volt Rotax lighting and starting system, Rudge Whitworth wire wheels and Marles steering gear which was adjustable for rake.

Whereas its forerunner the J1 was offered with 4 seater open or closed bodywork, the J2 was strictly a 2 seater and set the fashion in MG sports cars for many years to come. With its classic two humped' scuttle and low 'cut away doors the car was a masterpiece of simple, functional race bred design and is today considered by many to be one of the classic sports cars of all time. The long bonnet conceals not only the engine but gearbox, foot controls and the legs of the driver or passenger! On lifting the bonnet it seems odd by today's standards to peer into the footwell and cockpit from the engine compartment, but this design had its advantages for ease of maintenance. The tail of the car was short and stubby only extended by the 12 gallon slab tank, and the strapped-on spare wheel. Initially the car was produced with cycle-type front and rear wings, to be replaced a year later with long swept wings.

Power came from the well tried 847cc engine as used on the successful M type which was originally derived from a Wolseley unit. With an eight port crossflow cylinder head and twin SU carburettors, this unit produced a healthy 36 bhp at 5500 rpm, though with only a two main bearing crankshaft, revving the engine to its maximum soon produced premature failure of the flimsy crankshaft. A vertically mounted dynamo was driven off the front end of the crankshaft, with its armature forming part of the overhead camshaft drive. This particular design was a weak point on these engines with seals leaking oil into the dynamo causing embarrassing flat batteries.

The gearbox had four forward speeds unlike the earlier three speed gearboxes of the M and D types; it also had a neat remote gear change enclosed in an alloy casting, bringing the gear lever very conveniently to the driver's hand. The top two ratios were close, giving a good high speed range, whilst first and second gears were sufficiently low for either trials work or the unexpected very steep hill, with a fair step between second and third. A single plate dry clutch transfers the power via a Hardy Spicer prop shaft to the three-quarter floating rear axle.

A supercharged version of the J2 was produced known as the J3 and had a 750cc unit, in every other respect it was the same as a J2 but with superior performance. The racing variant of the J series was called the J4, this also was basically the same as the J2, but with different steering gear and larger 12" drum brakes as found on the Magna. The J4 was a fast car with several runs of over 100 mph being recorded at Brooklands and there is no doubt that through the continuous development of the J type from the J1 to the J4 it captured the imagination of the sportscar enthusiast. Despite adverse criticism of fuel starvation problems on early J2's and the dynamo oil leak problems mentioned before, careful maintenance gave good reliable service and the cars were in fact able to withstand far more hard use than any other comparable competitor at the time.



Brief technical specifications...

Type: In line, water cooled.

No. of cylinders: 4

Bore/Stroke: 57mm x 83mm.

Capacity: 847cc

Valve Operation: Overhead Camshaft, driven through vertical dynamo.

Carburation: Twin semi downdraught SU.

Compression ratio: 6.2:1.

Power output: 36 bhp at 5500 rpm.

Clutch: Single dry plate.

Transmission: Manual 'crash' 4 forward speeds and reverse.

Frame: Twin side members, tubular cross members.

Wheelbase: 7' 2" Track: 3' 6" front and rear.

Suspension: Front: half elliptic springs, beam axle. Rear: half elliptic springs, live axle.

Length: 10'4" **Width:** 4'3" **Height:** 4'5"

Brakes: 8" drums cable operated

Tyre size: 277" x 4"

Wheels: Centre lock, detachable wire wheels.

Maximum Speed: 80 mph

Fuel consumption: approx 35 mpg

Acceleration: 0-50 mph; 15 secs.

Number built: Mid 1932 to early 1934; 2083

Cost new in 1932: £199 10s.



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

Presidents Report

Hope you all had a Happy Christmas and New Year and didn't overindulge in food and drink or make New Year resolutions that are bound to be broken!!!!!!

Now that the busy time of Christmas has passed, perhaps it is a good time to think how you can assist your club by joining the State Committee as there are still 2 vacant positions Club Captain and Vice-President. It is your club, there must be members out there who can give some of their time to their club. as we are all volunteers not having the 2 people only adds extra duties and time restraints to those already on the State Committee, especially those of us who are not yet retired!! There are members who have previously held these positions that would be more than able to assist.

The club has another busy year ahead in the running of competition events - the Jaguar Car Club of Tasmania have asked us to conduct an event at Symmons Plains in March in which MG members will also be able to compete in. The 3 rounds of the Tasmanian Super Series of which two rounds will be 2 day events with the HQ Nationals and the Formula Vee Nationals. All these events require people power to ensure they run easier and successfully. It is an honour for our club to be asked to conduct these major events. If you would like any more information regarding assisting these upcoming events please contact either myself or Robin Wilmot, (our contact details are elsewhere in the magazine).

We were hoping to be able to send out the CAMS Competition Calendar, but it won't be available for a couple of weeks, as it now gets printed in Melbourne (instead of supporting local industries) and apparently will be an A5 size.

What is that saying "if it ain't broke don't fix it"

Hopefully I will see you at "Maxy's" Motorkhana on January 18th. Come either for the competition or the social side.

Enjoy MGing
Zube



Ed Says

I hope all members had a most enjoyable Xmas and New Year, I have not had any stories filter through about misdemeanours, so everyone must have been pretty well behaved.

This month's magazine is really an update of all the information about the club and start to another Club Year. There are a number of changes in the wind about how this club operates to ensure that we meet the requirements of incorporation, insurance and just evolving with the latest technologies to ensure we stay current and do not put any of our members at risk.

The first change is that all social events have to be pre-registered with CAM's for our personal and public liability insurance to be valid, the sub-centre secretaries will be able to do this on a monthly basis as events are entered in the social calendars. It is then imperative that a complete list of attendees (including non-members) is recorded for the event. This must be handed to the sub-centre of state secretary dependant on the event. This is a bit of housekeeping to ensure that if anything should happen to anyone on a club event that our insurance will cover them. The onus here is on the organiser of any event to ensure firstly that it has been registered and secondly that everyone who is attending has their names recorded. If you are at an event please take it upon yourself to ensure that your name is recorded.

Likewise if you are officiating or helping at a competition event you must sign onto the form usually held by the race secretary, but at club events this is more likely to be the Club Captain. Whilst we hope that we never have to make a claim on our insurance, having the paperwork all correct will remove one way that the claim can be refused.

The second one is the club contact diary, this has taken more than 12 months in trying to get members to answer a simple yes or no to allowing their contact or car details to be published in a pocket book for members. I am happy to be able to report that we are there and we can now move into the publishing and distribution of this diary. The current thinking is that we will produce a new diary every 3 years. Blank pages will be provided for you to enter details of new members you meet.

The third is the club database, this is currently run on a PC that is over 10 years old because the software is not compatible with more modern computers, software and operating systems. We are currently trialling a hosted web based database which has been developed here in Australia specifically for car clubs. The cost to migrate our current database would be equivalent to 10 years of hosted access using this option. There are a couple of existing features that are not available in the new database, but I am working with the developers to come up with a suitable work around, that will allow us to manage our membership the way we need to. On the positive side it includes a lot of features that we currently do on paper very poorly and this should streamline our member, vehicle and asset management like never before.

Keep watching for updates as each member will eventually be able to logon and update their own information and renew their membership on-line if they wish.

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And lastly is the club itself, the sub-centres and state committees are all reviewing what they do and how they do it to try and ensure that we offer our members a good cross-section of events both social and competition so that every member can participate in their club.

So we hope to see some new faces and some we have not seen for a while at events this year. It would be a wonderful achievement if we saw every member attend at least one event this year.

Finally, on a personal note, a very humble thankyou to the many members who passed on their condolences on the passing of my mother, not only members of the NW group, but from around the state, Sue-Anne and I have been over whelmed with the support we have received.

Ed

Handbook Update:

At a recent meeting of the state committee a motion was carried to change the wording in the handbook. The change as passed is shown below, so you can update your handbook if you wish.

Club events clarification – Page 8 members Handbook update.

Currently - *'The Club arranges a number of social and competition events during the year for participation by members. Competition events are organised by the Club Captain, and details of these are in the newsletter and on the website. Generally speaking, social events are organised by sub-centres. All Club members are encouraged to attend these events and to bring along others who may be interested in joining the Club.'*

Change to - *'The Club arranges a number of social and competition events during the year for participation by members. Competition events are organised by the Club Captain, and details of these are in the newsletter and on the website. Social events are organised by the state committee and sub-centres. All Club members are encouraged to attend these events and to bring along others who may be interested in joining the Club.'*

Membership Report

There are no new members to report this month.

We have had a low percentage of members not renew their membership this year compared to previous years. This is very pleasing and hopefully reflects that our members value their membership of this club.

Sue-Anne Midgley



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Club Captains Report

Here we go again with the start of another club competition year and if we are able to pick up from where we left off last year we would certainly be in for some serious competition again.

During the running of our motorkhanas there was more interest than usual in the times set for each run. Even the past motorkhana champion and fiercely competitive Tony Sutcliffe was showing great interest in the times, how good is that.

Maxies motorkhana is ready to go on the 18th January and else where in your magazine Craig Large will have placed all the details in relation to the times etc. Bring it on.

Greg

Historics Report

Last December the committee had pleasure presenting a cheque of \$75,000 to Mr Garth Wingston of the Baskerville Foundation, which was the profit from the 2014 Historic Race Meeting.

The committee has held a debrief meeting of the 2014 meeting and has another one in February to start planning for the 2015 Historic Race Meeting.

Our meetings will be held monthly until July when they will be fortnightly, then weekly from September.

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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	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

www.mgtas.org.au

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	
Postal Address		GPO Box 5, Hobart, Tas 7001	

The run to Franklin, for fish and chips at the Aquagrill, was attended by seventeen members. The weather looked ominous on departure from the Civic Club, but turned out okay overall. Included was a poker run, with cards for each car being dealt at the Civic Club, McDonald's Kingston, the Apple Shed at Grove, the Esplanade at Huonville and finally at the Aquagrill. The lucky winner of the \$50 pot was Stephen Huntley with three of a kind, Queens! The cafe was warm and comfortable, accommodating us easily, service was friendly and the meals were excellent. Thanks to the Aquagrill for remaining open for our group after hours.

The weather turned out well and some regretted not taking their roof off during the mid week run on December 11th. Others regretted not bringing their convertible at all! Again, we had a fantastic assortment of cars. A big thanks goes to Ian Wade, Grant and other volunteers at the Collinsvale Machinery Club for putting on a great two course Christmas lunch for forty two people! We also enjoyed a showing of their rare machinery. They

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made a profit of \$470 to go towards their restorations which was a great outcome. Let's hope they can accommodate us again next year with even bigger numbers!

The Southern Sub Centre takes this opportunity to thank Wayne Goninon for all the effort he put in during 2014. His runs are always well planned and venues well chosen.

We receive nothing but good feedback for his efforts.

COMING EVENTS:

There will be NO mid week run with Wayne Goninon in January.

Sat Jan 17th – The Wrest Point South East Rally

An annual event held every January and organised by the Post Vintage Car Club. 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 PVCC members. There are 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, 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 the day of touring, the rally ends with a delicious meal! Due to the meticulous planning involved in the organisation of the South East Rally, participation **REQUIRES** the completion of an entry form, forms can be downloaded from www.postvintage.org.au/south-east-rally or copies will be available at the Civic Club. An entry form with payment is due by January 5th, entries received after this date will not be accepted.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 60 06

Mon Jan 26th – Australia Day Run to Pooley Wines

Departing from The Civic Club, 134 Davey Street Hobart at 10:00AM, to arrive at Richmond by lunch. Bruce Hills will endeavour to devise an interesting route like always.

For further information please contact Bruce Hills: 6248 9480

Sun Feb 1st – Classics On The Beach.

Owners of collectable cars are welcome to gather at Long Beach Sandy Bay, from 9:00am. 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 further information please contact Bruce Hills: 6248 9480

Sun Feb 8th – We have a run to New Norfolk for a BYO BBQ at Tynwald Park.

Departing from The Civic Club, 134 Davey Street Hobart at 10:00AM.

For further information please contact David Bantoft: 0409 191 314

Sun Feb 14th – PVCC All British Day

Arrivals welcomed between 9am to 10am. This is a great opportunity to display your British classic in a perfect park setting with tourists and visitors from Salamanca Place. The day will conclude at 3pm.

For further information please contact Doug on 6247 1543

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Sun Feb 22nd – A run to My Slice Of Pie at Westerway for a breakfast with a difference! We need at least twenty people to justify a special early opening. Departing from The Civic Club, 134 Davey Street Hobart at 8:00AM. Please let Bob know if you are wanting to attend to confirm numbers.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

Any members intending to attend next years National Meet in Victoria must contact Tony Lansdell so he can organise enough accommodation for all, Lodgings will be difficult unless booked early Tony will advise payment details.

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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	
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Well we did not have a meeting for the month of December so on behalf of the NSC Committee we wish you all a prosperous a Happy and New Year for 2015.

We start the northern activities with the Mid Week Run on January 14th. I have organised an evening meal with a short drive so I hope that you come along and get the New Year off to a flying start.

On the 18th we have Maxie's Motorkhana at Winkleigh and then the Australia Day BBQ with the Gurnhill's at Acacia Hills on the North West Coast.

The NSC have organised a get picnic together on 31st January at the Punchbowl reserve for 12.00 noon to have a chat about everything social etc to set the course for the coming year and we would welcome your input.

Don't forget to come along to our monthly meeting on 28th January, so see you there.

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Coming events:

Wed 14th Jan – Mid Week Run

Meet at Motor Museum, 6pm. RSVP by Mon 12th to Mark Dilger, 0408 271 029

Sun Jan 18th – Social Gathering at Motor Museum, 10-noon

Sun Jan 18th – Maxies Motorkhana, Winkleigh Rd, Winkleigh. Competition commences at 10:00 am.

Mon Jan 26th – Australia Day BBQ, BYO Everything, Gurnhills, Acacia Hills. Meet at Motor Museum at 10:30am. Contact Cheryl Gurnhill, 0439 143 990

Wed Jan 28th – NW Social Run to T's Chinese Restaurant, Sheffield. 6:30 pm. RSVP by Fri 14th to Andrew Midgley on 0458 949881

Sat Jan 31st – Social Picnic at Punchbowl Reserve, starting 12 noon. Contact Eamonn Matthews, 0413 009 284

Sun Feb 8th – Picnic, BBQ, Games at 44 New Ecclestone Rd, Riverside. Meet at Motor Museum at 10:30 am , finish 4:00 pm. RSVP by Feb 1st to Geraldine and John Biggelaar 6327 3462

Sun Feb 22nd – Wings and Things, Georgetown Airport. Rotary Club event. RSVP by Jan 15th to Eamonn Matthews, 0413 009 284

Sat Feb 28th – Smithton Club Car Show, Smithton. Overnight stay Sat 28th. RSVP ASAP to Roy 0419 589 316

Sun Mar 8th – Combined Jaguar MGCC club day at Symmons Plains. Helpers will be required on the day, Contact Robin Wilmot on 0400 193 579

Sat Apr 11th – Treasure Hunt, Picnic, BBQ, meet at Motor Museum 2:00 pm. Contact John James on 0409 432 665

Sun Apr 19th - Social Gathering at Motor Museum, 10-noon

Next meeting Wednesday 28th January 2014

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Northern Sub Centre Mid Week Run Dec 10th

Our December mid week run saw thirteen club members gathering at the motor museum ready for a pleasant country run to our destination for a pub meal. The weather was beautiful and warm with just a hint that we may encounter a drop of rain at some point in the evening.



There were three family sedans and four sports cars, one of which was an MG which clearly felt rather out-numbered by the Japanese company and parked away from the rest of us. It looked beautiful but rather conspicuous all on its own. Maybe it felt inadequate – after all it did not have all the mod cons that the other cars had, such as a working roof.

Anyway, we all headed off in the direction of White

Hills and on to Evandale with the lonely MG tagging along behind. We had a lovely run through the northern countryside and watched as dark skies loomed but then overtook us and headed southwards. When we arrived at our destination the sun was shining and the air was warm but as a precaution the moderns closed their sunroof's and erected their hoods in about 15 seconds. The MG owner threw the tonneau cover over the MG in about 3 minutes and finally we headed into the pub for a lovely meal and good chat.

Another member who arrived late at the starting point and missed us, quickly rushed home and parked his MG and picked up his modern and made all haste to meet us at the pub. He did not like the look of the skies and was not prepared to risk his concours winning polishing job. Wise move.

The meal was superb and everyone was having a marvellous time when somebody noticed it was raining outside. Well not so much raining but absolutely tipping it down. "Well it will pass soon", somebody said. So we stayed and chatted a bit longer – about an hour longer but still it was tipping it down.

At this point we all started to feel sorry for lonely MG and it's owner and passenger who admitted that roof had not been out of the boot for at least 2 years and even if the rain did ease, the chances of stiff vinyl stretching to meet all corners was pretty remote. And still it rained...and rained.....

So, now it really is time to go home. So what does your MG passenger do in these situations? Well it's obvious really - she kisses husband goodbye and finds another man to

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drive her home in a modern. They don't make MG wives like they used to. Still, can't blame her really.



Now there is the dilemma for MG owner – he could spend half an hour trying to erect roof that he knows will not fit and get soaked doing it or he could simply raise an umbrella and drive off into the darkness which is exactly what he did to cheers from an appreciative audience. Did it work? Well you'll just have to ask him yourself.

What's that? Who was he? You will have to work it out from the photo's – I couldn't possibly say.

Eamonn Matthews



Mrs Claus handing our presents at NSC Xmas Picninc

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North West

Position	Member	Partner	Contact Details
Co-Ordinator	Roy Stuart	Kathy	(h) 6424 5706 (m) 0419 589 316 northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au
Club Meeting Details		Second Thursday night of the Month: 6.00 pm for meal and social evening. Bridge Hotel, Forth	

The annual combined NW / North Xmas Picnic held in the beautiful country town of Sheffield “The Town of Murals”, proved to be an outstanding family day.

One highlight of the day was the attendance of Don and Susan’s daughter Angela and her children Cameron, Ella and Morgan. It’s only a matter of time before Cameron will be competing in our motorkhana’s. So look out Twining boys!! Also in attendance were the beautiful daughters of Andrew and Sue-Anne, Ellena and Samantha. Although home to attend their Grandmothers funeral, they seemed amused by their fathers Xmas attire.

It was interesting to see who was the most excited to receive a present from Mrs Claus (Santa was busy), Jim Dickenson, the kids or Mike Paine?

Plan B for the day was to use the Kentish Senior Citizens Hall if the weather became inclement. This proved to be a good decision as the Southerly winds howled in off Mt Roland, luckily the rain stayed away.

The spectacle of our MG’s displayed near the Information centre created much interest from the locals and hundreds of tourists in the area. The look on the faces of the Asian tourists who had their photo’s taken sitting in MGB73 was amazing.

After a superb lunch with fantastic friends, many of us toured the Main St of Sheffield. Among the many attractions is “The World of Marbles” created a great deal of interest, bringing back many childhood memories? It is worth a trip to Sheffield just to visit this shop.

The venue, the company, the kids, the lunch, the cars and the arrival of Mrs Claus made for another memorable MG event.

The joy of Xmas was evident at our NW Xmas dinner at the Forth Pub. Kate and her dedicated and enthusiastic staff provided us with one of the most enjoyable Xmas dinners that we have had at the pub. Everyone was in a festive mood and after a few drinks we adjourned to Susan and Don’s for supper. A big thankyou to Susan for the home made treats and Don for dusting off some very fine whisky and red wine

Wed Jan 28th, the NW group will be travelling to the T’s Chinese Restaurant in Sheffield for dinner. This will be a \$38/head banquet with BYO drinks. I have heard some outstanding reports from this restaurant, as most produce is home grown and the dumplings are to die for.

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We will be leaving the Carline Mufflers Carpark at 5:50 to be at the restaurant by 6:30 for dinner. Numbers are required, so please contact Ed on 0458 949881 or myself on 0419 589316 to reserve you spot. Numbers are limited to 35 and we have to confirm the reservation by Jan 16th. So don't delay and reserve your spot now.

As per the last couple of years we are changing our February Thursday night dinner from the Forth Pub to a different venue. These nights have proved very popular so Thursday February the 12th we will travel in convoy to Wynyard (The Tulip Town and birthplace of many famous people) for a meal at the Top Pub in Goldie Street.

We will depart the carline Muffler carpark at 5pm, and collect members at Winterbrook (Ulverstone) at 5:15, the weighbridge at Sulphur Creek at 5:30 and Youngs Vegie shed Cocee at 5:45.

On Saturday Feb 28th the Smithton Club is running a Family Day – Car and Bike Show and Shine. The Smithton Club is a no profit organisation and is putting on the show to raise money for the local SES who need a new Fire Engine. In knowing a lot of people from Smithton this promises to be a very well organised and fantastic event.

Prizes for the best cars, an ongoing BBQ, jumping castles for the kids and a makers market plus best of all, a bar. We will be leaving Devonport at 7:30am on Saturday attending the show and staying overnight at the Bridge Hotel. I have secured motel rooms for \$80 per night. I need numbers as soon as possible please.

In a unanimous decision, it was decided that any member at any MG event not wearing a name badge will be subject to a fine. This fine was set at the staggering amount of 50c. John Irving has been nominated as fine master, so you have been warned. All monies raised will go to a worthwhile cause. (Not my racing comeback fund as rumoured.)

Let's hope we all have a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Roy Stuart (MGB73)



Midgley's Mid-Winter Run

I can just hear you say it is the middle of summer, why are we talking about the mid-winter run. Well because we have made some tentative reservations and need to firm them up, so below is the schedule for the weekend (as it currently stands).

This event has received excellent support over it's short life, and last year we saw good representation from all over the state, and this is a trend that we hope continues.

So our destination will be Strahan, and will be a 3 day event again this year over the weekend Friday the 3rd – Sunday the 5th of July.

For Southern and Northern members, a number of NW members have offered beds for the Thursday night so you can join us for the full trip without an early start.

The meeting point on the Friday will be Anvers, for breakfast or morning tea.

We will then tour to Cradle Mountain Lodge where we will enjoy a hearty winter lunch.

We will then tour to Strahan via the Anthony Rd bypass. Those that have toured the Cradle Rd – Belvoir Rd - Anthony Rd in the past will tell you, just how enjoyable this trip will be. However if there is a number of Southern members who wish to attend but travel directly from Hobart on the Friday, I will arrange a lunch stop at Tarraleah for you.

On the Friday night we will replicate our last year's effort with everyone bringing a plate and enjoying some club comradery.

Our accommodation will be holiday cabins, with selections of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom cabins available.

On Saturday, those that wish to, can take the Gordon River cruise, and we are yet to learn if the Apt Railway will be running as it has only just fully re-opened and the winter operating schedule has not been finalised.

Then in the afternoon we will have some fun and games, not sure if we will repeat the MG Winter Olympics or try the MG Macquarie Regatta. It is always an honour to come up with new ways to torture members in the name of a bit of fun.

Saturday night will be a Full Buffet Dinner, including some entertainment (it costs nothing so don't expect too much!)

Sunday will be a tour along the Strahan- Zeehan link Rd and Pieman Loop Rd to Tullah where we will enjoy a hearty lunch at the Tullah Lakeside Lodge. From here, all members will disperse to their respective parts of Tassie with a smile on their face and some wonderful memories.

So "How do I get in on this amazing offer, and no steak knives!" we hear you ask.

Firstly you advise us of your intention to attend, what your accommodation preference is and with whom (or not)? And if you require a bed in Devonport for the Thursday night?

Then we will be able to finalise all the arrangements and keep you all updated as we get closer to the weekend.

Sue-Anne and Andrew Midgley

Maxies Motorkhana 18th January 2015 “Clifton Park” Winkleigh

**Turn Left at the MG sign at Exeter and follow
the Octagon**

- **Scrutineering begins at 9.00am**
- **Drivers briefing at 9.45am**
- **Level 2NS CAMS licence required, single
day licences available at the event for \$25**
- **Entry fee \$30 or \$40 for family**
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- **Great day for some Motorsport and
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Lapel Pins	\$6.00
Mugs	\$10.00

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The Funny Bone

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual,

"And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped,

"Didn't you get my E-mail?"

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her,

'What do you want for Christmas?'

'Something for my mother, please,' replied Emily sweetly.

'Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,' smiled Santa.

'What do you would you like me to bring her?'

Without turning a hair Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

It was Christmas Eve, and at the meat counter a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one.

In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said,

'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

'No, madam, 'he replied, 'they're all dead.'

It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood.

He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?'

The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early.'

'That's no crime', said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?'

'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner.

Lee, A seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked,

"If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"

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

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
NSC - Midweek Run	North	Mark Dilger	Wed, 14 Jan 15
<i>PVCC South East Rally</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>Bob Leeson</i>	<i>Sat, 17 Jan 15</i>
Maxie's Motorkhana	Exeter	Club Captain	Sun, 18 Jan 15
<i>Motor Museum Social Gathering</i>	<i>Museum 10-12 Noon</i>	<i>Multi-Club</i>	<i>Sun, 18 Jan 15</i>
NSC - Australia Day Picnic / BBQ	12 Noon	Cheryl Gurnhill	Mon, 26 Jan 15
SSC - Social Run to Pooley Wines	Richmond	Bruce Hills	Mon, 26 Jan 15
NW - Restaurant Run	Sheffield Chinese	Andrew Midgley	Wed, 28 Jan 15
NSC - Picnic	Punchbowl Reserve	Eamonn Matthews	Sat, 31 Jan 15
Classics on the Beach	Sandy Bay	Bruce Hills	Sun, 01 Feb 15
NSC - Picnic, BBQ, Games	Riverside	John Biggelaar	Sun, 08 Feb 15
SSC - Social Run	New Norfolk	David Bantoft	Sun, 08 Feb 15
PVCC - All British Day	Salamanca Place		Sat, 14 Feb 15
NW - Soial Pub Run	Wynyard	Roy Stuart	Tue, 12 May 15
<i>NWCC Hillclimb</i>	<i>Highclere</i>		<i>Fri, 13 Feb 15</i>
Motorkhana SMS-1	Kempton	Club Captain	Sun, 15 Feb 15
<i>Wings and Things</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>Eamonn Matthews</i>	<i>Sun, 22 Feb 15</i>
SSC - Breakfast Run	Westerway	Bob Leeson	Sun, 22 Feb 15
Smithton Club Car Show	Smithton	Roy Stuart	Sat, 28 Feb 15 + overnight
<i>TSS Round 1</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>HSCC</i>	<i>Sat, 28 Feb 15</i>
<i>CMI Hillclimb</i>	<i>Collinsvale</i>		<i>Sun, 01 Mar 15</i>
MGCC/JCCT Club Day	Symmons Plains	Club Captain	Sun, 08 Mar 15
Highclere Cart Track Lap Dash	Highclere	NWCC	Sat, 14 Mar 15
<i>Longford Revival</i>	<i>Longford</i>		<i>Sat, 21 Mar 15</i>
MG National Meeting	Melbourne	Tony Lansdell	Fri, 03 - Mon, 06 Apr 15
Treasure Hunt / Picnic / BBQ	TBA	John James	Sat, 11 Apr 15

SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

Some Club history to start the New Year, here the T Types entered in the Square Rigger Class for the Boyer Standing Quarters, 1964. The red TF4787 of Wayne Styles, TC4741 driven by Dave Scott, Tom Hey TC4372 (light green) and the black TC9262 of Jerry Langdale. The first place time of 21.09 sec was set by Tom Hey.



Symmons Plains Club Day held 30th July 1967 included two events, Standing Quarters and Laps. This shot is a line-up in Class 'B' which put TC4741 Peter Scott against the TC Special of Roger Tyson and a squadron of Sprites. Five other T Types were entered in Class E (Square Riggers), the mystery of the Class disparity is lost in the fog of time. A total of 34 entries fought for seven Classes of racing. Some may recognise both shots courtesy of the MGCC Tas editor and the photographer for each day.

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