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**Cover Photo's:**

NSC Line up of MG's in attendance

SSC Members enjoying their Xmas dinner.

**Inside Front Cover:**

Photo's from NSC Xmas Dinner.

Tony waving to Wendy from the other side of the grounds

Our hosts John and Geraldine Biggelaar and our special Guest (Santa) with helpers

Competitors in the drive and don't spill games

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## **Baskerville Historics**

Baskerville Raceway, located just 20 minutes from Hobart, is the longest continuously running motor racing circuit in Australia. The October Historic meeting has grown to the extent that it is now Tasmania's biggest circuit racing event outside of the V8 Supercar meeting at Symmons Plains and is a key to supporting the efforts of the Baskerville Foundation. The Foundation aims to raise sufficient funds to re-surface the track and improve amenities to ensure Baskerville's long term future.

The 2015 meeting was by far the most successful to date. With over 200 entries across 11 class categories and 46 races a record crowd gathered to see some highly entertaining historic racing. Entrants (and spectators) came from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, NSW and Victoria. The journey across Bass Strait was made easy by the Spirit of Tasmania, a main event sponsor. Several competitors drove their race cars on to the Spirit on club permits – the noise inside the hull must have been impressive!

Glen Seton driving the Peter Sportelli owned ex-Bryan Thompson Camaro did battle with local Camaro driver Darren Pearce. The two Camaros were a stirring sight with Pearce, showing tremendous car control, emerging victorious. Evergreen Rusty French brought his Touring Car Masters Porsche to race in the Muscle Car Cup category against a strong field of local race cars. Kim Barwick in his Nascar engined VK Commodore was the class of the field but the Toranas of Andrew Webster, Jarrod House and Adam Williams stole the show with a 3 abreast dice in the final race of the day that took everyone's breath away.



Muscle Car Cup\_Baskerville Raceway. Photo by Stuart Edwards



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Also on hand were some exotic cars supported by the Dutton garage including Kieran Patel's 1983 Le Mans class winning Porsche 930, the one of a kind FVA powered De Tomaso F2 which was run in period by Frank Williams and the ex-Roger Penske Lola T192 (unfortunately a drive-line issue prevented any competition laps during the weekend). Recently retired racer Greg Crick was re-united with his very first race car, a 48/215 Holden, and showed all his skill by lapping competitively and consistently in Regularity Sedans.



Kieran Patel DeTomaso F2, Photo by Bruce Thomas

A huge Group N Under 3 Litre field of 25 cars provided some entertaining racing. Local driver Lachlan Thomas took overall honours, his maiden win, in his fast 1300 Escort. Hobart driver Rodney Creed in his PRB Clubman performed solidly all weekend to take out honours in Group S and Invited.



Bill Trengrove Andrew Glidden James Wilson duel up the hill in front of a packed spectator hill. Photo by Stuart Edwards



Mt Wellington Scenic Backdrop to EHs led by Ian Glover. Photo by Angryman Photography

Noel Clark achieved a clean sweep of the open wheel events in his Elfin 700. Phillip Harris' Brabham BT23 and Paul Hamilton's Elfin 600 classic F2's cars provided a stirring site as they circulated in close company. Open wheel and invited sports cars were the Sunday grid walk feature which was very popular with the crowd. The meeting is run as a 2+4 format and a record entry of 42 motor bikes provided some close and entertaining racing. A Rallycross demonstration was held on Saturday night as a pre-cursor to an expanded competition in 2016. A strong crowd remained for the twilight demonstration led in spectacular fashion by former Australian Rally Champion Simon Evans.



Historic Rallycross Demonstration Darren Clark RX7. Photo by Angryman Photography

Planning has started for the 2016 event. Information on Baskerville Historics is available via the Facebook page "Baskerville Historics" or via the MG Car Club website [www.mgtas.org.au](http://www.mgtas.org.au) or Hobart Sporting Car Club web site [www.hobartsportingcarclub.org/](http://www.hobartsportingcarclub.org/)



## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, January 2016**

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Committee Meeting Details		First Monday of the Month Man O Ross Hotel, Ross, 7:30 pm	

## **Presidents Report**

Welcome to the New Year, I hope one and all had a Happy Christmas.

I attended the Sothorn Sub-Centre Christmas evening on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, which had a large number of supporters. Thanks to those who attended to the BBQ and to providing the salads and desserts.

The first competition event of 2016, is Maxy's Motorkhana on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January with Scrutiny commencing at 8:45am. BYO BBQ.

The next competition event is the State Motorkhana Series Round 1 to be held on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at Bothwell. Details elsewhere in magazine.

By the time you read this both the North and South have had "runs" in January already, with more lined up.

Enjoy and Happy MGing.

**Zube**

(Bronwyn Zuber)

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## Ed Says

Happy New Year to all members, I hope your Xmas and New Year celebrations were enjoyable and un-eventful. Summer is here and over the festive season, we have enjoyed a few outings in “Maggie”, but who would believe that it could be too hot to drive a convertible car. But it has, lot’s of sunscreen and when you get out of the car your back is dripping wet with perspiration. But we wouldn’t have it any other way.

This time of year there is a number of organised social events, the most significant of which is Maxy’s Motorkhana. Now whilst a few will take to the paddock which Max has assured me has been cut short but is dry and could get dusty. For the rest of us we will gather under the old Oak Tree, sip on a few cold drinks and enjoy a hearty BBQ lunch. Whilst there has been no official start times for any runs, ring around and get a few cars together and make your way to Exeter and then about 6.5km up Winkleigh Road, you will find Maxy’s on the right. Hope to see you there.

I have had some very complementary feedback about the magazine given my editorial last month where I advised that this will be my last year doing the role for a couple of years at least. Your comments have been very humbling and I thank you for the support. So having said that, it gives us 10 months for someone to put up their hand, and offer to take over. As I have said I will give them all the support I can, however it would be a very good idea if that person could see how I do it, before it becomes crunch time. The only skill you really need is to be able to use Word or any other word processing program. The couple of little tricks I use I can teach anyone with the basic knowledge.

The MX-5 Car Club is coming to town.

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February the MG Car Club is running a track day at Symmons Plains.

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February the MG Car Club is running a track day at Baskerville Raceway.

Members are required to assist with marshalling, flagging and timing. Please consider offering some of you time to assist.

Around 10 volunteers are required at each venue, please contact Robin Wilmot if you able to assist.

Ed





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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
Craig Twining	2014		

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.  
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	

**PAST EVENTS**

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Southern Sub-Centre Christmas Evening. Our annual Christmas tea was held at the Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart commencing at 6.00 pm. The BBQ consisting of 75 Chicken pieces, 60 sausages, 24 ham steaks with pineapple rings and 24 steakettes were enjoyed by the 47 members who attended. Thank you to the 6 ladies who assisted by providing salads and desserts. The format was a little different this year by having a sit down meal.

Wishing all a prosperous and happy new year. It all starts again!

**COMING EVENTS:**

**10<sup>th</sup> January** – Run to Snug Tavern. Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.  
For further information please contact Shane Manley: 6243 5921

## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, January 2016**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February** – MX5's at Symmons Plains and Baskerville respectively. We need 10 volunteers to assist with the running of this event at each venue. It will be of financial advantage of the Southern Sub-Centre.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341  
or Robin Wilmot 6229 6321

**21<sup>st</sup> February** – Kempton Festival. Following an invitation from the Kempton Festival chairman for MG Car Club representation it has been decided to make it an official run. Lunch will be BYO picnic or food can be purchased at the venue.

Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

**6<sup>th</sup> March** – Run to My Slice of Pie for breakfast with a difference! We need at least 20 people to justify a special early opening. Departing from the Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart at 08.20am sharp. Cost has been held at \$20.00 per head as per last year's event.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

Bob Leeson



John Huntley and Bob Leeson,  
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SSC Members socialising  
before their Xmas Dinner



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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		P.O Box 682, Launceston, Tas 7250	

Our last event of 2015 was our Christmas party held at the Biggelaars property and this was a fantastic event with 52 members and partners enjoying the summer sunshine. Lots of photos somewhere in this magazine I hope.

Christmas has come and gone and we now look forward to a great 2016. We have lots of events coming up in our calendar which is looking rather full at the moment. We will continue with our regular events consisting of mid week dinner runs, morning coffee walks, Saturday coffee drives and Sunday drives for picnics or pub meals.

We would request that if you intend to come to one of these events that you contact the organiser so that we can let our hosts know in advance of the numbers involved. If you are not sure who the organiser is, then just phone a committee member and we will ensure the organiser is aware you are coming.

The MGCC race committee is running the Mx5 Nationals sprint day at Symmons Plains on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Northern members, please contact our state treasurer Robin Wilmot or myself if you are able to assist.

**COMING EVENTS:**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> January:** Morning coffee run. Meet at Motor Museum 10.00 am. RSVP Eamonn.

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**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Mid week run. Leave Motor Museum at 6.00pm RSVP Brian and Jackie Ralph 0447 632 813.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> January:** Maxies Motorkhana

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January:** Wes's run to Deloraine and surrounds. Leave Motor Museum at 9.00am, morning tea around 10.00am and then on to a lunch venue. RSVP Wes 0407 511819.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> January:** Morning coffee walk. Motor Museum 9.30am RSVP Eamonn.

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Mid week run and pub meal. Leave Motor Museum 6.00pm and meet up with North West members. All Northern and North West members, please RSVP Rhonda Matthews 0422 600405.

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Morning coffee walk. RSVP Eamonn.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Picnic run to Larooma Park approx 200klms round trip. BYO everything and RSVP John James 6334 0341.

We have more social runs to organise dates for during March and April including runs to Naracoopa Cafe, Nant Distillery and also Rainbows End for a day with the Tilley's. Watch this space.

Next meeting: Wed 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 7.30pm, VCCA rooms.

Eamonn Matthews

Chairman, Northern Sub Centre.





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

After several months touring the East Coast of Australia, we find ourselves back in the best state, Tasmania, It's a fantastic feeling to be on holidays, but it's always great to return home.

I have agreed to take on the very pleasant task of being N.W Co-Ordinator for another 12 months or until another member wishes to replace me. All the active members have agreed to organise a club function for 2016. Each couple have been allocated a specific month & it is their responsibility to organise an event. (I am sure we will have some very different events to attend). This has been a popular decision, with a couple of gaps still to fill, if you would like to torture your fellow members or just give something back to the club, please contact me.

Our Annual Xmas dinner at the Forth Pub once again proved very popular with everyone getting involved in the Xmas spirit. Don and Susan again opened their home for the usual whiskey, wine, port, oh and home made treats for us all after the delicious Xmas meal at the pub.

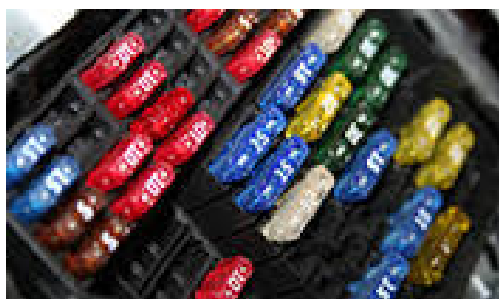
We at all sometimes take things for granted & expect things to just happen. Well in the case of our second annual Xmas party at Max and Margaret Wood, I am full of praise for many hours of work and preparation that went into this most fantastic night at their house.

Roy, (MGB73)





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## **17<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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**Results**

**Concours – Class 1, Square Riggers**

1<sup>st</sup> – Alan Briggs (MG TC)                      2<sup>nd</sup> David Taylor (MG TF)

**Concours - Class 2, MGA**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ian Campbell                              2<sup>nd</sup> – Don Fraser

**Concours - Class 3, MGB, MGC MGBV8 GT's**

1<sup>st</sup> – Robin Wilmot (MGB)                      2<sup>nd</sup> – Leigh Richardson (MGB V8)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Michael Reid (MGB)

**Concours - Class 4, MGB, Roadsters MkI and MkII**

1<sup>st</sup> – John Sherriff

**Concours - Class 5, MGB Roadsters BL and Later**

1<sup>st</sup> – Rob Anning                              2<sup>nd</sup> – Chris Wagstaff                      3<sup>rd</sup> John Irving

**Concours - Class 6, MG Midgets**

No Entries

**Concours – Class 7, MG Saloons (Post MGY)**

1<sup>st</sup> – Bronwyn Zuber (MG 1100)                      2<sup>nd</sup> – Greg Ellis (MG 1100)

**Concours - Class 7, MG Specials including non-factory V8's**

1<sup>st</sup> – David Scott (MGB V8)

**Concours - Class 9, MGF, MGTF, RV8**

1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Dilger (MGTF)                      2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Daly (MGTF)                      3<sup>rd</sup> – Bruce Keogh (MGTF)

**Concours - Class 10, Non Marque Sports Car**

No Entries

**Concours Class 11, Limited Production non marque Sports car or Open Racing Cars**

1<sup>st</sup> – Frank Manley (Astra Cabriolet)

**Concours - Class 12, Post 1980 Sedans**

No Entries

**Members Choice Award** – Ian Campbell ( MGA )

**Shannons Choice Award** – Michael Reid ( MGB GT )

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# **State Motorkhana Series Round One 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 Bothwell**

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Drivers briefing at 9.45am**

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day licences available at the event  
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## **Letter to the Editor**

Hi Andrew.

RE: The BMC Experience magazine.

Every issue of the magazine has a major story on an MG model or feature car, as well as news, events, motorsport and general interest stories that have an MG connection.

We do realise, though, that some people may not want to spend their hard-earned on a regular magazine that might only have a small amount to interest them (although the whole BMC-Leyland story often impacts on the MG story). To this end, and with the ever increasing proliferation of digital tablets, phones and other internet capable gadgets, as well as home and laptop computers, a digital copy of the magazine may be a perfect solution.

The digital magazine includes everything in the printed magazine, plus even more. There are lots of additional photos that simply can't fit in the printed issue, as well as links to videos on-line, websites and email links for clubs, advertisers and events.

For example, our latest edition, Issue 16 (January to March 2016), features a story on Ian Prior's magnificent ex-Sebring MGA - and the digital version includes an additional 20 photos.

And that's only one of half a dozen stories with such additional material.

Despite all this additional content, the digital version of the magazine is far cheaper than the printed version. In fact, a single copy is only \$4.49 (the printed issue costs \$11.95) and a four-issue subscription will save even more. Once purchased, you can access the magazine on any suitable device (computer, tablet or phone), having multiple copies, at no additional cost.

The digital version of The BMC Experience is available through Apple's iStore, Google Play or [www.pocketmags.com](http://www.pocketmags.com) –

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Attached is a cover image of the digital version of our latest issue.

Thanks,

Watto.

Craig Watson

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**2016 Ulysses Club AGM,**

**Launceston Aurora Stadium and Invermay Park, Wednesday March 2nd.**

The AGM actually runs Feb 29 to March 6 but the display is only on the Wednesday from about 9 am until about 3pm. It will be on the grassed area beside the Stadium.

The AGM is a closed meet open only to the 3000 registered club members and invited exhibitors so security is high with manned gates and security on sight. So it will be quite safe to leave your car and wander around. Even to leave the sight and then re-enter but only on the Wednesday. On entry you will be given a wrist band to wear which will give you access to all the manufacturers sights where all the latest bikes and trikes will be on display. There will also be a large number of traders on sight.

In addition there will be a number of food and drink traders where you will be able to imbibe. Yes there is also a licensed bar. Two large marquees are also provided, one for quiet areas and one with a band where you may go and sit. On leaving you will be asked to show your wrist band to prove your bona fide. If you wish to arrive or leave in times outside of these just let me know and I will sort it. (Being head of security does have its moments).

Closer to the time I will let you know where to assemble to enter but it will probably be gate 7 near Jim Browns (who is also exhibiting). I am trying to get between twelve and twenty four cars all up.

Finally may I please ask for some help, I would like to put my own BGT there as well but My position as the Security Coordinator precludes me from leaving the sight at any time as I must be available 24/7.

So could I please find someone in the club who would take it down on the day for me. I will actually be down there from a week before to a week after so could someone take it of my hands from say mid Feb to mid March, and in return feel free to use it as if it is their own during that time.

Could any members North-West, North or Southern who may be thinking of displaying please contact me on 6496 18322, 0427 684 397 or [mikegyles@bigpond.com](mailto:mikegyles@bigpond.com) so I can start the security process. Please do not leave it to the last minute.

Thanks Mike Gyles.

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## Repair Tips For Your MG.

Greetings from Gillspeed.

In response to reader suggestions, we now provide ring binder holes in all Gillspeed Bulletins. You are welcome to request any topics or information to be included in future bulletins. As you read this bulletin, please record your ideas and let us know by phone, FAX or mail.

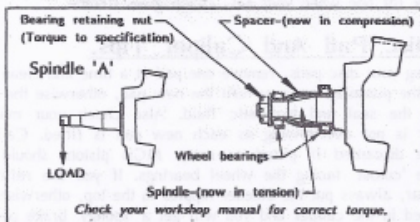
### Will Your Stub Axle Break?

In our last bulletin we promised to explain why removing the front wheel bearing spacers from your MG may be dangerous.

The problem is caused by people not understanding the 'English' stub axle design, which requires the wheel bearing retaining nut to be tightened to a specified torque. This pre-stresses the spindle and enables it to carry the suspension loads. ('American' stub axles by comparison, are designed to carry the suspension loads with 'loose' bearing retaining nuts.)

Many MG's are driving around today with 'loose' wheel bearing retaining nuts because of ignorance of the potential danger, or because repairers have not had the correct wheel bearing adjusting shims available and they have taken the easy and dangerous option of throwing away the wheel bearing spacer and leaving the retaining nut 'loose', retained only by the split pin. Shims & spacers are available at Gillspeed.

The drawings below of typical MGA and MGB style stub axles should make the following explanation of the 'English' design easy to follow.



If you apply ever increasing loads to the bare stub axle spindle 'A' shown above, it will eventually bend, crack or break.....If your wheel bearing retaining nuts are 'loose' the same thing may happen!

If on the other hand, you fit the standard factory wheel bearing set up, complete with the spacer, tabwasher and wheel bearing retaining nut, tightened to the recommended torque, you will have placed the

spindle in 'tension' and the spacer in 'compression' as intended. This pre-loaded structure will now easily resist bending, because before the spindle can bend now, it will first have to compress the spacer or stretch the spindle. Since the materials used are stronger in tension and compression than bending, the load which was able to bend spindle 'A' will now be too weak to bend the pre-loaded structure.

### MG Wiring Loom Stock List.

You are able to obtain the following MGA, MGB and MIDGET wiring looms over the counter or by mail order from our regular stocks at Gillspeed.

1955	MGA	1500.
1956	MGA	Twin Cam 1500 and Coupe.
1958	MGA	1600 & Twin cam (2913on)

1963	MGB MK 1	3 Bearing engine.
1964-7	MGB MK 1	5 Bearing engine. Elec.tacho.
1967-8	MGB MK 1	Overdrive and reverse lamps
1968	MGB MK 2	16AC Alternator with 4TR regulator & 2 fuse fuseblock.
1969	MGB MK 2	16ACR Alternator with in-built regulator & 2 fuse fuseblock.
1970	MGB	Starter solenoid relay & 4 fuse fuseblock.
1971	MGBL	Interior courtesy lamp and bootlamp.
1972-3	MGBL	'Flow-through' vents in dashboard. Cigar lighter.
1972-4	MGB	Rocker switches on dashboard.

MIDGET Mk 1	Mechanical tachometer.
MIDGET Mk 2	
MIDGET Mk 3	With Generator - POS Earth.
MIDGET Mk 3	With Alternator - NEG Earth.
MIDGET BL	With Ignition switch on dashboard.
MIDGET BL	With strg. column ignition switch.
MIDGET 1500	

SPRITE Mk 1	'Bugeye'
SPRITE Mk 2	Mechanical tachometer.
SPRITE Mk 2A	Electric tachometer.
SPRITE Mk 3 & 3A	
SPRITE Mk 4	

If your loom is not listed above please phone Bob or Derek at Gillspeed, we will locate one for you.

P.T.O.

Tech Tip sent in by John Hartley

What tension? Suggestions are 20ft/lbs or fully tight and then back off to fit the split pin.





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## “Tail-end Charlie”

*It takes guts to be a gunner  
To sit out in the tail  
When the Messerschmitts are coming  
And the slugs begin to wail*

George Vines, 460 Squadron

A bomber's rear gunner - the “tail-end Charlie” - sat in a turret like this. Sitting behind a thin perspex screen, he spent the long, cold flight over occupied Europe alone in the dark, watching for attack from night fighters.

This, a Frazer-Nash turret, carried two .303-inch Browning machine-guns. The two ammunition boxes, set to each side of the gunner, were also used as arm rests. The oxygen, intercom, electrical and hydraulic controls - the gunner's only connections with the rest of the plane - entered through a rotating joint in the top of the turret.

We use the term “Tail End Charlie” for the last car in our runs, and many members don't really appreciate the role.

This description of the the derivation of the phrase from the Australian War Memorial, might explain why many are reluctant to take on the role

The 2016 Baskerville Raffle has been launched, tickets will be available from most major competition events during the course of the year



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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?"

For Christmas, I told my girlfriend that all I wanted was an Xbox. That's it. Beginning and end of list: Xbox. You know what she got me?

A homemade frame with a picture of us from our first date together.

Which was fine. Because I got her an Xbox.

As we were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one.

"No problem," I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

"You can't do that," argued my four-year-old.

"Don't worry. Santa will never know."

He shot me a look. "So he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the cookie fell on the floor?"

It was Christmas Eve in at the meat counter and 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.

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when a Emily, 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 would you like me to bring her?'

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

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said,

"I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Date</b>
NSC - Social Run	TBA	Eamonn Matthews	Sat, 09 Jan 16
SSC - Social Run	Snug	Shane Manley	Sun, 10 Jan 16
NSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	Brian Ralph	Wed, 13 Jan 16
Maxxies Motorkhana (Date TBC)	Exeter	Club Captain	Sun, 17 Jan 16
NSC - Social Run	Deloraine	Wes Saunders	Sun, 24 Jan 16
NSC - Morning Tea	Launceston	Eamonn Matthews	Fri, 29 Jan 16
SMS Round 1	Bothwell	Club Captain	Sun, 31 Jan 16
NSC - Social Run	Winnaleah	TBA	Jan 16
MX5 National Meeting	Symmons Plains	Robin Wilmot	Sat, 13 Feb 16
MX5 National Meeting	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 14 Feb 16
NSC - Mid Week Run	NW	Rhonda Matthews	Wed, 17 Feb 16
<i>SHS Round 1</i>	<i>Highclere</i>	<i>NWCC</i>	<i>Sat, 20 Feb 16</i>
SSC - Social Run	Kempton Festival	Chris Wagstaff	Sun, 21 Feb 16
NSC - Morning Tea	Launceston	Eamonn Matthews	Fri, 26 Feb 16
NSC - Social Run	Larooma Park	John James	Sun, 28 Feb 16
SSC - Social Run	My Slice of Pie	Bob Leeson	Sun, 06 Mar 16
NSC/SSC Combined Run	Bothwell	Mark Dilger	
NSC - Social Run	Naracoppa	TBA	
NSC - Run to Rainbows End	Targa	Phil Tilley	
SuperSprints	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 29 May 16
SMS Round 2	Latrobe	Club Captain	Sun, 03 Jul 16
Motorkhana	Bothwell	Club Captain	Sun, 07 Aug 16
SMS Round 3	Latrobe	Club Captain	Sun, 21 Aug 16

## SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

The November Pre-War MG National Rally held again at Bathurst with over 70 Pre-War MGs of many models, below a line of M Types, Fs and Ls either side of the main street. Also on display the recently restored Q Type and a group of the record gathering of 20 SVWs.



The display was supported by a group of younger models, mostly TCs variety and what must be another record collection of a dozen or so Wolseley Hornets in various styles swelling numbers to around 100 on the day. And no rally would be complete without a navigation tour and lunch, this at Borrodell Winery outside Orange followed by a stop at the historic Gnoo Blas racing circuit.

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