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Early TF's Further Endangered in TAS!

Like our Tasmanian devil, unfortunately another early TF left the state last month. The very original and well used car has been in the care of past president Phil over the last four years and been driven by Duncan Bearup on many T Type runs.



The car's second owner Heather Pitt (nee Newitt) purchased the car in the 60's and it remained her motoring true love thereafter.

It had never been restored but constant maintenance and repairs only just kept it on the road.

After her marriage to Richard Pitt, a well-known farmer at Ouse, Heather and her beloved TF became a regular sight on the roads between home and Hobart.

The other Newitt to have an affair with Heather's TF was her nephew Simon, who was often driven and allowed when of good behaviour to drive the MG as a young man. Upon Heather's untimely demise the car remained at the farm in a dilapidated condition until Richard asked past president Phil to look after the TF and at least keep it mobile.

Fortunately or unfortunately the car was involved in a rear end shunt which started a sub frame and bodywork restoration by Russell Reynolds, who bought the body back to at least a safe condition.

Last month the car was retrieved by Heather's nephew Simon who unfortunately for us lives in Burleigh Queensland.

Simon plans to restore the MG and keep and use it as a fond memory of his aunty Heather.

I'm sure we wish him well with his new TF and would love to see it returned to Tasmania perhaps at a National Meeting someday.



Phil Tilley

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

“Surely someone must know why we are here?”



Presidents Report

One month of winter has gone, the shortest day has passed but the weather is getting colder, therefore a good opportunity to have a week-end away at Strahan on the west coast. A reasonable group of 24 took up the adventure. Unfortunately I couldn't attend as I double booked myself – the other event was a Come and Try Day for new CAMS officials on the Sunday the at Baskerville Raceway. I had committed myself to that as hopefully they will end up as our replacements in the future. However it was cancelled late on the Saturday afternoon – it was too late to head to Strahan. I am sure there is a full report elsewhere in the magazine.

The clubs next competition event is a Motorkhana – to be held at a property at Bothwell-look for the MG signage. We have lost our previous site at Kempton as the property was sold and at present the sheep have been bought down to the flat land as they are due to lamb – don't need noisy cars in the paddocks to spook the sheep.

2018 National Meeting - a meeting will be convened by the North-West with EOI (expressions of interest) in the near future. We need all the support from our members to make this National meeting as successful as previous ones held in Tasmania..

Our club conducts a variety of both social and competition events that cater for members, so rug up choose an event and come and enjoy.

The HQ Holden Nationals are happening in Tassie as part of our Tasmanian Super Series which is being conducted at Symmons Plains by us on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 28th to 30th August. Helpers are required especially on the Friday. If you can help please contact either myself or Robin Wilmot.

That's all for now, get out and enjoy the company of other members.

Happy MGing

Regards

Zube

(Bronwyn Zuber)



MG 1100's on SSC
Westerway Run to the
Possum Shed

Ed Says

So now it's time to concentrate on the magazine. Over the last 2 years, I have been President of the Ulverstone Lions Club and the club has celebrated it's 50 Year since charter. This has been a big demand on my time, at times I have found my ability to give the amount of effort I would like, to everything I do, left wanting. So for now it is the magazine and down the line the 2018 National Meeting. Keep you posted on that one!

Our Mid-Winter run to Strahan has just come to an end and another 12 months of planning has come and gone just like that. Apparently everyone had a great time and although I was thinking of changing it up next year, I have been encouraged to not mess with the basic plan and do it again. However unlike previous years where I would already have an idea and basic plan in the pot and able to provide some insight into next years event, I have nothing. So if you think you would like to be part of next year's Mid-Winter Run, put the first weekend in July in your diary and stay tuned for the details.

The Examiner has contacted me about members whom, along with their cars, could be featured in the "Wheel Nut" articles in the Sunday Examiner. A couple of members have already been immortalised in print, so if you want to be one of the future "Wheel Nuts" then send me your acceptance and I will forward your contact details to the Examiner. No details will be passed on without your expressed permission.

Got something to say, took some good photo's then send it in so I can publish it in the magazine. I thank those members that send in reports, photo's or links to articles that I can use in the magazine. This makes my life much easier, it means the magazine is more about you the members and it also means that it makes the magazine much more interesting than just the few administration reports.

Also think about this, and I am generalising here. As a member of this club you must have joined thinking that you will be part of socialising, competing or just enjoying your car with like minded people. Then come along and be part of the club, our attendee numbers are growing at our core events, and this is a sign that our club is healthy and relevant. By participating the club continues to grow and be relevant to more members. And start thinking about being part of the administration of the club, our club does not run itself, we are always looking for members willing to take on roles even if only for 1 year. Your input and assistance will be valued.

In this magazine, members will find an insert with an update to your Contact Diary, listing details of new members who have joined us since the diary went to print. I have been surprised by the few numbers of corrections being directed to us. Either the database is not as incorrect as we thought or there is just a general sense of apathy toward the diary.

Ed

Membership Report

This month we welcome 1 new member:

Ewan Cameron, of Taroona has a Red 1970 MGB.

Be sure to welcome Ewan to the club, when you see him at events.

Our membership now stands at 313.

Sue-Anne Midgley
Membership Officer

Racing Committee Report

Correction on last month's dates for Round 4 of the TSS and HQ Nationals. This round of the TSS will be run over the weekend 28th – 30th of August. Volunteers are required on the Friday to assist Robin Wilmot to run private practise. Given the number of inter-state visitors, this will prove to be a quite busy day, so the more help the easier it will be.

And don't just stop there, over the course of the weekend, volunteers will be required to assist with many many chores over the Saturday and Sunday.

This will be a National Meeting and the MGCCT will be on show, your assistance will be most welcome.

If you can be of assistance over the weekend, contact a member of the Race Committee: Keven Knight, Bronwyn Zuber or Robin Wilmot

Club Captains Report

Hi race fans, round three of the State Motorkhana Series was held on the 28th of June and was a huge success, 34 entries made it the biggest turnout at a motorkhana in a long, long time and a great day was had by all. Inevitably, it always comes down to who walks away with the trophy at the end of the day; and although the competition was fierce, the red mist firmly in place and the sledging at its peak, Craig "Fruitfly" Twining proved far too good for us all, winning by an impressive 9 seconds in his Sprite. Mark Young in his Toyota

MR1.7 was second and Nic Yaxley rounded out the top 3 in his Fiat. William "BP" Twining led the juniors home with 6th place and Kelli "Fangio" Large continued her hunt for the Judy Rowbottom Memorial Trophy by picking up the ladies points.



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Thanks to the appointed officials for their time and Geoff Dodge for single-handedly scrutineering twice the normal number of vehicles in his usual unflappable style. As always the chief cook Andrew “flambé” Midgley and the Ladies from the Northwest group provided excellent catering; huge thanks to the ever present and tireless Roy & John for the

timing, Neale and Mark for the cat herding at the start line, Kelli & Alexandra for entering the results in between runs and all the competitors for making it such an outstanding day. I would also like to thank all those from Drift Tasmania for your support; you guys were a credit to your organisation.

Coming up we have two motorkhanas to keep us amused in August. The first is a grass Multi Club Motorkhana and unfortunately, because of the sale of Ted Whelan’s Property “The Wildness” we have had to find a new motorkhana home in the south. On behalf of the motorkhana fraternity I’d like to thank Ted for his support over the years and wish him all the best. All is not gloom and doom however, it looks like Robin Wilmot has come up trumps with a new venue situated on the outskirts of Bothwell, which we will christen on the 9th of August. On the 23rd of August we have round 4 of the State Motorkhana Series back at Latrobe, which promises to be another huge day so the North West group better order enough food to feed the 10,000 and I need to set about repairing all the broken flags from round 3.



See you all next time, going around the flags.
Double secret, acting club captain in hiding (don’t tell Kelli)

Cheers,
Craig Large





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Terry Atkinson	1984	Dennis Burgess	1984
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Robin Wilmot	1998	Bill Griffiths	2007
Tony Gurnhill	2009	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Bronwyn Zuber	2013	Greg Bannon	2013
Craig Twining	2014		

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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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PAST EVENTS

7th June – Run to Westerway

A very warm winter's day greeted the 18 MG car Club members with 5 MG's, a Datsun 280Z and 5 other models for a run to Westerway. The sun was out and shining brightly through intermittent clouds and the moon was setting over Mt Wellington.

Leaving the Civic Club at 10.30am we ended up on the Brooker Highway via Sandy Bay, negotiating the traffic lights that were out of sequence. We stopped at Granton to form a convoy, allowing the slow coaches to catch up. We re-assembled at the Patchwork Café in the historic site at New Norfolk. There we saw old machinery including old 4x4 army Blitz's, some 60's cars and an old REO bus framed in wood.

Coffee and scones were a delight, especially the home made raspberry jam (you can taste the difference from supermarket jam!).

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Getting everyone organised to move on from New Norfolk, one of the oldest towns in Tassie, proved a task as they were enjoying themselves exploring historic section of the soldiers' barracks which were built around 1805 by convicts with hand-made brown bricks and large sandstone blocks.



Arriving at our venue, the Possum Shed Café, we were greeted with a smile and reserved seating for lunch. Most of us enjoyed the delicious hearty beef pie with puff pastry with salad or crusty Turkish bread with butter scrolls. A nice quiche was the alternative. Desert was apple pie or sticky date pudding finished off with an enjoyable coffee.

The Possum Shed is an old rustic place with King Billy pine floor boards walls and ceilings, nestled right beside the fast flowing Styx River. The outside toilet played Elvis Presley songs to

accompany the occupant. Finishing up at 2.30pm we all headed home. A very relaxing run and I was congratulated for a well organised run.

Shane Manley (Doc) , Pictured picking up a local model!!!

14th June – T-type run to Howden.

Twenty nine owners, past owners, MG T series enthusiasts and supporters had lunch at the elegant Villa Howden. Not all were members of the Club, but one or two may now join, including the new owners of a red TC recently acquired out of very long storage locally. The venue doesn't normally have lunch on Sundays but made a special effort to accommodate us – perhaps they recognised that having some very attractive classic cars adorning their carpark would attract even more customers!

David Taylor

18th June- Wayne Goninon's mid- week run

The day dawned wet and cold. However 22 intrepid people arrived at the Rivulet Café ready for the day's run via Ridgeway, Kingston, Howden and Sandfly to the Longley International Hotel.

Several opted to drive their "normal car" but Herby, true to form, drove his MG sans top! Our destination provided a warm welcome with blazing open fires, a cosy dining room and good food. The syrup dumplings were yummy.

Wayne returns next month. He really does a fantastic job.

Rosemary Shimmin

COMING EVENTS:

14th July – The Old Boys Night. Past and present members are cordially invited to attend this event which commemorates the founding of the MG Car Club on Bastille Day back in 1959. It commences at 7.30 pm at the Civic Club, 134 Davey Street Hobart in place of our normal Tuesday evening meeting. We apologise for the late notice! For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

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15th July - Wayne Goninon's mid-week run. These runs are conducted on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays in the middle of the month. They all commence at the Rivulet Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart where we partake of a coffee before heading off to a destination unknown until departure time around 11.30am. For further information please contact Wayne Goninon : 0408 388 881

2nd August – Classics on the Beach. An informal gathering of collectable cars at Long Beach Sandy Bay *on the first Sunday of each month* from around 09.00am to noon. All are welcome to attend.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

13th August- Wayne Goninon's mid- week run.

16th August – BYO Mountain Breakfast, starting with a run to the Springs and summit of Mt Wellington, weather permitting, and returning for breakfast at the Waterworks Reserve. Hut 9 (the largest site) has been booked from 07:30am to 4pm. Soup will be provided for starters at the Springs. Coffee and tea will be provided at the Waterworks reserve. **BYO food and drinks.** Departure time is 08.00am (MG time) from the Civic Club arriving at the reserve at around 9.30am.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 62296 006

2nd-4th October – Baskerville Historics. If you wish to volunteer for this spectacular event please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006. Volunteers put your hand up; there are heaps of roles up for grabs!

18th October – a run to Richmond Arms Hotel is planned. Cost will be around \$19.00 if we can get 20-25 people. Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.

For further information please contact David Scott: 6257 1508

14th – 15th November – Overnight stay at Mt Lloyd. Bring your sleeping bag and BBQ for the evening meal. Breakfast will be provided by your host. Depart Civic Club at 11.00am. Coffee in New Norfolk.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

21st November – MGTC 70th birthday.

For further information please contact David Taylor : 6229 5817 or david.tricia@bigpond.com

28th November – Annual Concourse. The vehicle display will be held on the Parliament House lawns on Salamanca market day! The AGM will be held at the Civic Club and the Dinner at SOHO, all venues within walking distance. We are planning a departing breakfast for our Northern guests. For further information please contact:

Bob Leeson 6229 6006 or Chris Wagstaff 6239 1341

Although details have not yet been finalized, other runs planned are:

September – Run to Hartzview winery. Depart Civic Club at 10.00am. Action: Ches Bogus

Bob Leeson

SSC Secretary



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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	

We are now officially in the depths of winter so it was a good time to start our “Old Fogies” morning tea on the last Friday of the Month. This month’s event was organised by Bruce Keogh with 11 starters we went to the Grand Chancellor Hotel for cakes and coffee. We parked in the Willis Street Car Park and walked to the hotel as our excuse for a morning walk. This is another great opportunity to meet up with the ever increasing retired member of the club. The next morning tea will be 31st July and we will have a short drive to Stonesthrow in Sandown Rd Norwood.

The morning tea activity was also organised for Saturdays for the non-retirees in the club and that was a run to Evandale. For those that find it hard to get started on Saturday morning was a good way to kick off your weekend with a short run in your MG or whatever, and nice cup of coffee and some entertaining social banter with good friends.

We have some interesting events coming up on the social calendar so make sure that you put them in your diary so you don’t miss out. Remember if you are not there we will only talk about you.

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I went and helped out at the round of the Tas Motorkhana on Sunday 28th at Latrobe and the talk was going to the National Event in Perth WA at Easter 2016. Some have already paid their entry so think that if a Tassie contingent went we should be assured of a trophy when taking in fudge factors for the distance travelled. The national events are the ideal way to meet other likeminded MG people (or nut cases) and would be possibly the longest drive we have organised.

Think that it's a good point for discussion if anyone is interested.

We have also started our next Raffle to raise funds for the NSC to cover incidental costs in running the Sub Centre. The month's prize of a bucket of Maguiar's Car Cleaning products values at \$70 was provided to us by Rod Patterson of Auto Barn at a substantial discount to the floor price. Now whilst no doubt we all shop at Auto Barn for our car care products it would be good to mention how much we appreciate the assistance of Rod and his team at Auto Barn in maintain not only our cars but the Club that ties it all together.

Thanks to Rod Patterson and his staff at Auto Barn for providing this month's raffle prize.

Coming Events :

Sat 25th July 2015 Morning Tea run meet at Motor Museum at 9.30am John Biggelaar we will be going to Chester McKaigh's at Carrick.

Fri 31st July 2015 Morning Coffee run 9.30am Meet at Motor Museum short drive to Stonestrow Mark Dilger. Let Mark know if you intend coming for catering purposes. 0408 271 029

Sun 2th August 2015 Tas Super Series Baskerville

Wed 12th Aug 2015 Prickly Cactus RSVP Rhonda Matthews 10th Aug 0413 009 284 Meet at venue.

Sat & Sun August 29th and 30th , National Automobile Museum of Tasmania Community Awareness Weekend Car display only Sunday 30th no need to book

September Trivia Night TBA moved to October (so it's not the Sept Trivia Night anymore)

Wed 9th Sept 2015 Midweek Run. RSVP Mark Dilger 0408271029 7th Sept please we are looking at going to 3 Steps on George

Sun 27th September VCCA Swap Meet Museum Car Park

Wed 14th October 2015 Meet at Motor Museum Jim Dickenson/John James RSVP to Jim Dickenson by 12th October 0407309672

Fri 16th and 17th Oct 2015 Shannon's Tops Off Weekend in Hobart Can leave Fri Night make own travel arrangements and accommodation need to be at the Hobart venue by 10 am if travelling on Sat need to leave Launceston by 7am. Meet at Motor Museum

Wed 11th Nov 2015 Midweek Run TBA

Sun 22nd Nov 2015 Spring Run to Bridport TBA

Sun 13th Dec 2015 Combined North and North West Christmas Function at the Biggelaars 44 New Ecclestone Rd Riverside Tas More Details Later

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If you would like to suggest a social event come along to the meeting and have your event included in the calendar.

Next meeting Wednesday 29th July 2015

VCCA Club Rooms 67 Lawrence Vale Road Launceston Tas 7250

Mark Dilger

Secretary Northern Sub Centre

We hadn't tried it for a while so a Saturday morning coffee run seemed like a good idea. We did not know how this would be received on a winters' morning and at 8.00 am it was still only -2c, so it seemed unlikely that anyone would turn up without a hood or a heater. Well I'm glad to say that at least one enthusiastic driver, Chester McKaige, drove his lovely red MGA all the way from Carrick hood down. Chester was the only one travelling solo as he had left his wife at home in front of a warm fire. What a gentleman. I suggested to Rhonda that we should remove our roof. I've only seen that look once before.....the roof stayed up.

It was nice to see some of our newer members turning up to enjoy the social side of our club and hopefully they will continue to do so.

A very pleasant drive followed via White Hills through beautiful countryside and on to Evandale for coffee and cake at the bakery. The girls sat at one end of the table and the boys at the other end and everyone seemed happy with that arrangement. The boys of course talked about cars – what else.

Anyway, a very pleasant morning and a great way to start the weekend and we shall try to keep these morning runs in our calendar.

Eamonn.

MG Macquarie Regatta Results

As part of the Stahan Weekend games were played medals awarded and trophies cherished.

Observation Event: Ruth and Wayne Jessup Largest Number seen 61 3 6492 2100

Coxless Pairs: Terry Jeffrey & Peter Richards, Team MG T

Sydney to Hobart: Team MG Y

Single Scull: Terry Sansom, Team MG A

Picigin: Team MG C

Volvo Ocean Classic: Team MG A

Winning Team: MG A, Debbie and Andrew Kuzniarski, Susan and Don Fraser and Terry Sansom

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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	

What an absolutely fantastic evening our annual pizza and whiskey evening turned out to be. The hospitality of Max and Margaret (M&M) Wood is second to none. Obviously being the social butterflies that they are to entertain such a diverse group of people as the MG Car Club must come quite natural to them. Thankfully our host's Maximilliam's speech did not linger for as long as last years but was short and to the point (still unsure what it was all about). Margaretta's planning skills and game teasers kept us all amused and entertained throughout the evening. It was pleasing to have John and Tina Howard and Howard and Barbara Brooks in attendance. Ed and Sam's culinary cooking skills and pizza making were unbelievable in devising their fabulous wood fired pizzas. They would put any Masterchef to shame.

From all who attended, we thank you.

We are a very competitive lot in the MG Car Club but to compete over who is the best coffee barista is something new. John Irving and Max Wood both have very sophisticated and up market coffee machines. I have heard a whisper that each one is trying to out do the other. I have tried both coffees and both are of professional quality. So, if you are passing either house, call in for a coffee, it is a great drop.

After watching the MOFO nude swimming on tv recently, I decided that I would send a generic message to some members stating that I had seen them on tv. Some of the replies that I received were: *"What a buzz" ... "Wasn't it great" ... "Can't wait til next year" ... "Please please don't tell anyone" ... "Wasn't me, I was in Queensland" ... "Did you really recognise me" ... "I was in the middle so I wouldn't be recognised"*. Maybe we could enter Team MG for next year?

Round 2 of the State Motorkhana Series held at Latrobe recently was one of the most successful motorkhanas held for some time, with 34 participants. The future of the MG Car Club in our young members looks promising. New member, Alex Cooper, niece of Kelly Large, performed very admirably for her first appearance. Tyler Lucas, grandson of Terry Sansom, continues to improve with each outing. William Twining will be on the top rung of the dais very soon. Jeremy Bennett also impressed with his perfect drives. Waiting in the wings is James Large who will be making his appearance next year. Also, Maklyn Midgley, son of member Damien and nephew of Ed and Sam, although only 8 years old showed a great deal of interest in the cars and the process of motorkhanas.

Regards
Roy MGB73

Midgley's MG Mid-Winter Run July 2015

We have just returned from a terrific 3 days on the annual Midgley's midwinter run down the West Coast of our lovely island.

The weekend started for the Kuz's and Dilger's with a run down the Frankford Highway to meet up with the remainder of the participants at the House of Anvers at Latrobe for breakfast or coffee or the inevitable chat that tends to happen at such events.

From there we had a lovely drive to Cradle Mountain for Lunch in the snow at the lodge.

To help work off lunch Sue Speed left her lights on and we needed to give her a push start and then we commenced the competition by selecting the largest number that you could identify and verify between Cradle Mountain and Strahan.

That number turned out to be an international phone number representing some 61 billion. The number was on the side of a service truck that was entering Cradle Lodge just as we were departing but that did not stop the participants madly scouring signs etc. on our journey to Strahan.

The Kuz's and the Dilgers though that we had it in the bag as we had come up with a 1800 telephone number but missed the phone number on the delivery truck.



Members Wayne Jessup and Mark Dilger providing some added characters to the play.

The afternoon's entertainment was the play "The Ship that Never Was" which told the story of the convicts that built a boat on which to escape from Sarah Island. They eventually succeeded and sailed to Chile where they lived as free men for 1 year but were eventually recaptured and ended back in prison in Van Diemen's Land

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We had dinner that night at Hamers Hotel aptly called Hamish Hotel in the itinerary for the weekend and after a big day we all retired to rooms and much required sleep. Early next morning we were on the good ship Eagle travelling on the waters of Macquarie Harbour to view the fish farms and go through the infamous Macquarie Heads which is a narrow strip of water that leads directly into the Indian Ocean and is exposed to roaring forties.



We went out as far as the end of what is known as the training wall which commenced being built by the convicts of Sarah Island and finally finished in 1902. The purpose was to narrow the entrance to the harbour to increase the tidal flow of the water in the Heads channel pushing the sand away from the mouth to maintain the depth for shipping.

From there we travelled to the Petuna Seafood's trout and atlantic salmon farms pens and viewed the feeding of fish in the pens. Each pen holds approximately 28,000 fish and would have loved to have dropped in a line and would have only wanted one or two.

From there we stopped at Sarah Island to look over the convict ruins that are still remaining on the island. We were guided by Colin over the points of interest from the ship yards, the flogging yard which also served as the quarry, it seemed logical that you would have a multi-purpose for the limited space on the island.

We viewed the Commandants lap pool aka the water storage device, the children's quarters and heard the many stories of intrigue and skulduggery and escape attempts. Details of the 131 boats built on the island from the now famous Huon Pine from the lower reaches of the Gordon River

Remains of the Court House which was the most elaborate building on the island but was mostly used as a dormitory for the island inhabitants, are the most substantial of the remaining ruins. .

From there we travelled up the lower reaches of the Gordon and disembarked to take some time to walk around the forest.

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On the return journey we had the Macquarie Games on the lower deck of the boat with the 4 teams MG “A” “C” “T” and “Y” but the results will be left for others to tell as there were differing stories as to who won and lost why and of cause “we was robbed” stories. We had a few hours free that afternoon before having the presentation dinner that night at Hamer’s and to get ready for the Sunday drive back home.



We travelled via Zeehan to the Reece Dam and then back to Tullah for lunch at the Tullah Chalets and had the roast of the day.

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Once again Andrew and Sue-Anne have put lots of time and effort in organising a fantastic weekend trip with great entertainment and those participating benefited from their hard work.

As one of the participants and I know I speak for all on the weekend getaway we thank them both for the time and effort they have put in to this annual event and we all very much appreciate what they do.

Being an old West Coaster its events such as this that allow me to actually see the parts of the West Coast the locals don't to see or don't see it as presented to the tourist.

All I can say is what a great place when you see it as a tourist.

It took Angela and I some 20 years of driving past Tullah to one day decide to go to the Tullah Chalets for lunch and we enjoyed a lovely meal in front of a log fire. So as they say we need to stop and smell the flowers from time to time.

We thank you Andrew and Sue-Anne for a great week end and look forward to the next event.

Mark Dilger

Enjoying some socialising during free time on Saturday afternoon.



Members Don Fraser, Mark and Angela Dilger, Wayne Jessup, John and Dawn Irving



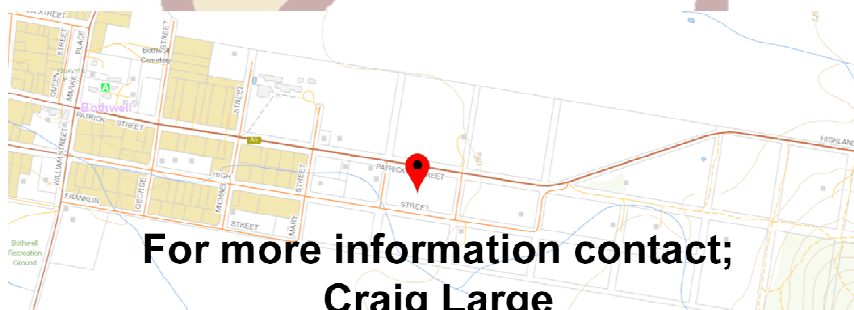
Members Mike and Moira Wellman, Debbie Kuzniarski, Terry Sansom, Andrew Kuzniarski and Robin Wilmot.

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9th August 2015

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State Motorkhana Series

Round 4

23rd August 2015

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- **Drivers briefing at 9.45am**
- **Level 2NS CAMS licence required, single day licences available at the event for \$25**
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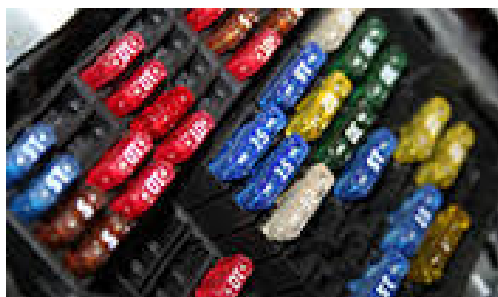
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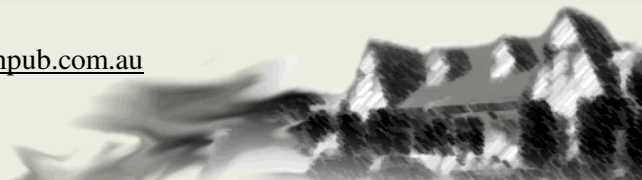
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Club Championship Standings as at 29th June 2015**

Competitor	Ladies	Junior	MG Only	Best performance by an MG	Motorkhana
Craig Twining	0	0	16	0	11
Craig Large	0	0	15	6	12
Terry Sansom	0	0	11	0	8
Tony Sutcliffe	0	0	9	0	9
Craig Bennett	0	0	9	0	9
William Twining	0	14	9	0	6
Kelli Large	9	0	7	0	7
Robin Wilmot	0	0	6	3	6
Jeremy Bennett	0	12	6	0	5
John James	0	0	5	2	5
Phil Tilley	0	0	4	1	3
Lincoln Spurr	0	0	4	4	0
Tony Dykes	0	0	4	0	0
Tyler Lucas	0	8	4	0	4
Tim Johnson	0	0	3	0	3
John Hartley	0	0	3	0	3
Steve Barnard	0	0	3	3	0
Bruce Allison	0	0	3	3	0
John McCabe	0	0	3	3	0
Des Hogan	0	0	3	3	0
Damian Midgley	0	0	3	0	3
Grant Twining	0	0	2	0	2
Duncan Bearup	0	0	2	0	2
Claire Johnson	3	0	2	0	2
Janet Sutcliffe	3	0	2	0	2
Nic Twining	0	3	2	0	2
Mike Ellis	0	0	2	0	2
Mark Dilger	0	0	2	2	0
Neale Marshall	0	0	2	3	2
Don Fraser	0	0	2	2	2
Darren Bennett	0	2	1	0	1
John Biggelaar	0	0	1	1	1
Garry Rusden	0	0	1	1	0



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The Funny Bone

A guy was in a bar about as drunk as it's possible to get.

A group of guys notice his condition and decide to be good Samaritans and take him home.

First, they stand him up to get to his wallet so they can find out where he lives, but he keeps falling down.

He fell down eight more times on the way to the car, each time with a real thud.

After they get to his house, he falls down another four times getting him to the door.

His wife comes to the door, and one guy says, "We brought your husband home."

The wife asks, "Where's his wheelchair?"

One night, Mrs McMillen answers the door to see her husband's best friend, Paddy, standing on the doorstep.

"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband? He went with you to the beer factory"

Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of Guinness stout and drowned"

Mrs McMillen starts crying. "Oh don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly?"

Paddy shakes his head. "Not really - he got out 3 times to pee!"

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father.

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go on a trip right now."

The local District Judge had given the defendant a lecture on the evils of drink. But in view of the fact that this was the first time the man had been drunk and incapable, the case was dismissed on payment of twenty euros costs.

'Now don't let me ever see your face again,' said the Justice sternly as the defendant turned to go.

'I'm afraid I can't promise that, sir', said the released man.

'And why not?' .

'Because I'm the barman at your regular pub.'

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

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
Old Boys Night	Civic Club	Bob Leeson	Tue, 14 Jul 15
SSC - Mid Week Run	Hobart	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 15 Jul 15
NSC - Morning Run	TBA		Sat, 25 Jul 15
NSC - Morning Coffee	TBA		Fri, 31 Jul 15
<i>NWCC Hillclimb</i>	<i>Lake Barrington</i>	<i>NWCC</i>	<i>Sat, 01 Aug 15</i>
<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>	<i>Bob Leeson</i>	<i>Sun, 02 Aug 15</i>
<i>TSS Round 3</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>HSCC</i>	<i>Sun, 02 Aug 15</i>
Motokhana	Kempton	Club Captain	Sun, 09 Aug 15
NSC - Mid Week Dinner	Prickly Cactus	Rhonda Matthews	Wed, 12 Aug 15
SSC - Mid Week Run	Hobart	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 13 Aug 15
SSC - Mountain Breakfast	Waterworks Reserve	Bob Leeson	Sun, 16 Aug 15
Motorkhana SMS-3	Latrobe	Club Captain	Sun, 23 Aug 15
TSS Round 5, HQ Nationals	Symmons Plains	Race Committee	Fri, 28 Aug 15 Sun, 30 Aug 15
<i>Tas Auto Museum Open Days</i>	<i>Launceston</i>		<i>Sat, 29 Aug 15</i> <i>Sun, 30 Aug 15</i>
NSC - Mid Week Dinner	3 Steps On George	Mark Dilger	Wed, 09 Sep 15
Square Riggers Run	North	Frank Brooks	Sun, 13 Sep 15
SSC - Mid Week Run	Hobart	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 16 Sep 15
<i>CMI Hillclimb</i>	<i>Domain</i>		<i>Sun, 20 Sep 15</i>
<i>Test and Tune Day</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>Historic Committee</i>	<i>Sun, 20 Sep 15</i>
<i>VCCA - Swap Meet</i>	<i>Tas Auto Museum</i>		<i>Sun, 27 Sep 15</i>
Motorkhana SMS-2	Latrobe	Club Captain	Wed, 30 Sep 15
Motorkhana SMS-3	Latrobe	Club Captain	Wed, 30 Sep 15
Baskerville Historics	Baskerville	Historics Committee	Fri, 02 - Sun, 04 Oct 15
Square Riggers Run	Baskerville	David Taylor	Sun, 04 Oct 15

SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

Winter hasn't chilled the spirits for the T Type group with the southern run to Ville Howden for a delicious two course lunch for the 30 odd (meaning around 30) participants. Owners current, old, new and others sympathetic eased away the hours on an overcast day in conversation well beyond the underlying MG platform.



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