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Southerners Enjoying a Social Lunch – Hartzview Run



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What a Shocker

OK so we went to the trouble of getting our Armstrong Shocker done up and upgraded by the best in town and after a little while, well 20 thousand Miles, we are sick of the crashing noise from the rear bump stops when touring with a full load of shoes and hats.

Time I say to consult Mr Google and likewise every expert known to man and see if there might be a home grown solution which does not entail removing and sending said Armstrongs to experts who are going to charge like wounded bulls and not likely to divulge their secret recipes.

Armstrong lever arm shocks were originally available in a variety of damping grades. The variations being made primarily in the valving but they were originally designed to use hydraulic oil in the viscosity range of ISO 30 to ISO 100 (equivalent to SAE 10W to SAE 30W) which according to the TR manual does not need to be changed.

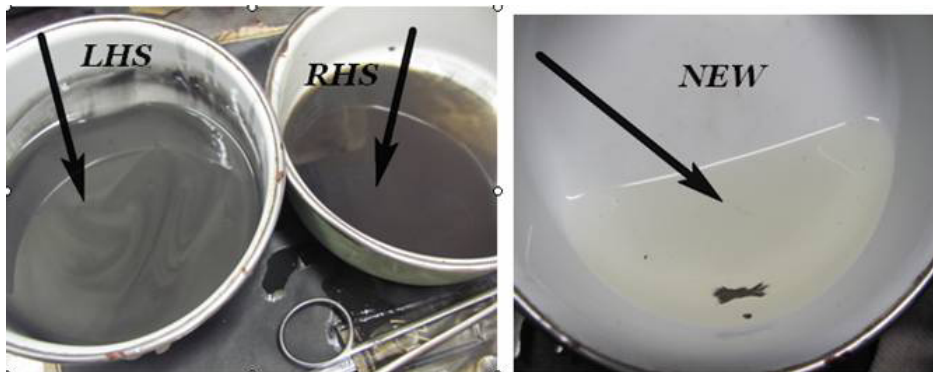
The way these devices work is that there are two pistons pushing oil back and forth through an orifice. This orifice is small, so there is resistance to flow due to the viscosity of the oil in the piston chambers. If the size of the connecting hole was not allowed to vary, the damping would be TOO strong for sudden jolts, so to accommodate sudden jolts, the oil is allowed to force its way through 2 larger spring-loaded valves, one to control the upward jolts and another to control the downward return of the suspension to its rest position.

When these units were new, there were alternate compression springs available, however these are not readily available so in order to adjust damping today, we can tighten the nut holding the rebound spring and insert spacers (washers) under the compression spring.

My research found 2 sources that pretty much agree on what modifications to make, which were to tighten the nut on the rebound spring and install a 0.040" to 0.080" spacer under the compression spring at the bottom of the bore.

Armed with this Google expertise I decided to remove the devices and investigate what my performance enhanced units had to offer. I suspected that the energy input to a small amount of fluid during operation was so intense that it could not be possible for the shockers to maintain performance without maintenance which is contrary to the TR manuals advice.

First job, drain the oils. Black and burned is what we find. Now compare this with some fresh Fork oil.

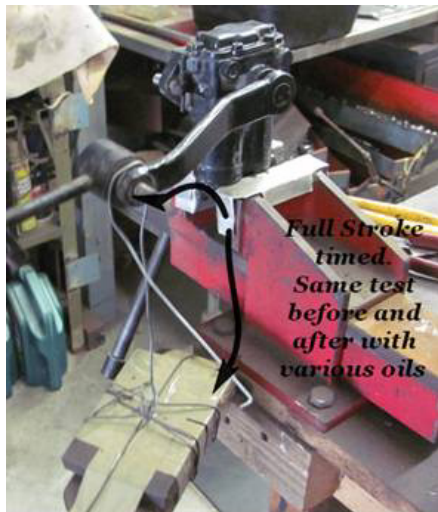


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Imagine allowing your engine to operate on this sludge? How long will it last?

Let us have a look at my high performance upgrades and see how they compare with Dr Google.

The first thing to do was to compare what performance was dependent on the oil, so I conducted some base line tests on the original shockers using a weight and a timer to determine how long it took for 1 stroke.

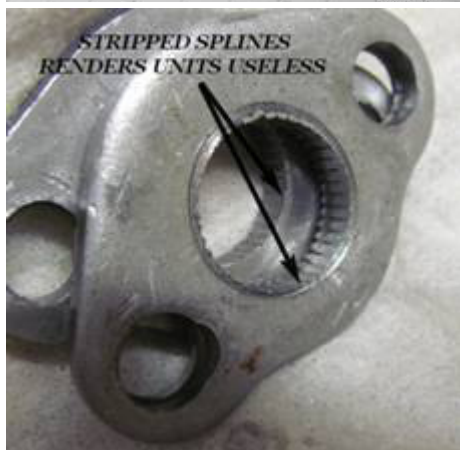


The next thing was to have a look at what upgrades had been done:

As it turns out, spot on, what our local race technologies had done was as per the famous TR Kastner recommendation. 2 x 0.039" copper washers under main spring. **Maximum 0.080"**

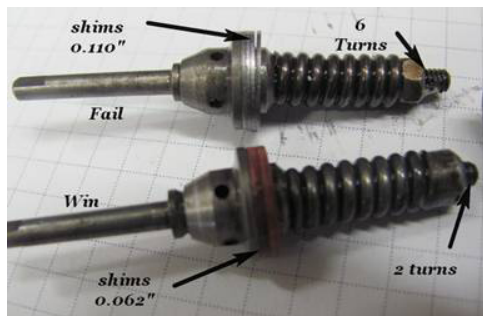


Now I happen to have a destroyed Shock absorber to compare. This one had totally failed and had stripped splines between the main shaft and the bellcrank.



The reason?

Well: Both relief valves were suffering from coil bind before they were half open which would have created massive stress on the splines which of course failed.



Notice the difference in the 2 valve designs. Something to watch for if you decide to pay an expert to overhaul your shock absorbers.

Ask for confirmation that they are a matched pair.

So now all that is left is the oil. Much investigation and assistance from Greg Parker provided me with a smorgasbord of inside information.

I had previously bought some Harley Davidson Screaming Eagle Fork oil after interviewing a Harley workshop Tech who advised me that this was the best of the best and they used it in every Harley.

No information is readily available for Harley about the oil spec as this is secret.

Greg advised:

"Harley Type E is 5 wt

Harley Type B is 10 wt

Harley Type H/D is 20 wt

Screaming Eagle is 15 wt

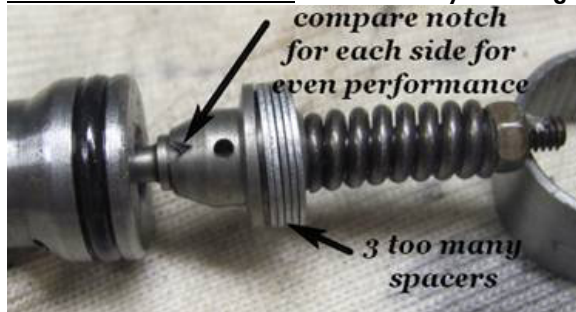
Screaming Eagle Heavy is 20 wt

In the motorcycling world, we have different fork and rear suspension fluids.

As a broad rule in the fork oils we have 5 wt, 10wt, 15wt and 20 wt (in years gone by here was also a 30wt)"

Note: 30 Wt was recommended for higher performance by Armstrong but these oils are not readily available today.

My tests used the 15 wt standard screaming Eagle oil and I got a 25% improvement on rebound and a 50% improvement on compression however the 2 units were not the same? Inspection found that the valves were different from left to right. I happened to have a spare which matched so it is worth having a look at the size of the notch in each valve as the performance upgrade and overhaul clearly does not include testing and matching performance.



This shot also clearly shows the reason for failure. DO NOT go there.

Conclusion;

1. Change the oil every 10K Miles with 15 grade standard screaming Eagle for standard performance.
2. Use 20 Wt screaming Eagle heavy on standard shockers to get a 50 % improvement.
3. Shim a max of 0.065" washers and use 20wt oil for a high performance rally race type outcome.
4. The cost: \$19.00 for 1 Pint of oil which will suffice for 3 oil changes in both rear shockers.
5. Before sending your shockers off to the experts, have a go and save enough to take the navigator out for dinner.

So HOW do we go about it?:

Unfortunately this means removing the shock absorbers but well worth the effort.

I often hear tales of woe with regard to keeping the bolts tight and the need for special spanners, however this simple modification has worked well for me. (Weld a bar onto the head of the bolt to stop it turning.)

Inserting the bolt from the outside with no chance of it turning allows a washer and locknut to be easily fixed with a socket from the inside and torqued accordingly.



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Simply remove the plugs and drain from both ends while moving the lever back and forth. Flush the system out with paraffin or hydraulic oil until there is no residue then fill the bottom and top using the same actions to get all the air out. Make sure there is no air left and then finally fill to the bottom of the plug and refit.

A 4000 Mile trip to Targa Tasmania fully loaded with navigator and a multitude of hats coats and shoes proved highly successful with no crashing against the bump stops and great rear end control... of the car of course!

Rob Bradford 2015

Article: <http://www.tr-register.com.au/Files/technical/whatashocker.htm>

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Membership Report

This month we welcome 2 new members in the Club

David Frost of Westbury owns a Ford Mustang and enjoys all forms of motor sport.
William Briginshaw from Launceston owns a Red MG A

Membership Officer
Sue-Anne Midgley

Presidents Report

This month the Sub-Centres will be holding their AGM's. See the dates elsewhere in the magazine so go along and support your Sub-Centre and even perhaps put your hand up to join one of the committee's.

The State AGM is to be held on Saturday 28th November at 3pm at the Civic Club 134 Davey St. Hobart. There will be several positions vacant on the committee, therefore if you are interested have a talk to any committee person.

There has been some movement in the organizing the 2018 National Meeting with a meeting being held at Elizabeth Town for those that were interested. Subjects covered were the main area would be, venues for both social and competition events. Another meeting will be held in January. Watch out for the date in the upcoming magazines.

I have had reports that the social scene around the state is going full steam ahead, now that spring has arrived, will plenty of events.

The weekend just passed was a very busy but rewarding weekend, when the MG Car Club and other car clubs combined to conduct the "Blast from the Past" Historic Race Meeting at Baskerville Raceway. As you can imagine the organizing had taken twelve months with the physical side starting to get serious on the Wednesday with the setting up of tents etc. Competitors started arriving on the Thursday. There was Private Practice on the Friday. The one downside was that it was the AFL Grand Final on the Saturday, and the weather was very windy with sudden gusts, (most Easy-Ups staid in place but that could not be said for their covers!!) although there was a fairly good crowd considering.

Boy, but Sunday was a boomer, the "hill" was packed, and I think it will beat last year's numbers. The wind was milder than the Saturday. The racing was good and the patrons seemed to especially enjoy the racing of the "muscle" cars which was extremely good and clean and close racing. Each year we learn more on how to improve the event and make it more streamlined. The Historic Committee will be having a debrief meeting next week, then start planning the 2016 event.

I would like to thank all those members who came from far and wide to help and support this event, doing whatever they could to assist over the 3 days.

CAMS held a meeting at Ross last week to work out the 2016 CAMS Competition calendar. The majority of the events and dates have been set, clubs have until the end of October when the calendar will be finalized. The good news is that the size of the 2016 calendar will be quite a bit smaller than this year's and will be done in a "concertina" style. Now that this report is done I will move on to continue doing my Event Secretary work for the Tasmanian Super Series Round 6 on November 6th to 8th November which includes the 2015 Formula Vee Nationals.

Happy MGing

Regards

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Bronwyn Zuber

Ed Says

Daylight savings is here and summer seems to have arrived simultaneously. The long term forecasts suggest we are going to be in for a great summer for driving open top cars, and with the number of events that are appearing on our calendar, there has to be something for everyone.

Next month Sue-Anne and I will be away for the whole month, we will be attending weddings and visiting family on the big island. I therefore have to plead with anyone who may be contributing to the magazine that you have to have your submission to me by Sunday the 1st of November. We are on the boat on Monday the 2nd and will not be back until Friday the 27th, just in time for the annual events weekend.

Whilst we are away Susan Fraser will be sending out any new cards for membership renewals. So a huge thanks to Susan for your assistance.

Our first meeting for the 2018 National meeting has been held and we have come up with a committee structure, if you have the inclination to assist in one of these roles please contact myself or Don Fraser, your nomination will be most welcome.

Chairman – Don Fraser

Secretary – Andrew Midgley

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❖ Speed Event - *(Insert Name Here)*

Social Director - *(Insert Name Here)*

❖ Noggin n Natter - *(Insert Name Here)*

❖ Non-Theme night - *(Insert Name Here)*

❖ Presentation Dinner - *(Insert Name Here)*

❖ Kimber Run - *(Insert Name Here)*

❖ Farewell Breakfast - *(Insert Name Here)*

Registrar – *(Insert Name Here)*

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Regalia - *(Insert Name Here)*

It was the general consensus at the kick-off meeting that since all of March is taken up with significant National Motor Sport Events and Easter is right at the end of March, that Easter would be the most desirable time to have the Nat Meet in Tasmania.

Club and sub-centre elections will take place over the next 2 months, on behalf of all members may I congratulate those who have served as officer's of our club, for the service they have given and also thank those members who are nominating for positions for our next club year, Well Done . **Ed**



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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

MGCCT Website

www.mgtas.org.au

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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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PAST EVENTS

Sunday 27th Sept – Run to Hartzview winery. On a rather cool day 23 members ventured forth from the Civic Club with two daring to go topless. We travelled via Taroona and Sandfly, stopping at Huonville for a well earned coffee on the banks of the Huon River. We then drove through Cygnet and turned towards Woodbridge, turning off on a short section of dirt road to our destination.

The meal was quite nice consisting mainly of pie assortments and quiches. On talking to the proprietor it was discovered that he has constructed no less than three model railways on the property and they can be seen in operation free of charge provided a few days' notice is given so that they can be set up and running. We intend to avail ourselves of the opportunity at a later date. Some of our contingent decided to stop on the way back at Kettering to partake of another coffee.

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Overall a very pleasant run.

Thanks to Ches Bogus for organizing it.

COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 13th Oct – Annual Area Meeting at Civic Club in place of normal meeting commencing at 8.30 pm. Notice elsewhere in magazine.

For further information please contact Ches Bogus: 6243 9453

Wednesday 15th Oct - 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

Sunday 18th Oct – a run to Richmond Arms Hotel is planned. Cost will be around \$19.00. Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.

For further information please contact David Scott: 6257 1508

Thursday 22nd Oct – Hobart Show day run to Jenny Beard's, Dunalley with coffee at Banjo's Sorell. Depart Civic Club at 10.00am.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 62 391341

Sunday 1st Nov – Classics on the Beach

Wednesday 11th Nov – Wayne Goninon's Mid-week run.

Weekend 14th – 15th Nov – 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: 0362 296006

Saturday 21st Nov – MGTC 70th birthday.

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

Saturday 28th Nov – 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

Sunday 6th Dec - Classics on the Beach

Thursday 10th Dec – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run

Tuesday 15th Dec – Christmas BBQ at Civic Club. Details to follow.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341

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Frank Manley has offered to run a Christmas Hamper to be drawn at our Christmas function. Frank will be busy collecting items between now and Christmas, but if you care to make a donation to the hamper Frank will be only too happy to accept it. Donations can be left at the Civic Club on any Tuesday night.

Sunday 10th Jan – Run to Snug. Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.

For further information please contact Shane Manley: 6243 5921

Sunday 21st Feb – Kempton Festival. Details to follow.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341

February – Run to My Slice of Pie. Details to follow.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

Mid-Week monthly drive – Wednesday September 16th:-

This attracted 39 people in 28 cars, including 6 T-types and 4 MGFs at the other end of the scale (or 8 and 2 if you count all TFs as T types). Although not a Ferrari in sight there was a more than a splattering of red cars.

We travelled via Tarooma, Margate and Fern Tree to the Cascade Visitor Centre, which is a long way to travel 1.5km from where we started. The day was sunny and a bit cool, particularly in the foothills of the mountain, but rewarding to those who took the risk and went topless.

David Taylor (TF) was nominated to lead on the designated route much to Trish's chagrin, as she noted "He always knows a better way". I assume he stuck to the route, but despite two convoy points, I never saw him again until we arrived at the venue.

We had an excellent two course lunch with beer or stout involved in the cooking of all choices. (A possible breathalyser risk for those who had the stout and beef pie, and the chocolate stout ice cream). There was some delay for desert as the beer scones were hot from the oven.

Overall, a very enjoyable day.

Kevin McGuire



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Postal Address		P.O Box 682, Launceston, Tas 7250	

Our Next Meeting will be our Annual General Area Meeting and we will hold elections for the committee for the coming year.

We have a good selection of nominee for all positions as part of the committee have elected to continue in their role for the coming year.

Whilst we have nominees for the 4 committee members if you would like to nominate for one of the 4 positions it not too late and if you contact Eamonn Matthews our chairman he can help you with lodging a nomination form.

We are also looking to appoint at the meeting an Events Officer who will coordinate our events calendar, not run events so if a member has a query they contact that person for information and the new position will be listed in the committee contact details.

It was also resolved at the meeting that we would change the 50 cent “no name badge” fine to a tea and coffee fee to cover the cost of supper after our monthly meeting.

The social calendar has continued on with last month the Midweek Meal at 3 Steps on George, the Old Foggies Morning Tea on the last Friday of the month and the Baskerville Historic race meeting over the 2nd 3rd and 4th of October which was a great success.

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For the coming month we will join the North Wests Thirsty Thursday meal at the Forth Pub on 8th October, our midweek run on 14th October, 16th and 17th October the Shannons Tops Off weekend in Hobart and the Old Foggies Morning Tea on 30th October so lots of events to socialise with you fellow club members. Check the events calendar for more details.

Help Wanted

The MG Race Committee have a request for help with the BBQ on 8th November for the trophy presentation at the end of the race meeting on 7th and 8th November which is the Formulae Vee National meeting being held at Symmons Plains. Everything will be supplied all we will need to do is cook approximately 200 sausages and around 100 hamburgers so if you can help contact either myself or Eamonn Matthews. Contact details are listed in the NSC Committee details at the top of this article.

Also the MGCC of Tas will be running the MX5 National speed event at Symmons Plains on 5th February 2016 and we will need lots of help on the day. The club are paid for running the event and it is a way of the club raising funds to help keep our subs to a minimum and general help with the running expenses of the club.

Coming Events

Wed 14th October 2015 Mid Week Run Prince of Wales Evandale meet at the Motor Museum at 6.00pm RSVP to Rhonda Matthews Please note its Day Light Saving and changes to the event format apply.

Fri 16th and 17th Oct 2015 Shannon's Tops Off Weekend in Hobart Can leave Friday night make own travel arrangements and accommodation. Friday meet at the Perth Road House at 5.30pm travel together. For those travelling down on Saturday you will need to be at the Hobart venue by 10 am. Suggest that you leave Launceston by 7am. Meet at Perth Road House at 7.15am All will need to pre-register ring Rod Belbin 0408 314 309

Thurs 22nd October 2015 Trivia Night TBA moved to October (so it's not the Sept Trivia Night anymore) **has been postponed**

Fri 30th October 2015 Old Foggies Morning Tea and walk RSVP to Mark by 28th.

Wed 11th Nov 2015 Midweek Run Meet at Motor Museum 6.00pm Jim Dickenson/John James Be ready for something **QUITE different picnic adventure**. BYO Chairs Picnic Rug and Drinks Sweets and Coffee at the James (**BYO Sammies if not ready for a culinary adventure**) RSVP to Jim Dickenson by 9th Nov 0407 309 672

Sun 22nd Nov 2015 Spring Run to Bridport RSVP to Phil Paine Thursday 19th Meeting Motor Museum 9.30am sharp

Fri 27th Nov 2015 Old Foggies Morning Tea TBA

Fri 27th to 29th November 2015 Annual Concourse weekend We need to respond to Bob Leeson (h) 6229 6006 (m) 0408 127 271 (e) rle30386@bigpond.net.au before Friday 20th November 2015

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Sun 6th Dec 2015 Shannon's Classic Car and Charity Run 10am to 3pm leave motor museum 9 am bring Non Perishable food donation in support of Salvation Army

Wed 9th Dec 2015 Midweek Run TBA

Sat 12th Dec 2015 North West Christmas Dinner Refer to Roy Stuart the venue will be Max and Margaret Woods home.

Sun 13th Dec 2015 Combined North and North West Christmas Function.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK at 44 New Ecclestone Road ,Riverside from 11 am Meal will be provided free of charge to members, which will include baked ham on the bone, baked potatoes salads, fresh fruit & pavlova ..tea coffee , glasses tables & chairs will be provided. Bring your own alcohol. Usual old fashioned games with prizes for winners. Santa will be in attendance. Each person to bring a gift marked Male or Female to the value of \$5.00 to be placed in boxes provided. The event will be held regardless of the weathers as undercover facility is available.

R.S.V.P. MUST be made to Mark Dilger on 63271028 or 0408271029 by 6th December.

Prizes for best dressed Christmas MG and best dressed Christmas member and remember its Christmas not your birthday so no birthday suits.

January 2016 Nant Whiskey Distillery Bothwell Run TBA

February / March 2016 Picnic run to Larooma Park approx. 200klms BYO Everything.

Raffle: Auto Barn cleaning bucket and goodies will be drawn at the next meeting so make sure that you have your ticket.

Next Meeting: 28th October 2015

Meetings held at the VCCA Club Rooms 67 Lawrence Vale Road Launceston Tas 7250

Mark Dilger (3)
Secretary,
Northern Sub Centre



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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	

A fabulous night was had by all members at our September social evening at the Bridge Hotel Forth. The celebration of Tina Richards's birthday was an added bonus, Rosemary Ryan and Jim Hooper had some exciting stories to tell about their recent 6 month caravanning trip thru-out Australia. Rosemary is already planning their next trip (retirement is fantastic) the planning stages of our annual north west Christmas dinner at Max and Margaret Wood's residence is well under way. For further details contact myself or Max and Margaret.

Life could not be better, a spectacular Sunday morning with 19 fellow MG enthusiasts cruising for a culinary home style country breakfast at the remarkable seaside village of Boat Harbour at the Seabreeze Café. David Blencowe in his MGB, Bruce and Marie Clark MGB and Mark Buckly "MG Mitchell Special" were welcome additions to our party also Jan Murphy was a special guest of Tony and Wendy Lansdell

Terry (Eddie McGuire) Jeffrey provided the entertainment while travelling on the Bass Highway with the driver's door of the immaculate TC continuously flapping in the breeze. A big milestone for Terry was he actually passing another vehicle going in the same direction. We were privileged to be given a guided tour around Table Cape to view the world renowned tulips by Bruce and Marie Clark.

A reminder to all members about the Annual Concourse, AGM and the presentation dinner to be held in Hobart 28th November.
Please reply to Bob Leeson 62296006 or Chris Wagstaff 62391341.

We have been asked by club member Mike Gyles to provide a display of MG's at the Ulysses Motorcycle AGM in Launceston March 2016. Mike is expecting 3000 people and up to 2000 Motorcycles, what a weekend this will be, I will have more details as the event nears.

Quote of the day
ONE LIFE ONE CHANCE

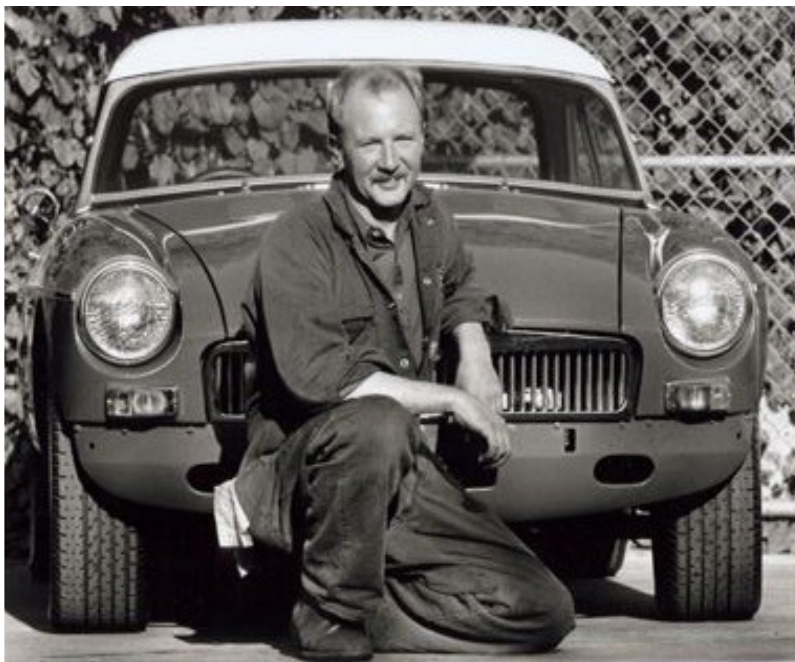
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SHARE THE PASSION

38th Gordon Fysh Memorial Day Picnic and Gymkhana Hosted by the Nth. Section

WHEN Sunday 1st November 2015

WHERE Campbelltown Showground

TIME 10.30am-3.00pm

Your club is invited by the VCCA to join us on this tour. Please join our members at one of the following departure points or just meet us there:-

N.W. – 8am departure Eastern side of Latrobe Hospital Roundabout

North - 9am departure Village Green corner Wellington and Archer St's. Longford

South – 8.30am departure VCCA Clubrooms 169 Tea-Tree Rd. Brighton

No booking form or fee. Just turn up. Cars 30 years or older only please. Cars under restoration on trailers most welcome. BYO Food or buy locally.

Further information phone or email the tour co-ordinator Peter Riggall on Ph. 0427 358289 or email: peterrieggall@hotmail.com

Who was Gordon Fysh?

Gordon Willis Fysh (1899-1972) was the driving force behind the formation of the Veteran and Vintage Car Club, later to become the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) Inc.

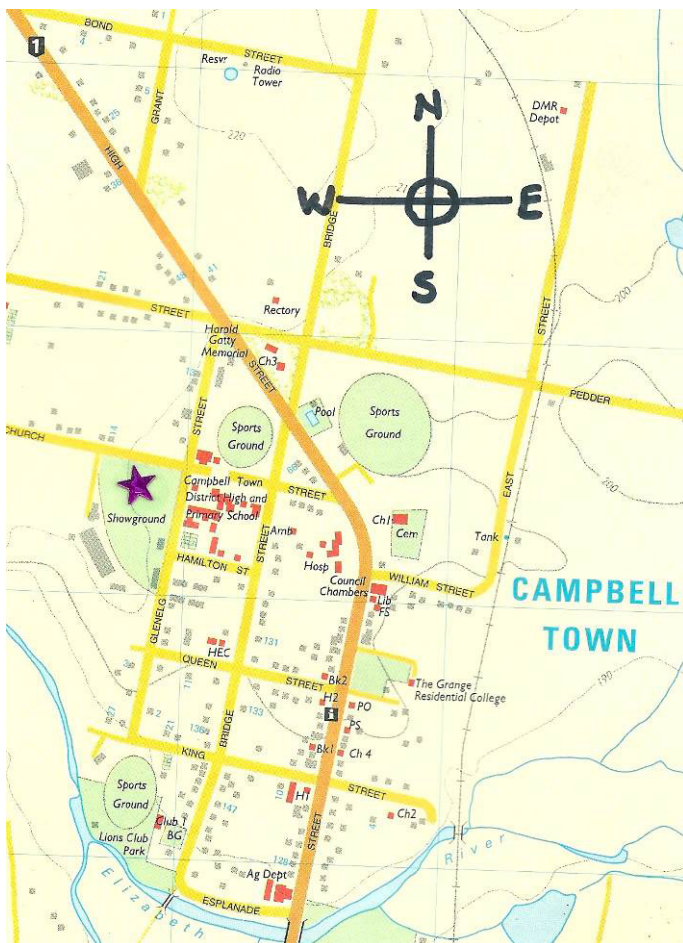
From early 1920 until 1930 he owned a garage in Paterson St. Launceston selling Nash and Talbot cars.

He was an original member of the Tas Auto Club and was its last President before it amalgamation with the RACT. He became a foundation member and Life Patron of the VCCA (TAS) Inc.

In 1946 he purchased a 1913 Siddeley Deasy, having first seen this vehicle new in 1913 when a neighbour Percy Hart bought it and had the body built by Paine's Bodyworks in Launceston.

This well known vehicle is still part of the VCCA (Tas) and is owned by member Andrew McDougall (grandson of Gordon) and his wife Frances.

The daughter of Gordon Fysh, Mrs. Judy McDougall is patron to our club.



Ken Costello, 1927 - 2015

Kenneth Costello, who has died aged 88, was a racing driver and one of a group of British motor engineers who created great cars from humble premises in the days of “men in sheds”; he was best known for squeezing a powerful V8 engine into British Leyland’s pocket-sized MGB sports car.

Costello, a diminutive and plain-speaking figure, was revered by MG enthusiasts for helping to keep the brand alive at a time when rationalisation within the British Leyland Motor Corporation – where Triumph was favoured – threatened the very existence of the MG marque.

In 1970 he was running the Costello Motor Engineering Company Ltd with four partners from a base in Sidcup. It was from there that he took on the might of British Leyland. At the time Leyland knew that its popular small MGB two-seater sports soft-top car and its coupé variant, the MGB GT, had one fatal flaw: they were underpowered. So in 1968 the MG company tried fitting a six-cylinder engine, rather than the standard four-cylinder version, into the MGB.

Unfortunately the heavier power-plant made the car nose-heavy and the project was killed off within two years.

Costello, meanwhile, had come to appreciate the smooth power of V8 engines, so-called for their eight cylinders mounted on the crankshaft case in a “V” configuration, four on each side. He came across a lightweight aluminium American V8 on show in a workshop, and had the idea of installing it in the national icon that was the MGB.

Costello disagreed and, working from his garage in Kent, devised a way of dropping the compact and lightweight aluminium V8 – designed by Buick in Detroit – into the car. This engine was already being used by Rover for its 3500 saloon, but Costello cleverly managed to shoehorn one into an MGB without the need for structural alteration. The result was a car with breathtaking performance – its top speed exceeded 130 mph – to rival a Jaguar E-Type for a fraction of the price.

See the full story at

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/11819082/Ken-Costello-motor-engineer-obituary.html>

Tony Lansdell

CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS OF THE MG TC

An important update on the overnight detail of the event for 21/22 November. Due to another function in Longford taking up most of the space the dinner and accommodation have been relocated, the nearest meeting all requirements The Village Motor Inn at Prospect, 100 Westbury Road, ph 6343 1777.

The Village is providing a two course menu with tea and coffee \$38 starting 7.00 for 7.30. They have also offered double suits \$120 including a continental breakfast, a cooked breakfast can be ordered. There are larger units also available which may suit some. It is intended the event resume over a windup breakfast again served in the dining room, locals not staying in house are encouraged to join in for the farewell breakfast which of course will rewind the previous day.

It is important now to confirm your accommodation early at the above establishment referring to the MG event when doing so and register your participation to the organisers below particularly for Saturday evening. It's heading for a great celebration with bookings strong and space available.

Reaffirming the run during Saturday, meet at Campbell Town 10.00am, tour to Longford for lunch, the navigation tour to follow finishing at Carrick for afternoon tea courtesy Sally and Chester McKaige.

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Exhaust Notes

Letter to the Editor

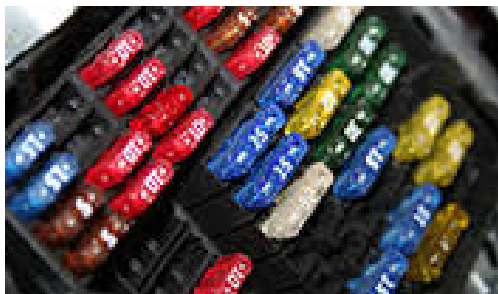
Dear Ed,

I have just completed my first race meeting at the Baskerville Historics meeting and wish to thank all the Officials, club members etc. who gave of their time to run the event. Without them doing that, there would be no meeting for the entrants to enjoy.

I would also like to thank the wives and partners who looked after us with non-stop food and drinks every day. Thanks ladies, I even had sun screen applied to my face.

Peter Richards.

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Contact Andrew Midgley 0458 949 881

The Funny Bone

After being married for 40 years,
I took a careful look at my wife one day and said,
"Forty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23-year-old girl.
Now ... I have a \$750,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 63-year-old woman.
It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman.
She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great ?
They really know how to solve an old guy's problems

After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done for an FBI job, there were 3 finalists; two men and a woman. For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

"We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair Kill her!!"
The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife."
The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home'.

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes.
The man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."
The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow.
"This gun is loaded with blanks' she said. I had to beat him to death with the chair."

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish.
The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband.
Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands.
The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger...
Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!!
Gotta love that fairy!

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

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
SSC - Mid Week Run	Hobart	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 15 Oct 15
Shannons Tops Off	Hobart		Sat, 17 Oct 15
SSC - Social Run	Richmond	David Scott	Sun, 18 Oct 15
SSC - Social Run	Dunalley	Chris Wagstaff	Thu, 22 Oct 15
MGCC/MCCT Club Day	Baskerville	Club Captain	Sun, 25 Oct 15
NSC - Morning Tea	Launceston	Mark Dilger	Fri, 30 Oct 15
<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>		<i>Sun, 01 Nov 15</i>
TSS Round 6, Formula V Nationals	Symmons Plains	Race Committee	Sun, 08 Nov 15
SSC - Mid Week Run	Hobart	Wayne Goninon	Wed, 11 Nov 15
NSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	Jim Dickenson	Wed, 11 Nov 15
Mt Lloyd Weekend	Mt Lloyd	Bob Leeson	Sat, 14 - Sun, 15 Nov 15
Square Riggers Run	Combined	Peter Scott	Sat, 21 Nov 15
NSC - Spring Run	Bridport	TBA	Sun, 22 Nov 15
Motorkhana SMS-4	Kempton	MCCT	Sun, 22 Nov 15
PCT Hillclimb	Baskerville	PCT	Sun, 22 Nov 15
NSC - Morning Tea	Launceston	Mark Dilger	Fri, 27 Nov 15
Concours, AGM, Annual Dinner	Hobart	SSC	Sat, 28 Nov 15
<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>		<i>Sun, 06 Dec 15</i>
NSC - Mid Week Run	TBA	TBA	Wed, 09 Dec 15
SSC - Mid Week Run	Hobart	Wayne Goninon	Thu, 10 Dec 15
NW Xmas Dinner	Ulverstone	Max Wood	Sat, 12 Dec 15
<i>NWCC Hillclimb</i>	<i>Highclere</i>	<i>NWCC</i>	<i>Sat, 12 Dec 15</i>
NSC Xmas Function	Riverside	John Biggelaar	Sun, 13 Dec 15
SSC - Xmas Function	Civic Club	Chris Wagstaff	Tue, 15 Dec 15
SSC - Social Run	Snug	Shane Manley	Sun, 10 Jan 16
NSC - Social Run	Bothwell		TBA
SSC - Social Run	Kempton Festival	Chris Wagstaff	Sun, 21 Feb 16
NSC - Social Run	Larooma Park		TBA
SSC - Soial Run	My Slice of Pie	Bob Leeson	TBA

SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

Again a great turnout for the Baskerville Historic Race meeting, congratulations to the many involved contributing many hours of preparation, organisation and hands on deck for the weekend. Below some of the T Type cars and characters on Sunday taking in the abatement in the breeze. Background of blue and showing part of the capacity crowd.



One long time Club member and enthusiastic competitor, himself historic, heading out in the Westfield.



The ultimate gathering of the Square Rigger year celebrating 70 years of the MG TC, 21st and 22nd November, please note updated information elsewhere in MG Motoring News.

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