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A Packed carpark for Southern Enthusiasts Mid Week Run

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## **A Chat with Bob Leeson**

The loquacious and gentlemanly Bob Leeson has been a member of the MG car club since 2007 and, although a relatively new member, has made an important and continuous contribution to the Southern Sub Centre Committee, and more broadly.

He has been Secretary to the Committee since 2013, organised and attended many MG runs, was flying finished post chief for Targa at Ridgeway for 5 years, and was a member of the Baskerville Historic Race Committee until the track was resealed. During this time Bob was involved in the dummy grid, time keeping, pit gate and external track duties.

Bob's love of MGs started at an early age when an auntie living over the road from his parents at Mt Lloyd, where his father was a saw-miller and his mother ran the Post Office, had Christmas dinner and a guest arrived in a red MG T type. Bob thought "Wow, I have to have one of these before I die" and 50 or so years later his wish came true.

Bob's first car was a Hillman Minx but his first serious car was an FJ Holden before graduating to an FC Holden which he adored. Bob was caught speeding (excessively) in the FC and was advised by his lawyer to sell the car. Bob graphically shared his speeding story with me but I don't think it's appropriate for me to share here. You'll have to ask Bob!

Bob is an engineer by training and has worked on all his own cars as he's curious to understand how things work. Along the way he has been fortunate to have been mentored and used the expertise of the legendary Greg Ellis and Bruce Hills who have both given him indispensable practical advice.

Bob currently has an MGTF (more about this below), a BMW, a Mercedes SLK 230 Compressor plus something to tow the campervan. The BMW is the

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runabout (won by their son-in-law in a raffle and bought by Bob and Dianne).  
The Mercedes is their 'winter car' and the MGTF is their 'fun summer car'.



Bob bought his MGTF in Devonport in 2007. I'm not sure what this says about Bob but he told me that the car matched a hat he bought in Edinburgh a few years earlier. Apparently this was important so he made an offer that was accepted. Most people buy the hat to match the car - not Bob! The car is going beautifully at the moment but it's had way more than its fair share of problems. Some of the extensive problems Bob has had with the TF included it breaking down on his first drive in Devonport - he should have read this as a sign! The car was trailered back to Hobart where Bob, by his own admission, who knew nothing about MGs found the ammeter terminal was broken so he was fortunate to drive it at all.

David Short checked out the car and advised it needed rear spring bushes and pads, steering rack adjustment ..... This was just the start as the car also leaked a lot of oil and blew a lot of smoke. He had new wire wheels and tyres fitted and the exhaust fell off on the way home. Bob found himself on a steep learning curve. But after fixing all this the TF was still sluggish as it was fitted with a single carburettor and combined inlet and exhaust manifold.

Bob procured separate manifolds and Bruce Hills fitted the twin carbies. Some time later Bob and Greg Ellis were adjusting the carbies, petrol leaked from the inlet onto the starter terminal directly below and the car caught fire. This was not all that happened though..... the brakes failed on a run to Hartzview Winery, the petrol pump stopped working at inconvenient times (like when approaching the Tasman Bridge), the speedo cable broke, the tacho stopped working, the throttle cable broke on their first South East Rally.....

With the invaluable help of Greg Ellis the motor has had an extensive overhaul including pistons, bearings, new valves, sleeves, reconditioned cam. Last but not least replacing the rear wooden beam which had rotted out some paintwork damage resulting in the rear of the car (from the doors back) taken back to bare metal with some rust sections replaced and repainted. It sounds almost like a full restoration to me, but throughout Bob has maintained his affable, happy and positive nature - publicly at least.



All through this Bob has had the support of his patient and compassionate wife of 50 years, Dianne. Bob and Dianne have similar tastes in almost everything (just ask Dianne!) and have shared many of life's joys and adventures. They both love their cars particularly the MGTF which had been off the road for many months. I can only hope the car continues to go well after all that has happened. They've missed driving it and I've missed seeing it too.



Wayne Goninon

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## President's Report

It is Autumn already. Will not be long before we will be putting out clocks "forward" in the fall and back in the spring.

The Sub-Centres are going leaps and bounds with their social outings. The weather has still fairly good for outings.

We have had another competition event this year, a Motorkhana at Symmons Plains on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. There were some competitors doing the tests in a different way that is normally performed. Results will be further in the magazine. Competition is great between the juniors, male and female with is wonderful to see. I hope they stay with it and upgrade to speed events as they are the future of our club.

As the club **still has NO Secretary and Northern General Member**, watch your backs as you never know when there will be a tap on it.

Something interesting happened to me this week. I was out in the MG 1100 and parked it on the main road in Glenorchy. A gentleman approached me and said he did not want to intrude but his father had a car like this that he bought out from Scotland in 1968. I asked him had his father lived at New Norfolk, and he said yes. I told him that this was his father's car. I had spoken to his father about the car many years ago. The gentleman asked if I were to sell it could he please have first option. I said that I did not have any plans on selling it, however he has given me his name and contact details. The son had a better look at the car, and he was happy it was still on the road, but he didn't want to be sexist, but he wouldn't have expected a woman to be a car enthusiast. (I then had to mention that I was the current President of the MG Car Club of Tasmania). We parted ways and I'm sure he was chuffed, well I was that seeing the car maybe had bought back some happy memoirs for him. Tassie is a small place one never knows who you are going to meet.

Just a reminder for Sub-Centre Secretaries to apply to Motorsport Australia for permit/s for all their Social Runs, go to [www.motorsportaustralia.org](http://www.motorsportaustralia.org), type in search social permit.

Let's keep enjoying our MG's by going to as many runs that you can in them.

*Zube*

Bronwyn Zuber  
President

## Secretary's Report

The meeting resolved to review the allocation of laptops in the club and propose to purchase new laptop for the Motorkhana Timing programme up to the value of \$1000

The Committee has been discussing a revised process for non-face to face meeting in an effort to cut down travel time for the committee members. Committee member Andrew Midgley has been investigating using Zoom or Skype. Still looking at the committee's internal process as we need to resolve and have available a lap top to carry the license for a primary user who will control the meetings. Internet connection has no time limitations and the cost will be \$176 for the primary user per year as against the current room hire of \$30.00 per month.

Meeting resolved to purchase the Zoom license and try for May 2021 meeting under this revised format.

We will also need to review the current laptop allocation and the new laptop to be purchased for the Timing may be changed to the Secretary to better facilitate the new meeting format.

This will also allow for members to log into meetings if there is a matter of interest being discussed.

The magazine will introduce some new run option so will leave that for the editor to include in Magazine.

Acting Secretary or as I keep informing everyone,  
Not the Secretary  
Mark Dilger

He's not the Secretary, he's a very naughty boy!!

## Membership Report

This month we welcome seven new members,

Andrew and Donna Todd (Southern)

The Todds own a Mazda MX5 and are interested in social outings, travel and golf.

Peter Johnson (Southern)

Peter owns a MGB BL and is interested in social outings, golf and bowls.

Roy and Jill Ormerod (Southern)

The Ormerods own a MGB and are interested in social outings, driving, golf and bushwalking

Bruce and Monika Finlay (Southern)

The Finlays own a MGB and are interested in social outings and driving their Porsche

We hope these people enjoy many club arranged activities.

Wayne Jessup

Membership Officer

MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA



*"Maybe if I gained 2,000 pounds and painted myself red, he'd actually spend some time with me."*



*"When you phoned and said you were having a breakdown, I thought you meant the car!"*

## Life Members

01	Joe Paul (dec)	1969	10	Bill Griffiths	2007
02	Bob Moore (dec)	1974	11	Tony Gurnhill	2009
03	Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	12	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
04	Ian Wade	1984	13	Greg Bannon	2013
05	Terry Atkinson	1984	14	Bronwyn Zuber	2013
06	Dennis Burgess	1984	15	Craig Twining	2014
07	Chris Ellis (dec)	1985	16	Phillip Tilley	2017
08	John Sluce (dec)	1994	17	Jim Brown	2020
09	Robin Wilmot	1998	18	Peter Shaw	2020

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### **The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc**

For those members who are Facebook users, we have an MG Car Club Tasmania Facebook page. Feel free to add events, photos, and videos, but 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)

Copies of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website. Membership forms and change of address forms are also available for download. Links to other car clubs are also available.

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## **VC Registrations, Inspections and Renewals**

Vehicle Club registration allows members of a recognised car club (approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles) to use their vehicle in either a club sanctioned event or for general use 30 days outside of club events. These vehicles attract a reduced rate of registration and third party insurance.

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## Ed Says

Time fly's when you are having fun, however despite the trials and tribulations of 2020, it still seemed to fly. But this year is just turbo charged.

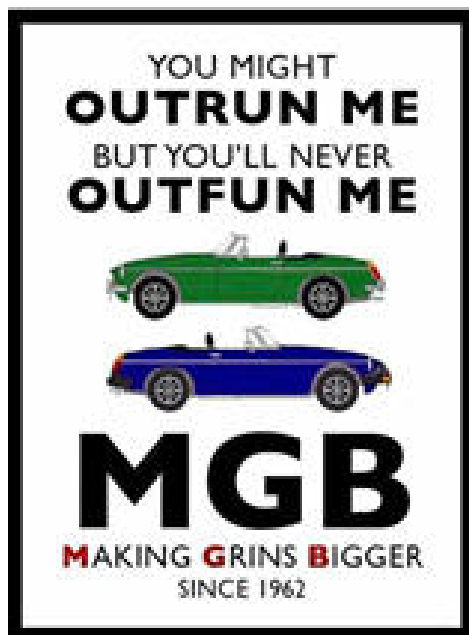
Summer is over, just 1 month and daylight savings is over. Another Easter will have gone by without a National Meeting, and we are into winter. That time of the year when many MG's go into hibernation.

This years Mid-Winter Getaway is back in the middle of winter, I was going to take the organising of this event back over this year, but SSC put up their hands, so who am I to interfere. Next year will be the Midgley's Mid-Winter Getaway again. More madness and mayhem in store for the poor unsuspecting attendees. But pencil in this year's run for the weekend 24-25 of July and take your MG, life's better in a MG.

On Valentines Day after Sue-Anne finished her shift, we decided to go for a drive, and stumbled across a group of Victorian Mustang owners checking out the toys in Grant Bingley's shed. It had been a number of years since the northerners had visited Grant's shed at Westbury before he moved to Devonport. His current shed is about 1-1/2 times bigger than his previous one, and there is still no room to move, and he has overflowed into adjacent sheds that should have been for buses. He informed us he was building a new shed to house his toys, as he needed this shed for the buses. So how much bigger is the new shed going to be, I wondered. About twice the size of his current shed, so plenty of room to expand, or is that fit? Watch out for him on an upcoming episode of Hoarders Australia. Might have to organise another club visit soon.

Cheers

Ed



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<b>Southern Sub Centre Meeting</b>	Meet every Tuesday night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
<b>Postal Address</b>	GPO Box 5, Hobart, Tas, 7001	

## Southern Notes

### PAST EVENTS

#### **7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Classics on the beach.**

We were pleased to be able to meet with 8 members of the Canberra MG Car Club during their tour of Tasmanian to view the informal gathering of collectable cars at Long Beach Sandy Bay. Thanks to Peter Dalton and Trevor Clement and Co. for their participation. Peter later joined Mark Harrington for a sail on his yacht during the sail past that was being held on that day.



#### **13<sup>th</sup> February – Working Bee at the Civic Club.**

We had a good rollup with about a dozen helpers making light work of the regular Civic Club cleanup as payment in kind for the use of the facility. Many thanks to all who made the time to attend.



**14<sup>th</sup> February – The Cannery, Dunalley**

The day started well I know it wasn't to the Wall but a fly on the wall would have had a good laugh as the day went on .

The Civic Club to the Patchwork cafe was eventful free with a great coffee and cake awaiting us but then the fun started I know there many ways to skin a cat but as the run went on there are also appears to be many ways to get to Dunalley with our tail end Charlie moving to around the front of the pack certainly not last to be seated at the Cannery Restaurant in Dunalley.

The Cannery is a place we have visited before and will visit again our next adventure is to My Slice of Pie at Mountain River a favorite that has now become an annual event.

Chris Wagstaff ( Pics by Mark Harrington )



**COMING EVENTS**

**14<sup>th</sup> March – My Slice of Pie.** This is our annual “Breakfast with a Difference” at Mountain River. We will depart the Civic Club at the usual time **8.10am** to be there by 9.00am where Tracey (the new owner) will have everything in readiness for us. Cost is again \$25.00 per head!! for a delicious breakfast. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006. RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> March if attending for catering purposes.*

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 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: 0362 296 006*

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Wayne Goninon’s mid-week run.**

These runs all commence at the Rivulet Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart where we partake of a coffee before heading off to our destination around 11.00am. The remaining schedule is shown elsewhere in the magazine. *For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881*

**18<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 – Dave Scott BBQ, Orford**

Once again Dave Scott has agreed to hold a BBQ at his house at Orford. Meat will be provided by the Club. Also we have been invited to a distillery tour and whisky and gin tastings at the **SPRING BAY DISTILLERY**. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am sharp. *For further information contact Phil Rollins: 0455 805 796*

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – South Arm RSL.** Further Details to follow.

*For further information please contact Shane Manley: 0405 077 570.*

**13<sup>th</sup> June – Run to Stephen Huntley’s at Brighton.** Further Details to follow. *For further information please contact Stephen Huntley: 0428 127 932.*

**25<sup>th</sup> July – Mid-Winter Run.** To be confirmed. *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199.*

Bob Leeson

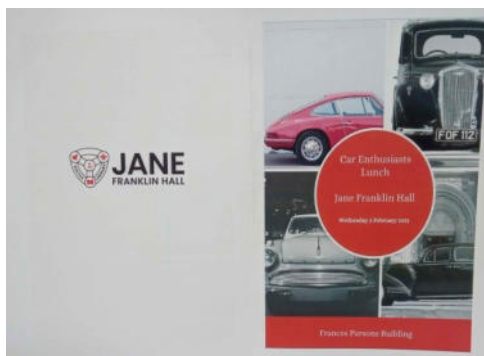
## **Southern Car Enthusiasts Run**

The first run of the year was a little longer than usual, but there were many favourable comments about the drive on the gorgeous and picturesque windy roads south of Hobart, particularly from those in the older and/or sports cars. We were well convoyed by Zube and it was great to see Bob and Di back in their MGTD. There were 72 people in 41 cars and parking in such a central location was never going to be easy. However, it was a gridlock that was resolved as soon as two or three of the cars in key locations moved. The pictures tell the story, as does the article below provided for the MG News by Phil Rollins

### **Southern Mid-Week Lunchers**

For our first mid-week lunch run for 2021 Wayne put together a great event. The run took us to first to the Southern Beaches then across to the mountain foothills traveling from Vince's Saddle to the lunch venue in South Hobart via the old Huon Highway. More twists and turns in 80 kms you would not find. One of the UTAS Colleges Jane Franklin Hall put on a Carvery lunch for us where besides the view over the river the food and service was superb. Pity about the gridlock in the car park!"





**Remaining drives for 2021** (always the first Wednesday of the month) are,

**March – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** (*cheap and cheerful lunch, as promised*)

**April – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**May – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>.** *This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> drive for the car enthusiast group and will be an overnigher for those who are interested. More details in March.*

**June – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**July – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**August – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**September – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**October – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**November – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**December – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

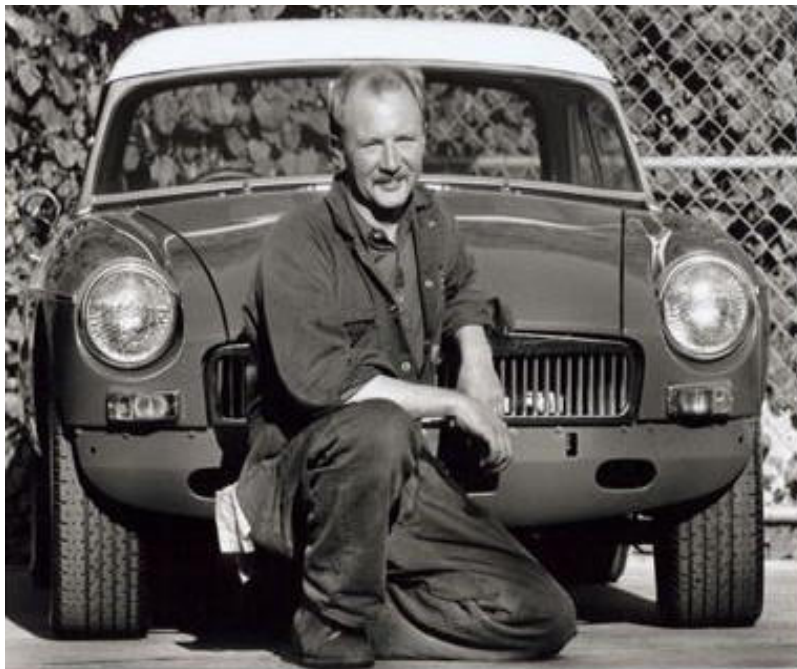
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<b>Northern Sub Centre Meeting</b>	Committee meeting and social night: Last Wednesday night of the month at 7.30pm VCCA Rooms 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston	
<b>Postal Address</b>	PO Box 682, Launceston, Tas, 7250	
<b>North West</b>	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone	

## Northern Notes

On Wednesday 17th February, 20 club members enjoyed a midweek dinner run to Longford Country Club Hotel. Most members had their tops down as we were blessed with a lovely balmy evening as we travelled from the club rooms, through to Illawarra Road, via the Old Bass Highway to Longford. A great time was had with much chatter, laughter and great food served by very friendly staff. There was an array of memorabilia of the 7km long Longford race circuit which was one of the fastest racing tracks in it's day.



Peter Harper

The very busy social calendar for the Northern Socialites is well under way now under the stewardship of the new President Richard Ashley-Jones  
The Coffee run 26th February to the Blue Berry Barn Café Frankford  
We were blessed with a beautiful morning for this run from the Traffic Centre Launceston to Frankford travelling via Bridgenorth / Long Plains / Frankford Highway. 22 people attended and enjoyed catching up with members over coffee and cake.

Bags of Blueberries on sale were purchased quickly by the members  
There were 15 MG's on this run which was great to see (but no MGA's), with three other vehicles one Royal one Mazda and one Jaguar.  
Only one person missed a turn and arrived at Frankford half an hour later finding a lot more road works being undertaken.

Richard Ashley-Jones





Front: Richard Ashley-Jones L/R.  
Tony and Mary King, Liz and Peter  
Harper, Di and Phil Paine



L/R: Stuart Browett, Katinka and  
Scott Hudman, Jim Dickenson, Robin  
Philips, Bill Daly, John James, Mark  
and Angela Dilger

**Up Coming events:**

**March Wed 10th** : Midweek dinner run to Empire Hotel Deloraine including, Platypus Tour depart 5.00pm RSVP John Biggelaar 0408 125 199 by March 6th. Please NOTE early START.

**March Sat 13th** : MGA Register garage tour , postponed for later.

**March Sat 13th** : Liffey Valley Market, part of Ten Days on the Island event, with a poultry and Literature theme. Departure time 9.30am. RSVP Peter Harper 0417 597 897. Invitation to North West Members.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**: Inspection of vehicles at Geoff Dodges at Sassafra. BBQ complements of the Race Committee.

**March 19-21** : Devonport Motor Show Expo, make your own way there.

**March Fri 26th** : Coffee run Depart 9.30 am, JJ Bakery Longford. RSVP J. Biggelaar 0408 125 199 by Mar 22nd.

**March Wed 31st** : General Meeting, all members welcome. At 7.30pm.

**April Wed 14th** : Midweek dinner M. Dilger venue TBA meet at venue 6.30pm.

**April Wed 28th** : General Meeting, all members welcome. At 7.30pm.

**April Fri 30th** : Coffee run depart 9.30 RSVP Peter Moles 0417 265 073.

**May Sun 2nd** : Mario's Car Show at 20 Macquarie St George Town, meet at 9.00am RSVP R. Ashley Jones 0419350811 by 29th April.

**May Wed 12th**: Midweek dinner J. Dickinson RSVP 8th May Venue TBA Meet at venue.

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**May Sun 23rd:** Chas Kelly Car Collection, Port Sorell. Lunch venue TBA. R. Phillips  
RSVP 19 May.

**May Wed 26th:** General Meeting, all members welcome. At 7.30pm.

**May Fri 28th:** Coffee run depart 9.30am RSVP P. Paine 24th May.

**June Wed 30th :** General Meeting, all members welcome. At 7.30pm.

**Oct 1st to 4th :** MG Pre War Tyme event details available on request.

ALL EVENTS LEAVE FROM THE VCCA CLUB ROOMS CAR PARK

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## **North West Notes**

### **Past Events**

**February Dinner Meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn. Great to see 29 members attending our first meet for the year at Bass and Flinders.

**Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> – Afternoon run and B'que to Bracknell Reserve.** Rod and Marianne's run was thoroughly enjoyed. Perfect summer afternoon for motoring, quiet, welcoming venue and 'catch ups' was enjoyed by the 15 members attending. Thank you to Geraldine and John from the Launceston subcentre who also joined us for the outing.

### **Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Run to Earthwater Café, Mole Creek (Officially the last day of Summer)**

11 Members with their beloved MG's in tow came together for this outing. Leaving Bunnings car park we met up with the Ulverstone/Forth members at Wilmot/Forth Road turn off and continued along the scenic drive to Wilmot and onto Moina where we stopped for a much needed morning tea break at the Cradle Forest Inn. After the caffeine shot and a scone snack for some, we continued the scenic drive down towards Cethana and up Round Mountain Road through the spectacular Mersey Valley, arriving at Mole Creek for our luncheon date at approx. 1 pm. Karen and Joshua's (Earthwater Café) luncheon was again superb. A great days outing had by all to say goodbye to Summer!!!!.

### **Up Coming Events**

**March Dinner Meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – 6 pm at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Run departing Bunnings car park at 9.45 am** for coffee stop and ending for **lunch at the Devonport Country Club, Woodrising Avenue, Spreyton at 1 pm.** Please RSVP to me by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March for catering nos.

**March 19th, 20th & 21st - Devonport 3 day Car Expo at the Paranapple Centre, Devonport.** Members make their own arrangements re attendance and exhibiting.

**Sunday March 21st - Inspection of variety of vehicles at Geoff Dodges, Sassafras** - organised by Greg Bannon.

An invitation by Geoff and Heather Dodge to view their varied and interesting collection of classic cars and military vehicles will begin with a run from Bunnings Car Park Devonport **at 11.00 am**. For other members interested in this event a courtesy BBQ is being provided beginning at mid day. The garage tour will follow.

For catering purposes numbers attending are required.

Contact Terry - 0417 344 369 or Email: [northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au](mailto:northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au)

Or Greg - 0419 389 105 by **THURSDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**.

Geoff and Heathers address is: 57 Eversons Road, Sassafras. 7307 (see MG Sign)

**April Dinner Meeting – Thursday 8th April** – 6 pm at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

**Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Coffee Run** – departing Bunnings car park at 9.45 am.

**Sunday May 23rd - Day Run to Great Lakes.** Neville and Lorraine Smith have invited members to join them at their Great Lakes Home for Lunch and fellowship. More details see next month's magazine.



**TJ's Humour for Month of March**

*A policeman pulls over an old man in a pickup truck because the bed of his truck was full of ducks. The officer says "Sir, it is unacceptable to have this flock of ducks down town, take them to the zoo".*

*The old man confirms he will and drives off. The next day the officer sees the same man in the same truck still full of ducks. But this time the ducks are*

*wearing sun glasses. The officer pulls him over and said to the man, “I told you to take these ducks to the zoo”.*

*The old man replied, I did, but now the little buggers want to go to the beach”.*

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## Competition Report

### **Motorkhana, Symmons Plains Sunday the 21-02-21**

Symmons Plains was the venue for the second Motorkhana for the year, eighteen participants with six tests in all.

The outstanding driver of the day was Timothy Craig in the Mini.

The MG car club had eleven participants with Kevin McGuire third overall and first MG member, John James in the TC had the only MG , first Junior overall was Kate Figgel

Thanks to all the officials on the day

Sun 16 May will be the next Motorkhana this will be held at Bothwell



Angela Howie Competing with some 3 wheel action.



John James, always competitive.



The Brains Trust?

**Motorkhana Baskerville 17-01-21**

Plc.	Driver	Car	Class	Club	Class	Category	Total	MG Members Only		
								MG Pts.	Ladies Pts	Junior Pts
1	Nicholas Yaxley	Fiat 127	F	CMI	F.1		188.7			
2	Lindon Kettle	Subaru WRX	E		E.1		191.9			
3	Stephen Turner	Mirage	CF	NWCC	CF.1		192.6			
4	Corey Baxter	Corolla	DF	MSCT	DF.1		196.6			
5	Heath Johnston	Subaru WRX	E	MSCT	E.2		197.1			
6	Tim Craggs	Mini	AF	Mini	AF.1		202.4			
7	Peter van Ek	Golf	CF		CF.2		205			
8	Bradley Trenham	Terrapin	G	TSCC	G.1		213.7			
9	Kevin McGuire	Corolla	DF	MG	DF.2		217.4	4		
10	Kate Figgel	Hyundai	CF	MG	CF.3	J.1, F.1	220.9	3	3	3
11	Kirsty Mclachlan	Subaru WRX	E	MSCT	E.3	F.2	223.4			
12	Tony Sutcliffe	Hyundai	CF	MG	CF.4		235.6	2		
13	Cameron Howie	Mitsubishi Special	F	MG	F.2	J.2	251.5	3		3
14	Angela Howie	Mitsubishi Special	F	MG	F.3	F.3	258.7	2	3	
15	Jeremy Crisp	Golf	CF	MSCT	CF.5		260			
16	Rachel Harvey	Corolla	DF		DF.3	F.4	262.1			
17	Don Fraser	Mitsubishi Special	F	MG	F.4		297.1	1		
18	Morgan Howie	Pulsar	CF	MG	CF.6	J.3, F.5	349.2	1	2	3

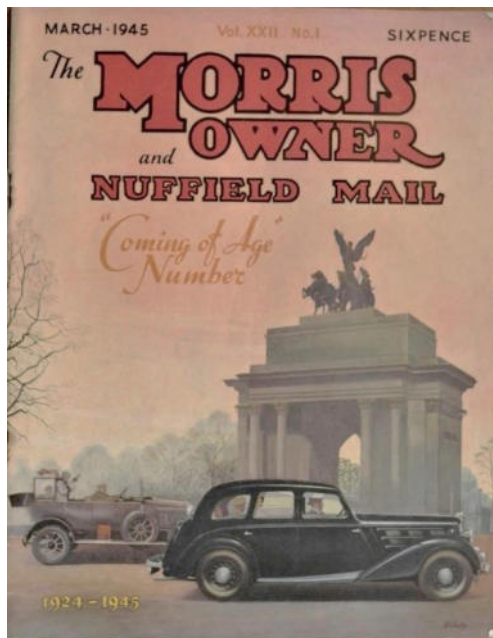
**Motorkhana Symmons Plains 21-02-21**

Plc	Driver	Car	Club	Class	Category	Total	MG Members Only			
							MG Pts	Ladies PTS	JuniorPts	MG Only
1	Craggs Timothy	Mini 5	MINI	AF.1		184.353				
2	Van der Drift Bradley	Nissan 180sx	NWCC	CR.1		190.084				
3	Mcguire Kevin	Mazda MX5	MGCC	BR.1		198.609	4			
4	Midgley Damien	Ford XR8	MGCC	DR.1		198.635	3			
5	Powell Lloyd	Toyota 86	HSCC	CR.2		200.666				
6	Twining Craig	Nissan S14	MGCC	CR.3		201.729	1			
7	Budsworth Sheridan	Nissan Skyline R32	NWCC	DR.2	F.1	203.925				
8	Sutcliffe Tony	Hyundai Excel	MGCC	CF.1		208.111	4			
9	Figgel Kate	Hyundai Excel	MGCC	CF.2	J.1, F.2	212.496	3	3	2	
10	Howie Angela	Pulsar	MGCC	CF.3	F.3	213.98	2	2		
11	Howie Cameron	Mitsubishi Special	MGCC	F.1	J.2	221.272	3		3	
12	Yost Jacob	Nissan 180sx	MSCT	CR.4		240.927				
13	James John	MG TD	MGCC	BR.2		251.163	2			3
14	Twining William	Nissan S14	MSCT	CR.5		254.135				
15	Midgley Maklyn	Ford XR8	MGCC	DR.3	J.3	269.733	2		3	
16	Howie Morgan	Pulsar	MGCC	CF.4	J.4, F.4	286.579	1		2	
17	Fraser Donald	Mitsubishi Special	MGCC	F.2		298.419	2			
18	Pedder Ben	Nissan 180sx	HSCC	CR.6		302.483				



## **Morris Owner and Nuffield Mail**

I recently decided to have a bit of a 'sort-out' to try and reduce the contents of the loft and came across the *Morris Owner and Nuffield Mail* of March, 1945. I had probably bought the magazine from motoring bookseller Kenneth Ball in the early 1990's. While the editor is shown as Sidney Horniblow, it very clearly states also 'controlled by Viscount Nuffield'. Undoubtedly in the background of editorial control was Sir Miles Thomas who contributed a two page article with the title '*Cars will be brighter, safer and more comfortable*' – not much to argue with there! Turning over the page we find under 'News' the reason I probably bought this copy in the early 'nineties', but before that the interesting first item:



“Valuable storage space in police stations needed for other purposes is being occupied by thousands of distributor heads and leads from laid-up cars, which are still to be claimed. In 1940 an order was made for motorists to immobilise their cars. Several months ago the order was lifted, and motorists were asked to call at police stations and collect these parts, but there has been no rush to do so.”

On the same page the following appears:

“**Mr. Cecil Kimber:** We deeply regret to announce the death, in his fifty-eighth year, of Mr. Cecil Kimber, who was killed in a railway accident outside King's Cross Station on 4<sup>th</sup> February. In 1929 he became Managing Director of the M.G. Car Co. Ltd., Abingdon, and it was through his energy and initiative that the Company scored its many brilliant successes in racing and record

breaking. It seems a tragic twist of fate that such a keen exponent of racing as ‘Kim’ should be killed in a railway accident”.

In the same issue about five times as many words are used in an article about ‘The Man Who Changed the Road Tax’ – Sir John Anderson. The change was from horsepower to cubic capacity.

It is known that CK was ostensibly dismissed in 1941 for seeking out war work to keep Abingdon’s employees busy once car production had ceased, and doing so without Miles Thomas’s nor Lord Nuffield’s specific permission. In *Out on a Wing* Miles Thomas states also that CK’s unorthodox personal life did not endear him to Lady Nuffield who was not only born in the Victorian era but was very *Victorian* in matters of the flesh. Additionally, a reading of almost any of the biographies published after Nuffield’s death in 1963 indicates that Nuffield was tolerant of many things and was open to some new ideas, but he was very intolerant to any challenge to his authority, Leonard Lord’s dismissal being the prime example. Bearing in mind the above, the report in the *Morris Owner* in March 1945 does to me seem both small-minded and mean-spirited in the light of CK’s achievements within Nuffield’s business empire.

Peter Cook  
MGCC, Overseas Director.

## **Mr. Cecil Kimber**

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## Scrap

**A**LL "official" cars over 17 h.p. which are five years old, and those below 17 h.p. more than six years old, are to be put on the scrap-heap after the war.

Motorists who expected to buy service cars cheaply after the war will be disappointed as a result of this agreement between the Ministry of Supply and the motor manufacturers.

## Ice

**W**ARWICKSHIRE motorists and others remember the bottleneck of Southam's High Street. During the recent wintry spell, while a considerable traffic jam was being dispersed at this spot, an American Army lorry obligingly skidded into one of a block of houses scheduled for post-war demolition. The impact rendered the premises unsafe, and so the work started by the American lorry is being officially finished by demolition experts, thus hastening the advent of a more suitable Southam High Street for modern traffic conditions.

From Liverpool comes the story of a heavy lorry experiencing difficulties in getting under way on a snowbound slope. After several unsuccessful efforts had been made, a barman, who had been watching, disappeared into the pub, to return with a large box of used metal beer bottle caps which he proceeded to scatter beneath the wheels. To everybody's amazement the dodge proved successful and the lorry got away without further trouble.

## Electrified Roads

**T**HE invention of a well-known Russian engineer opens up a post-war possibility for the world's big cities, in doing away with the dangerous and unsightly overhead trolley cables, which are to-day necessary for the propulsion of electric vehicles.

The system consists of laying strips of metallic alloy, the composition of which is secret, beneath the road surface. Through these strips the current is passed, but the vehicle on the surface has no direct contact with them and is fitted with an induction device absorbing the necessary power to drive the motors.

It is claimed that the system has no effect on other road users.

A trial section of electric road has been laid in Cleveland, Ohio, and has proved highly successful.

If London adopts this idea it will bring untold blessings to its traffic, enabling trolley buses to be manoeuvred over the whole width of the road if necessary.

**C**ONVALESCING service men will welcome a copy of this journal. Please post-it to the nearest military hospital.



## D-Day Village

**I**T was at Droxford, about fourteen miles from Portsmouth, in a royal train of eight immaculate carriages including a restaurant car sent down specially to the station and kept in a siding that Mr. Churchill and his advisers had their invasion headquarters before D-Day.

The famous twenty-four-hour postponement was actually decided in that train.

In this little Hampshire village, Eisenhower, Montgomery, Eden, Smuts, Tedder, Portal and de Gaulle, walked and talked, but their presence was one of the best-guarded secrets of the war.

These facts are now the open gossip of this little place, where normally the only talk was of cabbages and kine, pigs and poultry. At the post office they stoutly maintain that the invasion started there.

Droxford will go down in history as "D-Day Village."

## Through Way for Hereford

**H**EREFORD is considering a scheme for a new road which will open up the city. The idea is to construct an internal by-pass road immediately outside the city wall, with a new bridge over the River Wye.

Before the scheme is finalised, the advice of the Fine Arts Commission will be sought.

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## Confidence

**A** REGULAR buyer (owner-driver) of Morris cars over a period of years has just given evidence of his confidence in the Cowley productions.

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Our Sales Branch has, of course, had to advise the prospect that at this stage the order cannot be considered, but we welcome this assurance of continued confidence, while at the same time our General Sales Manager would hope that this buyer's example will not be followed until, at some time in the future, public announcements may be made by Morris Motors Ltd. that a production programme has been laid down for new cars for civilian use.



*Teenage cruisers are what Dave and Ricky were back in the early 1950s, and one way to cut loose was to head for freeways in Dave's little MG sports convertible. Both boys went through the traditional Southern California "speed" rites of passage. Ricky was strong on motorcycles for a time and rode a Velocette.*



I was amused by Phil Paine's Vaseline hair cream advert of guys in an MGA.

You may be equally amused by one I found of the Nelson brothers, David (left) and Rick (right) in David's TF.

Regards,  
Bruce Lindsay.



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## Club Social Events

*Events in red do not attract Club Points*

(More details can be found in the Sub Centre Notes)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Meet At....</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March	NSC Mid Week Run	VCCA Clubrooms	John Biggelaar
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> March	NSC Liffey Valley Market	VCCA Clubrooms	Peter Harper
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> March	SSC Breakfast Run	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> March	NW Lunch Run	Bunnings Carpark	Terry Jeffrey
<i>19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March</i>	<i>Devonport Car Show</i>	<i>Paranaple Centre</i>	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> March	NW Geoff Dodge Garage	Bunnings Carpark	Greg Bannon
<i>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>	<i>VCCA Clubrooms</i>	<i>John Biggelaar</i>
<i>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Long Beach Sandy Bay</i>	
<i>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Southern Mid Week Run</i>	<i>Rivulet cafe</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April	NSC Mid Week Run	VCCA Clubrooms	Mark Dilger
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> April	SSC Run to Orford	Civic Club	Phil Rollins
<i>Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>NW Coffee Run</i>	<i>Bunnings Carpark</i>	<i>Terry Jeffrey</i>
<i>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Long Beach Sandy Bay</i>	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mario's Car Show	VCCA Clubrooms	Richard Ashley-Jones
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	SSC Run to South Arm	Civic Club	Shane Manley
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	NW Run to great Lake	Bunnings Carpark	Lorraine Smith
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June	SSC Run to Brighton	Civic Club	Stephen Huntley
24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Mid-Winter Run	TBA	Chris Wagstaff

## Club and State Competition Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Meet At....</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Trowutta Hillclimb	Trowutta	NWCC
<i>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Rnd 2 TCRC</i>	<i>Baskerville</i>	<i>HSCC</i>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Barrington Hillclimb	Lake Barrington	NWCC
<i>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Motorkhana</i>	<i>Symmons Plains</i>	<i>MSCT</i>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Motorkhana	Bothwell	MGCT
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Rnd 2 SMS	Symmons Plains	MSCT
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Hillclimb & Super Sprints	Baskerville	MGCT & MCCT
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Rnd 3 SMS	Latrobe	MGCT

# Square Rigger Notes

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

The Buchanan was developed along the lines of the Aston Martin DB3S in the 50s with T Type MGs and other makes in mind to produce a light weight special and of course in many situations to replace an otherwise expensive original body repair. Quite a few came to Tasmania, many based on the TD chassis and these examples will be well known. Probably the most recognisable within the MGCC is the one still owned by the Springer family shown early days in the hands of John Contencin Domain Hill Climb and Graeme Springer in good company at Baskerville.



The hard top version of Wayne Clark is a recent arrival, while the great restoration, light blue Zephyr powered TD of the late Max Bowen has been seen at Baskerville on a number of occasions. At left the wind screened and Falcon powered Buchanan of Darryl Westbrook on the Penguin Hill 1967 raising the ownership question when carrying No.37? Other Buchanans include the TF based car of Gerald Tattersall raced regularly in the late 50s was subsequently destroyed in a shed fire 1961, Max Boulter's Holden engined racer and another of Leon Guardam c1970. Where are these now??

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