

# MG Monthly Motoring News

April 2017



## Cover Story



### **Devonport Motor Show Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

A Quality display of 12 MG's lined up representing our club,(1)RV8 (6 )MGB, (1)MGA, (1)MGTF,(1)YA V8, (1) TC &(1) MG special.

Weather was perfect around 650 cars, many interstate entries, the best Devonport Car Show ever and growing bigger ever year.

John Irving

MGB

Sadly, we say farewell to Rhonda & Eamonn Matthews, who both have positions as office bearers in North Sub centre & short time at state level. We wish them good health & happiness in their new life on the mainland



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**Presidents Report**

It is with regret that our current President has needed to resign due to family matters and will be moving to the mainland. We all wish Eamonn and Rhonda Matthews the best. I have taken on the role as President until our Vice President returns from an extended holiday.

February / March was again busy with many social runs / activities at all centres, with good numbers attending.

On the competition side, there were two events, a Motorkhana, our annual one (for well over thirty years) held at Maxies and Winsome Freeland's property at Exeter, good competition and a social event. There was also an Open Race Meeting at Symmons, in which there were a couple of mainland competitors who are going to compete in all six rounds of the Tasmanian Super Series which are conducted at both Symmons Plains and Baskerville Raceway, (which has just had a complete resurfacing of the track with funds raised over the past 4 years through the Baskerville Foundation).

Happy MGing. Zube

Bronwyn Zuber *Acting President.*

**MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, April 2017****State Committee**

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



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## **Membership Report**

This month we welcome two new members to the club,

Don McWilliam, who owns a MGB Roadster,

Tim Keogh, who owns a Red MGB,

**Those members wishing to change an address should contact Membership Officer on details printed in monthly magazine. [membership@mgtas.org.au](mailto:membership@mgtas.org.au)**

Wayne Jessup,  
Membership Officer

## **Racing Committee Report**

### **Motor Sport up-date**

An email posted last month from CAMS on the Historic Racing panel show that they are trying to promote the more regular use of Historic cars ; while these cars are regulars at the Baskerville Historics this panel would like to see them also used at existing speed events through out the year ; this includes our Club Days which are being held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May ; the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept and the 29<sup>th</sup> Oct at Baskerville.

### **Club Challenge Australia**

Baskerville Hillclimb

Club Challenge Australia have so far this year held events in most States and now it's Tasmania's turn. This Multi Club event will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and consists of teams with a minimum of three and a maximum of five driver / cars. There are five competition classes starting with the under 1600cc class up to an over 4501cc class with 4WD and Motorsport Specials catered for. The points system for the five classes is based on current class records which will be converted to percentages;

The entry fee is \$300 per club / team and competitors must hold a CAMS Level 2S / 2SJ Licence.

Full details are on CAMS web site and expressions of interest can be directed to Robin Wilmot.

## Life Members

Joe Paul (dec)	1969	Bob Moore	1974
Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	Ian Wade	1984
Terry Atkinson	1984	Dennis Burgess	1986
Chris Ellis (dec)	1985	John Sluce (dec)	1994
Robin Wilmot	1998	Bill Griffiths	2007
Tony Gurnhill	2009	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Bronwyn Zuber	2013	Greg Bannon	2013
Craig Twining	2014		

## MGCCT Facebook Page

The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

For those members that are facebook users, we now have a MGCCT facebook page. Feel free to add events photos and videos, just remember that anything offensive or not relevant to the club may be removed at the discretion of the administrator

## MGCCT Website

[www.mgtas.org.au](http://www.mgtas.org.au)

A copy of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website.  
Membership application and change of address forms are also available for download.  
Latest Events information and links to other MG Clubs and car clubs.

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**2018 National Meeting**

**Tasmania**

**Easter Weekend**

**30<sup>th</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**



**Bulletin #1**

To all our Australian and International MG Owners, partners and families, we the MG Car Club of Tasmania would like to extend to you the warmest of Tasmanian welcomes to participate in the 2018 MG National Meeting to be held on the North West Coast or as we are promoting it “The Cradle Coast”

Our committee has been working hard to ensure that when you come to Tassie you will not only enjoy the camaraderie of fellow MG owners, but the best that Tasmania can offer with challenging roads, postcard scenery and the freshest of cuisine. All the elements, to make your MG excursion to Tasmania, a memorable one.

The North West Coast is back dropped by the iconic Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake National Park, but between our beaches and Cradle is the jewel of Tasmania, The Cradle Coast. So when you visit us for the National Meeting, be sure to set aside some extra days to do a bit of sightseeing and soak up some of our unique sights and experiences.

Your MG National Meeting experience will begin and end with the trip across Bass Strait on the Spirit of Tasmania, the Spirit has day and night crossings over the busy Easter period so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment. From May 1 2017 the 2018 National Meeting will be listed as a special event on the Spirit of Tasmania website providing you with a further 5% discount on any selected fare. The same discount will be available when you mention the 2018 National Meeting when calling the call centre to make your booking. So why not arrive in good time and enjoy a few days familiarising yourself with the local area before the weekend begins.

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Registration and Scrutineering

Noggin n’ Natter

Rocker Cover Racing

Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre

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Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Concours de Elegance

Saturday Evening

Anzac Park, Ulverstone

Free time to enjoy any of the local Restaurants

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Hill Climb (Speed Event)

Observation Event

Theme Dinner

Oonah Road, Highclere

Cradle Coast

Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Motorkhana

Kimber Run

Penguin Dial Road Sports Precinct

Cradle Coast



## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, April 2017**

Presentation Dinner

Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Farewell Breakfast

TBA

Delegates Meeting

Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre

For our weekend the Ulverstone Sports and Leisure Centre will be transformed into our social hub starting with Registration on Friday until the Presentation Dinner on Monday night.

Concours on Saturday will be held in the picturesque Anzac Park on the banks of the Leven River, with the Dial Range in the background, this park is the perfect place to display your MG. The town centre is a short 5 minute walk, or take a longer walk along the banks of the river round to Fairway Park on the Ulverstone foreshore.

We have left Saturday night as the free night to enjoy one of the many quality restaurants along the North West Coast, you will find a list of restaurants in your information package, or just kick back and enjoy the last day of Daylight savings before the clocks get wound forward.

The Highclere Oonah Road Hill climb will be the location of our speed event on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of April, don't be fooled, with the end of daylight savings, that earlier rise will mean you will have to be on your game, this short hill climb is perfect for MG's watch it on Youtube to familiarise yourself with the course.

The Observation Event will start from the Forth Football Oval and take in the postcard countryside of the Cradle Coast, but wait there will be a test, so you cannot afford to watch the scenery for too long.

The theme dinner will be held on the Sunday Night, where concours medals and trophies will also be presented. Our band will provide a mix of background and dance music for your enjoyment.

The motorkhana will be held on the Monday at the Penguin Sports precinct.

The Kimber Run will be start from the Forth Football Oval and take in the postcard countryside of the Cradle Coast, but this time you can relax and enjoy the wonderful views.

The Presentation Dinner will complete the National Meeting, with a formal 3 course meal.

The farewell breakfast will be held on the Tuesday morning, venue TBA.

The delegates Meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Ulverstone Sports and Leisure Centre.

We hope you can join us, and look forward to welcoming you to Tasmania's Cradle Coast in 2018

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Club Meeting Details		Every Tuesday Night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
Postal Address		GPO Box 5, Hobart, Tas 7001	

**PAST EVENTS**

**19<sup>th</sup> March** – My Slice of Pie. What started out as a crisp morning start at 8.15am from the Civic Club became a glorious day with most of the 25 participants opting for the hood down. We travelled down the Southern Outlet via Margate, stopping at Sandfly while we waited for stragglers. No sign of Shane Manley, Wayne Goninon or Russel Reynolds, but the fact that Russel stopped in front of me going up the Outlet may have had something to do with it. It turned out that Russel had fuel pump issues and they took the short cut. They were there when we arrived at Mountain River.

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As usual we were warmly greeted by Christine who provided us with a choice of 10 dishes from the smorgasbord type menu which included the now standard lambs fry and bacon. The other offerings included cherry fruit drink, freshly squeezed apple juice, fruit pots with peaches, pears and yoghurt, scrambled eggs, bacon, bubble and squeak, tomato, chippolattas, toast, jam and honey and apple jelly and tea and coffee. All this and the cost was a mere \$20.00.

Christine and her girls made sure that everything was ready for us when we arrived and the service was first class. The meal was scrumptious and judging by the chatter and the fact that nobody wanted to leave the wonderful ambience under the gaze of the Sleeping Beauty in the glorious sunshine, it appeared that everyone enjoyed the outing for our annual “breakfast with a difference” at My Slice of Pie.





**COMING EVENTS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** - 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 296006

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Picnic at Gordon. BYO everything for a picnic run to Gordon Jetty. BBQ facilities and toilets are available in the picnic area. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00 am MG time.

For further information please contact Garry Rusden: 0428 523592

**12<sup>th</sup> April** - Wayne Goninon's mid-week run. These runs are conducted Wednesdays 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 our destination around 11.30am. The remaining runs are 17<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December

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For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Poker Run. 5 cards will be dealt at each of 5 stops on the way to the Bellerive Fish Bar. Entry is \$2.00 per car. The best hand at the end wins the pot – no skullduggery! The first card will be dealt at the Civic Club, where we will be leaving at 10.00am MG time. Coffee at the Lauderdale bakery.

For further information please contact Shane Manley: 0405077570

**7<sup>th</sup> May** – We will be conducting a run to the Swansea Bark Mill, with morning tea at Buckland. Due to the distance we will be leaving a little earlier at 9.30am at the Civic Club.

For further information please contact Richard Holtsbaum: 0418541230

**18<sup>th</sup> June** – Lachlan. We will be travelling to the Derwent Valley. Coffee at the patchwork Café and lunch at Lachlan Valley Food & Wine. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Waggy's Winter Wonder. In the absence of a Winter Getaway from Andrew Midgley this year we thought we would throw this one in. It will be a fun overnight stay at Port Arthur's Stewarts Bay Lodge. For further details refer to the attached flyer.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0362 391341

**11<sup>th</sup> July** – Old Boys night. Notice is a bit earlier this year to ensure that a few more "old boys" get the chance to come along. Old girls also welcome of course. Commencing at 7.30pm at the Civic Club in place of the usual Tuesday evening meeting.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

**20<sup>th</sup> August** – Mountain Breakfast Run. Details will be supplied soon.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0362 391341

Bob Leeson

## **Wayne Goninon**

Greetings,

35 of us travelled to New Norfolk via the eastern shore before enjoying lunch at the Bush Inn. Then 12 brave and adventurous souls continued onto the Pedder Wilderness Lodge for the night. For those who haven't been there for a while, it is a wonderful windy road which was enjoyed by all. We all had wine or two at the Dam and some even walked down the many steps before walking across it. The weather on Wednesday was perfect, but unfortunately the Gods weren't smiling on us as it rained all the way home the following day.







The remaining drives for 2017 (which I'm sure you've diarised) are,

**April – Wednesday 12th**  
**May – Wednesday 17th**  
**June – Wednesday 14th**  
**July – Wednesday 19th**  
**August – Wednesday 16th**  
**September – Wednesday 13th**  
**October – Wednesday 18th**  
**November – Wednesday 15th**  
**December – Wednesday 13th**

With best wishes and safe motoring.

Wayne (white MGA)

Phone: 0408 388 881



## ***“Waggy’s Winter Wonder***



### **Stewart’s Bay Lodge, Port Arthur**

**Date:** 8-9 July 2017

**Time:** 10.30am at Civic Club.

Coffee stop at Dunalley on the way.

**Accommodation:** Book ahead for Overnight at Stewart’s Bay Lodge  
(Ph 6250 2888 or 6250 2999)

#### **Log Cabins**

1 B/R Bush	\$131 (sleeps 2)	*	1 B/R Water	\$144 (sleeps 2)
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3 B/R Bush	\$296 (sleeps 6)	*	3 B/R Water	\$314 (sleeps 6)

#### **Deluxe Chalets**

1 B/R Bush	\$188 (sleeps 2)	*	1 B/R Water	\$224 (sleeps 2)
2 B/R Bush	\$269 (sleeps 4)	*	2 B/R Water	\$314 (sleeps 4)

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Saturday afternoon: Waggy’s Winter Wonder Shenanigans

Saturday night: Dinner in the restaurant

Sunday morning: Brunch at 461 White Beach Road (the Leeson’s)

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Northern members are invited to attend and may wish to stay in Hobart on the Friday night.

**Further Information:**

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## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, April 2017**

### **Northern Sub Centre**

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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	

### **State Concours Update 2017**

Keep this date free - 18th November 2017

The northern section of the MG car club is holding the State Concourse on 18th November in Launceston.

A dinner will be held on the Saturday night at the Riverside Golf Club and a BBQ breakfast at the Tailrace Park at Riverside on Sunday morning.

Suggestions for accommodation are Riverside Hotel, Leisure Inn Penny Royal Hotel and Apartments, Tamar River Villas.

A High Tea including a glass of bubbles is being considered for the Saturday at the 'Tamar Yacht Club Fifty Five' restaurant cafe. For anyone wishing to attend can you please express your interest by contacting Geraldine Biggelaar on mobile 0400 356 314 or via email [gbiggelaar@gmail.com](mailto:gbiggelaar@gmail.com)

Mike Paine NSC Concours Committee

**Midweek Run and Meal**

On the 8th March the last Wednesday night run was held before the end of day light saving. With a good turnout of 16 cars we travelled down the West Tamar Highway turning off at the riverside pub, past the Tasmanian Zoo and onto Westwood, Hadsden arriving at the Old Tudor Hotel for a delicious counter meal enjoyed by all.

On the 19th March 7 cars travelled to Longford Village Green for the Veteran Car Club Swap Meet. While the women went for a walk and coffee at the local bakery the men amused themselves by wandering around the stalls looking at old and new car parts. With pangs of hunger we travelled onto the Bracknell Pub for a counter lunch.

Royal Flying Doctor Service and run to Evandale Bakery for lunch Saturday 25/3/17. Bruce and Frank organised this outing after talking to Lindsay Millar, who is an old friend of Bruce's. A big roll up of 31 people and 16 cars- 8 MG'S among them and no MAZDA'S as there was a little bit of rain! We drove to the Royal Flying Doctor hangar at Western Junction where we listened to Lindsay who gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the history and role of the RFD in Tasmania. We then drove to Evandale Bakery where most of us enjoyed coffee and lunch amidst a lot of talking! We all made our own way home after a very enjoyable MG outing.

Robyn Keogh.

**Sunday Lunch Run to Riviera Hotel.**

Members must be really enjoying our social outings of late for attendances of 25/30 have been regularly occurring. It is good that our club is so lively. And so, it was on March 12 for the Sunday lunch run to the very popular, recently upgraded, art deco waterfront tavern. The weather threatened but we challenged the skies not to snaffle – and successfully, tops up not required until after lunch and homeward bound.

It was a long weekend! Of course, there were other cars on the road. So between Exeter and Flowery Gulley we were escorted, [trapped basically], at a stately 25 klm/hour, by upfront, a pre-1915 vehicle of unknown manufacture, [to me], and by tail-end Charlie, another pre 1915 vehicle of similar unknown manufacture, [to me]. The trapping due to a 12 klm section of narrow winding road, with no forward passing visibility and in any case, a continuous unbroken white centre line.

Anyway, we made our lunch date. On time. Just. [Some a bit grumpy, telling lots of en-route stories]. We were warmly welcomed by our hosts and encouraged to park on the river edge lawn and cast our eyes upwards to where on the first floor balcony the inhouse photographer was happily clicking away. A sunny, private dining with views completed the picture. The only downside was many were looking forward to the traditional “sunday roast”. Unfortunately, the large sign at the ordering desk said, Sunday Roasts Not Available Till Winter. So I was reduced to tackling a “plate sized”, *small* rump steak. And quite delicious it was.



A very pleasant day out.

Jim.

**Coming Events:**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Mid week meal. RSVP Brian Ralph 6328 1369

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April.** West Tamar Run with stops for coffee and lunch. Car museum 10.30 am.  
RSVP to Ian Saunders 0400 185 726

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April.** Coffee walk. Mark Dilger 0408 271 029

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May.** Mid week dinner, RSVP John Biggelaar 0408 125 199

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May.** Mid week coffee run. 10.00am Car museum, RSVP Phil Paine 0419 261 483

**Please note that RSVP's must be completed for all events and if decide to change your mind PLEASE let the organiser know well in advance to avoid causing problems with venues.**

Hope to see you all at these events.

Regards

Andrew Merry

NSC Secretary

0408 331 612

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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	

**RIVIERA HOTEL Beauty Point Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

We left Devonport at approximately 9:30am led by Greg who guided us around some very interesting back roads, that some of us had not been on before, we arrived at the Blue Berry Barn on the Exeter road at 10:30am for our coffee stop.

The raspberry muffins had just came out of the oven piping hot, delicious, and all the other normally available goodies that go well with a good coffee.

We left the Blue Berry Barn and headed to Greens Beach where we stretched our legs, checked out the beach and surrounds had chat then headed off for lunch at the Riviera Hotel. While waiting for lunch we were entertained by Margaret Wood who had invisible but sometimes visible something in her lime and soda drink, not satisfied with this she hastily exchanged this for another lime and soda (more protein) more entertainment followed this time everybody could see the action in Margaret's drink.

We all enjoyed generous servings of quality meals.

Ruth was clever enough to have a half serve so she could select a sweet from a fantastic desert menu, so we sat and watch Ruth enjoy a Black forest and berry sundae.

After enduring that punishment we headed of home, following Greg we travelled through Winkleigh to Glengarry back to Exeter road and home another MG outing enjoyed by all.

**Devonport Motor Show Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Cover Page**

Next Month Adelaide Nat Meet I am sure there will be a lot of reports in the Magazine hopefully about our members successful results.

John Irving  
MGB

**Exhaust Notes**

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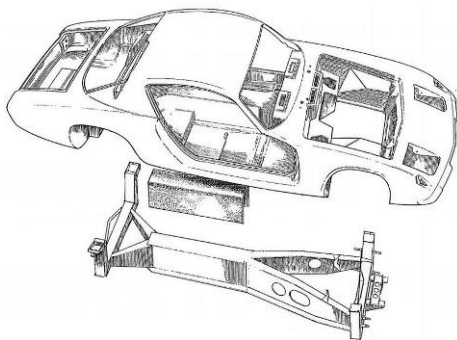
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## **MG Links**

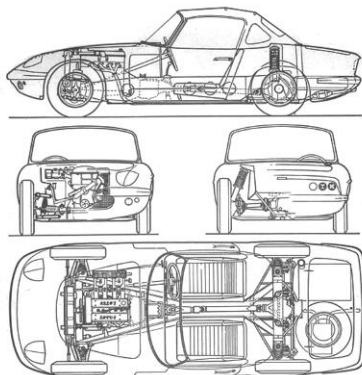
As has been observed there are a few non-MG sports cars in the club, referring in particular to the Mazda MX5.

There is a link to the MG with this marque, not direct and perhaps a little imagination is required when making the assessment.

The link between the MX5 and the Lotus Elan is fairly obvious and will be observed by placing the early model Mazda MX 5 alongside this Lotus. There are also stories of how the constructors of the Mazda used the Lotus as a model, even if this is not the case they must have been sitting next to, or very close to a Lotus Elan during the design concept process of the MX 5? Certainly, pictures bear out design features of similarity?



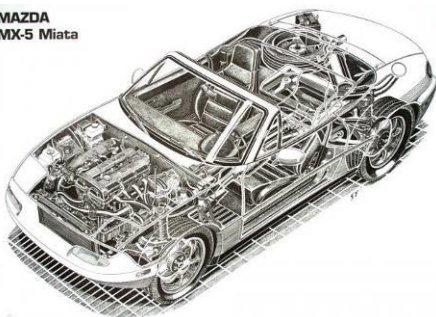
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**LOTUS ELAN**

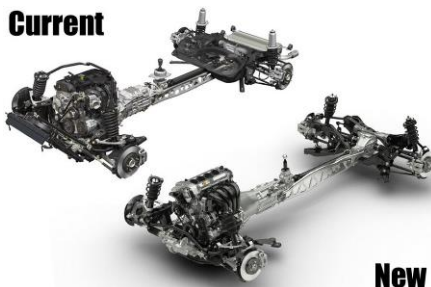
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**MAZDA  
MX-5 Miata**



Mazda MX5

**Current**



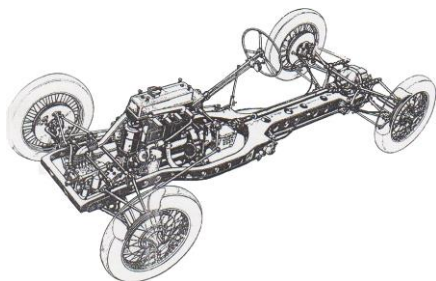
**New**

Mazda MX5 early and current chassis

For the MG connection, a trip back a few years is required, 1935 would be a good place to start, although defiantly not the start of MG development, published articles point out a similar story to the above for the MG Type R Midget and Lotus Elan, the term used is influenced, loosely translated as copied would be the inference. The Type R MG is a single seater racing car produced in 1935 using a number of tried influences (or left over bits and pieces) from even earlier MG's. The features of the MG Type R as introduced are

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the chassis utilising four wheel independent torsion bar suspension, pre-select gear box and the 746cc OHC engine and Zoller super charger, also in my opinion the fact that the car looks terrific, just what a car should look like. Apparently, there were ten produced and distributed to well known racing personalities of the day, Malcolm Campbell and Doreen Evans to name a couple, these cars were campaigned at Brooklands and Shelsley Walsh, with some venturing to Europe. The racing history of the MG Type R seems to be a mixed affair with a few good results and a lot of DNF's, but consensus at the time was, that with further development it would have been another story. At this time of the development, a Leonard Lord came on the scene and promptly closed the MG racing and other development departments, in my opinion the same thinking that at a later date unfortunately lead to an MG that could have looked and developed into something more interesting, considering its pedigree, after delivering one of the most attractive midget sports cars ever put on the road (MG TF 1250 and 1500) evolving into an encouraging development in the MGA to be followed by what was ultimately, a conclusion. Perhaps this story is continued and borne out by the Collin Chapman's Lotus Elan and Mazda's MX5 with no doubt heaps of other cars put on roads and tracks the world over. The adjacent features of the MG R Type are the independent four wheel suspension and the light weight Y configuration chassis obviously utilised in all three.



MG Type R Rolling Chassis



Malcolm Campbell at Brooklands  
driving an MG R Type

So anyone with a few questions about the MX5's that turn up for club runs and attend competition events under the MGCC and other clubs, may like to reflect on the marque links as outlined, a little thin, but then again, it could be said that all vehicles are relative since someone tripped over the wheel and considered it, to look like something useful?

Thinking an MG Type R may be an appealing addition in the shed or perhaps carriage house, there was an example being put up for sale with an expected going rate of UK£ 180,000, a little more than the Gumtree price of an MX5 and probably not as universally drivable but defiantly desirable?

J Frost



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**Calendar of Events**

Social and Competition Events include co-ordinator details

*Events in italics are not Club Points Events*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Date</b>
NSC – Mid Week	Motor Museum	Brian Ralph	WED 12 APR
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 12 APR
NWC - Meeting	Forth Hotel	John Irving	THR 13 APR
SSC – Poker Run	Civic Club	Shane Manley	SUN 23 APR
NSC – West Tamar Run	Motor Museum	Ian Saunders	SUN 23 APR
NSC – Coffee Walk	Motor Museum	Mark Dilger	FRI 28 APR
SSC – Swansea Bark Mill	Civic Club	R Holtsbaum	SUN 7 May
NSC – Mid Week Dinner	Motor Museum	J Biggelaar	WED 10 May
NWC - Meeting	Forth Hotel	John Irving	THR 11 May
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 17 May
NSC – Coffee Run	Motor Museum	Phil Paine	FRI 26 May
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 14 JUN
SSC - Lachlan	Civic Club	Bob Leeson	SUN 18 JUN
SSC–Waggys Winter Wonder	Civic Club	Chris Wagstaff	8 & 9 JLY
SSC – Old Boys Night	Civic Club	Bob Leeson	TUE 11 JLY
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 19 JLY
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 16 AUG
SSC – MTN Breaky RUN	TBA	Chris Wagstaff	SUN 20 AUG
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 13 SEP
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 18 OCT
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 15 NOV
SSC – Mid Week	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 13 DEC

**ED's Notes**

Thank you to the contributing members for their articles, they make the magazine a lot easier to fit together, relevant, or any/all contributions may be included, even included one of mine (to fill in a blank bit?) which may require comment, please feel free to put it in writing, or tell the cat?

I would endorse Bronwyn Zubers (*Acting President*) and Geraldine Biggelaars comments on the farewell of Eamonn and Ronda Matthews.

Happy motoring and safe return, to those members off to Adelaide for the Annual National Meeting. Hopefully there will some enlightening experiences to regale us with.



## SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

Fresh off the press these photos from the Square Rigger run on Sunday. With no commercial provider at Egmont, the particularly pleasant spot shown by the Meander River, BYO coffee was indeed the order of the day. The group of six cars included the magnificent TC of Alan and Linda Eastoe, resplendent in black paintwork, along with Tilley and Scott TCs, Brooks and Holden TFs and the B belonging to long time Buchanan TD racer and owner Graeme Springer.



Push on to Beaconsfield via back roads, very back were some, even a mile or so of gravel reintroduced MGs to heritage motoring. The river route to lunch at Burt Munro's Motorcycle Café, Exeter then off all directions to complete a warm sunny autumn MG day. 170 miles added to some odometers.

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