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A chat with Chester McKaige

Chester and Sally McKaige moved from Melbourne to Carrick House with Chester's prestigious car collection about 7 years ago. They moved for lifestyle and so they could use the cars to a greater extent - an excellent move as we all know it takes many hours in Melbourne to get to interesting windy roads whereas in Carrick they are literally on their doorstep.



Everything has its place in the immaculately kept garage and workshop - I look forward to revisiting with a bit more time on my hands.

Chester's father was given a 1925 3-litre Bentley by his father in 1947 as his first car. The obvious question to Chester was 'what did your father buy you as your first car?'. The answer was a Morris Minor which led to Chester's fondness for them (something we both share as my first car was a 1949 sidevalve low light MM). He was a Founding Member of the Morris Minor Club in Victoria in 1978 and wrote the history of the Morris Minor 'Morris Minor - A Lasting Experience'. Other books he has authored are 'History of the Alvis Car Club (Victoria)' and two volumes of 'Beyond the Lens', a collection of his father's photographs.

He has owned many cars including an MG TC, a 1911 Mors (rare French car), Austin Healey, and an Austin Seven.

Chester's current cars are:



1925 3 litre Bentley which is his favourite car for sentimental reasons.





1927 Delage DM which is Sally's car and his favourite touring car.





1924 Alvis 12/50 Ducksback which he has owned for 20 years and is his fun car.

1905 Darracq single cylinder 8 h.p which he has owned for 12 years, and is notable for having one of the world's first V8 engines. A V8 of 200h.p was also manufactured in 1905 and held the World Land Speed Record.



1907 40 hp Napier Tourer, which cost £1,295 in 1907 (a small fortune back then).



WGM 500 Australian Special. It raced in the 1956 Australian Grand Prix and was the first racing car in Australia to have disc brakes.



1936 Alvis Speed 25 Saloon.

Morris Minor 1000 fitted with a FWA 1100 Coventry Climax engine with a MG TA gearbox. (Not pictured separately)

Chester said that he had many people to thank who have worked on his cars over many years in both Melbourne and Carrick. He joined the MG Northern Sub-Centre Committee with his Bentley, and subsequently bought one of the earliest MGAs in Tasmania.

He and Sally had nothing but high praise for the Northern branch of the MG Car Club as they found them very welcoming, helpful, supportive and allowed them both to fit in and immediately develop many close friendships.

Wayne Goninon

MG Car Club State Committee

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President's Report

Goodbye 2020 and welcome to **2021**. Let's hope it is a better year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Let the social activities at each Sub-Centre begin. I am sure there will be a variety of events one will be able to attend throughout the year.

Our first competition event is a Motorkhana being held at Baskerville Raceway on Sunday 17^{th} January. They are great to participate in but just a good to watch.

Spectators are welcome, proving they adhere to the current State Covid 19 Regulations. Spectators will be required to supply their name and mobile contact details on entry to the "Pit" area.

The club still does not have a Secretary.

We also require a Northern General member.

I have been on the State Committee in many roles for the last 15 – 20 years. A position I haven't held is Editor, and I will leave the committee before doing that role, (keep going Andrew, your job is safe from me). I have enjoyed meeting and working with many members of our wonderful club.

Come on members, there must be someone in <u>our</u> club that can spare some time to fill this position. Without an official Secretary it places another workload on other committee members. You are provided with a laptop and a small printer could be supplied.

The next State Committee is being held on Wednesday $3^{\rm rd}$ February at the Man O' Ross Hotel at 7:30pm.

Any financial club member can come and be an observer to a State Committee Meeting. You can contact myself (0419 569 156) or any committee member.

I look forward to catching up with and meeting new members of the club during the coming year.

Let's keep enjoying our MG's.

Zube

Bronwyn Zuber President

Ed Says

We hope you all enjoyed your Xmas, we were fortunate to have all 3 of Sue-Anne's children and partners and grand-children home for Xmas, This was not without its challenges as travel plans from and to interstate were changed at the last minute to avoid hot spots and quarantine requirements.

We got to spend 10 days all together, we got to celebrate those great moments during Covid, that we were prevented from being part of, a wedding and our second grandchilds first 7 months. Technology is great and being able to facetime or video call is fantastic, but you cannot beat those cuddles in real time.

So goodbye, au revoir, cheerio, farewell, adieu; take that 2020!!

Wishing all member s very Happy and hopefully uneventful 2021. Our governments seem to have a handle on this Covid calamity, so all of us here in Tassie, should be able to go about life under the new normal. Yes we still have to sign in and sanitise and international travel is still some time away. But small sacrifices when you look at the news and vividly see the alternatives. It just means we can get out and enjoy our cars more.

Our social runs are building in numbers and finding venues that will accept bookings for sizable groups is presenting some challenges, but while we are getting out there we are supporting the locals and at the moment that is quite important. But more importantly is you must advise the co-ordinators that you are coming. With limitations on numbers in place, you may unfortunately be told you cannot come on a run because the numbers have already been finalised.

And all those happy snaps you tool while out and about on MG events, don't forget to email them to the editor for the magazine. Only a few came in for this month, and that does not reflect the number of events that were on before Xmas.

Ed. editor@mgtas.org.au

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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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

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

Southern Notes

PAST EVENTS

15th December - Christmas BBQ. Civic Club.

Once again this annual event was well supported with 42 members in attendance. The cooks (Bob and Steve ably supported by Mark) were on hand at 4.30 to prepare for cooking. One difference this year was a prawn entrée in lieu of the traditional chicken wings. The prawns were very well received by our guests along with the free drinks, compliments of the ex race committee. A replacement barbecue is in hand to replace the trusty old rickety and unreliable one we have used for many years.

Frank Manley was pleased to receive his exquisite bottle of whisky in recognition of his fund raising work during the year in spite of COVID. Also Wayne Goninon was presented with a nice bottle of wine for his Mid-week run exploits. Many lucky door prizes were handed out by Santa.

Once again some of the ladies in the club prepared a wonderful selection of desserts and salads, coordinated by Di, and received boxes of chocolates in appreciation of their efforts.

Many thanks to all who helped to make this a great night shared by likeminded MG enthusiasts. Special thanks to Robin Wilmot for his great efforts in procuring and preparing the food for the event. A pleasant evening enjoyed by all who attended.

COMING EVENTS

10th **January – Gordon Jetty BBQ**. Basic BBQ meats supplied, BYO drinks. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am. Stopping for coffee at the Margate Heritage Museum *For further information please contact Shane Manley: 0405 077 570*

16th **January – South East Rally.** A great event not to be missed. Commencing at Wrest Point from 8.00am. This event is organised by the Post Vintage Car Club of Tasmania and is held in January each year. It is a timed event with competitors leaving at 30 second intervals from the Wrest Point car park. If you are interested entry forms are available at the Civic Club or by

download from their website. See Flyer elsewhere in the magazine for further details. For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006

3rd February 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. This is the first run for the year 2021. For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

7th February – 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

14th **February – Day trip to "The Wall in the Wilderness". Depart Civic Club at 9.00am sharp.** BYO BBQ at Tarraleah or local cafes for lunch. Devonshire Tea at Glen Derwent on the way. *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199.*

14th **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 by **10**th **March if attending for catering purposes.**

18th April, 2021 - Dave Scott BBQ, Orford

Once again Dave Scott has agreed to hold a BBQ at his house at Orford. We are hoping to include a distillery tour and tastings at the **SPRING BAY DISTILLERY**. For further information contact Kevin McGuire 0409 315 014

Bob Leeson

Southern Car Enthusiasts Run

The 2020 December drive had mild and windy weather and windy roads (don't you love the English language) from the Rivulet Café past the Brewery to Huon Road then down through the Waterworks, followed by the Proctors Road hill climb, the boring Southern Outlet, the windy Channel Highway over Bonnet Hill, then through the Sandy Bay suburbia to the University Club. We then parked mostly together and enjoyed a delicious two course meal with wine in a convivial atmosphere. It was the first time for many of the 75 participants in over 40 cars at this venue. Many thought the meal and service was one of the finest for the year.

The first drive for 2021 will be on Feb 3^{rd} , so in the meantime, the South East Rally will be held on 16 January 2021 –the invitation is attached

It's been a strange, different and difficult year for many of us, and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and wonderful Christmas, and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

Wayne (cream XK 140 DHC)

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2021 Car Enthusiast dates – the schedule is below, for you to diarise now. As you all know, it's the first Wednesday of each month, starting February.

February - Wednesday 3rd. This has been booked and has similar arrangements to the December 2020 drive ie scrumptious meal, new venue with a glass of beer or wine on arrival at \$40 a head.

March - Wednesday 3rd

April - Wednesday 7th

May – Wednesday 5th. This will be the 100th drive for the car enthusiast group (9 years @ 11 drives a year less 3 for COVID is 96 so far! Where has the time gone? It will be an overnighter for those who are interested. More details in March.

June - Wednesday 2nd

July - Wednesday 7th

August - Wednesday 4th

September - Wednesday 1st

October - Wednesday 6th

November - Wednesday 3rd

December - Wednesday 1st

Best wishes, and keep safe over the festive period.

Wayne (cream XK 140 DHC)

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Northern Sub Centre Committee

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	Bill Daly (Gill)	0417 512 484 williamdaly1@bigpond.com	
North West Coordinator	Terry Jeffrey (Colleen)	(m)0417 344 369 northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au	
Northern Sub Centre Meeting	Committee meeting and social night: Last Wednesday night of the month at 7.30pm VCCA Rooms 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston		
Postal Address	PO Box 682, Launceston, Tas, 7250		
North West	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone		

Northern Notes

Up Coming Events

Sun 17th Jan Chester McKaige's Soirée at Carrick leave Clubrooms at 4pm.

Wed 10th **Feb** Canberra MG club visit. Lunch run to Barnbougle Lost farm. Leave club rooms at 9:30 am to meet up with MGCCC members. RSVP to Geraldine by Feb 6th please.

Sat 13th / Sun 14th Feb Possible Overnight stay at Tarraleah to visit The Wall at Derwent Bridge with Southern Sub-Centre on Sun 14th.

Sat 13th March Garage tour MGA event. C Cleaver RSVP 0419772554 by March 2nd.

Sun 4th April (Easter Sunday) Possible Event for Not the National Meeting. Drive & sprint day, Cams licence needed participating on the track. Followed by show & shine, members choice, spit roast TBA. Venue. Symmons Plains

Northern Xmas Picnic - Huntmans Lake



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North West Notes

Past Events

December Christmas Dinner Meeting - at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone. 23 members attended. Mrs Santa and her Elf, both looking the part, surprised us with a visit and handed out a small gift to all members.

Combined Christmas Picnic/B'bque with the Northern MG Car Club – Sunday 13th December at Huntmans Lake picnic area. 11 members from NW attended. A coffee break was enjoyed at Latrobe then meeting up with Northern members at the Lake after a country drive through the by roads to Deloraine. Mrs Clause, very chirpy and impressively dressed for the occasion, handed out present to all MG members from her bag of Christmas treasures.

Up Coming Events

Thursday January 14th - January Dinner Meeting will take the form of a MG Twilight run and dinner to Mallee Grill organised by Andrew Midgley. Meet at Bunnings Car Park at 6pm. Please indicate to Andrew or myself if attending by Tuesday 12th January.

Sunday February 7th – Afternoon run and B'que to Bracknell Reserve - organised by Marianne and Rod.

Leave Bunnings car park 1.45 pm for an afternoon run to Bracknell and a lazy relaxed afternoon at the Reserve Park. BYO - eats, drinks, water, chairs, table, sunblock, hat, insect repellent etc., etc. There is a gas b'que on site but your portable b'que might be handy.

Please RSVP to me if you wish to join us by Saturday 6th February.

Thursday 11th February - February Dinner Meeting, 6 pm at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

March - Inspection of variety of vehicles at Geoff Dodges, Sassafras - Organised by Greg Bannon – more details next month.

Thursday 11th March - March Dinner Meeting, 6 pm at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

TC - Terry (Jeffrey) - NW Co-ordinator Mob: 0417 344 369

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TJ's Humour for Month of January

Q: Did I tell you the joke about the high wall? A: I better not, you might not get over it.

Q: What did one ear say to the other ear? A: Between you and me, we need a haircut.

Q: Where does a sick ship go?

A: To the dock.



Tasmanian Motorkhana Championship 17th January 2021

Baskerville Raceway

Scrutineering begins at 9.00am
Drivers briefing at 9.45am

Level 2NS CAMS licence required
Come & Try Licences available at the event

All entries via Motorsport Event Entry Entries close Tues 12th January 2021 no entry on the day Entry fee \$30 Adult or \$15 Junior

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MGA Register Notes



January 2021

A slight change of date to the **MGA Register Garage Tour** to avoid a clash with the March Long Weekend.

Details are now:

MGCCT MGA Register - Garage Tour & BBQ Lunch.

9.00am - Saturday 13th March 2021

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Chester McKaige 0407 113 516



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Contact Andrew Midgley 0458 949 881



TWO WAY TAXI TRUCKS SOUTH EAST RALLY

Patron: Mr John Radcliffe O.A.M.

Saturday 16th January 2021

YOU ARE INVITED TO ENTER THE RALLY

A nominated speed/times event for veteran, vintage and classic cars and motor cycles pre 2011 inclusive, starting at Wrest Point with the actual route disclosed at the start and run on sealed roads. All up approximately 180kms.

Entry forms are available from the club website: www.postvintage-tas.org

Your entry fee (\$40) includes a specially designed commemorative grill badge.

Winners will be announced and trophies awarded at a lunch at the Riverfront Motel, Rosetta on Sunday 17th January at 12.00 mid-day.

For further information call Rally Director 0400 080 905

Check our website for more details and updates.

PO Box 520 Moonah, Tas, 7009 www.postvintage-tas.org



Club Social Events

Events in red do not attract Club Points (More details can be found in the Sub Centre Notes)

Date	Event	Meet At	Coordinator
Thu 14 th Jan	NW Twilight Run	Bunnings Carpark	Andrew Midgley
Sun 17 th Jan	NSC Soiree	Carrick	Chester McKaige
Wed 3 rd Feb	Southern Enthusiasts Run	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon
Sun 7 th Feb	NW Lunch Run	Bunnings Carpark	Rod Hales
9 th - 14 th Feb	MGCC Canberra Visit to State		
Wed 10 th Feb	Lunch Run to Barnbougle with MGCCC	VCCT Clubrooms	Geraldine Piggelagy
			Biggelaar
Sun 14 th Feb	SSC Lunch Run to The Wall	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sat13-14 th Feb	NSC Overnight Run with SSC	VCCT Clubrooms	
Sat 13 th Mar	NSC Garage Visit / Lunch		Chester McKaige
Sun 14 th Mar	SSC Lunch Run	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 4 th Apr	Not the National Meeting	Symmons Plains	Possible Event
Sun 18 th April	SSC BBQ Orford	Civic Club	Kevin McGuire

Club and State Competition Events

Date	Event	Meet At	Coordinator
Sat 16 th Jan	South East Rally	Wrest Point	
Sun 17 th Jan	TMC1 Motorkhana	Club Captain	Club Captain
Sun 21st Feb	Club Motorkhana	Symmons Plains	Club Captain
Sun 16 th May	Club Motorkhana	Bothwell	Club Captain
Sun 20th Jun	Hillclimb / Super Sprints	Baskerville	Club Captain
Sun 18th July	TMC3 Motorkhana	Latrobe	Club Captain
Sun 5 th Sep	Test and Tune Day	Baskerville	Club Captain
Sun 31st Oct	MGCCT/MCCT Club Day	Baskerville	Club Captain

Square Rigger Notes

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

A historic photograph taken by Bill Whenn, here on a different slant with apologies for the neck gymnastics



shown is Tom Hey in the TC. Please note any corrections, additions to this Club history will be appreciated. collection of members and cars of significance in the day. The star attraction on the grid is the Lea Francis of Charlie Hey captured on this round in the hands of Tom Hey. From left, black MGB probably Bills, EH Holden, Alister Shoobridge and Land Rover, white Sprite obscured, Tony Prinz with red TR4, cream TL Chris Edwards NSU Prinz, Mini of Adrian Walters and probably Clif Cook and TD. Also competing not and Bill Flaws'Speedwell Mk I Sprite behind the LeaF, Vern Tuckett and Joeg Andersch Mk II Sprites, A classic shot of an MGCC gymkhana at Bushy Park around 1964 (a regular event and venue) and a

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