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Covid-19 Isolation Restoration



Kuzza's Covid-19 project, working on the EH he started and then mothballed many years ago, he felt guilty not working on an MG so he had to badge up the level.



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The Buchanan Bodied T-Types

I must qualify this story with a mea-culpa, over the necessity of sharing it with a silly teenagers love affair, with a 1949, Singer 4A roadster. I wouldn't want anyone feeling slighted, that Singers and MG's are being mentioned in the same sentence, least of all taking up half of this story.

I do apologize, if I haven't devoted my pen totally to MG's. I am a fortunate man, in that I have had the benefit of enjoying both marque's, and from that experience, it gives me the benefit of being able to present this bit of sports car history.

Now that I am an owner of a T-Type, a "square rigger" a 1955, MGTF 1500, it behoves me to relate a story from around very early 1958, when I couldn't afford an MG, of any MG variety - T Type, MGA, or anything other than, my much-loved, Singer 9 roadster. I have mentioned my flirtations with MG's in other stories, and given an opportunity to write for a few MG Groups and MG Club magazines, I didn't need to be urged.

Just to recap – My 1949, Singer 9 Roadster was everything to me at this time, well, Elaine G, was pretty special too, but at nearly 18, teenaged girls took second place and they didn't complain, so it must have been okay.

I loved my little Singer (and Elaine) because the Singer, was all I could afford, however, it got me around smartly, and earned admiring glances from the, you-know-who's, of the teenaged, late 50's.

However, it wasn't enough to satisfy this apprentice carpenter/joiner, whose peer's, were young MG aficionado's, from well to do Newcastle families, like the Amos's, Middleby's, Moffat's, Nelmes's et al, and they were proud of them, as they should have been. I was terribly envious, make no mistake about this, and there was very little I could do, to change it.



(1953 Singer 4AD- SM1500 Roadster (mine was almost identical but a slightly earlier 1949 model))

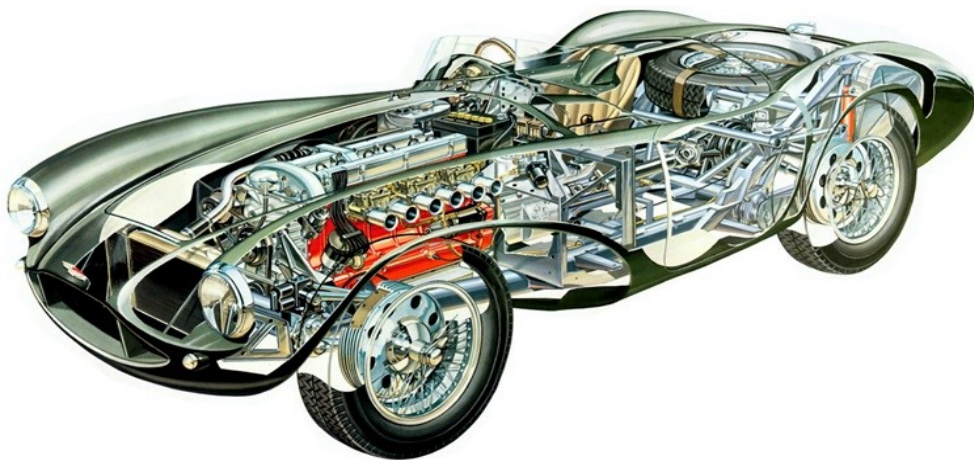
It was galling, to have to loiter on the outer fringe of Newcastle's sports car society, as Singers, especially the low powered 4A model with a beam front axle, cart springs, and mechanical brakes all round, were much scorned, quite unjustifiably. However, during 1951, Singer introduced a new model with a bigger motor, and it went from the pre-war 4A9 - 1074cc 3 speed box to the 1497cc 4AD, SM1500 4 speed box, and included twin SU carbies. It also boasted independent front suspension and hydraulic brakes on the front wheels, however it still retained the mechanicals on the back. Now, this new Singer 1500, was a real competitor for the MG T Types, and it was a very well performed sports car. Singer engines, prior to this, were already single OHC's, and during the mid-50's, had developed a very well-engineered, twin over- head camshaft head for the 1500 block, but sadly, the company folded and was merged with the Rootes Group (Hillman etc) in 1956/7. A small specialist British auto firm, HRG, incorporated this new combined engine into a very quick racer, but that was of no concern to me then, and while the SM 1500 roadster was still readily available, I couldn't afford one.

Sometime during 1956/1957, a fellow in Sydney, named Nat Buchanan, a former successful racer and auto engineer, started manufacturing generic fibreglass bodies for sports cars. This was a massive breakthrough at the time, as the Jaguars, Triumph's and Austin Healey's and even our own MGA's were modernistically streamlined, and for those days very much in demand as being up to date, by having the smooth and flowing, sports car lines. It made the T Types of the square rigger variety – the, sit-up-and-beg look of the pre-war cars, Singer and Morgan included, look old fashioned and out of date. The Buchanan Bodies were styled upon the Aston Martin DB3S of that era, and while they were a shadow in comparison to the donor car's history, they were aimed at the MG T Types, and looked the part, and gave the square rigger crowd, something to hanker after.

(Here is a link to the history of the Buchanan Motor Co.

<http://www.buchananmotorcompany.com/Buchanan%20Bodies.htm>)

This is a good read for anyone interested in Australia's early motor racing history.



(Buchanan Bodied Jaguar XK120 – drawing for streamlined body shape purposes only)

Which brings me into the MG section of this story. In my silly 18 year old dreaming's, I thought that I could have one of these new fibreglass bodies

fitted onto the Singer, giving me a decided edge to the local T Type crowd. What folly! What hare-brained scheme it was, because Nat Buchanan only ever made one Singer body conversion, as far as I know. He made lots of bodies, but even then, I couldn't have afforded it anyway, as the body alone, cost almost as much as a decent used T Type, so there was no advantage and my yearnings went into space along with my silly notions. I understand that the Buchanan Body was used by around 120, of the in-crowd in Sydney's sporting and racing circles, and there are just a few existing today, so it would be a very rare item. The scandalous thing though, was that perfectly good T-Type bodies, were removed and dumped, just to satisfy a silly pretension of trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. From the above link to Buchanan, it appears that many TD's and TF's and probably a few TC's lost their bodies to this silly craze. I understand that it may have been at least 20 or more T-Types fell victim, and in hindsight, it was a disgraceful thing to have happened, in trying to hoodwink yourself, into attempting to keep up with the all-powerful and much desired Aston Martins, of the day.

Can you imagine, dumping the whole body, of a TC, a TD, or even worse, a scarce TF, that would have only been, four or five years old at that time?

Worse was to come – not only did they dump the bodies, but they took out near new XPEG and XPAG engines and replaced them with Holden Grey Six engines. So they kept the chassis, the transmission, suspension and little else. Not much remained of the illustrious MG roadsters as we know them, and I wonder at whether any of the T types we see around today, may have ever had its body removed and dumped, and the engine swapped for a six pot Holden. Apparently, there are a few Buchanan cars still in existence with MG engines and chassis. Some other marques, were built on a special Buchanan chassis, and also fitted with the MG XPEG 1500 engine, which was highly sought after. It was a terrible thing to do.

I can remember with clarity, in 1958, when doing a late night shift on a second job, at the Blacksmiths all-nighter, when a young bloke rocked up in a cream TD, and was bragging about the Holden motor he had in it. The silly thing was, that I was frightfully impressed! Oh, the shame of it now!

The current owners of a T-Type, who may have owned their cars for many years, may not really be sure, if their pride and joy, was still the exact identical matching numbers MG, that came off the production line. (I deal with this controversial subject in another article) Drawing a long bow, my car has a history, and I am not unhappy with this. I would really love to know all that I can about it, and wouldn't it be terrific to find out, if it is indeed, the same car, as-built, in Abingdon in 1955. The only constant for me, is that the chassis is original, and unmolested. As for the rest, who knows, and this now gives me an opportunity to search for its past. I am quite prepared to unearth things that I may not be happy with, but I do love a good mystery.

by Maurie Prior – MG Car Club of Hunter Valley



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President's Report

We are now starting to get back into the social activities for each of the centres and having just come home from the NSC's Mid-Week dinner it was great to catch up with everyone after 4 months isolation.

With a little care and attention it should only get better from here and with us all adhering to the distancing rules and personal hygiene rules whilst attending these events will can avoid the situation Victoria have themselves in at the moment.

Our competition calendar is up and away again with the first event being the State Motorkhana Championship at Latrobe or Symmons Plains on August 6th. These events are not just for the participants but are also a good social occasion for the spectators. If you have never been to such an event you are most welcome to come along and enjoy the company of your fellow club members and the antics of the competitors at this grass roots motor sport event.

Now mentioning the members antics we also need to report that not only has Phil Tilley broken his leg , Phil says getting the wood but it has been whispered in my ear it was as a result of falling of his 110cc Postie Bike we have a couple more on the injured list.

My wife keeps telling me that 60 year old blokes and ladders should be kept separated however another longtime member Bruce Allison fell of his roof and broke his ankle proving that as we all know blokes are not supermen and cannot fly. To further the saga SSC Chairman Chris Wagstaff has his hand all bandaged up however not as a result of his own actions but of medical intervention.

We have had many articles in recent times in the magazine covering the club's history and I would like to not let the material be lost. It was raised at our state committee meeting that we should consider collating that material into a club history book covering the first 60 years.

I am raising this now so if you would like to assist with researching the clubs history and collating the information into a booklet your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The goal would not to compile a detailed history as we have that in our bound copies of the club's monthly magazine but to maintain the articles from the founding members recently reproduced in the magazines.

Well that's about all we have this month so enjoy the resumption of activities in the club and look after your fellow members by maintaining the Covid 19 rules.

Cheers
Mark Dilger
President.

Membership Report

This month the club welcomes four new members,

Richard and Jan Gamble (North West)

The Gamble's own a TD which they are restoring, and are interested in cars and social events.

Peter and Amanda Phillips (Northern)

The Phillips own a Blue Mazda MX5, and are interested in social outings.

We hope you enjoy many club arranged activities.

Wayne Jessup,
Membership Officer, MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA.

Life Members

Joe Paul (dec)	1969	Robin Wilmot	1998
Bob Moore (dec)	1974	Bill Griffiths	2007
Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	Tony Gurnhill	2009
Ian Wade	1984	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Terry Atkinson	1984	Greg Bannon	2013
Dennis Burgess	1984	Bronwyn Zuber	2013
Chris Ellis (dec)	1985	Craig Twining	2014
John Sluce (dec)	1994	Phillip Tilley	2017

MGCCT Facebook Page

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

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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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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Secretary's Report

Competition Events

With Police Permits now being issued for competition events the State Motorkhana set for August 9th can now go ahead, this event has traditionally been held at the Latrobe Speedway but we have not, as yet, received permission for the site, failing this we will be forced to use the skid pan at Symmons Plains, and in August plans are under way to hold the TCRC R2 meeting at Symmons Plains, this being set for the 22nd and 23rd. The planned Baskerville Test and Tune Day in September will now become a Club Day ran in conjunction with the Mini Car Club. The planned Hillclimb Championship event held at Baskerville will hopefully go ahead with Robin looking at different options for that weekend, possibly combining this with a Club Day. Failing that it was suggested the North West Car Club's December Hillclimb be used, R Wilmot will contact the NWCC.

State Committee Meetings

In recent years the State Committee has held three meeting a year using Oz Link Conferencing where you dial in but a suggestion to maybe use Zoom, Skype, Sisco etc has been put up. A Midgley has been set the task of looking at all the options available and then to trial what we think the best options are. With only possibly one more phone meeting it was suggested that we continue the way we are and look at new options for 2021.

Greg Bannon
Secretary

For those that are unaware, Greg has recently had a hip replacement. The committee and, I am sure, all members, wish Greg a speedy recovery and hope to see you back in the MG soon. Ed.

Ed Says

As we all start to ease back into a version of normality, hasn't the weather been great for MG'ing. The frosty mornings have led to some beautiful days that made driving with the roof off most enjoyable. Our breakfast run on Sunday (5th) was also such a day, but we had to go with roof on, as Sue-Anne was on a late shift and didn't want to mess up the hairs!!



Maggie (with roof on) on a perfectly clear Sunday waiting patiently outside the Buttons Creek Brewery, Ulverstone.

It's a tough life, but someone has to live it, so it might as well be us.

And isn't it interesting that even though we have not had a MG get together for over 4 months, and we are all dealing with the impacts of this global pandemic, the conversation is still about our cars and what we still need

to do to them or what we have just done to them. How's that for back to normal!

And since a few of you did so well providing the stories for the magazine during the shutdown, how about you keeping them coming, the stories are varied and different which makes for a diverse magazine.

So for the 2nd half of this bizarre year lets make it a MG one and enjoy our cars and our club as much as we can. There is not going a huge amount of motorsport, but what we do have scheduled will hopefully be well attended both by competitors and spectators. We also need helpers, so if you want to get up close and help with an event, please contact our Club Captain or the Race Committee to be involved.

Ed.

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Southern Notes

PAST EVENTS

Isn't it great to be free of isolation and able to venture out in our cars for a run?

15th March – My Slice of Pie, This was our last run before the COVID 19 virus shut us down. Seems like a long time ago. The full report is in the April issue of the magazine. Can't wait for 14th March next year when we will repeat this run.

1st July – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run: Hooray! At last we had a run. On a beautiful sunny but cool day about 50 Car Enthusiasts met at the C3 Café received our instructions from Wayne and proceeded to the Kermandie Hotel for a three choice main and two choice dessert meal on their re-opening day. The meals were excellent and the staff at both venues were very pleased to see us. More details elsewhere.

COMING EVENTS

25th July – Working Bee at the Civic Club.

Commencing at 10.00am. If you can spare an hour please attend as many hands make light work. *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

26th July – The Moorings@Lady Franklin.

Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am MG time with a stop at Huonville for coffee. Two course meal (6 main, 2 dessert) for \$25.00. **RSVP to Bob Leeson by July 19th.** *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006*

2nd August – Classics on the Beach.

An informal gathering of collectable cars at Long Beach Sandy Bay on the first Sunday of each month from around 09.00am to noon. All are welcome to attend. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006*

5th August – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run:

See separate Report

16th August – Mountain Breakfast. We are departing the Civic Club at 8.00am **sharp** with an optional run to the Springs or beyond for the brave. Fires are provided as well as coffee and tea facilities. Cost is \$10.00 per head. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006 or Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

? September – Kempton Hotel. Further details to follow. *For further information please contact Mark Harrington: 0427 538 412*

17/18/19th October – “Predominately Britain Burra car Show” with Tony and Cheryl Gurnhill. This Run will replace the Southern Mid-Winter getaway. Time for Southerners to get on board. Need to book accommodation. Further details elsewhere in the magazine.

Bob Leeson

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Southern Car Enthusiasts Drive

Good evening and greetings,

After a 3 month enforced break there were many who were desperate for a car drive and lunch. We had 50+ in 34 cars and it would have been more except a beautiful Healey and a gorgeous XK FH had to return home before getting to the lunch. And we had a few who advised they were still being cautious in terms of social distancing from largish groups but planned to be on the August drive.

What a day it was! The drive along the windy roads up Strickland Avenue, Huon Road and then the Huon Highway was followed by majestic scenery and mirror reflections along the Huon River as we drove via Grove, Huonville, Franklin, Port Huon to Kermadie. We were advised there might be some teething problems as it was their first day open in months but many commented on the delicious quality 2 course meal. I received an email asking me to "Please thank all your fellow 'Car Enthusiasts' for coming to the Kermadie Hotel for lunch today. You were all a great group to kick off our re-opening after such a tough few months."



Thanks to David B for most of the pics.



Remaining drives for 2020 (always the first Wednesday of the month) are,

August – Wednesday 5th

September – Wednesday 2nd

October – Wednesday 7th

November – Wednesday 4th

December – Wednesday 2nd

Cheers for now,

Wayne (XK 140 DHC)

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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	
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North West	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone	

Northern Notes

Defibrillator Usage.

Important information for all members.

A defibrillator is carried to all MG car club events. The person who has organized the event will have the defibrillator with them. If the event organizer has changed, that information will be shared at the commencement of the event and the new events organizer will have responsibility for carrying the defibrillator, not necessarily using it, unless they feel competent in doing so.

Hopefully this information will never be needed.

Secretary Northern Sub Centre.

Triabunna Weekend 17/18/19 Oct 2020

Great weekend planned including the all British Day.

Being that it is the 90th anniversary of the MG in the UK this year. Let's make an effort to get as many MG'S as possible to this event. Even if you don't have an MG it will be a great weekend with fellow members.

Organise your own accommodation at the Eastcoaster.

All details are in this magazine.

Meals available but more details later including travel details.

Hope to see you there.

November 7 / 8 Concourse weekend.

Start at 8.30am to get the cars in place for 9.00am start.

Annual General Meeting at 2.00pm in Park St.

Dinner at Riverside Golf Club at 6.00 for 6.30 start.

Sunday 8.30 am, Breakfast at the Tailrace Park Riverside.

Suggestions for accommodation:

Tamar River Villas	6327 1022
Trevallyn House	6327 3771
Riverside Hotel	6327 2522

Events Calendar

29th June 2020

Wed July 8th- Mid week dinner Steve's Grill meet at venue 6.30
RSVP, Peter Harper 0417597897

Sun July 12th- Run via Westwood to JJ'S for lunch (Longford) Depart 10.30am
RSVP Ian Saunders. 0400185726 by 8 July

Wed July 29th- Meeting NSC VCCA rooms 7.30 pm.

Fri July 31st- Coffee run to River Cafe, Beauty Point, 9.30 am
RSVP Phil Paine 0419261483 by 27th July.

Wed Aug 12th- Midweek dinner 6.30 pm at venue TBA
RSVP to Mike Paine 0407271926 by 8th Aug

Sun Aug 23rd - Mystery run TBA (B. Keogh & F. Brooks 0418134262 RSVP
19th Aug.) BYO lunch and drinks.

Wed Aug 26th- Meeting NSC at 7.30pm at VCCA. All Welcome.

Fri Aug 28th- Coffee run 9.30am
RSVP by 24th Aug to Mark Dilger 0408271029 (venue TBA).

Sun Sep 20th- Mystery run, BYO food and drinks
RSVP J. James, 0409432665 by 16th Sep.

Wed Sep 30th- Meeting NSC at 7.30 all welcome.

Sun Oct 4th- BBQ Tony & Cheryl Gurnhill, 10.00am. ETC Elizabeth Town for
coffee. Arrive at 31 Formby St Sheffield at 12.00. BYO food and drink, BBQ
available. RSVP to G. Biggelaar by Sep 30th 0400356314.

Oct 17-18-19th: East Coast run Tony & Cheryl Gurnhill – All British Day see
newsletter for details.

Wed Oct 28th-Meeting NSC at 7.30 all welcome.

Sat 7th Nov: To be held on the 7th Nov Concourse at Royal Park, AGM held at
Yacht Club55. Tailrace Park for Breakfast. Dinner at Golf Club Riverside.

Sun Nov 22nd- Lunch run by Richard Ashley-Jones (TBA)

**ALL EVENTS LEAVE FROM THE VCCA CLUB ROOMS CAR PARK UNLESS
ADVISED**

MG CAR CLUB OF TASMANIA STATE CONCOURS 2020

7th - 8th NOVEMBER



Concours, 9.30am - Royal Park, Launceston
AGM, 2pm - Yacht Club Fifty Five, 7 Park Street
Presentation Dinner at Riverside Golf Club 6 for 6:30
Recovery Breakfast Sunday 8:30 Tailrace Park Riverside

For more information refer to September/October Newsletter or Andrew Merry 0408 331 612

North West Notes

It's been great to make contact again with some members in June. We trust our lives will gradually get back to some normality in the weeks to come.

June Dinner meeting – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Thursday 11th June 6pm. 21 came together for dinner and a chat. Great to see faces again.

Coffee Run to Fuchsia Tea Rooms, Lillico. Thursday 25th June. Although a cold winter morning 9 people in 5 cars motored out to Lillico and enjoyed coffee, scones and a long chat.

Sunday 5th July – 15 members met at Anvers – Bass Highway - Latrobe, for breakfast at 9 am. Following breakfast a run through the NW back roads with a mystery word game and we arrived at the Buttons Creek Brewery just as the sun went over the yard arm. A most enjoyable morning drive.



My TC next to Neville Smith's R8 (The C supposedly had a flat battery – a likely story!!)



Upcoming Events

Thursday 9th July - July Dinner Meeting –from 6pm – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

For the next few months please text or email me if you are attending the dinner meeting.

Sunday 19th July: Roast Dinner – Black Stump, Gowrie Park 12.30 pm - 2 Course meal - \$30.00/person. Alcohol served – not BYO. Meet at Bunnings Car Park 10.30 am – stop for Coffee on route. RSVP to Terry by 12th July. A small group went on this outing last year and thoroughly enjoyed Kate and Guy Thomson’s hospitality beside a roaring log fire. We hope larger numbers will partake this year. We have invited the Launceston Sub Centre members to join us on this outing.

Thursday 30th July: Coffee Run– leaving Bunnings car park 10 am to the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm Café, Elizabeth Town.

Dates to Keep In Mind –

Sunday October 4th. BYO BBQ – 12 noon – Tony and Cheryl Gurnhill’s residence at Sheffield. Combined gathering with the Northern Sub Centre.

October 17/18/19 – Predominantly Britain Burra Car Show – East Coast of Tasmania. Organised by Cheryl and Tony Gurnhill. See May magazine for suggestions re accommodation venues.

November – Sat, Sun 7th and 8th - Concours/AGM/Presentation Dinner and Farewell Breakfast. Hosted by the Northern Sub Centre in Launceston.

TC – Terry (Jeffrey) - NW Co-ordinator

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Spring Getaway – Triabunna 17-19 Oct

Unless there are unforeseen circumstances Covid 19 wise, this event will go ahead. To date, 16 couples have booked, and confirmed this with us. Thank you.

We will be travelling to Orford on Saturday, staying at the EastCoaster, displaying cars at the Car Show in Triabunna and visiting the market on Sunday, and for those of us who can, staying Sunday night and returning home on Monday.

Below is an update on the accommodation still available as of 03/07/2020

If you are interested in joining us, please make your own booking.

Phone 6257 1172 or email hello@eastcoastertasmania.com.au and quote the MG Car Club

Plus let us know that you are coming.

(acgurnhill@bigpond.com or 0408 386 482).

Any questions to Tony and Cheryl Gurnhill

Meals are also available, but more on that, and on the travel route, later.

Overnighter Room pricing options for 2 nights (17th and 18th October 2020)

- **Standard Double** - Starting from \$129 per room per night – (x1 double bed) 3 available
- **Superior Queen** - Starting from \$149 per room per night (x1 queen bed) 2 available
- **Standard Family Room** - Starting from \$149 per room per night (x1 double and x2 singles)
10 available (these are on a split level – x2 singles in living area and a double bed upstairs – please note bathroom is also upstairs)

- **Superior Family Room** - Starting from \$169 per room per night (x1 queen and x2 singles) 15 available (the x2 single beds are in the living area and the queen bed is in a separate room and can close door; however you have to go through the bedroom to get to the bathroom)
- **Standard Family Cabins** – very basic and no air conditioning. Starting from \$109 per cabin per night (x1 double and x2 singles) 2 bedrooms. 3 available
- **Standard Double Cabin** – Starting from \$159 per cabin per night (x1 double) 3 available
- **Superior Family Cabin** (3 options) - Starting from \$209 per cabin per night
We currently have:
 - 1 double and x2 singles (2 bedrooms)
 - 1 double and x3 singles (3 bedrooms)
 - 1 double and 4 singles (3 bedrooms)
- **Maria Garden Villa** starting from \$229
We currently have:
 - 2x Villas -1 queen, 2 singles x2 bedrooms x2 bathrooms
- **Maria Family Villa** starting from \$249
We currently have:
 - 3x Villas - x1 queen x2 singles x2 bedrooms x2 bathrooms
- **Maria Ocean Villa** starting from \$269
We currently have:
 - 2x Villas - x1 queens 2 singles x2 bedrooms x2 bathrooms
- **Spring Bay Villa** Starting from \$275 per villa per night
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MGA Register Notes



July 2020

Welcome MGA owners, to the latest edition of the MGCC of Tas – ***MGA REGISTER NOTES***, an occasional missive designed to cater for the local Tasmanian owners of the **MGA**.

Forthcoming Events:

MGA REGISTER RUN – SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The MGCC Tas MGA Registers first run originally planned for May – unfortunately cancelled due to the Covid 19 has finally been rescheduled. Details are in place & Kel Aldred from the Southern Sub Centre's hard at work in planning the following for us at centrally located ***Campbell Town*** – can finally go ahead– what a great way to celebrate the return of 'MGA life as we know it'.



Campbell Town's Red Bridge

Campbell Town, situated on the tranquil Elizabeth River and a central convenient location for Devonport, Launceston or Hobart, will be the venue for our ***MGA Register Run and Lunch***.

Park your MGA next to the banks of the Elizabeth River. Wonder at the Red Bridge up stream, built with convict labour back in 1837 built with over 1

million convict bricks before walking over the Elizabeth river bridge; and follow the convict trail to our lunch venue.

“Zeps” private upstairs rooms in the heart of town awaits you with our own special menu.

If it's a fine day, a provided “bbq” on the banks of the river is another option. Relax at the water's edge as it ripples over the ancient pebbles, as you enjoy lunch with our cars having the best views surrounded by grassed parkland and RV recreation activity.

From the SSC: Kel Aldred - huonkelly@bigpond.com or ***0412 108 994***

Meet at the MG Club rooms - The Civic Club- Davies Street, Hobart, for departure at 9.30am sharp. Travelling along the Heritage Highway from Hobart, what about a relaxing aroma filled coffee at Oatlands, visit the Callington Mill, a working Georgian grain crushing windmill built in 1837. See the finest stone fencing and buildings of years gone by as you leave Oatlands and travel to Historic Ross Town in the Midlands.. Visit the Ross Bakery, with its original semi-scotch brick wood-fired oven, operating on the site for more than a century, and with the capacity to bake more than 300 loaves of bread; Look for bargains in the antique shops before you head back to the Heritage Highway to Campbell Town.

From the NSC & NW Group: Col Cleaver cleaver@bigpond.net.au or ***0419 772 554***

NSC meet at the VCCA Club Rooms - 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston, for departure at 9.30am sharp.. We will travel out on the Bass Hwy as far as Travellers Rest & then via peacefully rural Pateena Rd & then the old Longford GP Circuit ‘Flying Mile’ from historic Newry Corner to Mountford Corner, all at a leisurely pace of course. From there it's on to Longford & then the Cressy Bakery for a coffee stop & one of their huge vanilla slices & to meet the **NW group**. From there over the Lake River, Wyldes Plain & onto Campbell Town.

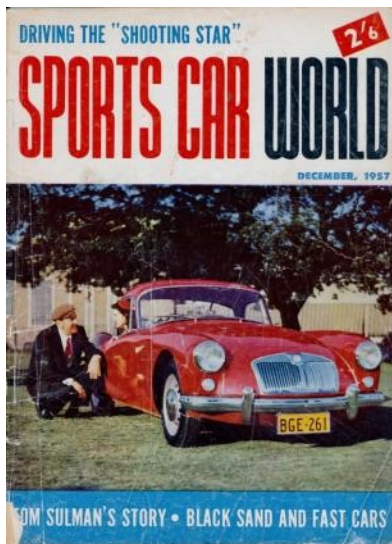
RSVP to Kel or Col by the 20th September 2020 would be appreciated.

MGA Register News:

MGA QUIZ RESULTS

The winner of last month's MGA Quiz was **Tony King**. Tony must have been standing by his mail box when his magazine arrived, he quickly confirmed that the Celebrity Couple shown with her Coupe were in fact **Bob & Dolly Dyer**, radio personalities of the time.

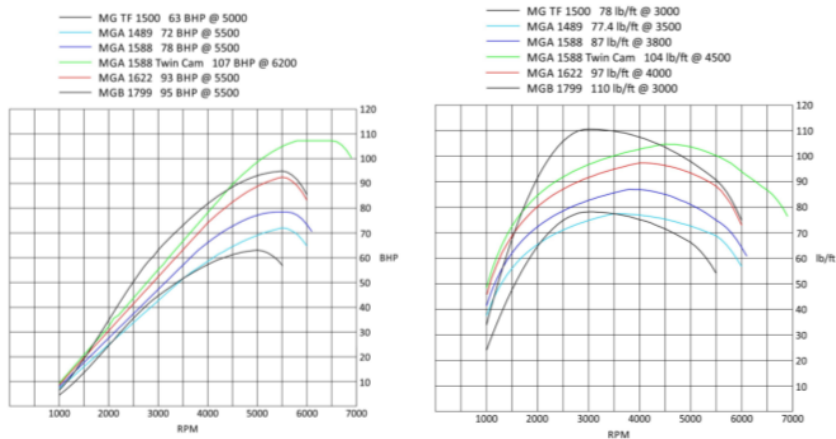
Roger Richardson advised that the car is currently owned by Paul & Sue Vermont from **Vintage Wiring Harness** in Victoria & keen Magnette & MGA enthusiasts. Garry Kemm the MGCC Vic MGA Registrar & noted MGA Historian records that "the Coupe was one of the first 6 MGA coupes, all assembled in late 1956. Paul's is the 6th assembled and the first RHD export, the previous 5 were demos or kept for a while by the factory for various shows".



The Cover Page on SCW



That Special Lucas Part - well known
us all of us tempted to try our own Wiring.



A couple of interesting Graphs from this month's *UK MGA Register Newsletter* by Martin Mead. Proving that to get the best from a Twin Cam you have to use the Revs (*if you are game!*)

MEMBERS MGA's No1: By William Briginshaw

Peter and Liz Harper's 1962 MGA Mk 11

In April this year Peter and Liz became the proud owners of their 1962 MGA 1600 Mk 11, advertised for sale by Jim Brown in the March edition of the *MG Monthly Motoring News*. Since then Peter has spent time tidying it up (new steering wheel, tyres and other bits and pieces). It is running really well and competes successfully for pride of place with his ex Mike Paine MGB BL, not to mention the Mazda MX-5! It is good to see it stay in the state, and be on the road after many years in storage.



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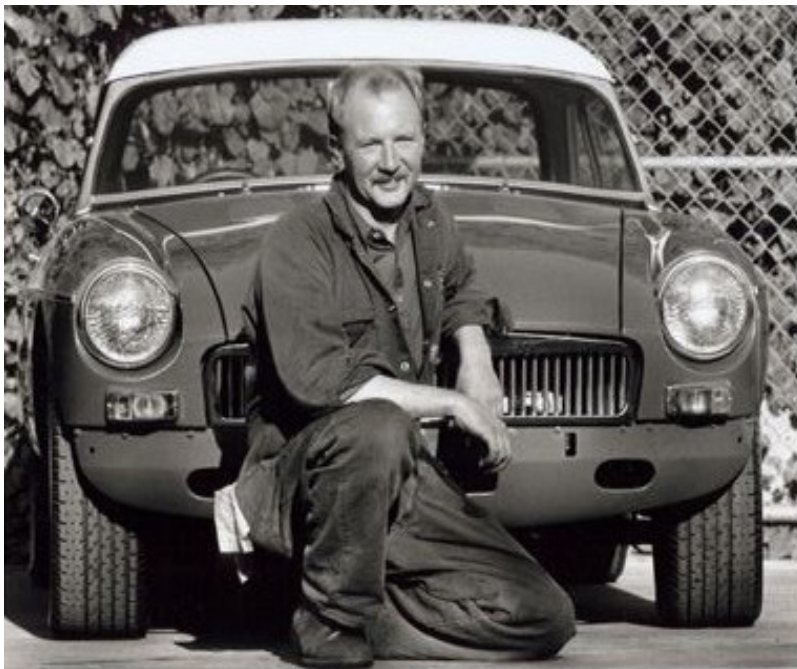
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MG Humour

A young blonde female stock broker was bored with driving her BMW. It lacked individuality and besides that, every other girl in the office had one. She fancied something a bit more individual, perhaps a MG convertible. That week she visited her local car dealer and spied a beautiful Jaguar XK140 convertible. It was wonderfully restored and she fell in love with it's gorgeous red paint job.

An empty check stub later and off she was, tearing down the leafy country lanes enjoying her beautiful new car. Her long blonde hair was flowing in the wind, music blaring from the radio, what could possibly go wrong? At that thought there was a splutter from the engine and the car slowly coasted to a stop. She got out and lifted the bonnet and concluded after a few minutes that she didn't have a bloody clue what was wrong.

Luckily she had her mobile phone with her and a quick phone call to the AutoClub and a short wait saw a bright shiny yellow van pull up behind her.

"That's a lovely car," said the mechanic. "What seems to be the matter?"

"Well, it just conked out I'm afraid."

"Let me have look."

He set to work and ten minutes later the engine was purring like a cat again.

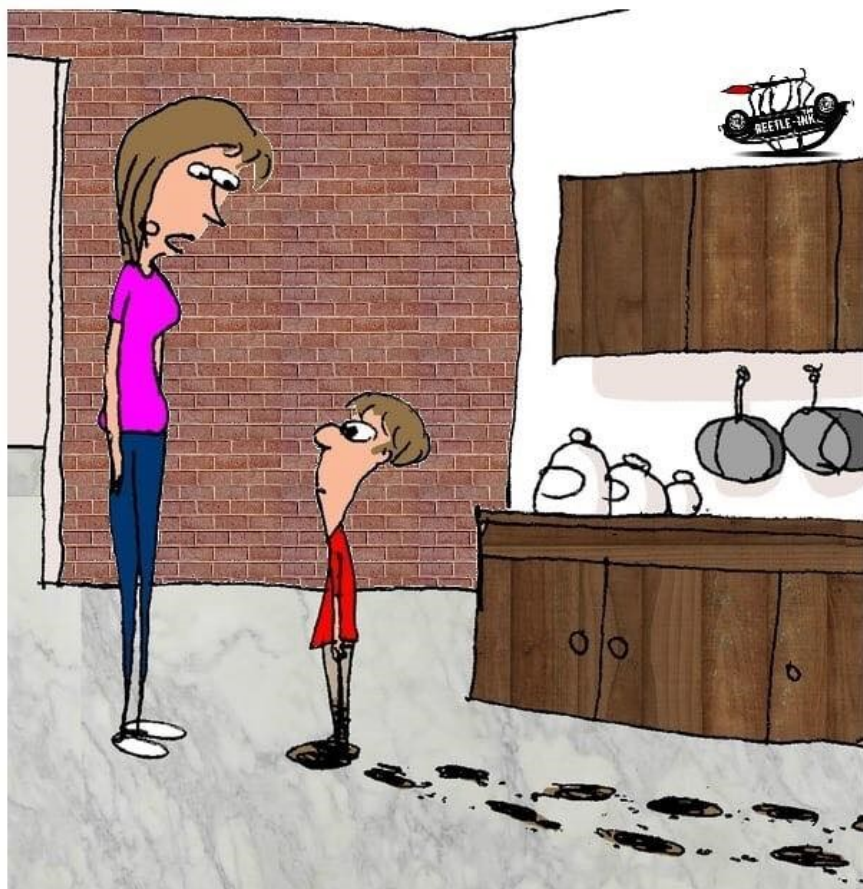
"Thank goodness," she said. "What was the matter?"

"Simple really, just crap in the carburetor," he replied.

Looking shocked she asked, "Oh, OK... How many times a week do I have to do that?"



"it's easy, lady...just follow the oil leaks!"



"I know you've been helping dad fix the MG, but let me put this in terms you will understand. Go and get a mop and bucket and erase your browser history off my floor!"

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
Sun 19 th July	NW/NSC Social Run	Bunnings Carpark, VCCT Clubrooms	Terry Jeffrey
Sat 25 th July	SSC Working Bee	Civic Club	Chris Wagstaff
Sun 26 th July	SSC Social Run	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
<i>Thurs 30th July</i>	<i>NW Coffee Run</i>	<i>Bunnings Carpark</i>	<i>Terry Jeffrey</i>
<i>Fri 31st July</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>	<i>VCCT Clubrooms</i>	<i>Phil Paine</i>
<i>Sun 2nd Aug</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Long Beach Sandy Bay</i>	
<i>Wed 5th Aug</i>	<i>Southern Mid-Week Run</i>	<i>Rivulet Café</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
Wed 12 th Aug	NSC Social Run	VCCT Clubrooms	Mike Paine
Sun 16 th Aug	SSC Mountain Breakfast	Civic Club	Chris Wagstaff
Sun 23 rd Aug	NSC Mystery Run	Civic Club	B. Keogh, F. Brooks
<i>Fri 28th Aug</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>	<i>Civic Club</i>	<i>Mark Dilger</i>
<i>Sun 6th Sep</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Long Beach Sandy Bay</i>	
Sun 20 th Sep	NSC Mystery Run	Civic Club	John James
?? Sep	SSC Social Run	Civic Club	Mark Harrington
Sun 4 th Oct	NW/NSC BYO BBQ	Bunnings Carpark, VCCT Clubrooms	Cheryl & Tony Gurnhill
17-19 th Oct	Spring Getaway - Triabunna	Local Locations	Cheryl & Tony Gurnhill
7 th & 8 th Nov	Concourse, AGM and Annual Dinner	Launceston	Andrew Merry
Sun 22 nd Nov	NSC Lunch Run	Civic Club	Richard Ashley- Jones

Club and State Competition Events

Date	Event	Meet At....	Coordinator
Sun 9 th Aug	Motorkhana	Latrobe or Symmons plains	Craig Large
22-23 rd Aug	Race Meeting	Symmons Plains	Robin Wilmot
Sun 6 th Sept	Club Day?	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot
Sun 4 th Oct	Hill Climb?	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot

Square Rigger Notes

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

Photos this issue are T Types well known around Tasmania, some way back, others in recent times. The common theme rests with their present state and particularly with their present State? TD1030 last known owner Club Member Stephen Lyne and earlier photo at Bridport. The Mick Williams TF4787 is shown on a Symmons Club Day, photo from the Club News c1967. TC4272 was in Launceston for many years seen here at a Campbell Town gathering c2010 in the hands of John Ellis and the 1500 TF9584 of Allan Buddle in very early days competition.



Club Member of the day c2008 P Bateman TD29105 on a Club run and a 1950s photo of Peter Rae's TC9584. Where are they now? If any are recognised, please update the Register on an address below.

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