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SSC Members and Cars enjoying the Poker Run to the Huntley's

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**Cover Photo:**

NW Members all with MG’s attending breakfast at Round Hill café.

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## **A Chat with Bruce Hills**

Bruce Hills is a conversationalist. My chat with him was the longest I've had with some of the discussion as we walked from car shed to car shed on his and Leonie's property relating to his other passions including Tasmanian family history (his own family tree can be traced back to circa 1650) and wooden boats. We talked about the eight cars on his property that he owns and the others being restored. It was my longest chat for the least number of written words! It was fascinating, engaging and informative and might be the basis of another article for MG News purposes!



Bruce with his 1929/30 Whippet which he has owned since 1986. Note the 1928 Swift parked behind and the 1929 Austin Heavy 12 4 above

Bruce joined the MG Car Club in 1960, and left due to personal circumstances in 1969 before rejoining the club he supports dearly in 2000. Bruce has been a committee member of the Southern Sub Centre Committee, was Club Rooms Officer in the early days taking over from Greg Ellis, was part of the MG Timing Crew at Longford and attended the first meeting at Symmons



Plains. Unsurprisingly, Bruce enjoys the social chit chat and camaraderie, and always attends the Southern Sub Centre meeting at the Civic Club every Tuesday night.

The MG Car Club Tasmania Membership Directory shows Bruce has a 1930 Whippet Sports Tourer and an MG YA Sedan. The reality is that Bruce has owned many hundreds of cars with MGs being a small proportion. Bruce has owned an MG TA, MG TC, MG YA, MG Magnet, an impeccable Healey, 7 Mark 5 Jaguars (including 2 drop heads), 3 Jaguar XJ6, 2 Jaguar Mark VII's, a Jaguar Mark IX.....



MGTC - reluctantly sold to Phil Tilley in Launceston



Bruce's often admired 1958 Healey 100/6, sold to NSW, and the restored Graham Paige



Bruce with his recently acquired 1922 Swift



1930 Pierce Arrow which Bruce described as ‘the classiest car made in America and the best car he ever owned

Bruce has restored cars all his working life and has restored 12 cars for other people. This passion started in the early 1960's when Bruce inserted a Peugeot 403B engine into a MG TA and was flattered when Charlie Button followed suit. But his piece de resistance and the longest time he took to restore a car from start to finish was the 1930 Graham Paige Drop Head which took 13 years. And what an impeccable, beautiful and rare car it is. Bruce does all his restoration work on a 'do and charge' basis as it is impossible to quote. He is widely known as a can-do person and enjoys the challenge of restoring cars to a perfect condition. Modestly he said there has not been anything he has been unable to find or make but one of his biggest challenges was drawing, modelling, fabricating and installing the body on a 1928 Studebaker President 8 Roadster and similarly for the previously mentioned 1930 Graham Paige, both for John Clennett.



Beautifully restored 1930 Graham Paige Drop Head

Bruce's first car was an Austin 7 which he bought when he was 13. He needed a second "for spare parts". He purchased his first Whippet when he was 15 and spent plenty of his adolescent life driving underage on the bush roads at Claremont. Bruce has always had a connection with cars, and has been interested in working on cars more than any other career. I assumed Bruce must have completed an apprenticeship as a mechanic or panel beater or similar, but interestingly he undertook a Refrigeration Mechanic



apprenticeship at Coldstream, the only Australian made commercial supplier in Tasmania, and simultaneously a Diesel Conversion Course. The job required him to travel around Tasmania which helped Bruce in two ways. The first was that he came across 'barn finds' which he bought, did up and sold for a small profit. Bruce reflected that some of these cars were rare, even then, and there were many cars he wishes he had now. Secondly, it enabled the garrulous, youthful Bruce an opportunity to hone his increasing knowledge of Tasmanian family history. Bruce subsequently worked at Dicky Crawfords (well known in Motor Sport), Heathorns from the early 1960's until 1970, had a year away from cars fishing, then worked at Warwick Motors followed by the Hobart Tug and Litterage Company. Bruce then worked as an engineer on the Government ferries and then bought a shipyard which he operated for 3 years repairing wooden boats. If Bruce hadn't had this passion of things mechanical and loved working in the car industry, he could have been an historian or librarian - imagine that!!

Bruce is industrious and has acquired a broad knowledge of cars which I know first hand, he is only too happy to share. But there's always something to be done by this active person while Leonie maintains the garden, and projects waiting to be done include restoring a Bentley but it will have to wait until the 1927 Hudson and MG Y Type are completed. There's no rest in sight!



Bentley and Hudson waiting to be restored, with 'dead' MG Magnet.

Wayne Goninon



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## **President's Report**

Gee, it is good to be back in Tassie. Just had two weeks in Victoria. Had no trouble getting out or returning. It wasn't very pleasant having to wear masks wherever you went. The glasses fog up and when one is deaf and wears hearing aides it can be difficult to hear a person talking to you, get embarrassed having to ask for them to repeat what they said.

I did a fair bit of driving around and did not see another MG GS. Saw quite a few MG ZS's and the HS.

We have another competition event coming up on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Latrobe Speedway a Motorkhana, which is a round of the State Motorkhana Championship.

The magazine seems to be getting plenty of submission. I enjoy reading a "Chat with a Member" from Wayne Goninon, who puts quite some effort into these chats. Thanks Wayne.

As the club **still has NO Secretary**. Due to circumstances Craig Twining has resigned as Club Captain, affective immediately so that is a position we are looking to fill for next year. Members of the State Committee will fill the role until the AGM in November.

The State Committee Zoom meetings are going well. Nice to be in your own place in the warmth.

All sub-centres have good range of social events planned for the coming months.

The MG Car Club of Victoria have kindly sent Poster, glass coasters and Dash Plaque for each registered person who was to attend the 2020 MG National Meeting in Albury/Wodonga which was cancelled due to Covid-19. I will either handout personally or give to the sub-centres over the coming months to distribute. I will be at the Latrobe Motorkhana on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July so will be able to distribute some there.

Let's keep enjoying our MG's by going to as many runs that you can in them, even on these now cold and frosty mornings.

***Zube***

Bronwyn Zuber  
President

## Secretary's Report

Activity permits information requirements for the person applying for the Social Permit to attest to cars being registered and road worthy. Raised by NSC. Matter taken up with Motorsport Australia No Response as yet.

State Committee, following a matter raised by the NSC is to investigate preparing Supplementary Regs for the State Concours judging along with any changes that may be deemed necessary.

QR codes are to apply from now in terms of the Tas Govt Regulations.

Garage Fees are to be charged to the HSCC for the use of the MG garages by competitors as from next race meeting at Baskerville

It has come to the notice of the committee that Face Book membership has been mistaken for membership of the MG Car Club and there will be a notice included on the face book page to the effect that membership does not make them a member of the MG Car Club.

Mark Dilger

Acting Secretary





## Membership Report

This month we welcome one new member:

Stefan Stimson (Southern)  
Stefan owns a MG Midget( a dream since 1988) and is interested in soccer and oceans

We hope Stefan enjoys many club arranged activities.

Wayne Jessup  
Membership Officer



## 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 |

## **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](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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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

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful Tasmanian Winter weather. For those of us that have to get up and go to work early morning, the ritual of washing the frost off the car windows only having them freeze up again is a chore I actually don't dislike. This morning it was so cold I had to do it twice and then some of the water got onto the door seals so that froze my door shut as well. And that battery sounded a bit tired too, but it is still better than dreary rain or blowing a gale. Which only seems to happen on weekends when I don't have to go to work.

Having said that, given the situations on the mainland, is there anywhere else you would rather be at the moment? I think not, how lucky we are in Tassie to be the only state that has maintained full control of its borders and kept that dreaded Covid at bay, at least for now. While we like many look forward to being able to travel again without risk of cancellation, lockdown or isolating, I fear that we may need to live through another Tassie winter yet.

Ed.

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## Restored or Made Over?

There are MG Restorations and then, there are quick-buck makeovers I like to think that I am a reasonably fit, healthy and active male, at my now age of 81, and I am additionally fortunate, in having a zest for life.

At varying times during my life, I have been told by different people, (including my ex), that I am, – cynical, demanding, intolerant, sceptical, disruptive, argumentative, bombastic, etc, and others were a little kinder, with describing me as being questioning, curious, clever, creative, and even artistic however, I can say with some conviction - that I do not believe in dishonesty, or failure, which are both, absolutely, non-negotiable standards of mine.

All those criticisms and attributes aside, my most recent critique was that at my advanced age, why on earth would you start another MG restoration project?

In reply, I say it is because I can, due to my fairly decent state of physical and mental health, but most importantly, it is because I cannot sit around waiting to die. I need to be busy, and what better way is there, for a classic car enthusiast, and in my case, an MG lover, to restore an old car back to its former glory? I need stimulation, and retirement for me doesn't mean inactivity.

I am also a keen caravanner, and am likely as not, to be traversing the desert country of Central Australia, when classic vehicle restoration enthusiasm falters. Which brings me to the thrust of this article - the quality or otherwise, of any classic car restoration, no matter the marque?



I have carried out three MGB restorations (my 1<sup>st</sup> as pictured) over the past twenty five years, and I am currently into my fourth, a "barn-find" MGB GT. This car was terribly neglected by the previous owners who did precious little maintenance to it, with the result that some serious corrosion is apparent and some serious mechanical

failures exist. It wasn't unexpected and when I bought it sight-unseen from Western Australia late last year, I wasn't disappointed.



I am happy because I got what I paid for, as pictured above, which brings me to another point – buyers not getting what they have paid for, with the hidden problems in overpriced, “restored” MG’s. In the past year or so, the prices of classic cars have risen sharply, due I believe, to the ban on international travel and therefore lots of well-heeled regular overseas travellers are wanting to cheer themselves up by using their disposable income to “invest” in the arts, home renovations, and of course classic cars etc. Regrettably the urgers are always on the lookout when these situations arise, so more stock suddenly arrives onto the market and amazingly the prices of these now being offered for sale are higher than last year. Funny that, how something doubles in price overnight when the interest/demand rises? However, these new offerings are not always what they seem.

I am very aware that many people don't have my repair skills, and as a result, are unwitting victims of non-disclosures when buying any car, and even more so when it is an expensive MG classic. External inspections usually reveal the polished and shiny bits etc, but the innards, which are hidden, are the weak link. There have been many instances recently, of a sudden interest in the MGB GT, the coupe version, and keen buyer's paying a lot more than usual, for allegedly “restored” cars, and discovering mechanical problems that should have been repaired previously, or which should have been disclosed before any money changed hands.

I have witnessed this in one city MG Car Club recently, where a club member, bought a nicely presented and gleaming MGB GT, from a regional seller for around the \$26K mark. I felt it was overpriced, but the scarcity of this

particular model, created a kind of buyers frenzy which still persists as I write. He proudly showed it off at several, club events and unfortunately, a few weeks back, a long way from where he started, on what should have been a pleasant Sunday Club outing, the clutch failed and it was taken home on a tilt-tray tow truck, at great expense. Later investigations revealed the clutch facings, and the throw out bearing, both worn down to the metal.

Sadly, this chap, who has no mechanical skills, had to engage help, as the engine needed to come out. Last I heard was, that the repair had been effected, however, the owner if not annoyed, should be a bit dirty on the “respected” seller.

I find this attitude by some sellers, to be rather tedious, and feel tremendous sympathy for a misinformed buyer, with them facing unnecessary and costly repairs. For the price he paid, it should not have been an issue. He should have been reasonably confident, that the car was in tip top order, and that all mechanical issues, attended to. The lesser crime would have been if he had told the buyer that he had not renewed the failed components, and that they may need attention in the future, and priced the car accordingly.

My further point is this – when I restore an MG, it is rebuilt to as new condition, and that means no shortcuts, and anything that needs repairing/replacing/rectifying or simply renewed, is done on principle, because that is how I want the car to end up and it is how, I would wish to be treated. While the engine/gearbox is out during my “restoration” the clutch plate, pressure plate and throw out bearing will be replaced with new, it should be a matter of course – and not left unchecked by avoiding a few dollars, and absolute laziness.

Each of my previously restored MGB's, had its engine professionally reconditioned whether it needed it or not. Each car, besides receiving a complete body repair and paint, gets a totally new interior trim, carpets, seats etc, along with a new wiring harness, new shock absorbers, every nut, bolt and screw removed, then replated, and replaced. Every suspension bush/shackle/sleeve, or split pin was renewed. The brake system was totally rebuilt with all new parts, brake lines, cylinders, connectors as was the clutch system, with a new ring gear, spigot bush, pressure plate, clutch plate and the throw out bearing and fork even earned a new rubber cover.

Rather than prolong the “what parts I replaced” part of my story, it is needless to say, that I wasn't happy until it was like new, and the result was my satisfaction of knowing it was as good as I could make it.

So, if anyone has purchased a “restored” MG and all of the above was not part of the restoration, then it wasn't restored – it was given a quickie make-over,



and there is a big difference. Half doing any job, is anathema to me, and I sincerely hope that when any of my restored MG's come on to the market, the buyers will have the benefit of my "over the top" treatment and respect what I have done.



I have only ever sold two of my restored MG's, and I have never heard of a problem with successive owners. I am often reminded of a great MG clubman, who is sadly no longer with us, who, and whenever he was offering up something for sale, he would politely say, with a twinkle in his eye, and a grin a mile wide, "Please bring your chequebook, line up, and form an orderly queue!" Not for me, offering my latest restoration for sale – it will be my last, and I will never sell it – never.

Maurie Prior

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## **Southern Notes**

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **13th June 2021 - Run to Steve and Jenny Huntley's at Brighton incorporating a poker run**

Steve and Jenny Huntley organised and hosted this month's Poker Run. Participants contributed \$5 to be in the game, and at the start of the day and at four subsequent stops during the run, each player selected a card at random from a pack to make up a five-card hand. Seventeen members headed off from the Civic Club (card number 1) at 10.30am on a cool and cloudy day with no rain, with only Herby Burgess braving the cold with the top down on his MGB. Our first stop was for coffee at the Patchwork Cafe in New Norfolk (card number 2), where we noted that the number of derelict Leyland P76's on offer from the second hand place across the road has now risen to four!

After morning tea we continued west along the beautifully calm Derwent River to the Bushy Park Hall (card number 3). At this stage I was sadly aware that it wasn't going to be me taking the kitty home at the end of the day, but with everyone wearing a poker face, it wasn't clear who the lucky one might be. We crossed the Derwent River at Bushy Park and ran down the Eastern side of the river past New Norfolk and Boyer to the Brighton Anzac Memorial Gates (card number 4) at what was once the Brighton Army Camp, but is now a booming residential development. Detouring around Ford Road which was closed due to flooding, we ended the run at Steve and Jenny's place (card number 5) where we were all suitably impressed by the *large* shed next to the house. I'm sure the three utes in the yard would have quite comfortably fitted in with the two MGB roadsters, Jenny's Kia, a motorboat and a four-wheel drive sitting on a hoist that were in the shed.

After everyone cooked up a storm on the two BBQ's, Jenny and a few of the ladies plied us with an assortment of desserts to ensure no-one left hungry. We each received our last card and then it was show and tell time. My hand had gone from bad to pitiful, others managed something reasonable, but it was Phil Rollins who blew us all away with a full house! As you can see, winners are grinners.

## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, July 2021**

It was a very enjoyable day, with the poker game adding to the fun. A few of us decided that should we ever be stuck for a motorkhana venue, Steve and Jenny's generously sized backyard would make an ideal location. A sincere thank you to Steve and Jenny for their organisation and hosting of the day, not to mention the endless supply of bread, salads, desserts, hot drinks and lots of chatting. A great day with friends, which is the essence of a successful car club.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday. Pizza and movie night at the Civic Club.** Commencing at 7.00pm, food provided by the Sub-Centre. Will be a good fun night. *For further information please contact Mark Harrington: 0427 538 412.*

**1<sup>st</sup> August 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*

**4<sup>th</sup> August 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*

**14-15 August – Mid-Winter Run.** Centred around the Port Arthur Motor Inn. 18 Queen and 4 twin rooms have been reserved for the MG Car Club at \$130.00, meal \$35.00. Departing the Civic Club at 10.30am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> with a coffee stop at the Dunalley bakery on the way. The Port Arthur is taking your booking for the Saturday night, phone 03 6250 2101 (Audrey or Mellissa). See attached flyer. *For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296 006*

**12<sup>th</sup> September – Winter Breakfast at Longley International Hotel .** We are departing the Civic Club at 8.00am **sharp** with an optional run to the Springs and beyond for the brave. Fires and tea and coffee facilities are provided. Lucky door prizes!. Cost is \$10.00/head. *For further information please contact Stephen Huntley: 0428 127 932*

**19<sup>th</sup> September – Baskerville Historics.** Stay Tuned! Covid may play a part.

**17<sup>th</sup> October – Britain to Bunna.** Further details to follow.  
*For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

**6<sup>th</sup> November – Annual Concours.** Parliament House lawns have been booked for the display. Further details will be provided soon.  
*For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

**14<sup>th</sup> November – Charity Event.** Claremont Trash to Treasure Car and Bike Show. Event goes from 10am till 2.00pm. Entry by gold coin donation in support of Claremont Girl Guides.  
*For further information please contact Car Show coordinator: 0437 075 623*

**December? – Christmas Barbecue.** Details to follow.

Bob Leeson

## Northern Sub Centre Committee

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

## **Northern Notes**

Another month has gone by and we are in the winter period and it's definitely not tops down weather.

The activities of the Northern Sub Centre have continued on

### **Lunch run to Beauty Point.**

We started the day at the VCCA Club Rooms at 10 am and after avoiding the Launceston Running Festival which closed off the roads that we were planning using we stopped for Coffee.

Coffee was an outside affair on a sunny but cold day the 23 participants arrived from all different direction to enjoy a good hot cup of coffee and eats that would satisfy the most.

The venue was the pop up coffee van at the old Shell service station in Riverside fronting on to the Golf Course.

The idea was that it was Covid 19 safe and we could do what the car club members do so well , that is stand around and chat but now with a coffee in hand.

The day started dull and grey but as does the weather of late it turned out to be a clear and crisp sunny day.

Rather than include photos of participants and their cars I have chosen to show the outlook from the Beauty Point Hotel.

We enjoyed a great meal and can thoroughly recommend a visit.





Cheers

Mark Dilger

### **Friday morning coffee run**

Launceston weather in June tends to be either frosty and very cold, or foggy and damp; the 25th started off a little grey and foggy but by 10 am , sun came out and we were fortunate to have quite nice weather for this run. Twenty-six brave souls in a variety of cars ( some MG's , too!) met at 9am, ( 30 minutes earlier than usual; no names , do not wish to embarrass those who turned up late....) as we had committed to spend 30 minutes at the Japara Nursing Home , displaying our toys for some male clients who had requested this. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience ( some staff members were "over the moon!" ) and we promised to come back again in summer. The organiser (ie, me) then drove very slowly from Japara home, through Kings Meadows and onto Relbia Road, White Hills road, and eventually arrived at the St Leonards Cafe. Approx. 25kms through quite pretty countryside. Service at the cafe appeared quite brisk, and clearly some people could not resist the various slices, cakes, etc. Cafe owners were very welcoming and the organiser felt the choice of this venue ( probably seemed a bit out of left field, to some people) had been successful.

I would come back on a nice warm sunny day and sit on the new deck, in the sun. Big thankyou to all concerned.....John James

We have also had a Coffee Run and a mid-week dinner for the month but reports will be included in the next magazine.



**Up Coming events:**

**July Wed 14<sup>th</sup>:** Mid-week dinner, Dynasty Chinese, CNR Canning and Bathurst St. RSVP I Saunders by 10<sup>th</sup> July 0400185726. 6.30 at the venue.

**July Sun 18<sup>th</sup>:** State motorkhana championship, Latrobe.

**July Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** run to the Bracknell Pub, lunch at 12.30 RSVP Richard Ashley-Jones 0419350811 by 20 July. Will travel via Frankford Highway with morning tea at the Blue Berry Barn Café.

**July Wed 28<sup>th</sup>:** General Meeting all welcome.

**July Fri 30<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee run M. Dilger RSVP 0408271029 by 26<sup>th</sup> July Venue TBA.

**Aug Sun 1<sup>st</sup>:** Run to the Pier Hotel for lunch I. Saunders 0400185726 RSVP 28<sup>th</sup> July, leave 10.00am.

**Aug Wed 11<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek dinner P. Rossetto RSVP by 7<sup>th</sup> Aug to 0497266076, venue Steve's Grille. (Max 35 People)

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>:** Overnight stay, Port Arthur Motor Inn, 18 Queen rooms and 4 twin rooms have been reserved for the MG Car Club. B. Gleeson 036296006 for details.

**Aug Fri 27<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee run TBA P. Paine RSVP Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> to 0419261483.

**Sep Sun 5<sup>th</sup>:** Test and tune Baskerville

**Sep Wed 8<sup>th</sup>:** Dinner Kings Bridge, Paterson St L'ton 6.30 at venue. RSVP A. Merry by 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Sep Sun 16<sup>th</sup>:** Baskerville Historics.

**Sep Fri 24<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee run C. Cleaver RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> Sep. 0419772554.

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>:** MG Pre War Tyme event Canberra, details available on request.

**Oct Sun 31<sup>st</sup>:** Club day at Baskerville.

**Oct/Nov:** Run to D. Beckett R. Phillips RSVP 0409274482 (a Sunday run). QR Code required by M. Dilger.

**Nov Sat 6<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Concourse, Parliament lawns Hobart. C. Wagstaff 0438055199.

**Nov Sun** Run to John Glover Patterdale Deddington. Drive through the village of the Nile in order to keep on sealed roads. R. Ashley-Jones 0419350811. Bring own picnic and chairs.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Nat meeting Newcastle.

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

**Next Meeting: NSC 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Mark Dilger

## North West Notes

### **Past Events**

**Dinner Meeting – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June- 27** Members came together for the monthly dinner meet. A lovely roll up for the first winter meet.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Breakfast Run to Round Hill Café at Cethana - 13** Members departed Bunnings car park on a sunny, crisp air, winter morning travelling the back roads - arriving at Round Hill Café approx. 10 am where breakfast treats and a catch up chat with members was enjoyed beside a cosy burning wood heater. Most members completed the round trip home via Moina, Wilmot, Devonport.





### **Up Coming Events**

**July Dinner Meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July – 6 pm** at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Luncheon run to Bracknell Hotel**

We will meet at Bunnings Devonport car park at 9 30 travelling through Kimberley, Weegen, Dunorlan then onto the Raspberry Farm. From here we drive through Deloraine to Westbury and onto Bracknell. The hotel is booked for 12.30 lunch. This hotel has been chosen as it has a great reputation for the food, especially its steaks. Numbers are required please. Contact Greg Bannon 0419 389 105.

**August Dinner Meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 6 pm** at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

**Mid Year Winter run – 14 – 15 August.** Organised by the Southern Chapter. To be centred around Port Arthur. Should any NW Members be interested in attending, contact Bob Leeson Ph: (03 62 296 006) and make own arrangements. See reference notes in monthly magazine.

**November, Saturday and Sunday 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours/ Presentation Dinner and Breakfast**, this year being hosted by the Southern MG Centre. Please note dates in your diary. It would be great to have all our NW members participate in the weekend activities.



**TJ'S humour for the month of July -**



### *If My Body Was a Car*

*If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull .... But that's not the worst of it.*

*My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close*

*My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.*

*My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.*

*It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.*

*But here's the worst of it –*



*Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!*

**Of course none of us are YET in this category!!!!**

**Something to look forward to - may be???**

TC- Terry Jeffrey NW Co-ordinator Mob: 0417 344 369 Email: [northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au](mailto:northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au)

## **Southern Car Enthusiasts Mid-Week Run**

The numbers were down considerably for the 101<sup>st</sup> drive due to 8 late withdrawals relating to the Covid injection or the flu jab – I understand they are all feeling much better now which is good. So 54 persons in 33 vehicles headed over the windy roads of the Hobart Waterworks, through Ferntree and Upper Longley before heading via Huonville to Franklin. Lunch was at the Osteria at Petty Sessions where the staff brought out main courses and desserts which were handed out randomly. There were fewer exchanges than I thought there would be. A slightly different approach which worked and ensured we were all finished soon after 2pm. Ample but quality meals with ladies receiving their choice as far as possible – after all, the men are all gentlemanly.

Next month will be a pub meal at a destination we've been to many times over the years and has fewer windy roads as the weather isn't expected to be as kind as we've been experiencing.

Finally, they've closed the road to Orford for a few weeks to address an unsafe rock issue.









Remaining drives for the year are as follows,

**August – Wednesday 4th**

**September – Wednesday 1st**

**October – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – *to be arranged by Lyn Cengia (a new surprise destination)***

**November – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – *could be an evening run and dinner***

**December – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – *early Christmas lunch***

Cheers for now,

Wayne (XK 140 DHC)

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Ok convicts, are you ready for the **MID WINTER RUN?**

Members state-wide are invited to join in the Southern Sub Centre overnight run to Port Arthur on 14-15 August.

The run will depart the Civic Club at 10.30am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, with a coffee stop at Dunalley on the way south.

Accommodation is at the Port Arthur Motor Inn, 29 Safety Cove Rd, Port Arthur. 18 Queen and 4 Twin rooms have been reserved by the club at \$130 per night. Ring (03) 6250 2101 and quote the MG Car Club when making your reservation.

Waggy promises some fun activities on Saturday afternoon, followed by dinner in the motel restaurant at \$35/head.

For further information call Chris Wagstaff on 0438 055 199 or Bob Leeson on (03) 6229 6006 or 0457 354 645.





## **Exhaust Notes**



This photo was submitted by a NW member suggesting that it is proof that since no-one will listen to NW Co-Ordinator Terry Jeffrey, he has had to resort to talking to horses?

*A mechanic was removing the cylinder head from the engine of a car when he saw a well known cardiac surgeon in the garage.*

*The surgeon was waiting for the Service Manager to come and take a look at his car.*

*The mechanic shouted out across the garage:*

*"Hey Doc.... Want to come take a look at this?"*

*The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over.*

*The mechanic straightened up , wiped his hands on a rag and said:*

*"So doc, look at this engine... I opened its heart , took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged and then put everything back in."*

*"When I finished it worked just like new"*

*"How is it then, that I make \$60,000 a year... while you make \$1.5 million, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"*

*The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and said to the mechanic.*

*"Try doing it with the engine running!"*

Submitted by Bruce Keogh

Sean is the vicar of a Protestant parish in Dublin and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which said:

**"THE END IS NEAR.  
TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW  
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."**

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don't need your lectures." From around the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash. Shaking his head, Father Patrick says "Dat's da terd one dis morning'."

"Yaa," Sean agrees, then adds, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say ....

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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 14 <sup>th</sup> July       | NSC – Dinner Social Night    | Dynasty Chinese       | Ian Saunders         |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> July       | SSC – Pizza and Movie Night  | Civic Club            | Mark Harrington      |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> July       | NSC – Social Lunch Run       | VCCA Clubrooms        | Richard Ashley-Jones |
| <i>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> July</i> | <i>NSC – Coffee Run</i>      | <i>VCCA Clubrooms</i> | <i>Mark Dilger</i>   |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug         | NSC –Lunch Run               | VCCA Clubrooms        | Ian Saunders         |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug         | NW – Lunch Run               | Bunnings Carpark      | Greg Bannon          |
| <i>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Aug</i>   | <i>Classics on the Beach</i> | <i>Sandy Bay</i>      |                      |
| <i>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Aug</i>   | <i>Southern Mid Week Run</i> | <i>Rivulet Cafe</i>   | <i>Wayne Goninon</i> |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug        | NSC – Dinner Social Night    | Steves Grille         | Paul Rosetto         |
| 14-15 August                    | Mid-Winter Run               | Civic Club            | Bob Leeson           |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug        | <i>NSC – Coffee Run</i>      | <i>VCCA Clubrooms</i> | <i>Mike Paine</i>    |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug        | Square Rigger Run            | Deloraine             | Frank Brooks         |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep         | NSC – Dinner Social Night    | Kings Bridge          | Andrew Merry         |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep        | SSC – Breakfast Run          | Civic Club            | Stephen Huntley      |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | Britain to Bunna             | Triabunna             | Chris Wagstaff       |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | Annual Events                | Hobart                | Chris Wagstaff       |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | SSC - CharityEvent           | New Norfolk           |                      |

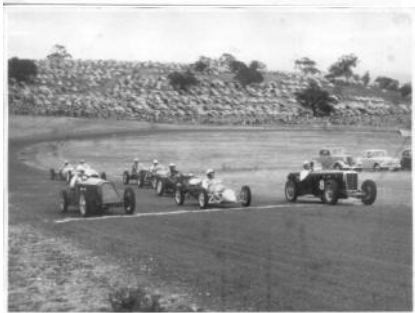
## Club and State Competition Events

| <b>Date</b>               | <b>Event</b>               | <b>Location</b> | <b>Coordinator</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July | SMS-3 Motorkhana           | Latrobe         | MGCCT              |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug   | Motorkhana                 | Symmons Plains  | MSCT               |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug  | Lufra Regularity Hillclimb | Eaglehawk Neck  | CMI                |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | Test & Tune Day            | Baskerville     | MGCCT              |
| 18-19 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | Baskerville Historics      | Baskerville     | HSCC/MGCCT         |
| Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct  | Club Day                   | Baskerville     | MGCCT/MCCT         |
|                           |                            |                 |                    |

# Square Rigger Notes

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

A random selection of photos here courtesy of the Brian Roberts and the late Bill Whenn files. The Longford start is a classic from 1965 includes many 'conventional' sports cars and MGCC Tas members, Carossi & Special 19, Wills 53 & Frith 8 Sprites, Roberts MGA 52 (of Greg Ellis), Robertson Peugeot 403, Curren TR4 and the Purple Petrol Eater amongst others. Two B&W shots at Baskerville, Roberts and Tyson in the pits early 60s and a 1958 racing car handicap event with Nichols TC 8 and a gaggle of specials including the Elliot Holden Special and the Bashmobile of Bill Bashfield. In the background of both the support in the crowd, Baskerville hill is packed.



The Ford Special No.51 driven by Brian Roberts on the Domain Hill Climb December 1957 depicting Brian and brother Keith with the MG TF No.60 of Robin Bessant to the right. A typical motorkhana 1967 shows the concentration of the driver and the exciting work of the passenger, never a cross word exchanged. The MG Peugeot at Symmons Plains November 1964 still in the hands of Charlie Button winning the Sports and Racing Car 8 lap Handicap. Note the Peugeot cross flow capable arrangement.

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