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2013 Mid-Winter Weekend to Tarraleah.

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MGF Suspense



Modifying a car takes courage, skill, talent and perhaps, some madness. From my feeble attempts to 'improve' my 1960's MG Midget and Morris Minor, I soon learnt to respect how cars are a system of components designed to fit and work together. Modify one component and it could be an endless domino of problems. I found it challenging enough to fit new, after-market components that look the same but are 'just slightly' altered to evade copyrights and patents. I do admire the work completed in hot rods and custom cars, many are a one-off works of art. Mind you, many are hideous looking and a mechanical scrambled egg with components from various marques. Modifying a car is a highly skilled process. My cars will remain as their maker intended, until I had no choice.

My 20-year-old MGF, the only new car I indulged myself with; had suspension problems. Like all MGFs, the hydrgas suspension needed replacing. The suspension used four displacers containing nitrogen in an upper sphere and a hydrgas fluid in the lower sphere. The nitrogen being compressible provides the springing/damping and the fluid controls the ride height. When the car was new, it was brilliant, providing a comfortable ride and good handling but

as it aged, the nitrogen escaped and the suspension dropped. Pumping more fluid raised the suspension but it didn't overcome the loss of compression, (the springing), leaving the suspension hard. New displacers were no longer available. I had 3 options, sell the car, reconditioned displacers or replace the suspension with a coil kit that had just arrived on the market. Selling my immaculate car with 50,000ks in return for the loose change dictated by market value, wasn't an option. Reconditioned displacers were of unknown quality and very expensive. I was about to move from traffic congested Melbourne to a small, coastal town in Tasmania, an island state, so not having to find where to pump up the hydragas was an advantage of the coil replacement kits. I had the choice of two kits. An Australian kit that had mixed reviews and soon became no longer available. The other kit, known as Xpart/Suplex, was sold by retailer Rimmers UK whom I had purchased all factory spares from. The Suplex kit was described as commissioned by Caterpillar logistics, the official distributor of genuine MG Rover parts and used engineers who were involved in the development of the MGTF. The advertisement description continued: "detailed and involved calculations were performed along with physical testing to determine the effective spring rates, ride frequency and damping forces of the original hydro pneumatic system. The resultant designs were put through two years of evaluation and proving before sign off and release." The perfect, professionally engineered replacement. No back-shed production.

When the kit was first fitted to my car the suspension was comfortable but the comfortable ride gradually became harder and noisy; 3 months after the installation there was no doubt it wasn't right. I contacted xpart, their response: 'nothing to do with us, see the retailer.' Rimmers said it wasn't a product they had issues with and suggested I return to the garage. The garage checked and reset the suspension twice, declaring the problem was the suspension design. The suspension got harder and the noise got louder. I continued informing Rimmers, sending descriptions and a recording of the noise. Rimmer's spoke person politely acknowledged each email and thanked me for my patience. The emails exchange continued for months with no result. Eight months on, Rimmers sent me a warranty application form to fill and I took the car to two garages for diagnosis, both identified the problem as

failed rear suspension. Rimmers agreed to replace the rear coil canisters but said I had to wait for the two canisters to be manufactured. Four months had passed when Rimmers told me the manufacture refused my claim because one garage said 'the rear coil canisters appeared to have leaked a fluid' when the canisters contained no fluid.

The car was unroadworthy; it skipped/hopped and juddered on turns and slammed over the slightest ridge. Forty kilometres an hour over reflectors on the road surface felt like a mallet striking my spine. I feared chipping my teeth. The suspension loudly clanged, grinded and metal moaned like a rusty gate, loud enough to stop pedestrians; many of whom would comment. Driving so slowly, I frustrated other drivers. The rear wheels developed an extreme negative camber and there was about 10mm between the top off the tyre and wheel arch. On the internet I read horror reports about the Xpart/Suplex kit. Owners displayed photos of their cars' bodies fractured from the impacts. Forum after forum, owners expressing their frustration. I parked my car and decided not to drive it until it was fixed. Months passed, still no progress. I was paying registration and insurance for a car I couldn't use. I continued to chase my warranty claim, asking Rimmers to give me 2 coil canisters from the complete kits they have in stock. They promised they were doing their best to resolve the problem as soon as possible and thanked me for my patience. From the internet I learnt about a Mike Satur kit that owners had nothing but praise for. I contacted Mike and he helped arrange test drive of a local car with a Satur suspension. The impressive ride was sure footed yet comfortable. The year ended and still no progress with Rimmers so I loaded up the credit card and purchased a Mike Satur kit. A few days later, Rimmers contact me, agreeing to replace the two coils from their stock, only to withdraw the offer a day later because the manufacture decided to supply me with a complete Suplex kit and contribute to the cost of fitting the kit! In a personal letter of apology, the manufacturer explains that they manufactured thousands of these kits world-wide and have very few problems and pride themselves on their customer service. They admitted to failing me and wanted to win back my confidence. After over a year of emails, promises, hoops to jump thru, knock backs, excuses and delays, not to mention the cost; I asked them if it's an on-going joke.

The Satur kit arrived. I could see from the extensive parts this was a far more serious modification than the Suplex kit. The Suplex kit replaced each displacer with a coil in a canister and a telescopic shock; the Satur kit was a totally new suspension, replacing most of the factory suspension. The hunt for a garage to fit the Satur kit wasn't easy in country Tasmania, most would respond 'too big a job', 'not my kind of work', 'we're too busy'. Months later, the MS kit was fitted, and driving the car is wonderful. The noise, banging, skipping, jarring and slamming are gone. The car rides very much like it did when new. The garage owner, not keen on modifying cars; said the kit was a clever design but he found the instructions frustrating. I studied the old Suplex components, one of the Suplex rear canisters was scored and the shocks were jelly soft. I noted the central fixing point of each canister had moved off centre, the rear driver's side being the worst.



Note: the front suspension canister scored and the rear suspension canister is off center.

Mike Satur's interest and support was impressive. Throughout the process, he emailed me for progress reports and was always on hand to assist. When the garage couldn't get the sway bar on, Mike knew the problem and quickly emailed photos and an explanation of the missing spacer. He's definitely stands by his product and doesn't disappear once the sale is made. At the time of writing, Rimmers said they will refund the cost of the Suplex kit upon its return.



Some of the components of the factory suspension replaced by the Satur kit.

Car modification is riddled with risks and unforeseeable problems, even for professional engineers. I can only admire those few who succeed, like Mike Satur. His skill re-engineered the suspension and saved my car for me to enjoy once more.

Cost summary:

Suplex kit \$A1464 Postage to Australia \$A240, import duty \$A358, fitting cost \$A1300, Towing to and from garage because of covid lock down 5k limit: \$A400, garage inspections \$380 total: \$A4,142

Mike Satur kit inc postage: \$A2917.58, import duty: \$486.65, fitting: \$1700.
Total: \$A5103

Jane Attard

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President's Report

At the weekend the club lost another of its founding members, David "Brian" Roberts 7.11.1935 – 29.05.2022, known as "Humphrey". A more detailed Vale will be in next month's magazine.

Sub-centres are continuing to have lots of events for members to attend, even though we are now in winter the weather has not been too bad, although might be a bit cool to have the hoods down.

Our last competition was a Motorkhana at Latrobe. There were 11 entries. Oh, what a day!!! Four seasons in a day, but mainly wet, cold, with the occasional strong wind gusts. The sun did shine occasionally. I think the competitors enjoyed the driving conditions.

Our next competition is a Club Day combined with the Mini Car Club on Sunday 19th June at Pepsi-Max Baskerville Raceway. The day will entail a Hillclimb in the morning and Sprints in the afternoon. Entry is by using the Motorsport Australia (MA) Event Entry Portal. Cost: Adult \$130; Junior \$65; Family 2 living at same address \$190. Entries close Thursday 16th June.

The State Committee is continuing to investigate the Carbon Neutral Policy for the club, so when the time comes the club will be in front of the eight ball. Mark Harrington, (the secretary) has taken this arduous task on.

The "Midgley's" have taken on organising our "Winter Run" to Barnboughe Lost Farm. Details further in magazine.

Reserve the dates 16th to 18th November for the club's Annual Concourse, Presentation Dinner, and Breakfast to be held at Sheffield. Further updates to follow.

Keep safe everyone and enjoy using your MG.

Zube

(Bronwyn Zuber)

President

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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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.

Webmaster: Craig Large

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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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Motor Sports Chaplain

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Ed Says

This month magazine is bought to you by the letter F. Those that have owned MG F's will be familiar with either head gasket issues or suspension issues as as you may recall from previous magazines have been chasing an electronic issue with our F. So what does the F in MGF stand for Frustrating? Fickle? or maybe a more crude description comes to mind, But when they are going well they are Fabulous, but maybe that is just MG's?

So the continuing saga of the immobiliser, I received the new immobiliser from Rimmer Bros and installed, I reset the EKA (Emergency Key Access) code so that in the future if anyone had trouble the code would be still match the VIN. Tested the FOBs, and all is as it should be. Then after many attempts to start where the car just started and then stopped, along with much investigating on the internet, I found out that I had to re-synchronise the immobiliser to the ECU, so I set the ECU in learn mode and activated and deactivated the immobiliser. Now the car ran, BUT!!! what is that alarm for? THE ECU alarm is on as soon as you turn the key on and even after the car is running. So I resynchronised everything again, but it is still the same?

There are no faults active on the ECU, so the alarm has to be to do with the immobiliser synchronisation or does it? Stay tuned until next month hopefully I will have found the solution by then.

My thanks to Craig Large for the loan of his ODB Test Tool, hopefully I will have this resolved and he will have it back by Xmas.

The cover photo this month is from our 2013 Mid-winter run to Tarraleah where we got snowed in. With the cold snap over the last few days I thought the picture was appropriate leading up to this years Mid-winter run where hopefully we will not encounter snow.

I would appreciate any stories on car restorations or even the long version of a small issue that took some finding and resolving. It may be embarrassing or even self promoting, but it is what owning an MG is about, anyone that says their MG has never given any trouble are delusional, either that or they never drive it.

ED.



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2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April

May Update

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/



Hello again with an update on details of the 2023 MG National Meeting being held in Adelaide next Easter. The big news is that expressions of interest are now open. Please send names, e-mail contact and phone contact to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au. If you have already done this, encourage your friends to make an expression of interest.

The web address is at the top of this bulletin - we're updating information as it becomes available.

The theme for 2023 is straightforward: to make sure that everyone has a great time doing something they enjoy doing.

Friday April 7

- Registration and scrutineering – Kauri Community and Sports Centre, Seacliff.
- Noggin'n'Natter (including Rocker Cover Racing) – Festival Function Centre, Findon.

Saturday April 8

- Concours – Wigley Reserve in beautiful Glenelg. The Concours is always a highlight of a National Meeting and everyone who brings an MG to Adelaide will be encouraged to display their car.
- Theme party – Stamford Grand, arguably Glenelg's top venue overlooking the State's best-known beach. The Committee is working on an appropriate theme . . . watch this space.

Sunday April 9

- Motorkhana – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend. SA's newest motor sport venue with full facilities including on-site accommodation, plus a nearby Motel and a Big4 Caravan Park.
- Kimber Run – Southern Adelaide Hills Wine Region with lunch at the Hahndorf Oval in the heart of one of SA's most loved tourist precincts.

Monday April 10

- Super Sprint – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend.
- Observation & Social Run – Northern Adelaide Hills Wine Region. This will be a run of about 70km taking a couple of hours, with simplified instructions and plenty of questions.
- Presentation dinner – Festival Function Centre, Findon.

Tuesday April 11

- Farewell breakfast – return to the Stamford Grand at Glenelg to catch up once more before heading home or spending a few more days exploring what SA has to offer.
- Delegates' conference – Glenelg North Community Centre.

Classes

A decision made at the 2022 delegates meeting allows the organising club to amalgamate classes to maximise the number of people eligible for outright awards.

This is an option we may need to do depending on the number of entrants – full details will be in the supp regs.

Accommodation – get in quick!

Easter's a busy time in Adelaide (thank goodness it falls in April next year and not in March when we have the Fringe and the Adelaide Festival!).

There's a range of accommodation in Adelaide's CBD and Glenelg (always a favourite spot), but we've researched a couple of other alternatives.

The **Marion Holiday Park** currently has vacancies next Easter. It's 15 minutes from Glenelg, about 20 minutes from the City and trailers may be accommodated BUT check at the time of booking as this may vary.
<https://marionhp.com.au>

And the **Brighton Beachfront Caravan Park** is a gem right on the beachfront and also has vacancies at present for its ensuite cabins. Extra parking is available at \$10 per day for trailers and tow cars. Check it out at
<https://brightonholidaypark.com.au>

Sorry – we can't make bookings on your behalf, but we urge you to get in ASAP to reserve your stay.

Regalia

Designs are being finalised – watch this space for details.

Please send your expressions of interest and enquiries to:

Tim Edmonds, President, Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au
Chris Bray, Registration, Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au
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See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

Regards,
Tim Edmonds
President, MG Car Club of SA.

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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

22nd May – Fern Tree Fire Station Run

Twelve members headed out from the Civic Club behind enduring leader Shane Manley for the run to Fern Tree. The route wound up the mountain over Waterworks Road and the old Ridgeway Hillclimb course to Huon Road. On arrival at Fern Tree Fire Station Chris Wagstaff put on his Fire Chief hat (literally, at times) and gave the group an induction and Covid briefing.

The Station tour included appliance inspections (we thought they were fire engines, but Chris was emphatic that they were *appliances*), the opportunity to view the equipment carried on a modern fire appliance, and a question and answer session regarding the breathing apparatus (BA) and personal protective equipment (PPE) worn by fire fighters. Many of us were surprised by the sheer volume of equipment a fire fighter wears and carries, not to mention its weight (and cost). Chris also gave us an appreciation of what exactly happens from the time someone puts in a 000 call to the point where fire fighters are on the scene at a fire or accident. Radios are a vital piece of equipment, and it was noted that work is underway to put the Tas Fire Service, Police and SES on a common radio system.

Then it was downstairs for a view of the training / lounge room, kitchen facilities and (unfortunately closed) bar. While being a relatively small station, Fern Tree is much better furnished and equipped than many rural fire stations. Chris made the point that Government funding only covers the equipment used to fight fires. Any other creature comforts or facilities are only obtained through fund raising efforts by the brigade.

To wrap up the visit Chris gave a refresher and introduction for some on how to use a Defibrillator. A commitment was given to hold a full training session in the coming months on use of the Defibrillator carried by the club on runs and at functions.

We ended the run with a drive back down Strickland Ave to the Cascade Hotel in South Hobart where we were met by three more making fifteen for an excellent lunch.

Many thanks to Chris Wagstaff for organising the visit and sharing his knowledge and personal experiences. A day where we all came away a little wiser!



COMING EVENTS

Greg Ellis Memorial Run

The Greg Ellis Memorial run has been deferred pending confirmation from Greg's family of the format of the run. A possible BBQ lunch at Baskerville is being considered, but date and details are yet to be determined.

19th June – Club Day at Baskerville

Hillclimb and Super Sprints. Entry forms are on the Motorsport Australia website.

26th June – Dunalley Hotel Run

Meet at 10am for a 10.30am departure from the Civic Club for a run to Richmond for a coffee stop and then on to the Dunalley Hotel via Dodges Ferry and the Norfolk Bay coastal road. For lunch we will have full choice of the hotel's extensive bistro menu.

To RSVP or for further information please contact:

Mark Harrington, 0427 538 412

2-3rd July – Statewide Winter Run

This year the annual winter overnight getaway is being organised by Andrew Midgley and will be held at the Barnbougle Lost Farm Golf Resort near Bridport. See accommodation options and details of the weekend elsewhere in the magazine. We are meeting the Northern contingent in Evandale for lunch at 12.30pm on Saturday, so we will meet at the Civic Club at 9am for a 9.30am departure.

To RSVP or for further information please contact:

Mark Harrington, : 0427 538 412

10th July – Hobart Mystery Tour

We will meet at the Civic Club at 2.00pm for 2.15pm for a leisurely walk to Salamanca for a coffee then on to Mawsons Hut meeting Wal Van Schie at 3.30pm who will take us on a guided tour of some of Hobart's points of interest that many may not have seen. The tour will take about one and a half hours, after which we will return to the Civic Club to pick up our cars and head home. It might be a good idea to bring warm clothes!

To RSVP or for further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0457 354 645.

14th August – National Park Hotel Run

A 10am meeting for a 10.30am departure from the Civic Club for a run to the National Park Hotel for lunch.

To RSVP or for further information please contact:

Shane Manley, 0405 077 570.

25th September – Hobart History Tour

The date is tentative, and will be confirmed. A Sunday morning run around Hobart visiting points of historical interest, followed by a lunch. Further details in next month's magazine.

To RSVP or for further information please contact: Alan Briggs, 0475 089 560.

15-16th October – BBQ and Britain to 'Bunna Weekend

This year the BBQ run to David Scott's place and the 'Britain to Bunna' car show run will be combined, with the BBQ on Saturday and the car show on Sunday. Members can choose to do one event or do both and stay overnight at either the Eastcoaster Resort or Blue Waters Hotel. More details will be advised next month.

To RSVP or for further information please contact:

Chris Wagstaff, 0438 055 199.

Defibrillator Training

A weekend defibrillator training course will be run at the Civic Club in late October or early November.

Further details will be provided closer to the event.

Mark Harrington



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Mid-Winter Run July 2-3

This years dose of winter madness is brought to you by Sue-Anne and Andrew Midgley. Those that attended my previous winter runs will remember you have to keep your wits about you or you just might end up with a trophy for something you didn't really want to remember.

So this year we are headed to Barnbogle Lost Farm Resort, the lovely Maria will take your accommodation booking for you, You have the choice of rooms in the Lodge or cabins, accommodation is between \$190 and \$220 per night depending on your choice.

Maria can be contacted on 03 6356 0094 or by email
reservations@barnbogle.com.au

So this is how the weekend will go:

We will all meet for lunch at the Clarendon Arms Hotel in Evandale for lunch at 12:30 pm.

- NW members will meet at Anvers for a leisurely departure at 11am.
- Northern members will meet us at the pub.
- Southern members will depart the Civic Club at 9:30am for a leisurely drive to Evandale

We will depart from Evandale at approx. 2pm via the Sidling to Bridport, with a bit of a sight seeing competition along the way.

After everyone has checked in we will be indulging in The MG PGA Championships. Please wear sneakers or flat footwear, and beware there will be sand traps.

At approx. 6:30 we will congregate for an evening meal in the Lost Farm Lodge Restaurant. It is a \$70 / head 3 course meal. The menu is on the next page. After our meal there will be the usual merriment and embarrassment.

Breakfast is of your choice, Continental is \$19/head and hot breakfast is \$24/head, bookings are not required.

So if you wish to attend, make your booking direct with Maria, let me know your coming, advise of any dietary requirements and make sure you pack your sense of humour.

Andrew Midgley
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LOST FARM LODGE
THREE COURSE MENU

ENTRÉE

Cold smoked Tasmanian salmon, blue swimmer crab, mascarpone cream, wakame seaweed salad, flying fish roe, lavosh cracker

Asparagus tart, chévre, mushroom duxelle, mushroom puree, truffle salsa and rocket (V)

MAIN

Crispy, crackling pork belly, confit potatoes, steamed greens, walnuts and apple, with cider infused pork and apple cream (gf)

Fresh local whitefish, gremolata crust, Paris mash, wilted spinach, citrus salsa, lemon beurre blanc (gf)

Twice cooked duck confit leg, chicken ballotine, rosti potato, wilted greens, orange and star anise (gf)

DESSERT

Homemade sticky date pudding, double cream and walnuts

Homemade semi-freddo, poached fruit, fresh berries, roasted Canadian maple hazelnuts and raspberry syrup (contains alcohol) (gf)

Caramel-apple brûlée, poached spiced apple, butter crumble and vanilla ice cream (gfo)

Northern Sub Centre Committee

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North West Coordinator	Terry Jeffrey (Colleen)	(m)0417 344 369 <u>northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au</u>
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	

Northern Notes

I would like to open this month by offering our condolences to Sue Paine on the loss of her Mother and Robin Wilmot on the loss of his father, our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

We are now in the depth of winter or if not its cold enough to be there. Social activities have reduced and the only events this month was the mid – week dinner at the Ducks Restaurant and the end of month coffee run also at the Ducks.

We welcome new member Marko Stepanovic to the end of month meeting who has an MGA and we look forward to

On Wednesday 11th May 30 Club Members drove down the Tamar to The Duck Bar and Restaurant on the western bank of the Tamar River.

We were all made most welcome by the hosts Mark and Ruth de Bont faced with an excellent choice of food and beverages to allow us to return home safely.

It was unfortunate that one member, who will remain nameless could not locate the gateway to The Duck restaurant in the middle of the largest vineyard on the Tamar River.

It is believed he drove along the old Rosevears Drive until he reached the Rosevears Hotel and decided that he would dine out on his own and forfeit our members company.

An enjoyable evening was shared by all with pleasurable meal, good drink served in an idea ambiance encourage the club to return in the day light for our coffee run at the end of the month.

Thanks to Scott and Katinka for the recommendation to consider this venue; an excellent choice.

Bill Daly

I need to apologies for not including photograph of the morning tea but I was having such a good chat I forgot to get the camera out and go around the room.

We had 34 club members gather at the Winsor Centre at Riverside for a leisurely drive along the West Tamar turning into Rosevears Drive and to Strathlyn Vineyard and The Ducks Bar and Restaurant for a 10am morning tea.

We enjoyed the company of Peter Shaw who is our newest life member who travelled from Hobart to come to our morning tea. Thank you Peter and hope you had an enjoyable time.

The venue is in a very picturesque area of the Tamar surrounded by grape vines overlooking the Tamar River.

The owners Mark and Ruth de Bont opened the restaurant at 10am rather than 12 to provide Coffee and with a choice of Scones, Muffins and or Gluten Free Cake.

The service was excellent and very well organised and suggests that The Duck's will see many a visit by the club members in the future.

Mark Dilger

In going through some old photos on my hard drive I thought that it would be interesting to see the social activities of the club prior to 2008.



L/R Sue Paine Mike Paine Vicki Walkden Kim Orpwood Ian and Annie Saunders on a Weekend to the far North West and its breakfast at Tall Timbers



Herbie's Mountain Madness having breakfast at the springs half way up Mount Wellington



L/R Tony Lansdell, Phil Tilley and Bruce Hills taken Christmas 2008 at the Tilley's



Trivia Night with the TR Club 2004 and as the group are so spread out I will let you put the names to the photo. Can you?

Up Coming events:

May 27: Coffee run.. The Ducks Restaurant, Rosevears Drive. \$11.00 for coffee and scone/muffin. Meet Windsor Centre 9:30am for short drive to The Ducks by 10:00am .. RSVP by May 24th to M. Dilger 0408271029.

June 8: Mid-week Dinner: Steve's Grill. Bathurst St. 6:30pm. RSVP by June 6 to R. Ashley-Jones 0419350811.

June 19: Hillclimb/Supersprints Baskerville

June 24: Coffee Run: Singapore Café, Gravelly Beach. RSVP by 20/06 Peter Harper 0417597897. Details to follow

June 17: Visit to Ainslie Nursing Home. Extra special coffee run: Meet at 9.30 am at Ainslie House nursing home followed to a run to Longford for coffee at JJ's. RSVP Geraldine ASAP on 0400 356 314.. Residents are so looking forward to our visit with our MG's and sports cars. Leaving the nursing home at 10.00 am we travel on to Longford for coffee... arriving at 10.30am

June 25: Shannons are the naming rights sponsor of a round of the National Rally Championship to be held in the north of the state in June and are asking for 20-30 classic cars from various car clubs for display in the Service Park Area on Saturday 25th June from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The Service Park Area will be at Invermay behind UTas stadium off Forster St. It's a chance to get up

close to the rally cars returning for their daily service. I have attached the relevant poster with map.

If you are interested, please contact Mark Dilger (0408 271029) for more details. Numbers will be limited and need to be booked in advance.

June 29: NSC meeting. VCCA rooms, 7:30pm

July 13: Mid-week dinner: Levee Restaurant, Seaport at 6pm. RSVP to Ian Saunders by July 6 on 0400185726

July 17: State Motorkhana Latrobe

July 27: NSC meeting. VCCA rooms, 7:30pm

July 29 Coffee run: R. Ashley-Jones 0419350811. Details to follow

August 28: Test and Tune Day. Baskerville

September 15-18: Baskerville Historics

October 30: Club Day. Baskerville

Mark Dilger

Northern Notes Coordinator



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North West Notes

Position	Member (Partner)	Contact Details
North West Coordinator	Terry Jeffrey (Colleen)	(m)0417 344 369 northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au
North West	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone	

Past Events

May Dinner Meeting – Thursday 12th... 14 members met at Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone for the monthly catch up.

Up Coming Events

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

Weekend 2 – 3rd July - Midgley's Mid-Winter Run

NW members attending, to meet at Anvers at 10-10:30am for coffee before departure at 11am.

July Dinner Meeting Thursday 14th - Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone from 6 pm.

Terry Jeffrey NW Co-ordinator Mob: 0417 344 369 Email: northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au



TJ's humour for the month of June



What happened to the wooden car
with wooden wheels and a wooden
engine?

It wooden go.



111th Wayne's Monthly Enthusiasts Drive

On a rather cool 14 degree day, 53 enthusiasts joined us for the 111th Wayne's monthly Enthusiasts' Drive. As the C3 Café was closed for three days for a convention we met for coffee at Wrest Point instead. Ongoing runs will start at the C3 Café as normal.

Although the road was wet, the predicted rain was merely a drizzle. It was a nice picturesque journey through Tarooma, Blackmans Bay, Howden and Margate and on the Snug Tavern. Mark Ellis was very well prepared for us with a lovely Garlic Marguerita pizza to start and a three choice main and an optional sticky Date pudding for dessert. It was nice that Paula and some of her family were able to join us at Wrest Point for coffee.

Remaining drives for the year are as follows,

June – Wednesday 1st (112th drive) – to be arranged by Wal Van Schie

July – Wednesday 6th (113th drive) – to be arranged by Bob Leeson

August – Wednesday 3rd (114th drive) - to be arranged by Wal Van Schie

September – Wednesday 7th (115th drive) - to be arranged by Lyn Cengia

October – Wednesday 5th (116th drive) – to be arranged buy Bob Leeson

November – Wednesday 2nd (117th drive) - to be arranged by Ron Bugg

December – Wednesday 7th (118th drive) – to be arranged by Paul Haddad

Cheers for now,

Bob Leeson

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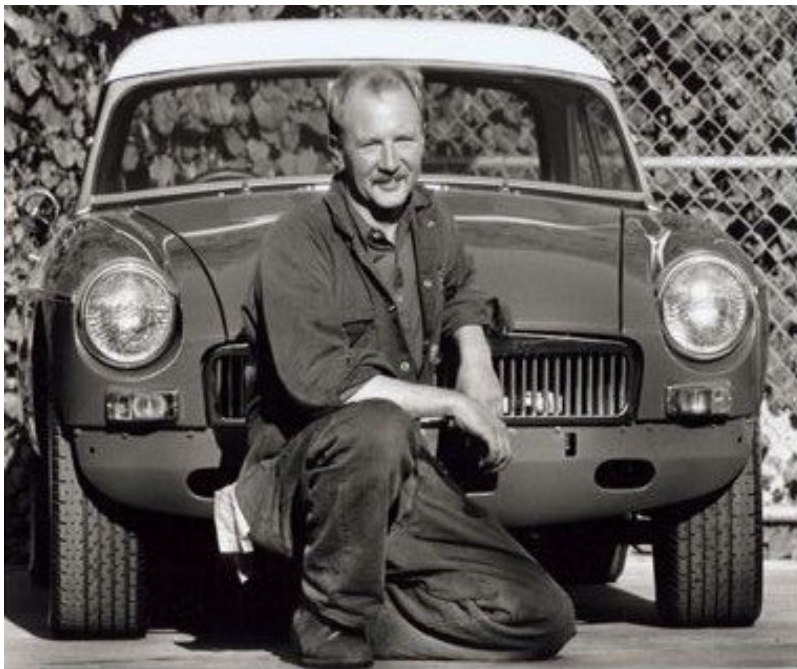


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Square Rigger Notes

All Pre War, T and Y Type MGs.

A selection of photographs from the Square Rigger Register three day run over the weekend, Tarrareah the destination. T Types from Launceston, Devonport, Forth, Sassafras and Hobart meeting along the way, all together at Bothwell. Tim and Chris Grant without TC kindly filling the Tail End Charlene role in their modern which proved very beneficial on a couple of occasions. Thanks to Cheryl and Tony G for much organisation.

There's the group at lunch around a very welcome Miena fireplace!



Bothwell and Hamilton, classic historic Tasmanian towns providing the ultimate 'period' ambience for a collection of T Types and their crusty drivers.





The total crew photographed by Chris Grant assembled at the Wall, Derwent Bridge. As all know it is a magnificent artwork and skilled (understated) presentation of highland activity and history!

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"Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray"



"I don't know what's wrong with it.
All I can tell you is, it's going to be
expensive."

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
8th June	NSC Mid-Week Dinner		R Ashley-Jones
<i>17th June</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>	<i>Ainslie House</i>	<i>Geraldine Biggelaar</i>
<i>24th June</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>		<i>Peter Harper</i>
<i>25th June</i>	<i>Shannons ARC Display</i>	<i>UTas Stadium</i>	<i>Mark Dilger</i>
26 th June	SSC Lunch Run	Civic Club	Mark Harrington
2 nd -3 rd July	Mid-Winter Run	Various	Andrew Midgley
<i>3rd July</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>	
<i>6th July</i>	<i>Waynes 113th Enthusiasts Drive</i>		<i>Bob Leeson</i>
10 th July	SSC Mystery Tour	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
13 th July	NSC Mid-Week Dinner		Ian Saunders
<i>29th July</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>		<i>R Ashley-Jones</i>
<i>3rd August</i>	<i>Waynes 113th Enthusiasts Drive</i>		<i>Wal Van Scie</i>
<i>7th August</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>	
Mid August	SSC Lunch Run		Shane Manley
15 th Sept	SSC Mystery Tour	Civic Club	Alan Briggs
15-16 th Oct	Britain to Bunna Weekend	TBA	TBA
18 th – 20 th Nov	MGCCT Annual Events	Sheffield	Terry Jeffrey

Club and State Competition Events

Date	Event	Meet At....	Coordinator
19th June	Hill Climb / Super Sprints	Baskerville	MGCC / MCC
17th July	State Motorkhana Rnd 3	Latrobe	MGCC
28th August	Test and Tune Day	Baskerville	MGCC
15 th – 18 th Sept	Historics	Baskerville	Baskerville Foundation
30th Oct	Club Day	Baskerville	MGCC / MCC



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