

# MG Monthly Motoring News

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## Cover Story



The 2017 Baskerville Historic Meeting was well supported and enjoyed by those present, a more detailed article by Mark Dilger, with additions from Peter Scott and others, is in the following pages. These are some pictures kindly forwarded by Colin Rosewarne Photography, they demonstrate a colourful cross-section of the local and mainland MGCC entrants for the weekend.

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The views expressed by the correspondents and advertisers do not necessarily represent the views of the club. Technical tips and the methods suggested are the views of the person submitting them and the Club can accept no responsibility whatsoever for the accuracy of these.

**Missing Safety Vests**

Garry Rusden reports that several safety vests are missing in action. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of any of these vests, can they please arrange their return as they are required for club events.

For further information please contact Garry on 0362736520

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

## **Membership Report**

This month we welcome three new members,

Colin Cleaver, Colin has moved from WA along with his MG, His interests are family and MG's

Neil Morris, Neil is interested motor sport,

Ren DiVona, Ren also is interested in motor sport,

We hope these members have an enjoyable time whilst in the club and look forward to seeing them at events.

Wayne Jessup, Membership Officer.



**Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tas) Inc.**



ABN 22 043 255 068

**40th Gordon Fysh Memorial Day  
Picnic and Gymkhana**

**WHEN:** Sunday 12th November 2017.

**WHERE:** Ross Community Sports Ground, Cnr Park & Badajos Sts.

**TIME:** 10.00am - 3.00pm.

**Entry Fee \$5.00 per car. Payable at registration on the day. Bring chairs.**

***Please wear your club name tag. Keep this form and bring with you on the day.***

**Getting there:** Each section can leave as a group from a pre-determined start point and follow the route provided by their section. You can choose where to start, either with NW, North, South, or make your own way to Ross Community Sports Ground, corner Park and Badajos Sts.

**Trailer:** Vintage/ veteran cars and motor bikes may be trailered to the event. The focus is to get these older cars and motor bikes to the venue and participate on the day. Trailer parking area is inside the grounds, just past the entrance gate.

**Food:** BYO lunch or buy in Ross Village.

**Entry** to the Community Sports Ground. From **Church St** (Ross Main street) turn east into **Badajos St**, cross railway line, continue to the entry gate at the corner of **Park and Badajos Streets**. Pay \$5.00 registration fee here, receive your entrant number and programme of the day's events, then proceed straight ahead to the parking marshals. Cars will be parked in two designated areas, **pre** and **post 1930**.

**On Arrival** there will be a choice of coffee/tea and biscuits, plus soup for morning tea.

**Inclement Weather:** The venue has excellent clubrooms (carpeted and fire) for members to socialise and keep warm in, so don't be put off by the weather.

**Gymkhana:** Late entries for gymkhana will be accepted on the day. Please register at the table located just inside the clubrooms.

**Gordon Fysh badges:** New design G/F badges can be purchased by entrants on the day @ \$11:50 ea. Engraving is the purchasers' responsibility. Lapel pins also available @ \$3:50 ea.

***Look for updates in Small Torque***

***Contact persons -***

***Tony Wilson 0407 664 566***

***Toni Hingston 0498 985 859***

***Laurie Bellchambers 0438 282 443***

***The focus of the day is to socialise with fellow members***

***"We know the cars, but we don't know all the people. Make this a day of mix and mingle"***

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### **Gordon Fysh A BRIEF HISTORY**

Gordon Willis Fysh, was the driving force behind the formation of the Veteran and Vintage Car Club, later to become the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) Inc. From Early 1920 until 1930 he owned a garage in Paterson Street, Launceston, selling Nash and Talbot cars.

He was an original member of the Tas Auto Club and was its last president before its amalgamation with the RACT.

He became a foundation member and life patron of the VCCA (Tas) Inc.

In 1946 he purchased a 1913 Siddeley Deasy, having first seen this vehicle new in 1913 when a neighbour, Percy Hart, bought it and had the body built by Paine's Bodyworks in Launceston.

This well known vehicle is still part of the VCCA (Tas), owned by member Andrew McDougall (grandson) and wife Frances

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## **Life Members**

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

## **MGCCT Facebook Page**

The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

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

## **MGCCT Website**

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

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

Webmaster:      Craig Large      (m) 0408 559 252  
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# **MG CAR CLUB OF TASMANIA STATE CONCOURS 2017**

## **18-19 NOVEMBER**



**9.30am - Royal Park, Launceston**  
**AGM, 2pm - Yacht Club Fifty Five, 7 Park Street**  
**Presentation Dinner at Riverside Golf Club**

For more information refer to September/October Newsletter or contact Mike Paine 0407271926

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

### **2017 State Concourse, AGM and Annual Presentation Dinner**

The State Concourse, AGM and Presentation Dinner will be held in Northern Section of the MG Car Club of Tasmania on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **State Concourse**

The weekend will commence with the State Concourse to be held at Royal Park in Launceston via Park Street entrance off Paterson Street. Cars are to be in place and registered by 9.30am 18<sup>th</sup> November, to enable judging to commence at 10am and be completed by 1.30pm. Entry fee of \$10 and is to be paid on the day. All other members wishing to display their cars are welcome to do so free of charge. So please come along and join in the day.

#### **High Tea**

While judging takes place a High Tea has been planned (depending upon numbers) for 11am at *Yacht Club Fifty-Five*, 7 Park Street overlooking the Tamar River basin and yacht club. The cost is \$22 per person or \$30 with a glass of bubbles. If you're interested in partaking in this event you will need to advise Geraldine Biggelaar on mobile 0400 356 314 or via email [gbiggelaar@gmail.com](mailto:gbiggelaar@gmail.com) no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Payment to be made on the day.

#### **AGM**

The AGM will be held at the nearby meeting rooms at *Yacht Club Fifty-Five*, 7 Park Street commencing at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend; however only financial members can vote and hold proxies. *Please note* that some members from northern section will remain behind to keep an eye on the cars while the AGM is being held.

#### **Annual Presentation Dinner**

Will commence at 6.30pm at the Riverside Golf Club, 244 West Tamar Highway, Riverside (off Eden Street past West Tamar Council Chambers). The cost is \$45 per head for a 2 Course Buffet meal and live musical entertainment.

PLEASE NOTE payment for the annual dinner must be received by 11<sup>th</sup> November to secure your place.

Cheques can be posted to:

Treasurer Northern Section

MG Car Club of Tasmania

PO Box 682, Launceston, TAS 7250

Direct Deposit:

BSB: 067002

Account number: 10373830

Reference: *Dinner* plus your *surname*

#### **Breakfast**

A free farewell and thank you breakfast will be held for all members at 8.30am 19<sup>th</sup> November, at the Tailrace Park in Riverside.

After breakfast, a run as been planned to Woolmer's Estate to participate in a car display at their annual Rose Garden Day event.

For any further information please contact Mike Paine mobile 0407271926



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# **MG Car Club & Mini Car Club Baskerville Super Sprints Baskerville Raceway 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

## **All Clubs Welcome**

**Scrutineering begins at 9.00am**

**Drivers briefing at 9.45am**

**Level 2S CAMS licence, available on the day.**

**Entry fee \$110 or \$150 for family, \$30 per  
extra family member.**

**Please ensure your car is “track worthy”,  
with fire extinguisher, steel valve caps, extra  
bonnet tie-down, wrist to ankle clothing,  
plastic covering headlight etc.**

**For more information contact;**

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

**PAST EVENTS:****Classic Car run to Pontville 13th September**

A group of 28 intrepid people defied the elements to enjoy a leisurely drive down to Penna, Richmond and across to the Crown Inn in Pontville, an easy one hour drive. The weather, while threatening, wasn't all too bad.

The pub gave us a good choice of both mains and desserts including the ever popular bread and butter pudding. The table service was outstanding and I believe everybody enjoyed their meal and the day.

Look forward to seeing you all again next month!

Wal van Schie (blue Mini K)

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**20<sup>th</sup> August** – Mountain Breakfast Run with optional run to The Springs, Mt Wellington. The event got off to a rather chilly start at 8.00am at the Civic Club. There were not many takers for the optional run up to the Springs, rather the convoy of 27 people in 16 cars proceeded on a more direct route via the Southern Outlet, Margate, Sandfly and finally the Longley International Hotel. Some decided to opt for coffee at Banjo's in Margate.

The venue was well set up with fires and we were under cover this year at a marginal cost increase. The weather fined up so that under cover was not really needed, but better to be prepared as it was winter! As usual the catering was up to the normal excellent standard with plenty of choice, thanks mainly to Robin Wilmot in the absence of the usual chefs.

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Tahune Restaurant. A wintery week before the Tahune Air walk run with snow down to the Springs on Mt Wellington. The Sunday morning was a welcome change in the weather with 17 degrees greeting members at the Civic Club. With only 12 people we headed off at 10.20 for a coffee and cake at Banjo's, Huonville. After a delightful coffee we continued on our way to Tahune at 11.30, passing through Arve Valley Road admiring the mostly regrowth eucalypts.

On arrival at Tahune Air walk the MG Car Club were allocated a private building with fresh sandwiches, cake and coffee and tea laid out on the table with an open wood fire making it warm and cosy and inviting. Photos on the wall depicted the early days of forestry.

The curried egg, cheese and tomato and other assortments of sandwiches went down deliciously, followed by blueberry muffins, carrot cake and sponge cake cupcakes all enjoyed by our members. After a little negotiation over the price, as the booking was for 20 and only 12 participated, we arrived at a fair price. Just goes to show that we always need to confirm numbers as we leave the Civic Club on our runs!

Brian and Glenda Sharman went on the Air walk. Shane Manley and Billy Singh went on the Eagle Sliding Glider with the thrill of going fast. We all finished up around 2.30 and headed back on the winding road which was sealed all the way. The weather started to cool down after a warmish day. I believe the members enjoyed themselves with most saying it has been at least 20 years since they last visited the Arve Valley.

Shane M. (Doc)



**21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Baskerville Historics. We are now prepared for anything the weather can throw at us. A brilliant day on Friday for practice and qualifying runs. Saturday produced rain that started to turn the parking areas into mud patches reminiscent of last year.

The wet track produced some rather spectacular racing, with a couple of cars coming to grief with their meeting over. Not nice for those who have put so much time and expense in to prepare their cars and make it to the track, but that is racing!

On the way home on Saturday night I was confronted by lightening, thunder and torrential rain, thinking this cannot happen again. But this time the Gods listened and the winds that came up as a result of the storm blew most of the water away. So apart from the need to rescue a few marquees at 3am, Sunday greeted us with an overcast but great day for racing with not a drop of rain and a perfectly dry track.

Sunday was spectacular, producing some great duels on the track, a wonderful display of historic cars, and spectators on the hill as far as the eye could see. We have been waiting for this one for a long time now and it finally delivered. Thank you.



Baskerville, something on ?

### **COMING EVENTS:**

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – One Care, Barossa Park (off Clydesdale Ave), Glenorchy. Need half dozen cars.

For further information please contact Garry Rusden: 0428 523592

**18<sup>th</sup> October** - Wayne Goninon's mid-week run. These runs are conducted Wednesdays in the middle of the month. They all commence at the Rivulet Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart where we partake of a coffee before heading off to our destination around 11.30am. The remaining runs are; 15<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December. For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Pages Creek Winery. We are headed for the Pages Creek winery in Richmond obviously not by the direct route! Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am MG

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time. This is a BYO barbeque with wine available at the venue obviously. RSVP to Richard please.

For further information please contact Richard Holtsbaum: 0362 445741

**31<sup>st</sup> October** – Annual Area meeting. Commencing 8.30 pm. Put your hand up!

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - MX5 Club Day. Volunteers Required.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – Overnight stay at Mt Lloyd. Bring your sleeping bag and food for the evening meal. Breakfast will be provided by your host. Depart Civic Club at 11.00am. Coffee at the Patchwork Café, New Norfolk. RSVP to Bob please.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas BBQ. Activities will commence at 6.00pm. Cooking by our renowned chefs. Lucky door prizes.

Bob Leeson

The remaining drives for 2017 are:

**October – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Bob Leeson has kindly offered to arrange this one*

**November – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**December – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

With best wishes and safe motoring

Wayne (white MGA)

Phone: 0408 388 881

*Please advise me if you know others who may be interested or alternatively if you wish to be deleted from the distribution list.*

## **Editor's notes**

Some feedback on Kevin McGuire's contribution, the magazine was contacted regard the article; Kevin is at present enjoying a mainland break will provide more insight on his return.

The new clubman points system (no doubt to be outlined) will give points to articles and photo's individually, in future please name the photographer, locations and participants would also be useful to those of us not "on the run", this may not be always practical, but where possible, who, where and when are not always obvious to us armchair tourists.

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**MG Car Club of TAS INC**

The Annual General Meeting of MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc. (MGCCT), will be held at Yacht Club Fifty Five, 7 Park Street, Launceston, on, **18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 2.00 PM**

**ADGENDA**

- 1. Apologies and Proxy Votes
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- 3. Business arising
- 4. Chairman’s Report
- 5. Treasures Report
- 6. General Business
- 7. Election of committee

**NOMINATION FORM**

We ..... (Name of Proposer)  
And ..... (Name of Seconder)  
Being financial members of MGCCT hereby nominate,  
..... for the position of  
.....  
Signed: ..... (Proposer)  
..... (Seconder)

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION**

I ..... (Name of Nominee)  
Being a financial member of MGCCT accept the above nomination.  
Signed: ..... (Nominee)

**PROXY VOTING FORM**

I ..... being a financial member  
of MGCCT herby appoint .....to vote on my behalf  
at the **AGM on , 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
  
Signed: .....

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### **Notice of Annual Area meeting (Northern Sub Section)**

#### **MG Car Club of TAS INC**

The Annual Area Meeting of MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc. (MGCCT), Northern Sub Section Centre, will be held at the Veteran Car Club of Australia (VCCA) Clubrooms, 75 Lawrence Vale Road Launceston, on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 commencing at 7.30 PM**

#### **ADGENDA**

1. Apologies and Proxy Votes
2. Minutes of previous Annual Group Meeting
3. Business arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasures Report
6. General Business
7. Election of committee

#### **NOMINATION FORM**

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And ..... (Name of Seconder)  
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..... for the position of  
.....  
Signed: ..... (Proposer)  
..... (Seconder)

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION**

I ..... (Name of Nominee)  
Being a financial member of MGCCT accept the above nomination.  
Signed: ..... (Nominee)

#### **PROXY VOTING FORM**

I ..... being a financial member  
of MGCCT hereby appoint ..... to vote on my behalf  
at the AAM **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Signed: .....

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**Notice of Annual Area meeting (Southern Sub Section)**

**MG Car Club of TAS INC**

The Annual Group Meeting of MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc. (MGCCT), Southern Sub Section Centre, will be held at the Civic Club in Davey Street, Hobart on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 commencing at 8.30 PM**

**ADGENDA**

- 1. Apologies and Proxy Votes
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..... (Seconder)

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Signed: ..... (Nominee)

**PROXY VOTING FORM**

I ..... being a financial member  
of MGCCT herby appoint .....to vote on my behalf  
at the AAM on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
  
Signed: .....

**Northern Sub Centre**

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Club Meeting Details		Last Wednesday night of the Month: 7.30 pm for meeting. VCCA Rooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston	
Postal Address		P.O Box 682, Launceston, Tas 7250	

**Past Events:****Friday Coffee Walk – 28/09/2017**

With winter over, our coffee walks have begun - 10 of us had a brisk walk along the levee bank to the Cube Cafe at the Seaport, where 5 more members joined us. We all had a very enjoyable morning with lots of talking over coffee and cake! Welcome to new members Col & Cathie Cleaver who were on their first MG outing in Tasmania.

Robyn Keogh

**Tales from Tazmazia**

What did Noah say to his sons as they were about to go fishing? “Go easy with the worms. We’ve only got two”. Such are the various signs dotted throughout the mazes to keep your spirits high, while wandering, completely lost. It was a great sunny day, blue skies, no wind, for our visit to the Village of Lower Crackpot, where we also learned that “4 out of 3 people have trouble with fractions”. Which also suggests the same percentage of visitors might have trouble finding their way around. The little Hampden Court Maze wasn’t too bad. There is photo evidence proving I solved it! But the Great Maze was something else. Stuck in the middle, to make it even harder, was the small troublesome Irish Maze. Just the name itself raises alarm. Was a bit like a devil’s pitch fork. You enter along the handle, find the prongs are all dead-ended, so getting out is by the way in –

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the handle. That is after you find it again, of course. And go through the gate. A gate in a maze?

Said 'Hi' to a couple of maze residents near Embassy Gardens. Lovely looking couple, out enjoying the sunshine, probably waiting for their postal voting forms. Imagine they work in the pancake parlour. Disappointed in them, though, if that is the case. Last visit I'm sure there was a choice of one, double and/or triple stack pancakes on offer. This time only singles. Hmm. Looking like a NO vote, now, I reckon. But the cafe did make superb coffee. You all know my "small flat white, extra hot, please", routine. Well I got one this time, and without the 'please', would you believe. From a bright, shiny, stainless steel, fully optioned, **coffee machine**. Baristas take note – it can be done!

Anyway, it was a great day all round, we all participating to our own likings. Leaving you with some more whimsical philosophy, or if you prefer, another amazing thought. [Sorry]. Don't despair, or drop your bundle, if you're at wit's end trying to find your way around a narrow frustrating maze, or if you're out, trying to find your way around the big wide world, .....**never give up, remember Moses was once a basket case.**

Cheer, Jim.

## **The Baskerville Historics'; 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Once again I entered the weekends racing at this year's Baskerville Historics with three other club members with the weather being a little kinder this year than last.

This year's contingent was made up of myself and wife Angela, Don and Susan Fraser our editor John Frost and partner Yvonne, also Peter Richards and his son David from Perth WA. as well Margaret and Greg Bannon.

Don entered the "Locost" Clubman a vehicle of his own construction which uses Toyota mechanicals.

I entered my MGB GT, John his Mazda MX 5 1600cc and Peter and David shared Freddy the MG TF Special which was originally constructed for the well know car racing family the Miedecke's and comes with considerable racing history.

Angela and I left home at 8.30am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and met up with Don and Susan Fraser at Perth on our way to Baskerville.

On arrival we unloaded our vehicles and set up for the weekend and although there was practise we chose not to participate until official practise on the Friday morning.

Official practise and qualifying was on a dry track on the Friday which gave us a chance to find our feet and put in times more like those we would have expected.

This year's special guest and event patron was Alan Moffat O.B.E. and it was interesting to hear some of the many interviews he gave over the weekend which gave some insight into car racing in Australia some 40 years ago.



*Peter Richards standing to the left, David Richards in Freddy on the dummy grid.*

Saturday was a different day to that of qualifying so we were given the option of having a wet time as the rain began to fall and had done all the previous night.

This year Peter Richards and I had a garage so the problem of wet gear was not the same issue as we had last year and Don had his covered in trailer so we were pretty well covered for the inclement weather off the track.



*Mark Dilger MGB GT on the dummy grid*

David Richards, John Frost and I were running in Marque Sports Cars and Invited category, whereas Don Fraser and Peter Richards were running in Sports Racing Cars and Invited so we were not in the same events.



*Don Fraser No 36 waiting on the dummy grid for a start*

Race 1, all we needed to do was at least retain some points to add to the weekends tally and we were all successful in achieving this with John Frost being the most successful, in that his points score after round 1 was 40 or he only lost 10 points on a very wet track.

The day improved and race 2 in the afternoon was run on a half wet half dry track and John, David and I were successful in completing our run and only two competitors held any points at the finish of the event.

Don and Peter fared much better in their second run with Peter holding 42 points out of the 50 he started with and Don 20 points.



*Some contenders ?*

The Sunday turned out to be a very good day and whilst dark clouds threatened, nothing eventuated by way of rain but John Frost had succumbed to the flu and did not run.

David Richards was by now coming to grips with Freddy the MG TF Special of his Dad's and for the third run finished the highest points score of 46 myself second with 43 Peter Richards with 42 and Don Fraser finishing with 37 points.

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The weather only improved with a lift in temperature as the day went on and the new surface allowed the old limits to be explored as was the case when Jason White broke the old outright lap record on his last run of the day, a record that John Bowe set 35 years ago.

The second outing for Sunday was as good as you could get and run under dry track times.

David was enjoying the drive in Freddy so much so he exceeded his nominated dry time just about on every lap and shed a bag of point in the process. Don and Peter lost approx. 20 points each and I fortunately ended up only dropping 2 points in that run to take out the win in Marque Sports Car and Invited Category. This first place contributed greatly as it help me finished on the podium in third place for the weekend overall.

Peter Richards fared better in the Sports Racing Cars and Invited category in the he took out second for the weekend.

After that it was pack up time and this year to avoid the rush Don, Susan, Angela and I along with Greg and Margaret Bannon decided to stay the Sunday night and go home on the Monday.

Once packed up we left the cars at the circuit and headed back to Hobart for a leisurely night and bit of a sleep in on Monday morning.

Made it home by late afternoon on Monday and I too spent the next 24 hours asleep in bed with the flu and it has taken about 5 days after that to be back anywhere near normal.

However that aside it's been another great Baskerville weekend and I'm looking forward to next year's event.

Mark Dilger

### **Coming Events:**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Midweek Run. 6.00pm Car Museum, RSVP Mike Paine 0407 271 926

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct,** V.C.C.A Swap Meet, Village Green, Longford. With lunch to follow. 9.30 am Motor Museum, RSVP Brian Ralph 0447 632 813

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct,** Coffee walk, 9.30am Car Museum, RSVP Frank Brooks 0418 134 262

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov,** Midweek Run, 6.00pm Motor Museum, RSVP Bruce Keogh 0418 131 594

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov,** State Concours, AGM, dinner & breakfast, Launceston.

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov,** Woolmers Estate, Festival of Roses car display.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Combined North West & North Christmas party, venue TBA

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.** East Coast Run. 9.00am Car Museum, RSVP Ian Saunders 0400 185 726

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018.** MX5 Symmons Plains track day.

**Next Meeting WED 25th October 2017 7.30pm at the VCCA Club Rooms**

75 Lawrence Vale Road Newstead.

Northern Sub Centre Secretary

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**Please note** that the run to Longford for the Swap Meet on Sunday 15th October has been changed to include coffee at JJ's Bakery and a run to Evandale's Prince of Wales Hotel for lunch.

RSVP to Brian Ralph by Friday 13th on 6328 1360.

### **North West**

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Club Meeting Details		Second Thursday night of the Month: 6.00 pm for meal and social evening. Bridge Hotel, Forth	

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**Club Captain**

Competition has been fast and furious with the “Blast from the Past” Historics at Baskerville the weekend prior to both AFL & NRL grand finals. A very high number of interstate competitors made the journey and the competition was tight. The weather broke on Saturday only and I’ve never seen so many cars on the hill. Both Sat & Sun was “chockers”. I was wondering with all of the rain on Sat. whether we would have a spectator car mudslide race down the hill. Only a couple of major incidents with the most serious being Lincoln Spurr. I believe a full rebuild is to happen. Congratulations to all who competed.

Sunday Oct. 1 saw a club day at Symmons Plains. Perfect weather greeted us as we drove into the venue. Setup completed and we waited for the competitors, and waited, and waited.

I have never been so disappointed in the response or lack of for a club meeting. The officials outnumbered the entrants. The 8 that did start had good fun with no incidents. Of course, everyone was sprinted out soon after lunch. I think that the club should seriously

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think about conducting events that are not supported or conversely, speak to other clubs about holding combined events or delete the event from our calendar. Thanks go to the NSC for putting on the BBQ lunch.

A very big thanks to the volunteers who helped me on the day.

Don Fraser for scrutineering, Greg Bannon for timing and flagging, Peter Richards for scrutineering & timing, Andrew Midgley for timing, flagging & gophering, Craig Twining for CoC as well as the ambos, recovery crew, etc.

Our next event is the final sprint event this year. Baskerville on October 29 is the date. I would urge you to go and support the event either as an official or behind the wheel.

Planning for this years Concours, AGM and presentation dinner in Launceston are well under way.

Again, I would urge you to participate in any or all the events.

Finally, have a think about becoming a committee member and brainstorming some ideas.

Remember, it is **your** club and you can only get out of it what you put in.

See you around

“B” aware of ZEDS



### **Multi Club Motorkhana Bothwell 30th April 2017**

Driver	Car	Class	Cat'y	Club	T1: Oh what a feeling		T2: Crossed four point		T3: Top hat		T4: Pentagon		T5: Double hat		Class	Cat'y	Total	Ladies	MG only	Best MG
					Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2						
1 Tony Sutcliffe	Mini	AF		MG	39.93	38.7	27.98	26.83	27.36	27.16	27.81	27.83	33.84	33.19	AF.1		183.69		4	
2 Duncan Bearup	MG GT V8	BR		MG	62.46	46.4	29.67	39.67	29.15	33.86(1F)	33.86	32.46	38.33	48.89	BR.1		176.01		3	3
3 Robin Wilmot	MX5	BR		MG	57.3	43.45	43.86	32.06	34.34	29.55	35.13	34.24	42.19	37.99	BR.2		177.28		2	
4 Loretta Sutcliffe	Hyundai	BF	F	MG	46.29	44.29	31.42	30.32	40.51(DNF)	32.9	32.65	31.19	48.89(WD)	38.7	BF.1	F.1	177.4	3	3	
5 Janet Sutcliffe	Mini	AF	F	MG	45.04	42.17	37.93	33.61	31.35	31.26	35.51	35.51	43.89	41.38	AF.2	F.2	183.93	3	2	
6 Shane Manley	MCF	BR		MC	62.3(WD)	43.21	55.98	35.42	35.51	30.84	36.04	36.95	41.81	40.7	BR.3		186.21		1	2

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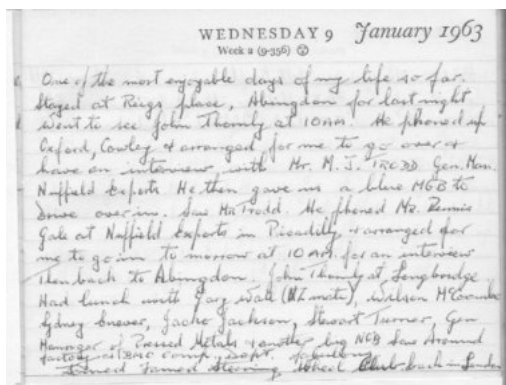
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See you there!



Thought this article may interest some, it's from a now mainland mate, Rod Williamson, who obviously became acquainted with some interesting people to be able to have such a great time and drop a few of these names to his journal entry?



“Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1963

***“One of the most enjoyable days of my life so far, stayed at Reigs place, Abington, for the last night, went to see John Thornly at 10 am. He phoned up Oxford, Cowley and arranged for me to go over and have an interview with Mr MJ Trodd General Manager Nuffield Exports. He then gave us a Blue MGB (the test car for Autocar Magazine) to drive over in. Saw Mr Trodd. He phoned Mr Dennis Gale at Nuffield exports in Piccadilly and arranged for me to go in tomorrow at 10 am for an interview. Then back to Abington. John Thornly at Longbridge. Lunch with Gary Wall (NZ mate), Wilson McCoombe, Sydney Enever (Chief Designer), Jacko Jackson (Chief Inspector), Stewart Turner, GEN manager of Pressed Metals and another big NCB Sam Arnold factory and BMC COMP DEPT. Fabulous. Joined Famed Steering Wheel Club back in London.”***

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Photo : MG CAR CO road test car that John Thornly lent me to drive over to Nuffield Exports at Oxford, then back to the dining room at the factory for lunch with Wilson McCoomb, Sidney Enever, Jacko Jackson, Stewart Turner & others. ( Diary note for that day attached, above.



P&R Williams were the NSW Import distributors for MG since the 1930's. My father was a director as well as running the Newcastle NSW retail outlets. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War P&R's would send over a 100 LB crate of things like Bully Beef, tea, etc. The way I was treated I am sure they still remembered this.



Rod Williamson.



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**Calendar of Events**

Social and Competition Events include co-ordinator details

*Events in italics are not Club Points Events*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Date</b>
NSC – Midweek run	Car Museum	Mike Paine	WED 11 OCT
SSC – One Care	Barossa Park	Garry Rusden	THR 12 OCT
NSC – VCCA Swap Meet	Longford Green	Brian Ralph	SUN 15 OCT
SSC – Midweek	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 18 OCT
SSC – Pages Creek	Civic Club	R Holtsbaum	SUN 22 OCT
Square Riggers	North	Frank Brooks	SUN 22 OCT
NSC – Annual Area Meeting	VCCA rooms		WED 25 OCT
NSC – Coffee Walk	Car Museum	Frank Brooks	FRI 27 OCT
SSC - Annual Area Meeting	Civic Club	C Wagstaff	TUS 31 OCT
Square Riggers	Extended Tour	Scott/Taylor/Brooks	3-5 NOV
NSC - Midweek	Car Museum	Bruce Keogh	WED 8 NOV
SSC – Mt Lloyd	Civic Club	Bob Leeson	SAT 11 NOV
SSC – Midweek	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED15 NOV
NSC – State Concours	Launceston	T.H.E. Committee	18&19 NOV
NSC - Woolmer's Estate	Longford	AFTER Breakfast	SUN 19 NOV
Square Riggers	South	David Taylor	SUN 3 DEC
NSC & NWSC Christmas	TBA	TBA	SUN 10 DEC
SSC – Christmas BBQ	TBA	TBA	TEU 12 DEC
SSC – Midweek	Rivulet Cafe	Wayne Goninon	WED 13 DEC
NSC – MX5 Track Day	Symmonds Plains	TBA	SUN 4 NOV 2018
NSC – East Coast Run	Car Museum	Ian Saunders	SUN 14 JAN

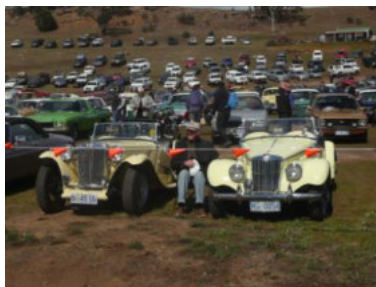
First aid kits and defibulators have now been made available to each of the three sub-centres. Would the co-ordinators or designated member of each run make sure this equipment is available should it be required during a club run.

## **SQUARE RIGGER NOTES**

### *All Pre War P and T type MG's*

Following on from last month's Notes the Baskerville Historic Race Meeting has yet again proved a great success by virtue of the big entry list, magnificent racing, top organisation and all confirmed by the support from crowds of fans seen in pics. Just a spot or two of rain adjusted proceedings for a moment but didn't faze spectators or management. And the T Typers turned out, Frank and Margaret Brooks TC, John and Geraldine Biggelaar TF, Tony Farrell TC, a pair of Taylor T Types Richard TC David TF sitting guard and Peter Bic TF.

And a special event for the Richards clan, Peter and son David from WA, both entered with the TF Special.



A couple of other vehicles to note, the handsome black beauty, the Bristol 400 recently arrived in the State and the diminutive Austin 7 Special built by one of our well known members and competed by another clan Taylor.

And the next Square Rigger run in the NW headed to Sheffield, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, local groups to arrange tour plans to meet at Deloraine 10.00am.

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