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How Many MG Owners does it take to fix a TC?



Remote Control car motorkhana course

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Picturesque Port Arthur our Mid Winter Getaway destination 2021

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A Chat with Greg Bannon

Greg has been able to drive for as long as he can remember; clearing the land and ploughing paddocks on his parents farm at Railton. As a school boy he raced push bikes and later turned professional. There's a good startmany of you may not know that!

Greg's love of cars stems directly from his father, Bill, who owned vintage cars. At one time he simultaneously owned a 1928 Essex Roadster, a 1927 Model T Ford, a 1928 Oldsmobile Sedan and a 1921 Essex Ford Tourer. The apple hasn't fallen far from the tree as romanticist Greg still owns the 1928 Essex and Model T. His father had strong ties to his 1955 diesel tractor, bought in the early 60s, and Greg still has that too. "It's not worth anything

other than sentimentality", but Greg tends to hoard and has rarely sold anything, particularly in recent years as you'll see from the shed/workshop pictures below.





Greg joined the MG Car Club in 1977 and has been an active member except for a period he was supporting Margaret with family responsibilities. Margaret in turn has been involved with the MG Car Club assisting with committee posts and supporting Greg behind the scenes with the “merry-go-round of positions” he has held on the North West Sub Centre Committee and as Secretary of the MG Car Club State Committee. They have both enjoyed watching the NW membership grow to its current healthy numbers. Greg’s broad contribution was recognised with the awarding of Life Membership in 2013.

Greg has always liked sports racing cars and as a boy bought the magazine *Sports Car World*. He bought his first car when he was 17. It was an FJ Holden but he didn’t like it so sold it and bought an ex Brian Cauldicut MG ZA Magnette. It was the start of a love of MG’s but unfortunately it was bleeding money (more than Greg was earning) so it’s was tucked away in a barn on the family property. It was eventually sold to Hobart member Barry Holeman.

Greg and Margaret married in 1973 and bought their first MGB in 1974, the next in 1976, and an MGB GT in 1979 which is now owned by Robin Wilmot. Around this time Greg converted an MG Midget to a dedicated club car which was nicknamed “Orca” by the late John Sluce. Greg competed at Symmons Plains and the Baskerville Hill Climbs and won his first National Meeting Speed Event outright in this car.

Greg’s next car was his 1967 black MGB GT which he bought in 1990 from Marie Dungey; a P76 V8 motor was quickly added. It was a powerful car and was both a daily drive and competition car. Greg or his son Kurtis competed in it regularly throughout the 1990’s, and it was also used for asphalt rallying with father and son winning National Meeting speed events. Greg credits Gary Rayner for his enormous and valuable input for the achievements and fun with this car.

Kurtis driving at Baskerville



So, what else does Greg have stockpiled in his shed? At the bottom of the pecking order to restore is a Mini Moke which Greg has owned for 15 years. It’s a rare little wheeler and Greg has everything to restore it to its former glory. There’s also a cream MGB roadster (see shed picture) which was bought from Geoff Dodge, has been fully restored and is a regular car set up for cruising. It’s been driven across the Nullarbor to the National Meeting, winning its class at the National Meeting Speed Event and Motorkhana.

There's also a February 1927 Production Model T Ford which was bought as a ute in going order by his dad in 1968. It was at the farm until 2005 and they restored the rusty relic over the following 2 years. In 2008 Greg, Margaret, his dad and a friend took the Model T to the Centenary Tour in Echuca.

Greg and Margaret Bannon with the immaculate 1927 Model T Ford



Last and definitely not least is the 1928 Essex Roadster which in itself is a fascinating and sentimental story - I'll be brief!

Greg bought the dilapidated 3 speed 6 cylinder US made Essex from a Scamander farmer. It was a broken down rust bucket which he spotted in a field as an early teenager when holidaying with his family. He pestered his father to buy the car and he eventually relented subject to the farmer agreeing to a purchase price of £5. Greg said the owner had zero interest in the car and was pleased to get rid of it. It was towed back to Railton, the oil and water were topped up and they were all surprised when it started. How good was that? The family farm was either side of the road and the Essex was used to cross the road from paddock to paddock. With countless hours of hard labour the Essex was restored to its former glory. The rotting floorboards, the non-existent roof, the once elegant interior covered with

chicken droppings, the decrepit rumble seats, the worn out klaxon... were all restored with the car returning to showroom condition. Young Greg watched, helped and learnt a lot from his dad and today he can do 99% of what needs doing to restore a car.

1928 Essex in the 1960's - a rust bucket but in going order.



1928 Essex restored to its former glory





Essex awards, tour and rally badges etc collected by Greg's dad, Bill Bannon

What vehicle would Greg like to complete his collection?

If anyone knows of an MGB GT V8 factory edition, please contact Greg. I'm just joking - Greg's interested but Margaret said "there's no room in the shed". Greg needs a second or bigger shed.

Finally, during our chat, I couldn't help but note that the laid back, affable and refined Greg is well connected throughout the Tasmanian MG scene as you may have noted from the people he has bought cars from, sold cars to etc.

Wayne Goninon

MG Car Club State Committee

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President's Report

It is with sadness that one of our “aged” members Mr Greg Ellis passed away yesterday Monday 6th September. Due to time constraints with the magazine a more detailed Vale will be in next month's magazine. Greg competed a Longford in a MGA in the 60's. Our condolences to his wife Joy and Family. Mike, one of his son's has followed in his father's footsteps and competes in motor racing events as well as being on motorsport committees. Mike will compete in the upcoming Baskerville Historics in a couple of weeks' time in his father's MGA.

We had a Test and Tune at Baskerville on Sunday 5th September basically for those who are competing in the Baskerville Historic to make sure all is in order with their vehicle, however any member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated club could enter.

Speaking of Motorsport Australia (MA), I'm not sure how other clubs go with using the MA Event Entry Portal. It is frustrating to me as an event secretary that the MA Disclaimer, Self-Scrutiny Statement of Vehicle Compliance form, and the Scrutiny Checklist are not attached to the Event Entry Form. The process now is that entrants have to print off the forms, complete them then email to the event secretary. If that is not done, then the event secretary has to email the entrants with forms attached to be completed.

After 18 months of MA insisting that these forms must be completed before an entry can be accepted that MA would have revised and updated their system to have these documents automatically attached to the Entry Form.

It's time to start thinking of how you can assist the club by showing EOI and or nominating for a position on the State Committee, with the AMG in November. Hopefully with a current membership of 354 we will have a Secretary and a Club Captain. If these positions are not filled it creates extra work for member/s on the committee. With Zoom meetings one would only need to go to Ross possibly 3 meetings in the year. Nomination forms for the committees for 2022 Sub-Centre's and State Committee are elsewhere in this magazine. I'm happy for you to contact me.

If you are thinking of going to the 2022 National Meeting to be held at Lake Macquarie, I recommend that you register an Expression of Interest through the MG Newcastle website, that way you will receive current updates.

Bulletin 2 is further in this magazine. (They are optimistic that this meeting will go ahead)

Give a thought to fellow MG members in other states that at present are not able to enjoy the freedom of getting their cars and going out and about. How lucky are we here in Tassie, (don't want to put the mockers on us)

Let's keep enjoying our MG's by going to as many runs that you can in them, in this Spring weather.

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

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

Should you require the services of the Tasmanian Motor Sports Chaplain, his contact details are:

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Membership Report

This month we welcome six new members,

Leigh Martin (Southern)

Leigh is interested in social outings

Paul Osborne (Northern)

Paul owns a Black BGT and is interested in social outings and resource sharing

David Peters (Southern)

David owns a TC and is interested in social outings and competition

John Bennett (Northern)

John owns a Torana and is interested in club days, regularity, hill climbs and social outings

Craig and Beverley Bennett (Southern)

The Bennett's own a Volkswagen Beetle and a Porsche Spyder and are interested in social outings

We hope these people enjoy many club arranged activities.

Wayne Jessup

Membership Officer.

MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA

Ed Says

We have a bumper magazine this month, thank you to all the members that have contributed. I hope to see more topless photo's coming in now that spring is here!!

Just a short note from me this month, enjoy your magazine, enjoy the club activities, enjoy spring in Tassie in your MG – PERFEC!!

ED.

Letter to the Editor

07.09.2021 – JIM BROWN

I have been a member of the MG Car Club of Tasmania since 1968.

Many years ago I became interested in obtaining personalised number plates from the Tas Motor Vehicle Registry.

In the first half of the 1970s I purchased the registration number AH3000.

I paid \$50.00 and picked up the two number plates.

At the time of that purchase I was told, as were many others, that such plates could be applied to a registered motor vehicle in Tasmania as and when we wished.

However, when I came more recently to use the plates I was told by the Tasmanian Government that my plates had been “cancelled” and reissued to someone else with no warning to me.

I am hugely disappointed that the Tasmanian Government has refused to honour the arrangement which I paid for.

When the matter was taken up with the Government all I received were letters from the Solicitor-General for Tasmania!

Unhelpfully, I was effectively told the following:

The plates were issued... as part of the implementation and administering of a regulatory regime. The circumstance clearly did not give rise to a contractual relationship. That is confirmed by the fact that there was no written agreement.

The rights to use the specific registration number ‘AH3000’ have been assigned to another person. Therefore any application to have that number assigned as the registration number for a vehicle would necessarily be refused.

Some of you might think that this would be a suitable response from a third world dictatorship, and others of you might think it is quite extraordinary that a Government Department should receive payment in accordance with their offer, and then simply deny that an enforceable arrangement ever existed!

I still have the number plates in the envelope in which they were delivered to me in April 1974.

Perhaps this whole arrangement was being organised for personal gain by a rogue Government employee?

The Government seems prepared to deny it ever happened.

I ask any of you who has had any similar experience to contact Bill Griffiths on his mobile 0438 132 970 or his email:

umbrellachambers@gmail.com

Also, if any of you can confirm being told what I was told originally, that would be of enormous help!

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

Regards

Jim Brown

MG Car Club Membership No. 095



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MG CAR CLUB OF TASMANIA ANNUAL CONCOURS 2021

5th – 7th NOVEMBER

Friday 5th

Noggin 'n Natter

7pm Civic Club, 134 Davey St Hobart

Saturday 6th

Concours

Parliament House lawns, \$10 entry fee

Access from 8.30am, judging 10am

Annual General Meeting

3pm Civic Club

Presentation Dinner

6.30 for 7pm \$55 per head

Lindisfarne Rowing Club

16A Esplanade, Lindisfarne

Sunday 7th

Recovery Breakfast

9am Civic Club

See opposite for registration and payment details

2021 Annual Events

The annual events for 2021 will be hosted by the Southern Sub-Centre between Friday 5th and Sunday 7th November.

Friday

The **Noggin 'n Natter** is an informal catchup at the Civic Club from 7pm. Nibbles will be provided by the Club and drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Saturday

The **Concours** will take place on the lawns of Parliament House.

Entry is via Murray St from 8.30am. Judging will commence at 10am.

All members are invited to display their cars, regardless of whether they are entering the Concours or not.

For members entering the Concours, an entry fee of \$10 will be payable on the day, and you need to register by providing your name and the vehicle make, model and year of the car(s) being entered to the Southern Sub-centre Secretary by **15 October**.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be conducted at the Civic Club at 3pm.

The **Presentation Dinner** will be held at the Lindisfarne Rowing Club, 6.30 for 7pm. The cost is \$55/head, which includes pre-dinner nibbles, a complimentary drink, a three meat carvery and a choice of three desserts.

Sunday

A **Recovery Breakfast** will be provided by the Club at the Civic Club from 9am.

RSVP

Please provide the names of members and partners attending the dinner and the breakfast to the Southern Sub-centre Secretary by **15 October**.

Payment for the dinner can be made by cheque or direct deposit.

Post cheques to: The Treasurer
 MG Car Club of Tasmania
 GPO Box 5
 Hobart TAS 7001

Direct deposits: BSB 067 002 Account no 2804 1340

Please ensure you include 'Dinner' and your name in the payment Reference.

Concours registrations and RSVP's should be forwarded to the Southern Sub-centre Secretary:

Bob Leeson

Email: rle30386@bigpond.net.au

Phone or text: 0457 354 645

2021 Mid-Winter Run

14-15 August – Mid-Winter Run. WOW. This was a very inclusive statewide event well represented by the 49 members who attended. Considering what is happening on the mainland we are very lucky that it could be conducted. Let's keep it that way! Well done to those who had to travel long distances to help make it a great occasion.

A beautiful sunny day greeted us at the Civic Club for our departure at 10.30 am (it reached 16 degrees during the drive). Alan Briggs arrived in what we thought was an electric car as it rolled in silently. Lots of advice and head scratching resolved his ignition problem, with Tassie Tapes coming to the rescue.

As a result of this we arrived at the Sorell roundabout at a bit after 11.00am and lo and behold our members from North of Oatlands arrived at the same place at the same time and joined our convoy. We assembled at Forcett to allow stragglers to catch up then continued on to the Dunalley Bakery for some refreshments where a bike group also chose this as a spot to stop. Despite some staff absences we were accommodated in a friendly and efficient manner with a plentiful and varied supply of eats and drinks.

At about 12.30pm it was onward to the Port Arthur Motor Inn where we were checked in with Jack of all Trades, Audrey. With everyone checked in with the Check-in-Tas App. and signed in to the attendance book the shenanigans commenced about 2.00pm with a motorkhana using remote control cars. This turned out to be quite hilarious as the cars were far from controllable (except for those that have had nothing better to do in their youth) and badly in need of wheel alignment! Many thanks to helpers Andrew Midgley (starter), Shane Manley (chief timekeeper), Mark Harrington (recorder), Terry Jeffrey (chequered flag) and Chris Wagstaff for supplying all

the equipment. The winner of the prize of a slightly second-hand remote control car was Scott Hudman 25 seconds, second place was Alan Briggs 35 seconds and third Mike Paine 40 seconds.

Sam Midgley	Time	Penalty	Total	Mike Paine	Time	Penalty	Total
Tony Gurnhill	60	40	100	Wayne Goninon	35	-	35
Kevin McGeivie	45	25	70	Shane Marley	45	20	65
Bob Leeson	60	15	75	Jim Dickenson	300	-	300
Alan Briggs	85	25	110	Terry Jeffreys	65	-	65
Chris Wagstaff	55	5	60	Robin Wilmot	45	20	65
Terry Sansom	75	15	90	Greg	70	20	90
John Bagelaar	95	-	95	John	30	20	50
Scotty Hudman	55	5	60	① Scotty	40	5	45
Greg Bannan	40	20	60	② Alan	25	-	25
Andrew Murrey	50	10	60	③ Mike	35	-	35
Sue Paine	90	20	110		40	-	40
Dianne Paine	45	20	65				
Brian Keogh	180	10	190				
	90	10	100				



At 4.00pm most of us adjourned to the lounge bar for a noggin and natter where introductions carried out and a few tall stories told in a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This took us up to dinner at 6.00pm where Audrey

had prepared a 4-choice main and 4-choice dessert. Lucky door prizes (chocolates) were handed out and a raffle was conducted to alleviate the cost of supplies. Shane Manley won the very first edition of the MG Car Club magazine, Robin Wilmot won the new remote control car and team Paine won the 3 bottles of wine.

8.00pm saw us at the adjoining room where our very own Quiz Master Kevin McGuire (Gurks) rattled our brains with some very obscure questions on Car Emblems, MG's, Australian Cars, Cars in Movies and General Knowledge. It is embarrassing to say where The Champions finished up! Well done Gurks and Irene (the chief recorder of results). Goodness knows how he comes up with the questions. And the winner of the trophy and medallion was the team Cream Crackers consisting of Tony Gurnhill, Mark Harrington, Robin Wilmot, Liz Harper, Shane Manley and Paula Goninon! Note Tony and Robin need to be separated for future quizzes (sour grapes).

	1 DR. CONVEY	2 THE FRIENDS	4 KNOT A CLEW	6 CREAM CRACKERS	8 CLUELESS	18 SHANTY PIES	21 THE CHAMPIONS
MG	7	4	6	8	2	8	5
AUSTRALIAN CARS	4	10	6	10	7	10	7
CARS IN MOVIES	4	11	6	10	9	18	12
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE	4	15	7	10	8	5	4
ONE TRUE	8	23	9	6	8	7	7

On Sunday it was pack up and return home day and the weather had turned nasty. I hope everyone enjoyed the outing and survived the trip safely back to their homes far and wide. Thank you all for your participation.

Bob Leeson with help from the above mentioned members.
Photos Mark Harrington.

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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

14-15 August – Mid-Winter Run – See separate report

COMING EVENTS

12th 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*

17-19th September – Baskerville Historics. This is a great annual event not to be missed. See you there.

3rd October – 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*

6th October – 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*

17th October – Triabunna Run

We are departing the Civic Club at 10am. With a coffee stop at the Buckland Roadhouse, we aim to be in Triabunna by noon. The **Britain to Bunna** car show is being held on the Village green in Melbourne St from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Last year we found the display area to be rather waterlogged, so our thinking is that we will assess the conditions and decide whether we:-
a) Join the show; b) Park on the street and peruse the show and market; or c) give it all a miss and just do lunch! Good fish and chips are available at The Fish Van on the Esplanade and at the Triabunna Café in Vicary St.

For further information please contact Mark Harrington: 0427 538 412.

19th October – Southern Sub-Centre AAM. Commencing at 8.15pm in place of the normal Tuesday meeting. Time to put your hand up! *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

6th November – Annual Concours. Parliament House lawns have been booked for the display. The AGM will be held at the Civic Club. Dinner is at the Lindisfarne Rowing Club. Breakfast is at the Civic Club. See flyer45 for details. *For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 0438 055 199*

14th 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. See attached flyer for details. *For further information please contact Car Show coordinator: 0437 075 623*

7th December – Christmas Barbecue. \$10.00/head. Details to follow.
Bob Leeson

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

MG Car Club of Tas Inc

The Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc. (MGCCT), will be held at Civic Club, 134 Davey St, Hobart on **Saturday 6th November 2021** commencing at 3.00pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies and Proxy Votes
2. Minutes of Previous AGM
3. Business Arising
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's 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

Ibeing a financial member
of MGCCT hereby appointto vote on my behalf
at the AGM on **Saturday 6th November 2021** at 3.00pm

Signed:

GENERATIONS OF STYLE



MG3^{AUTO} Core
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from **DRIVEAWAY**



MG3^{AUTO} Excite
\$19,490
from **DRIVEAWAY**



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*\$17,990 is the drive away price for the MY21 MG3 Core (no added options) as shown. ~\$19,490 is the drive away price for the MY21 MG3 Excite (no added options) as shown. *~Offers available at participating MG Dealers for new stock vehicles only, purchased and delivered between 01 September and 31 October 2021, unless extended by MG. While stock lasts. Offers not available to fleet, government or rental buyers, or with any other offers. ^!Warranty & roadside T&Cs and exclusions at www.mgmotor.com.au/warranty.

Northern Sub Centre Committee

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

Northern Notes

This month has been a fairly quite for the NSC as we have had the Port Arthur Run in the middle of the month.

Paul Rossetto had the mid-week dinner at Steve's Grill which was very well attended by the maximum number permitted by the venue and we reported last month on this event.

Phil Paine ran the end of month Coffee run to the 50's Dinner at Deloraine.

What a wonderful sight....a mixture of 21 cars meandering their way to Deloraine! The weather was wintry- cold, cloudy, drizzly, a glimpse of sunshine but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the members, some even going topless, as we drove the route via Exton, onto the road to Reedy Marsh, arriving at Deloraine. We were welcomed at the 50's Diner where we received excellent service. Fantastic to be able to wish Tony King a very happy birthday- 80 years young 😊

Phil and Di Paine



Chester McKaige and John Biggelaar behind Chester's MGA



L/R Di Paine, Frances Jeeves, Lis Harper and Grand Daughter, Richard Ashley Jones
Mike Paine



L/R Alan Crockett, Mark Dilger, Bruce Keogh.

On the competition front for those wanting to get ready to enter the Baskerville Historics the MG Car Club ran a Test and Tune day at Baskerville. Don Fraser and I made the most of the opportunity. Me with my new MGB and Don with Clubman with refreshed motor and gearbox. Although it had rained the night before and on the way to Hobart the weather on the day was

fantastic for testing and tuning of our cars and we finished all good and ready to go .

Looking at the up and coming events we have some very interesting events for Sept, Oct and Nov. Baskerville Historics on Sept 17th to 19th. However due to Covid restrictions on entry to the state and border lockdowns entries have been reduced this year to only the locals but are at approx 140 but no doubt there will be that last rush of entries.

On viewing the current entrants the open wheelers have some great entries and we have a reasonable smattering of MG's in the Marque Sports Cars with entries from many club members such as Mike Sullivan's in his new Westfield 11.

At the end of October there is the run to Dick Beckett's truck collection another one not to miss.

Then in November we have a morning tea run and viewing of John Glover's home at Deddington.

Good runs to look forward to.

Mark Dilger

EVENTS August to October 2021

Sep Sun 16th: Baskerville Historics.

Sep Fri 24th: Coffee run C. Cleaver RSVP Verde at Westbury by 20th Sep. 0419772554.

Oct 1st to 4th: MG Pre War Tyme event Canberra, details available on request.

Oct Fri 29th : Run to Dick Becketts Truck Museum, meet 10.30am at Velo Wines Legana- for morning Tea / brunch. Coffee/food from the wood fired oven at the Timbre Restaurant.

Following the viewing of Dick collection own arrangements

Head to Exeter the Frankford Highway 1Km on the right side. RSVP by Tue 26th Oct. R.Phillips 0409274482 or W. Daly 0417512484.

Oct Sun 31st: Club day at Baskerville.

Nov Sat 6th; Annual Concourse, Parliament lawns Hobart. C. Wagstaff 0438055199.

Nov Sun 14th: Run to Miners Gold Brewery, Beaconsfield for lunch Details TBA.

Nov Sun 21st: (Proposed date) 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.

Dec Sun 12th: Xmas Picnic with the NW group

Jan Sun 23rd 2022: BBQ get together at McKaige, Carrick, BYO and drinks from 5.00pm.

April 15th to 19th 2022: Nat meeting Newcastle.

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North West Notes

Past Events

August Dinner Meeting – Thursday 12th August at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone was attended by 25 members.

Mid Year Winter run – 14 – 15 August.

Organised by the Southern Chapter to Port Arthur. Seven members and one visitor from NW travelled south and joined in with other Northern and Southern members. It was a very enjoyable short getaway. Thanks to Chris, Bob and their helpers for the planning and organisation involved to make the weekend the success it was.

Mid Week Luncheon Run to the Ashgrove Cheese Restaurant Elizabeth Town Thursday 2nd September 10 members enjoyed a drive through the country back roads on a lovely spring morning arriving at the Restaurant about 11.40 am where Mary and Tony King joined us from Launceston for a luncheon treat. Members spent the next 2 hours dining, wining and viewing Ashgrove revamped facilities.



Up Coming Events

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

Luncheon Mystery run – Sunday September 12th – departing Bunnings car park 9.30am. This should be a fun outing. There will be a short stop for morning coffee followed by an *easy* mystery car run within the NW area, ending for lunch at a chosen restaurant. Please RSVP to Terry **by Friday 10th Sept** for catering numbers.

Mystery Run Sunday October 3rd –organised by Donald and Susan Fraser – depart Bunnings car park 9.30 am for morning coffee. RSVP to Don/Susan or Terry by **Wed 29 Sept** for catering purposes. Cost Meal - \$10/person collected on the day.

October Dinner Meeting – Thursday 7th Oct –Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone from 6 pm.

Thursday 28th October – Coffee Run departing Bunnings Car Park 9.30 am

November Dinner Meeting – Thursday 11th November –Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone from 6 pm.

November - Saturday and Sunday 6 – 7th 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.

The ***Argyle Motor Lodge*** is not able to offer us accommodation this year owing to the complex being prebooked for the month of November to an outside film crew and workers. Other suggestions are the ***Hobart Tower Motel***, 300 Park Street, New Town. Rooms – Double \$89.00; Queen \$99.00 and Twin share \$109.00. ***City View Motel***, 30 Tasmanian Highway Montagu Bay (on the left-hand side after crossing the Hobart bridge) Price range approx. \$140/night but may be willing to negotiate at time of booking. It is understood the Dinner on Saturday night will be at the Lindisfarne Yacht Club. The City View Motel is closer to Lindisfarne. In both cases make mention that you are part of the MG Car Club. Both premises have off street parking but not under covered parking. *See detailed information elsewhere in the magazine re Concours and Presentation Dinner.*



TJ'S humour for the month of Sept -



Wifey Just Being Honest ...

A man seeing flashing red and blue lights in his rear view mirror pulls to the side of the road. Shortly after coming to a stop, a police officer approaches the car.

The man says, "What's the problem officer?"

Officer: "You were going 75 miles an hour in a 55 mile an hour zone. I'm afraid I'm going to have to ticket you."

Man: "No sir, I was going a little over 60."

***Wife: "Oh, Harry. You were going at least 80!"
(The man gives wife dirty look.)***

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light."

Man: "Broken tail light? I didn't know about a broken tail light!"

Wife: "Oh Harry, you've known about that tail light for weeks!" (The man gives his wife another a dirty look.)

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."

Man: "Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car."

Wife: "Oh, Harry, you never wear your seat belt!"

The Man turns to his wife and yells, "For cryin' out loud, can't you just shut up?!"

The officer turns to the woman and asks, "Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?"

And the wife says, "No officer, only when he's drunk."



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103rd Car Enthusiast's Drive

Greetings and good morning car enthusiasts,

We had a few late withdrawals from considerate enthusiasts with non-Covid related flu symptoms – I hope they have all recovered and are now out and about. This left us with 60 persons in 37 vehicles who drove to the South Arm RSL via Clarence, Lauderdale and Sandford. A very pleasant drive indeed. The lunch was very good and the usual ladies choice, with meals placed in front of the gentlemen with some exchanging! September though will be different as it's Father's Day month so men's choice. Wahoo! Will this make a difference to our numbers?

I was hoping there may have been a special old car waiting for us in the RSL car park. Unfortunately Bruce and Leonie Hills recently acquired 1922 Swift is up on blocks in readiness for a car museum. Bruce wasn't keen to drive it from Sandford anyway as it's 3 speed, very uncomfortable, no fun to drive, doesn't like hills (no pun intended), driver gets in via the passenger door



Remaining drives for 2021 (*always the first Wednesday of the month*) are,

September – Wednesday 1st – *Father's Day lunch*

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

November – Wednesday 3rd – *could be an evening run and dinner*

December – Wednesday 1st – *early Christmas lunch*

Cheers for now,

Wayne (cream XK 140 DHC)

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104th Car Enthusiast's Drive

It was a sunny 18C for the September drive which certainly brought out a few more, or was it that it was Father's Day month so it was men's meal choice for a change? Whatever the reasons, 82 people in 46 cars drove over the Tasman Bridge, followed the East Derwent Highway to Tea Tree, and then onto Richmond. A car accident near the Bowen Bridge (which didn't involve any of our fine cars, but could have been horrific as one car shot across two lanes of on-coming traffic) slowed things down a bit. Without the lead cars, some took the wrong turnoff and enjoyed longer drives. Lunch was at the Richmond Arms Hotel and our high numbers dictated we were squeezed into the Bistro and Saloon Bar. The staff did an excellent job with large quality meals as the initial booking was for 60 people. Great job.



Remaining drives for the year are as follows,

October – Wednesday 6th – to be arranged by Lyn Cengia with the navigational expertise of John McCabe

The email for this drive will go out a few days earlier than usual. This venue is not normally open for lunch midweek, so Lyn needs to advise numbers attending and place an order for the main courses by Friday 1 October, ie 5 days prior to the drive.



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2022 MG National Meeting

“MGs by the Lake”

Bulletin 2_- September 2021



Planning is progressing well for MGs by the Lake and much has happened since our first Bulletin.

We have confirmed arrangements for all of our competition and social venues and detailed planning for all events is underway.

Expressions of Interest

Thank you to everyone who has visited the NatMeet 2022 website and provided your contact details via the “Express Interest” form. All of you should have received this Bulletin directly to the email address you provided.

If you are considering attending and have not yet completed an expression of interest then please go to the website, click on the “Express Interest” button and provide your email contact details.

At the time of writing this Bulletin we have received over 160 EOIs representing more than 300 people, including over 280 who have indicated that they are likely or very likely to attend.

Maximum Numbers of Registered Entrants

The very strong response received so far has prompted the organising committee to carefully consider the maximum numbers of entrants that we can cater for at each event. Assuming that covid-19 restrictions allow a “traditional-style” NatMeet event, then the limiting factor for overall full competition and social entries will be the capacity of Club Macquarie’s auditorium for the evening social events, which will vary depending on the specific covid restrictions in place at the time.

We may need to consider alternative registration options that might enable more people to attend and participate, but perhaps in different ways to those we have been accustomed to.

Given the uncertainty of predicting covid outbreaks, lockdowns and other government restrictions, we intend to make final decisions regarding the meeting towards the end of 2021. We are quite confident that the meeting will be able to proceed in some form, barring a lockdown affecting Lake Macquarie or closure of state borders.

Details of the registration options available and the process to be used, including payment and refund arrangements, will be determined and published at the time when registrations open.



Covid-19 Considerations

"MGs by the Lake" will be run under a Covid-19 Safety Plan registered with the NSW Government.

The National Cabinet has recently announced a 4-stage transition plan for the gradual removal of covid restrictions in Australia and a return to "normal" life. Each stage of that plan is dependent on increasing levels of vaccination, and at each stage restrictions are likely to be less strict for those who are fully vaccinated. It seems likely that some form of "vaccination passport" will be implemented to enforce these restrictions.

For these reasons the event organisers strongly urge all intending entrants to "roll up your sleeves" for the covid vaccination at the earliest possible opportunity. This will improve the chances of the event proceeding and will also reduce the likelihood that you personally will be prevented from attending due to restrictions, illness or lockdown.

A Reminder about Accommodation

As mentioned in Bulletin 1, MGs by the Lake will coincide with the Australian Deaf Games being held in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, and this will create additional demand for accommodation in the area.

A list of hotels, motels and apartments that are convenient to most of the event venues is provided on the NatMeet 2022 website, and we strongly encourage clubs or individuals to make reservations as early as possible to secure your preferred accommodation.

We have heard that some clubs have already reserved large blocks of rooms at some of the listed venues.

We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Lake Macquarie at Easter 2022.

REMEMBER, to ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the "Express Interest" button and provide your contact details to be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.

Contacts for more Information:

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Chair - Bruce Fraser – chair.mgnatmeet2022@gmail.com

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**The Village Triabunna &
The Rover Car Club of Australia, Tasmanian
Register will hold
"The Predominantly From Britain To 'Bunna Car
Show 2021"**



The Annual Classic Car Show held at The Village Community Centre in Triabunna, is planned to be held:

Where: The Village 20 Melbourne Street Triabunna
When: Sunday 17th October 2021
9.30am-1.30pm,
People's Choice & Judges Awards 1.00pm.



COVID-19 requirements applicable at the time to be followed.

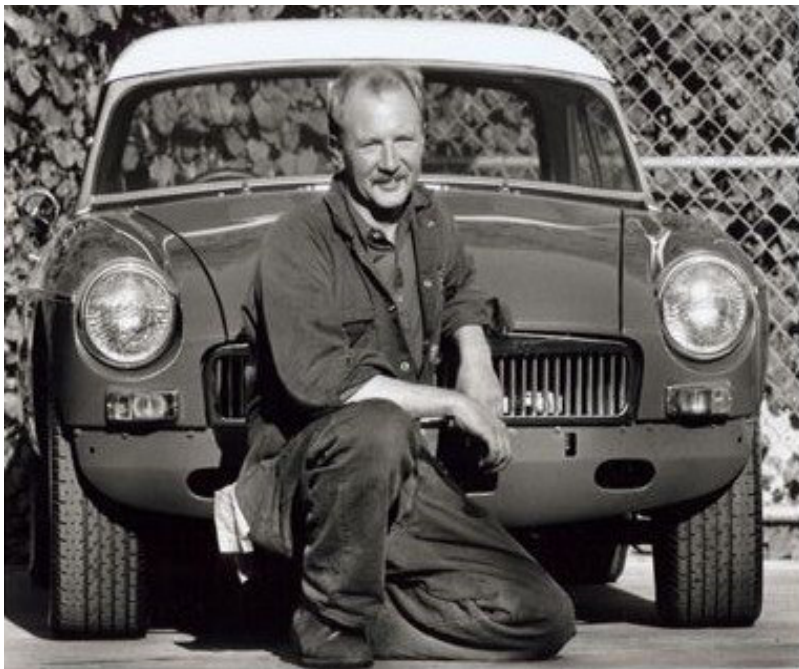
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Square Rigger Notes

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

The recently completed run of the Northern section of the Square Rigger Register, gathering of twenty odd people (care with interpretation) at one of the many Deloraine coffee spots, proceeding on to lunch at Anvers Chocolates. The next destination, the internal combustion collection of Grant Bingley, various classic and competition cars, singles two-strokes from his go-cart days, motor mowers from other days, maritime, transportation and a rather large display of mainly motoring memorabilia. Many will know Grant, strong supporter and regular competitor at historic events locally and mainland and more recently with son Julian.





A range of photos depicting the day of interesting weather to say the least, on and off but no alteration to standard wet weather equipment of any of the touring ensemble. Mind you some of us did choose transport by rain resistant moderns. The main photo draws out most participants enjoying lunch and the winner of the main prize, that of most travelled for the day, goes to Alan and Trish Briggs who drove from Hobart to take part in the run.

And there inlies the challenge for the upcoming **Baskerville historics**, a gathering of T Types on the hill Sunday the 19th will show strong support for the event, all owners state-wide are encouraged to this important annual event. Travel and other

arrangements is an individual matter, if you intend to attend could you please let us know.

And reminders ahead:

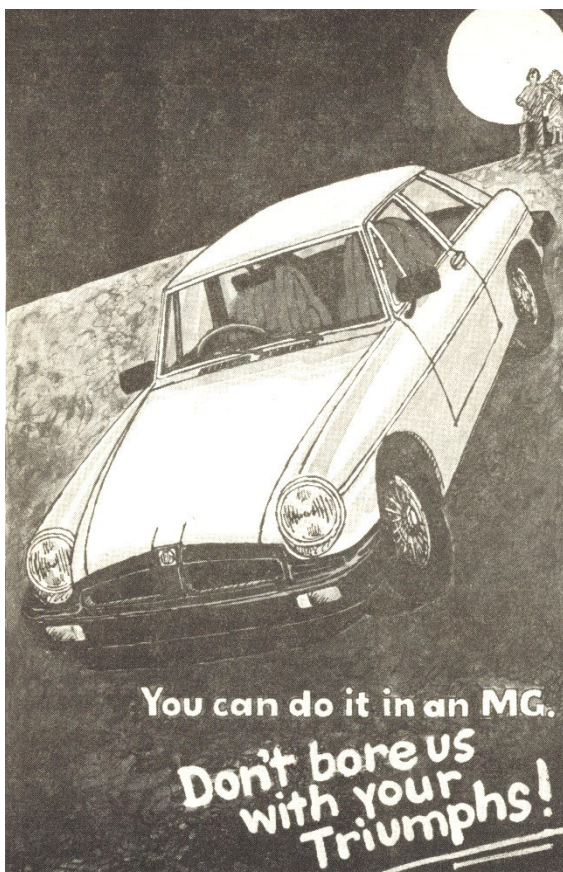
Britain to Bunna 17th October.

The extended run following the Concours and AGM in Hobart, plans underway for Bicheno, depart Sunday 7th November, contact Tony and Cheryl Gurnhill.

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An advertisement sent in by Tony King



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
<i>Fri 24th Sep</i>	<i>NSC – Coffee Run</i>		<i>Col Cleaver</i>
Sun 3rd Oct	NW/NSC Mystery Run	TBA	Don Fraser
<i>Sun 3rd Oct</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>	<i>Bob Leeson</i>
<i>Wed 6th Oct</i>	<i>105th Mid Week Run</i>	<i>Rivulet Cafe</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
Sun 17th Oct	Britain to Bunna	Triabunna	Chris Wagstaff
<i>Thurs 28th Oct</i>	<i>NW – Coffee Run</i>	<i>Bunnings D'Port</i>	<i>Terry Jeffrey</i>
<i>Fri 29th Oct</i>	<i>NSC – Coffee Lunch Run</i>	<i>Velo Wines</i>	<i>Robin Phillips</i>
<i>Wed 3rd Nov</i>	<i>106th Mid Week Run</i>	<i>Rivulet Cafe</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
5-7th Nov	Annual Events	Hobart	Chris Wagstaff
Sun 14th Nov	NSC – Lunch Run	VCCA Clubrooms	
Sun 14th Nov	SSC – Charity Event	New Norfolk	
Sun 21st Nov	NSC – Lunch Run	VCCA Clubrooms	R Ashley-Jones
<i>Wed 1st Dec</i>	<i>107th Mid Week Run</i>	<i>Rivulet Cafe</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
Sun 5th Dec	T- Types Run North		Frank Brooks
Tues 7th Dec	SSC – Xmas BBQ	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 12th Dec	NSC – NW Xmas Picnic		TBA

Club and State Competition Events

Date	Event	Meet At....	Coordinator
18-19th Sept	Baskerville Historics	Baskerville	HSCC/MGCCT
1-3rd Oct	TCRC Rnd 5, TSC Rnd 3	Symmons Plains	LCCT
16th Oct	Barrington Hillclimb	Barrington	NWCC
16-17th Oct	Baskerville 1000	Baskerville	HSCC
Sun 24th Oct	CMI Hillclimb	Domain	CMI
Sun 31st Oct	Club Day	Baskerville	MGCCT/MCCT
20-21st Nov	TCRC Rnd 6	Baskerville	HSCC
Sat 11th Dec	Hillclimb Series Rnd 5	Highclere	NWCC



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