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Past President Phil may have taken his dear Mother, Yvonne driving in the TC recently but, she took him on his first driving adventures many years ago, about 54 we think

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A Chat with Alan Briggs

Alan Briggs and Trish Murray arrived in Hobart from South Australia 5 years ago with two very special cars - a rare and exquisite 1914 De Dion Bouton and a beautiful and authentic 1930 Packard. It was their plan to retire to Hobart with only the 2 cars but they've since purchased a rare and collectable 1934 (pre-war) MG PA from Melbourne, a 1947 MGTC (a local car and Trish's favourite), a classic 1958 silver Jaguar XK150 Roadster and a 'project' car - a 1978 MGB GT into which Alan is fitting a V8 motor. It is a rare, diverse and eclectic collection - the cars brought from South Australia being described as 'old cars' and the rest being (slightly) more 'modern sports cars'. Since they've been in Hobart, it has become widely recognised that it has to be very bad weather for them to have their hood up!



Alan's passion in cars stemmed from his dad who owned a 1939 Rover, bought in 1956 as the family's regular car, and the many old car magazines and books his dad had which all made Alan curious to learn more. His father

obviously recognised this interest as he bought Alan a 1929 Chevrolet when he was 15 years old, which he faithfully restored and owned for 15 years. This experience contributed to Alan's interest in the history and aesthetics of his cars, and he and Trish particularly enjoy experiencing their authenticity.



Alan has owned many cars including a white Healy 100/4 and a red Triumph TR2. He has also restored a few cars including the De Dion from the few remaining components, the 1929 Chevrolet that he drove from South Australia to the Bicentennial Rally in the ACT which showcased pre 1930 vehicles from around Australia and overseas. Alan also restored a rare 1922 Ansaldo which he bought in 1986. Ansaldo was an Italian company that manufactured armaments for WW1 and became an automobile manufacturer from 1921 to 1931.



Cover Photo:

Alan Briggs MG PA

I asked Alan which was his all time favourite car and "it's the one he hasn't bought yet"

Wayne Gonninon

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President's Report

As life is starting to return to some normality with crowd numbers allowed up to 500 people we can look to run our annual concours and AGM this year. Socially we have commenced our almost normal calendar of events and it's good to be able to catch up with everyone.

This week I had a zoom meeting with all the other MG Car Club Presidents around Australia to discuss the fate of the 2021 MG National Meeting. There were those that thought we should postpone the decision but with the closing of lead times for booking venues and paying deposits fast approaching it was decided to cancel as who knows what stage Victoria will be at in the first quarter of 2021.

As part of that discussion the MG Car Club of Victoria state president Alan Fabrey advised that they had used the National Meeting working fund of \$13,000 to cover their cost following cancellation of the 2020 event. This enabled them make a 100% refund to all those that had registered to attend. There is approximately \$2,500 of that fund remaining and it was resolved that all clubs would be asked to contribute to restore the amount to its original level. This will also enable the host of the 2023 National Meeting to have adequate working capital to get the proceeding underway. The Victorian organising committee will provide me with an official notification of the cancellation of the 2021 National Meeting so we can make representation to the Spirit for a full refund of the fares for those that had already booked to go to this event.

It was also resolved at that meeting to have a linkup of State President at a yet to be determined interval for the exchange of ideas and to let everyone know what each club is up to.

Further discussion will also be held regarding the timing of the National Meetings currently run at Easter time.

There were thoughts of running them later in the year around October, a proposal that struck accord with a number of clubs. Personally I think that the idea has merit as for many the running of the National Meeting at Easter time does create some issues with cost of travel, accommodation especially for us Tasmanians with the increase in Spirit fares at that time of year.

Monday night the Presidents had a zoom meeting with MG Australia who are looking to run a Virtual Show and Shine with the aim of raising funds for Australian Red Cross.

Each MG owner will be asked to down load photos of their cars and for each car entered MG Australia will donate to the fund and they are looking to raise \$100,000 over the month of September 2020.

If it works they are looking to make it an annual event but there will be a detailed article in this magazine setting out conditions etc.

A novel way to raise funds by the members without needing to put our hands in our pockets and one I hope we can provide lots of support.

On the competition scene we have run our first Championship race meeting since the beginning of this year and was run using the Covid 19 regulations. Thanks to a great team of volunteers of Covid Marshalls they kept control of the crowds to ensure that the numbers in the pits and spectators on the hill were contained in each area to 500.

So a very big thankyou to those that helped on both Saturday and Sunday and to Richard Ashley-Jones for bring his camper to provide shelter for the volunteers marshalling for the Sundays racing crowd.

We will have our last race meeting on 23rd , 24th and 25th October 2020 which will be a two day race meeting celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the opening of Symmons Plains.

We will require assistance again at that meeting with Covid Marshalling etc. so if you can spare some time it would be greatly appreciated and will enable us to meet the Covid regulations for such an event.

Please let me know if you are able to assist.

That's about all I have to say for this month so get more out of your club by active participation.

Mark Dilger
President



Secretary's Report

From the State Committee meeting held on the 2nd September (752)

Symmons Plains 60th Anniversary Race Meeting.

This event is Rd 4 of the TCRC and will be held on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of October and with Covid restrictions still in place there is a call for volunteers to help out over the weekend.

Easter 2021.

With the cancelation of the 2021 National Meeting a couple of suggestions has been raised, one being that we old a condensed National Meeting and hold it at Symmons Plains and maybe hold events such as a Concours, Motorkhana and Circuit. D Potter is to be approached on this idea.

Motorsport Australia COVID 19 Grant.

As mentioned in last months magazine M Dilger did place a submission to Motorsport Australia and has now purchased witches hats, T top cones, sanitiser and wipes as these are compulsory items for motorsport event.

Greg Bannon

WANTED ALIVE!

NOMINEES FOR THE VACANT POSITIONS ON THE STATE COMMITTEE.

- 1. VICE PRESIDENT**
- 2. SECRETARY**

**YOU MAY CONTACT THE PRESIDENT MARK DILGER ON
0408 271 029 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**

Membership Report

This month we welcome five new members

Mr Mark Brown (Northern)

Mark owns a MGA and is a returning member

Mr Rosh & Mrs Samantha Dhillon (Northern)

The Dhillon's own a Subaru and are interested in competition and photography

Mr Phillip Vincent and Helena Coles (Southern)

They own a Mazda MX5 and are interested in social outings ,travel and golf

We hope these members enjoy many club organized events.

Wayne Jessup

Membership Officer

MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA

Life Members

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

MGCCT Facebook Page

The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

For those members who are Facebook users, we have an MG Car Club Tasmania Facebook page. Feel free to add events, photos, and videos, but remember that anything offensive or not relevant to the Club may be removed at the discretion of the administrator.

MGCCT Website

www.mgtas.org.au

Copies of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website. Membership forms and change of address forms are also available for download. Links to other car clubs are also available.

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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Ed Says

Back in February I bought a Remote Brake Power Booster for the B, it was a kit off Ebay that included a new master cylinder, we had been having some trouble with the master cylinder sticking and I thought power assisted brakes sounded like a good idea. After all I had service the existing master cylinder 3 times for varying reasons and sticking seemed like the last straw to me.

Although we had the Covid lockdown, I did not start the installation until a few weeks ago, and after much thinking, swearing, mumbling and more thinking, I finally came up with a plan, but man it was going to be tight. Then came the execution of that plan:

The first stumbling block was getting at the nuts to hold the brake and clutch master cylinders in, my fingers are not that skinny and flexible. So 1.5 hours later I decided a new approach was needed. So I made a couple of plates with the nuts welded on them and tabs so I could just hold them in place and drive the setscrews in. Done!

Then came the entry of the brake line into the master cylinder, the new master cylinder was slightly longer than the old one and even with the original banjo adaptor getting the line in as neatly as I would like was not going to happen. So I got Pirtek to make me a SS braided flexible section. Done!

So with it all installed and the washer bottle, fuel filter and flash-lube bottle all remounted, I was right it was tight.



Now to bleed the brakes. That was an effort but the brake pedal had some good feel to it, so lets start her up and see what happens. Every time I pressed the brake pedal a mist of smoke came out from under the bonnet, that's not good!! But do you think I could find where it was leaking from? in the end I traced it to one of the copper washers on the banjo adaptor on the end of the booster cylinder. Bit of a clean up and I got that sorted, now I had to bleed the brakes again!!

Sunday morning we took Maggie out on the Mystery Run, after stopping at the first 2 intersections it was obvious my brake bleeding had not up to standard, but even with a spongy long brake pedal the car stopped better than before. So I might have a bit more work to do, but very happy with the results already. I also got the general seal of approval from some fellow members.



Please note that your Sub-Centre AAM notices are printed on the inside of the addressed cover sheet of this magazine. The Club AGM notice is printed on the back of the centre page advertisement. Contact me if you would like me to email you a copy.

Ed.

MGCCT Concourse, Annual Dinner 2020

Due to the Covid regulations, we have had to modify some of the activities. Concourse to be held at the National Automobile Museum to be held on the 7th November 2020.

Dinner, has been renegotiated and achieved a better price \$50.00 per head – 2 course meal including pre dinner nibbles.

Breakfast at the Tail Race (Riverside) – Free. Starts 8.30 am on the 8th November 2020.

We need to know names and the number for:

Concourse names and vehicle make, model and year.

Names and number attending the Dinner.

Names and number attending the breakfast.

BY 14th October 2020

This is a booked event and we will be unable to change bookings after the closing date.

Please NOTE: If we are not able to get more than 30 people for the dinner it will have to be cancelled (Dinner only).

Please RSVP to John Biggelaar by message to 0408125199 with the above information.

And if you are willing to be a judge and which class you would prefer.

Please pay for the Dinner by :-

Cheques can be posted to: Treasurer – Northern Section
MG Car Club of Tasmania
PO Box 682, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

Direct Deposit can be made to: Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 067 002
Account No 1037 3830
Reference: Dinner Plus your Surname.

By 31st October 2020

Thankyou for your understanding and assistance.

John Biggelaar.

MG Abingdon History

Abingdon and surrounding areas facts and history

Models J1 and J2. C1932.

The 1933 model J2 had the running boards which these do not have.

Interesting to see the bonnet strap (and possibly headlight stone-guards?) on the left J2 which were not a standard fitting.

Text Matthew Magilto



MGCC Wagga Wagga Facebook Page –

Submitted by Cheryl Gurnhill

MG CAR CLUB OF TASMANIA STATE CONCOURS 2020

7th - 8th NOVEMBER



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

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

Southern Sub Centre Committee

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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

16th August – Mountain Breakfast. We were greeted by a very ugly day weather wise with heavy rain and fog, but 27 intrepid souls ventured out for an early and cold 8.00am start for our annual Mountain Breakfast incorporating a run to the Springs on Mount Wellington (nobody supported that option!). The destination was the Longley International Hotel. Luckily for us the fires were lit and the urn for tea and coffee was heating up and the covered in area had been extended to cover the whole area. Jack and his team have done a good job in improving the amenity of the outside area with incorporating some very innovative ideas with blacksmith artwork and fire heaters. Stephen Huntley and Mark Harrington cooked up a storm on the barbecues with a couple of helpers. Robin Wilmot as usual did a great job providing all the food and accompaniments. Everybody did their bit to ensure that a hearty meal was provided for the guests. We received excellent comments on the event and the venue. To be locked in for next year.



Chefs Extraordinaire:
Stephen Huntley and Mark Harrington



**Kevin McGuire, Janice Holtsbaum,
Sue Rollins, Jenny Huntley
and Bob Leeson**



New Members Helena and Phil Vincent, Vicki Wagstaff, Ches Bogus and Alan Briggs



Peter Shaw, Bruce Hills and Greg Ellis



Herby Burgess, Leonie Hills and Di Leeson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 13th September – Kempton Hotel. Meet at the Civic Club at 9.45 am for a **10.00am sharp departure** to Kempton via Cambridge, Campania and Mud Walls Rd, with a stop for coffee at Puddleduck Vineyard. Two course meal (3main, 2 dessert) for \$25.00 per head.

RSVP to Mark Harrington by 8th September. *For further information please contact Mark Harrington: 0427 538 412*

Sunday 4th 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*

Wednesday 7th 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 11.30am. Remaining runs are 4th November and 2nd December. *For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881*

Weekend 17/18/19th October – “Predominately Britain Burra car Show” with Tony and Cheryl Gurnhill. This is an overnight stay at the Eastcoaster. Southern members to meet at Civic Club for an 11.00am departure. Coffee at the Buckland Roadhouse and a fish and chip lunch at the Fish Van on the esplanade at Triabunna. Plan for arrival at 3.30pm at our destination. Further details elsewhere in the magazine.

Tuesday 20th October – Southern Sub-Centre AAM. Commencing at 8.15 pm at the Civic Club in place of the normal Tuesday meeting.

Weekend 7-8th November – Concours Weekend. This is being organised by the Northern Sub-Centre this year. For details refer “Northern Notes” elsewhere in the magazine.

Sunday 29th November – Bush Inn, New Norfolk. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am MG time. Further Details to follow. *For further information please contact Kevin McGuire: 0409 315 014*

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas BBQ. Civic Club. Further details to follow.
Bob Leeson



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Car Enthusiasts Mid Week Run

The weather wasn't the best, but rain and sleet with the occasional sunshine didn't deter 64 RSVP's in 35 vehicles **all** attending. No tops off this month, as we were safely and very carefully lead off by Donald Chalmers from the Rivulet Café to The Cannery Restaurant at Dunalley. A pleasant enough drive followed by a very nice, large two course lunch. And didn't owners Jason and Fiona do the right and clever thing of providing a nibble entrée?

Southern Mid-Week Lunch notes provided by Phil Rollins

A day after snow and storms blocked most of the roads out of Hobart 60+ intrepid lunchers lined up at South Hobart for the trip down the Arthur Highway to Dunalley. The lunch venue was the old Cannery originally opened in the 1940's to process the catch of the local fishing fleet and now updated to a modern waterfront restaurant. After the predominately seafood meal some of us drove further into town to look at the Denison canal, with a swing bridge for road traffic. The canal was cut between Dunalley Bay and Blackman Bay to allow boats easy access between the two bays and thus able to avoid the open sea around the Tasman Peninsular. It was hand dug in 5 years starting in 1901

Originally named East Bay Neck, the original village name was changed to Dunalley in 1839.

Thanks also to David Bantoft for the pics.





Remaining drives for 2020 (always the first Wednesday of the month) are,
September – Wednesday 2nd
October – Wednesday 7th
November – Wednesday 4th
December – Wednesday 2nd

Cheers for now,
Wayne (XK 140 DHC)
Phone: 0408 388 881
Email: wayne.goninon@utas.edu.au

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

The following was sent to me – very interesting

Mr. Allen Swift: Born - 1908 - Died 2010

This man owned and drove the same car for 82 years. Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years?

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, Massachusetts) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it up until his death... At the age of 102. He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new.



Rolls Royce Phantom I 1928

It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. 82 years - That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1,087 per month).

1,070,000 that's miles not kilometres.

That's British engineering of a bygone era.

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 Yacht Club Fifty Five, 7 Park St, Launceston on **Saturday 7th November 2020** 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 7th November 2016** at 3.00pm

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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

Brooks/Keogh Lunch Run Sunday 23rd August.

30 members, including 6 new members enjoyed the day.....weather was cold but sunny, wattles were blooming and country roads travelled were new routes for us! Cars set off from V.C.C.A car park at 1 minute intervals to Nunamara across to Lilydale via Underwood .After a coffee stop, we then travelled to Scottsdale for lunch at Lords Hotel which was the usual pub meal! Everyone came home in different directionsvia Bridport, Lilydale and The Sideling. Frank and Bruce hoped everyone enjoyed driving on different roads.

Robyn Keogh.

Please note:

2 positions vacant ...Northern Sub Centre –
Chairman & Treasurer.

this is wonderful friendly Club... please give this matter your utmost consideration. We can't operate without leaders
Secretary NSC

Hoods on? Hoods off? On a frosty 0 degree morning logic would say “ hoods on” but the temptation of a drive down the river on a brisk winter morning with hoods down was too tempting for many of those who were able to. Others were fortunate to have hoods up, air con on and some even had heated seats! Whatever the mode of transport it was a great get together! 36 members in 20 cars travelled in convoy to The River Cafe at Beauty Point where we were given a very friendly welcome, via West Tamar Highway, Batman Highway , Rowella and Beaconsfield. It was great to welcome new members Mandy and Peter Phillips, as well as to see some “ old “ faces - lovely to see Max and Winsome and Lynne and Errol. We are so fortunate that we are able to be together in these extraordinary times. Thankyou to everyone for your awareness of and respect for COVID guidelines.







Up Coming Events

Wednesday Sep 9th- Dinner get together (A. Merry RSVP 5th Sep.
0408331612) venue Iron Horse Bar & Grill, 468 Westbury Rd Prospect.

Saturday Sep 12th Sat- Run Liffey Valley market – leave Club rooms at 9.30am – our cars will be on Display- there will be Devonshire Teas, sausage sizzle, homemade produce/art & Crafts to purchase along with Liffey Bush Honey and lots more – there are some Picnic tables but maybe wise to bring your chairs. Leave at 12.00 noon, for Westbury Pub for lunch.
RSVP P. Harper 0417597897 by Wed 8th Sep.

Sunday Sep 20th- Mystery run J. James, BYO food and drinks 0409432665.
We will be finishing at the Hoo Hoo Hut Trevallyn.

Sunday Sep 27th- MGA Register run to Campbell Town.
RSVP Col Cleaver 0419772554 by 22nd Sep.

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

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

Wednesday Oct 14th Dinner M. Dilger.

Weekend Oct 17-18-19th : East Coast run Tony & Cheryl Gurnhill – All British Day.

Wednesday Oct 28th-Annual Area Meeting NSC at 7.30 all welcome.

Friday Oct 30th – Morning coffee run. J Biggelaar by RSV 26th Oct.
0408125199

Saturday Nov 7th - Concourse to be held at The National Automobile Museum Lindsay St Invermay, AGM held at Yacht Club55.
Dinner at Golf Club Riverside 6.30pm.

Sunday Nov 8th – 8.30 am, Breakfast at the Tailrace Park.

Sunday Nov 22nd- Lunch run by R. Ashley-Jones (TBA).

North West Notes

Past Events

August Dinner Meeting – Thursday 13th August – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone. 21 enjoyed dining and socialising which included two visitors.

Sunday 30th August – Mystery Morning Coffee and Luncheon Run - 18 MG members enjoyed this outing. We started the days journey with a coffee run to the Maritime Museum café in Gloucester Ave, Devonport. After the coffee fix and mid morning treat we ventured along the selected byways to the mystery luncheon date; taking us down the Exeter Highway, turning off midway - to Westbury, arriving at the Green Door Restaurant. Although the weather wasn't kind to us, especially those that took the journey hood less; members kept themselves engaged answering questions along the route. Most cars answered all questions correctly and were then presented with their award – a choc frog! Staff at the Green Door Restaurant were very welcoming, serving us from their luncheon menu. We hope to re visit the Green Door another time down the track – if only to re-sample their delicious desserts !!!!!





Upcoming Events

September Dinner Meeting – Thursday 10th Sept from 6pm – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

Saturday September 12th – The Launceston sub centre are organising a run to **Liffey Valley Market** where our MG's will be on display. Some NW members have indicated they are interested in being part of this day. If you are interested please RSVP to Peter Harper Mob: 0417 597 897 by Wednesday Sept 9th. (See Launceston Events in the Motoring News Magazine for more details). NW members make your own way to Liffey Market but check with Peter Harper the time you are required to have your MG at the venue.

Coffee Run Thursday 17th Sept to Round Hill Café at Cethana – leaving Bunnings car park 9.45 am.

Please text or email me if attending by Wednesday 16th Sept or before if possible.

Saturday 26th Sept – Lunch Run to the Tasmanian Food and Wine Conservatory Cafe Parramatta Creek.

NOW departing Bunnings car park **10.45 am** not 11.00 am as previously noted. *To secure a table we must submit required numbers with a small deposit. So text or email me your attendance as soon as possible.*

Sunday October 4th. BYO BBQ – 12 noon – Tony and Cheryl Gurnhill's residence at Sheffield. Combined gathering with the Northern Sub Centre. RSVP to me by Thursday 1st October. Depart Bunnings Car Park 10.15 am for morning coffee stop on route to Sheffield.

Thursday 8th Oct - October Dinner Meeting –from 6pm – Bass and Flinders Motor Inn – Ulverstone.

October 17/18/19 – Predominantly Britain Burra Car Show – East Coast of Tasmania. Organised by Cheryl and Tony Gurnhill. See May/July magazines for suggestions re accommodation venues and the August edition page 36 for information from the Gurnhill's re the trip to date.

Those attending from the North West – we will leave Bunnings car park at 9.15 to meet up with the remainder of the group at 11.00am as per the information submitted in the August magazine by the Gurnhill's. This should allow us to get a coffee at Longford before we leave with the remainder at 11am for lunch at Campbell Town.

Dates to Keep In Mind –

November – Sat, Sun 7th and 8th - Concours/AGM/Presentation Dinner and Farewell Breakfast. Hosted by the Northern Sub Centre in Launceston. See **July Magazine page 20** for suggested accommodation options and brief program breakdown for the weekend activities.

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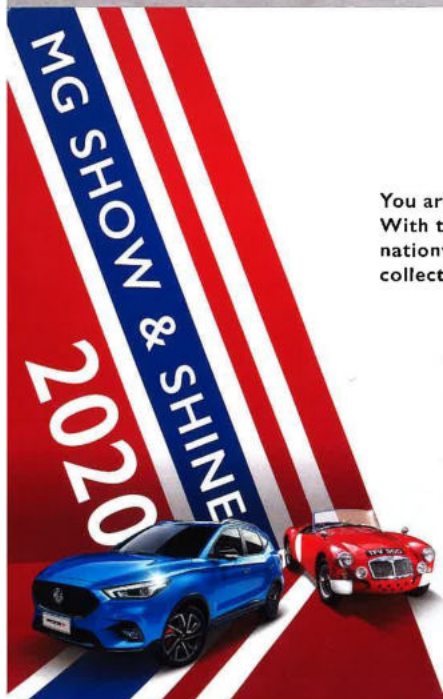
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TI's Humour for Month of September -

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place, I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey!' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. 'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!' 'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'





You are invited to MG's first virtual Show and Shine event! With thousands of vintage, classic and modern owners nationwide, we want to bring our MG family together and collectively raise funds for Australian Red Cross.

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1. Search 'MG Show and Shine 2020' on Facebook and click to attend
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Do The Motorkhana

There may not be any music, but you can see cars dancing!

Why not give yourself a post lockdown treat? - Try a motorkhana!
You will never have more fun driving a car so slowly. Then between runs you get to watch the amusing antics of the other competitors.

They are easy to enter:

- You don't need a special car. So no tow-car, trailer, and extra garage space that goes with all that.
- You don't need to wear any special safety gear.
- You don't need any special safety equipment for your car.
- There is no special car preparation required.
- There is minimal chance of doing any car damage.
- Use you favourite car (the smaller the better).

All you need is a non-speed event Motorsport Australia licence. And it may be possible to get a single use "come and try" licence if you are reluctant to commit (see Zube or Craig Large for info).

Motorkhanas are open to drivers as young as 12 and are a great way for juniors to get driving experience and learn car control. Currently Kate Figgel and Cameron Howie are the third generation of the Sutcliffe and Fraser families and compete successfully against their parents and grand-parents.

How many activities enable 3 generations to participate competitively?

So if you have ever considered getting involved in competition, but thought it all too difficult, expensive, and dangerous, motorkhanas are the way to easily, safely, and cheaply do it.

For you **circuit guys** who think motorkhanas offer no challenge, think again! Instead of driving round, and round, and round, and round, on a clearly defined track until you can almost do it blindfolded, imagine going to a new track, getting no practice laps, and having two, single-lap opportunities to get your best time - with heavy penalties if you clip a curb or run wide.

Then Craig Large, or someone equally as devious, changes the configuration of the track before your next run. It may look the same, but the sequence of

corners is different. So, simultaneously, you need to remember the new configuration, navigate, and focus on getting a good time. And if you get it wrong, you only get one more chance before it all changes again.

This is what the **motorkhana** guys face.
So why not step down a level and test yourself?

Kevin McGuire

Motorkhana Cup - Rnd 1

After a long break, the Tasmanian Motorkhana Cup Round 1 was run by the MG Car Club of Tasmania on Sunday the 9th of August at Symons Plains. Out of a field of thirty one drivers, a third were MG members all competing in five tests (some better than others).

Stephen Turner being first outright, John James being the best of the MG car club members Shane Manley the wooden spoon, Sheridan Budsworth was first lady, Cameron Howie was first Junior.

On the day there was three generations of the Sutcliffe & Fraser families competing.

Thanks must go to all the officials who worked on the day, also a big thanks to every one for abiding to the restrictions imposed on us by the corona virus.



Angela Howie's first competition in the Midget



Cameron competing in the Midget

Don Fraser

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Tasmanian Motorkhana Cup - Round 1

Sunday, 9 August 2020



#	Ptc.	Driver	Car	Club	Diamond Station		Triple Loop		Gables		Double Bone		Accordian	Class	Category	Total	Junior	Female	MG Points
					Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2	Run 1	Run 2							
11	1	Stephen Turner	Mitsubishi Mirage	MSC1	30.453	24.138	39.898	39.36	35.533	34.649	29.79	29.765	31.361	CF 1		158.95			
23	2	Tim Craggs	Leyland Mini	MCC1	24.832	24.291	42.245	42.633	36.352	35.749	30.813	31.814	54.182 [WD]	AF 1		168.11			
5	3	Corey Baxter	Toyota Corolla	MBC1	26.524	25.156	42.858	42.208	39.059	39.259	32.592	33.231	54.182 [WD]	CF 2		172.25			
21	4	Tony Howe	Subaru WRX	MBC1	29.52 [1998]	25.776	73.261 [WD]	43.831	39.03	38.118	33.699	32.57	34.657	33.41	E 1	173.71			
8	5	Lynford Kettle	Subaru Forester	MBC1	29.622	24.506	44.368	42.297	39.949	38.042	33.876	35.998	36.409	35.108	E 2	173.83			
31	6	Sheridan Budworth	Toyota 86	NWCC	32.087	27.894	73.261 [WD]	45.026	38.069	37.505	33.09	32.672	34.322	41.696	CR 1	F 1	177.53		
29	7	Kevin McGuire	Mazda MX5	MCC1	25.855	25.575	44.72	43.38	39.457	38.943	35.751	34.48	36.654	36.563	BR 1		178.43		4
2	8	Lloyd Powell	Nissan 1800x	MBC1	26.595	30.52	73.261 [WD]	45.571	41.636	38.015	32.836	32.457	54.182 [WD]	DR 1		179.50			
24	9	Heath Johnston	Subaru Forester	MBC1	24.314	24.028	46.879	44.857	41.307	40.735	35.187 [WD]	33.926	36.227	36.912	E 3	180.06			
13	10	Nathan Russell	Subaru WRX	MBC1	43.029 [WD]	24.715	47.465	47.721	40.921	38.671	34.403	34.106	35.371	35.795	E 4	180.39			
15	11	Andrew Long	Nissan 1800x	MBC1	43.029 [WD]	29.111	46.821	45.78	39.861	38.401	31.704	34.963	38.347	38.902	DR 2		181.32		
17	12	John James	Mazda MX5	MCC1	26.983	26.018	44.58	44.882	40.677	39.949	35.44	34.357	37.478	37.26	BR 2		182.18		2
1	13	Craig Lange	MG B	MCC1	26.024	24.891	43.49	73.261 [WD]	42.651	42.64	35.408	34.78	37.299	36.783	BR 3		182.58		1
18	14	Chris Russell	Subaru WRX	MBC1	24.488	30.08 [1998]	44.889	44.885	45.078 [10]	42.083	34.712	38.377	37.947	37.14	E 5		183.31		3
6	15	Cameron Howie	MG Midget	MCC1	28.792	27.467	51.556 [10]	45.868	40.405	40.589	35.338	33.945	36.435	35.892	AR 1	J 1	183.60	3	3
7	16	Kelli Lange	Subaru Impreza	MCC1	26.51	25.497	43.307	44.307	41.792	41.585	35.699	35.776	37.952	37.813	E 6	F 2	183.75		3
18	17	Kelly Figgel	Hyundai Excel	MBC1	26.848	25.868	45.804	45.313	41.822	46.435 [10]	37.454	35.698	43.268 [10]	39.42	CF 3	F 3	188.14		
25	18	Tony Sutcliffe	Hyundai Excel	MCC1	28.099	25.674	47.94	45.788	44.33	42.708	36.421	38.726	38.254	38.941	CF 4		189.51		3
3	19	Kiray McLachlan	Subaru WRX	MBC1	27.742	25.509	45.866	45.819	42.123	42.731	37.259	38.2	41.477	54.182 [WD]	E 7	F 4	191.69		
19	20	Angela Howie	MG Midget	MCC1	43.029 [WD]	28.389	50.489	73.261 [WD]	43.299	41.534	37.917	36.407	36.299	37.62	AR 2	F 5	194.45		2
22	21	Coen Fuller	Renault R12	MBC1	26.264	26.894	49.725	52.733	45.231	49.699	38.197	36.733	39.605	39.82	CF 5		197.75		
10	22	Kate Figgel	Hyundai Excel	MCC1	28.005	28.005	48.991	73.261 [WD]	45.446	44.861	37.644	38.326	39.984	39.414	CF 6	J 2, F 6	198.92	3	2
20	23	Sam Nancarrow	Mitsubishi Galant	MBC1	27.527	28.529	48.658	49.829	45.113	49.38	38.583	58.187 [WD]	40.941	41.646	CR 2		202.82		
37	24	David Nancarrow	Mitsubishi Galant	MBC1	26.595	26.593	54.934 [10]	73.261 [WD]	45.583	44.75	58.187 [WD]	44.905 [10]	40.695	41.65	CR 3		212.24		
28	25	Joelle Nancarrow	Ford Falcon	MBC1	27.462	43.029 [WD]	68.261	55.657 [10]	47.54	48.691	41.155	44.252	41.403	46.963	DR 3		213.22		
12	26	Taran Douglas	Ford Falcon	MBC1	24.53	27.91	53.79	49.278	58.182 [WD]	47.645	43.922	53.187	54.182 [WD]	DR 4		216.94			
14	27	Rachel Harvey	Toyota Corolla	MBC1	25.55	30.77	73.261 [WD]	54.752	52.745	46.618	58.187 [WD]	41.089	54.182 [WD]	49.162	CF 7	F 7	219.17		
9	28	Tony Williams	Nissan 2000x	MBC1	43.029 [WD]	43.029 [WD]	46.071	43.189	43.609	34.035	58.187 [DMS]	54.182 [WD]	54.182 [DMS]	CR 4		220.15			
20	29	Janet Sutcliffe	Hyundai Excel	MCC1	34.135	32.695	52.801	52.923	53.192	51.02	42.753	43.713	44.395	42.52	CF 8	F 8	221.77		2
4	30	Dor Fraser	Mitsubishi Special	MCC1	43.029 [WD]	47.301	73.261 [WD]	42.54	48.421 [10]	37.545	37.778	54.182 [WD]	54.182 [WD]	F 1		224.58		3	
26	31	Shane Marley	MGF	MCC1	38.029	43.029 [WD]	56.997	52.117	58.182 [WD]	52.361	43.135	41.88	46.438	45.741	BR 4		230.13		2

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MGA Register Notes



September 2020

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

Forthcoming Events:

MGA REGISTER RUN – SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Just under 4 weeks until the MGCC Tas MGA Registers long awaited first run as initially outlined April's MGA Notes in those halcyon pre-pandemic days.

Plans are in place for lunch for the MGA crews at **Zeps Café Campbell Town** at **12.30pm**.

Departures are at **9.30am from the VCC Clubrooms** Sunday for the **NSC** crews with a Coffee/Comfort Break at Cressy. **SSC & NW** participants start points & route details will be published when numbers have been determined. All MGA owners who are intending to participate in the Run should RSVP to Col Cleaver cleaver@bigpond.net.au at **latest 20th Sept 2020**.

MGA Register News:

ELVIS PRESLEY'S MGA 1600

Further to last month's celebrity MGA theme: Greenlight are offering a 1:18 scale Diecast model of Elvis' 1959 MGA as used in the 1961 movie 'Blue Hawaii' for \$60US plus p&p

<https://www.diecastmodelswholesale.com/1959-mg-a-1600-roadster-mki-red-blue-hawaii-1961-movie-elvis-presley-series-1935-1977-1-18-diecast-model-car-by-greenlight/>



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Steps to Fold your MGA Hood Correctly – Courtesy MGA Register UK.

		
Release wing nuts from windscreen	Release centre clip (1600 models only)	Raise hood to release tension
		
Release turnbuckles and the "lift the dots"	Pull fabric to rear to release from two "hooks"	Seat belt in raised hood position (optional extra)
		
Release locking pin and pass belt around frame	Unclip side screen envelope and fold back	Collapse the hood frame
		
Pull all material clear of frame	Fold hood as shown along the seams. Do not crease the side windows (Place a soft cloth between windows to avoid scratching)	Fold rear window over the front rail



Move folded hood forward to locate behind seats



Push folded hood back as far as possible



Remove side screens and stow in the envelope cranked brackets to rear of car (for clarity, this photo shows bracket facing forward)

Members MGA's No 3:

Ian & Sue Campbell's 1960 MGA 1600 Roadster

This month we have Ian & Sue's immaculate 1600. Not the first Ian has owned it was restored in Sydney in 2004 & came to Hobart when they migrated to Tas. in 2007. The early history & comprehensive details provided to Ian by Garry Kemm MGCC Vic – MGA Registrar.



Ian & Sue's MGA was one of a batch of 16 CKD kits which were started to be packed 21st June 1960 at the KD department, Cowley UK, and were eventually dispatched to Australia on 21st August 1960.

It was assembled during November 1960 by Pressing Metal Corporation on behalf of BMC Australia and was originally sold new in NSW and registered/delivered on 26th December 1960 with rego number CGE 742.

The first owner was a Mr. King, 2 Madeira St. Sylvania.

The original colour was Nurburg White, probably with red trim.

The original engine was 16GAUH/26924.

Ian's car does not have a body number on the vertical firewall near the RH bonnet hinge as these numbers were discontinued for Australian assembled cars early 1960.

The car no: 8/95897/1070 is explained as follows;

8 = BMC Australia code for 1960 year assembly

95897 = UK assigned chassis number

1070 = Australian build number (which means 570th Australian assembled MGA 1600)

Col Cleaver.

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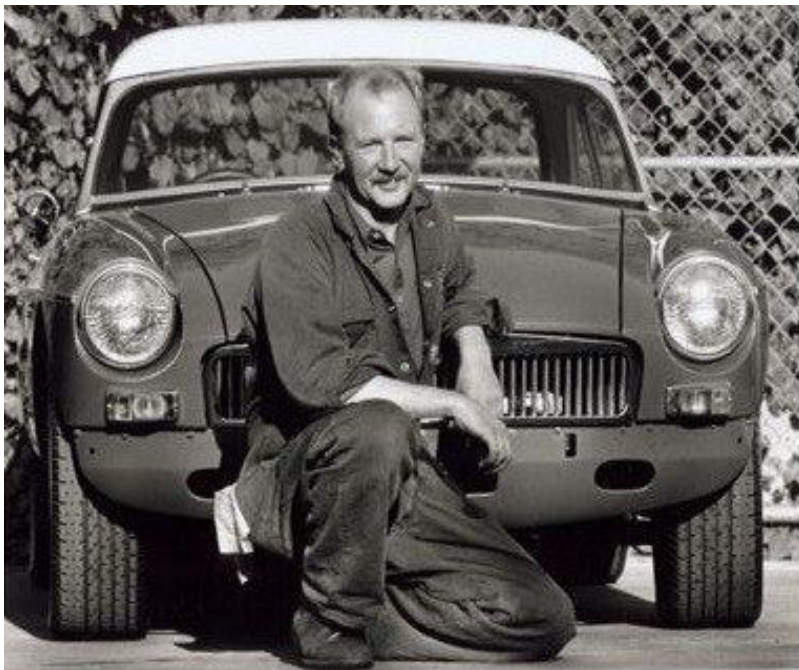


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Club Social Events

Events in red do not attract Club Points

(More details can be found in the Sub Centre Notes)

Date	Event	Meet At....	Coordinator
Sat 12 th Sep	Liffey Market	VCCT Clubrooms	Peter Harper
Sun 13 th Sep	SSC Social Run – Kempton Hotel	Civic Club	Mark Harrington
<i>Thurs 17th Sep</i>	<i>NW Coffee Run</i>	<i>Bunnings Carpark</i>	<i>Terry Jeffrey</i>
Sun 20 th Sep	NSC Mystery Run	VCCT Clubrooms	John James
Sat 26 th Sep	NW Lunch Run	Bunnings Carpark	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 27 th Sep	MG A Register Run – Campbell Town	As Advised	Col Cleaver
Sun 4 th Oct	NSC/NW BYO BBQ	Bunnings Carpark, VCCT Clubrooms	Geraldine Biggelaar
<i>Sun 4th Oct</i>	<i>Classics on the Beach</i>	<i>Sandy Bay</i>	
<i>Wed 7th Oct</i>	<i>Car Enthusiast Mid-Week Run</i>	<i>C3 Church</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
<i>Wed 14th Oct</i>	<i>NSC Dinner Run</i>	<i>VCCT Clubrooms</i>	<i>Mark Dilger</i>
17-19 th Oct	Spring Getaway - Triabunna	Local Locations	Cheryl & Tony Gurnhill
Tues 20 th Oct	SSC AAM	Civic Club	
Wed 28 th Oct	NSC AAM	VCCT Clubrooms	Andrew Merry
<i>Fri 30th Oct</i>	<i>NSC Coffee Run</i>	<i>VCCT Clubrooms</i>	
7 th & 8 th Nov	Concourse, AGM and Annual Dinner	Launceston	Andrew Merry
Sun 22 nd Nov	NSC Lunch Run	VCCT Clubrooms	R Ashley-Jones
Sun 29 th Nov	SSC Lunch Run	Civic Club	Kevin McGuire
Tues 15 th Dec	SSC Xmas BBQ	Civic Club	

Club and State Competition Events

Date	Event	Meet At....	Coordinator
19 th - 20 th Sept	TCC Round 3	Baskerville	HSCC
27 th Sept	Hillclimb	Domain	CMI
10 th Oct	Hillclimb	Barrington	NWCC
23 rd – 25 th Oct	60 th Anniversary TCRC 4	Symmons Plains	MGCCT
8 th Oct	Hillclimb	Baskerville	PCT
14 th Oct	Hillclimb	Trowutta	NWCC
6 th Dec	Motorkhana Rnd 3	?	MCCT

Square Rigger Notes

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

Moving on from historic themes and with excursions into the countryside flowing a little more freely and well supported, time to look at the future. Alan Briggs and Tony Farrell are out on such a run and those in their sheds busy with works in progress are showing the extent of T Types to join the foray in the months ahead. Richard Gamble's TD 12623 and Chris Vernon's TF 6733 coming along very nicely.



Serious detail of TC 6349 of Peter Richards and Jamie Gillam's TD 1610 are also projects to watch out for. And the road is clear ahead for more Register gatherings and touring events.

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