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Cover Photo: Kelvin Aldred's 1960 MGA 1600

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The Well -Dressed MGA

Kelvin Aldred has moved back to Australia and restarted his restoration.



Following nine weeks of transshipment from Papua New Guinea, my car had arrived at the Adelaide international seaport on 14th November 1985. South Australian Customs had stamped all paperwork for the car, including all invoices for new parts yet to be fitted.

With my MG basket car collected from the wharf and loaded on to a tandem the car trailer; I headed to Marque Restorations Adelaide panel shop. They had a long reputation for one off coachwork to classic and vintage cars to an excellent standard. Marque Restorations placed the body in a sizing jig to ensure factory measurements, and accuracy when attaching to the chassis. Body and panels were prepared and painted separately off the chassis in the original paint colour of Old English White by Marquee Restorations. (I do not know if Helen had any dresses in Old English White but for me, it was pleasing to see.) It was a great sight to see the MGA back to its original colour



Right: Interior fit out commenced

and looking so splendid, now for the enjoyable tasks of interior and exterior fit out.

I was only resident in Adelaide for 18 months, when I transferred to Melbourne to run the company's tyre remanufacturing operations across Australia and New Zealand. I covered my MG in a large thick canvas tarp and stored it at my holiday house garage from 1987 until I transported it to Tasmania in 2013.

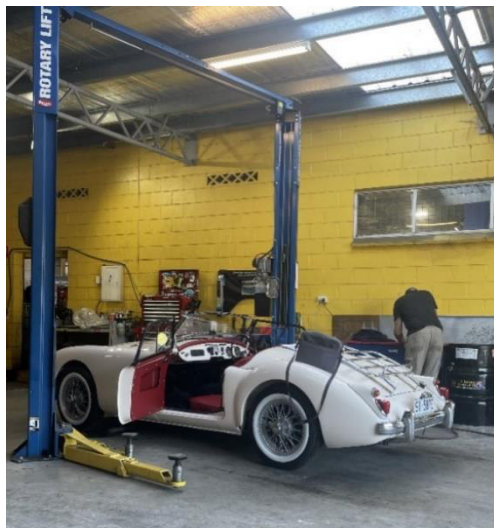
The 26 years of storage did no favours for my MGA. Many panels had paint blisters (due probably to moisture under the PNG applied primer paint coat, and not being able to breath under the thick canvas tarp for so long). Again, all panels and body were paint stripped by me with another twenty litres of paint stripper. I chose Executive Panels in Moonah to respray the car and was delighted to see the finished paint job, hand finished with 3,000/5,000 grit wet and dry.

My MG came back home in 2015 to Franklin, where it sat covered on blocks for seven years, until September 2022. The purchase of a new Mazda MX5 in July 2016 sure distracted my attention for a number of years. Wayne's monthly run and luncheon was a regular for my Mazda MX5.

Below: new engine fitted



Below: Roadworthy test





At this stage, and to add to the story of dismay and shock; mice enjoyed my MGAs new upholstery and my wife's Morgan leather seats.

A wonderful local friend and fellow MG Car Club member, Peter Clarke, told me it was about time to get real and complete the car and get her on the road for the first time in 40 years of ownership. "Now you have sold your Mazda MX5, there is no excuse," Pete said. "Plus, you might die before its completed," Peter added. At 76 years of age,

there sure was truth in his comment to me.

Pete was an amazing influence and inspiring help, coming to work with me on the car one day per week for the past 9 months. We completed the interior and exterior fit out, replaced wheel cylinders, rewired, overhauled the clutch slave cylinder, master cylinder, tie rod ends, king pin end seals. The list went on and on due to 40 years of non-use.

I salute Pete for his competence, passion, enthusiasm, and great humour helping to bring my dream MG to reality.

The completed MGA is a delight to look at, her quality restoration, sparkling shiny paint work, and rebuilt as close as possible the original 'out of



the factory' standard was always top of mind. There was still one important task outstanding. The professional installation and fitting of the new soft top hood, purchased back in 2012. Wow I thought, after 40 years of ownership, my work of art and lifetime achievement almost completed and ready for the road.

I look forward to joining the Wednesday enthusiasts' team with Pete on the monthly Wayne's run and luncheon. I remember so well Wayne's Old English White MGA1600. MGA ownership is to be treasured and used. Wayne sure lead by example.

Kelvin Aldred

Below: Ready for the next Wayne's Run



President's Report

August has been quite a busy month with our NW group having Keith Diddham along as a Guest speaker at our monthly meeting a very interesting presentation, one thing I learnt was don't leave your dog shut in the car, say no more.

On August the thirteenth the MGCC hosted a motorkhana at Latrobe Speedway this was the last motorkhana organised by our club for this year, somewhat disappointing with only eleven starters of which ten of these were MG members, the weather was the best I have ever seen for Latrobe, we had four tests with Damian Midgley being the overall winner. Once again, I would like to thank all the helpers on the day, without their effort we would be unable to host these events; results for the motorkhana are further in the magazine. The next and final event for the competition year will be the Club Day and Super Sprints at Baskerville on the 10th of September, the day will be a joint effort with the Mini Car Club

Susan and I took a run to Hobart (just to prove that the road from the north goes all the way to Hobart) for the weekend of August 19th 20th; we joined up with Margret and Greg on the Saturday night for dinner, then headed off on the Sunday morning to join up with the Southern Sub-centre Members for a run to the top of Mt Wellington, returning to Ferntree for a hot breakfast at the Community centre. We were then invited by Allan Briggs to visit his collection of cars. Thanks to Chris Wagstaff, Allan Briggs and all the Southern members for a great day.

Don't forget the Annual Concours and the One-hundred-year celebration of the MG, Launceston the 17th, 18th & 19th of November.

Till next month,

Don Fraser

President



Ed Says

A Morris Minor Car Club member successfully restored so many cars I had to ask what was his secret and he didn't hesitate.

"Do something every day, visit the project every day, even if to make a list, clean the work area; remain familiar with the task."

Excellent advice. Remaining in touch is the challenge because life gets in the way. Your days are time-tabled out with chores, forks in life alter your route and your dream drifts away. This is especially true of large projects, like restoring a car which requires years of dedication, as many advertised uncompleted restorations testify. Overwhelmed with the work or the cost, unexpected difficulties, house moves, career demands, family needs, professional service disappointments, days too cold or too nice to work in the garage and the fear of failure all distance the dream. The car goes under a tarp, out of sight, out of mind.

It's so easy, too easy. The weeks slip away and the tarp gets harder to remove.

In this light, club member Kel Aldred's MGA restoration deserves a standing ovation as over forty years he had more than his fair share of obstacles to hurdle.

In this September edition, read how Kel regained the motivation to complete his restoration. We have important information and a registration form for the Concours weekend in November, plus all the regular event reports.

Keep the wheels turning,

Jane Attard



MG Concours & 100th Celebration

MG Concours and 100th Celebrations 17th, 18th and 19th November 2023.

We have finalised all arrangements for the 100th anniversary display along with the concours and presentation dinner.

Registration for the weekend will open from 1st September and close on 18th October 2023.

A registration form is included in this magazine and in the October edition.

We will have the form on our Web Site and Face book page with full details.

The weekend details are as follows:



*All catered events will be held at the Boathouse Centre
Launceston 55a Lindsay Street, Invermay Launceston, TAS,
Australia 7248*

Friday 17th

- Noggin n Natter 6.30pm to 9.00pm at the Boathouse.

Saturday 18th

- Concours to be conducted in the parking area opposite the Silo Hotel at the river end of Lindsay Street with all cars assembled by 9.00am.
- Boathouse High Tea 10.30am for 11.00am to 1.00pm paid on registration. (This will depend on numbers)
- AGM and election of office bearers for the new year. 3.00pm to 4.00pm at the Boathouse.
- Presentation Dinner from 6.30pm three course meal with music for dancing but also our annual trophy presentation to finalise the year's events at the Boathouse.

Sunday 19th

- Departing breakfast will run from 9.00am to 11.00am and will be a hot breakfast, also at the Boathouse.

We would welcome assistance on the day and if you are able to help, please indicate on the registration form when registering.

Registration is open only to members of the MG Car Club of Tas. Cost is \$75.00 per head and that entitles each person registered to participate in the catered events i.e., Noggin n Natter, Presentation Dinner and Farewell Breakfast or any combination of these events.

We will have a medallion struck for the 100th anniversary and only one medallion will be given per registration / couple entered and it will not be issued on the number of cars displayed.

We would appreciate it if everyone could complete a registration form, be it couple or individual, and forward as per the instructions on the form.

The main event on the Saturday is the Concours and vehicle display where we are looking to assemble 100 MG's as our acknowledgement of the MG Marque being around for 100 years.

We have several sponsors helping with the event:

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- Silo Hotels for the use of their Car Park for the day

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Colonial Hotel and Silo Hotel can provide convenient accommodation for the weekend.

If booking with the Colonial, please let them know you are from the MG Car Club.

If you have any query's please contact one of the committee members, contact details you will find in the Magazine under Northern Sub Centre.

We look forward to seeing you in November,

Phil Paine Bill Daly Robin Phillip Mark Dilger Paul Rossetto

Concours and 100 years of MG Celebration Registration Form

Name..... Mem No.....

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Events Attending	Yes	No
Noggin N Natter		
Presentation Dinner		
Farewell Breakfast		

Concours

Display	Model	Year
Vehicle for judging	Model	Year

Help	Yes	No
Concours Judging		
Setting up events		
Registration Fee \$75.00 per head	\$	
Concours Judging Registration \$10.00 per car	\$	
Ladies High Tea \$25.00 per head	\$	
Total	\$	

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Detail will be your surname and one initial to enable us to identify the member where there is a common surname.

Please post or email the registration form to:

Mark Dilger PO Box 311 Riverside Tas 7250 Email:

dilger@bigpond.net.au

Northern Notes

MG RUN TO CHRISTMAS HILLS

My adventure organising an MG Friday jaunt began a few days before the auspicious 28th July. Anxiously driving my MGF in several outings over the last year, with the echo's of 'you really need to get that timing belt changed', I had finally bitten the bullet and made a hot date with Shortie in the South.

Accustomed as I am to early starts, I dislodged my said soft top from the bowels of the nest it rests in (thank you John J) the night prior and had it sitting ready for the early 4am get away Wednesday morning: a quick trip to Hobart and return in the day with everything including a service, would have me set up, care free and scooting along on another year of MG comradery.

Well, you probably know what comes next: best laid plans and all that...

I returned late that night in something less auspicious than my BRG MG, though somewhat less noisy: a Subaru Impreza.

Wrong parts (no matter how they tried to have them fit) and the delay of ordering new items and, for the Friday MG run, here I am in a white modern sedan and my MG in the bowels of another bunker, this time in Hobart.

The day dawned in keeping with the results of the trip to Hobart: had we all had gills we'd have felt quite at home. Deluge is heading in the right direction to describe the conditions, as we gathered in the Country Club Casino car park (CCCp for future ref).

Prepared as I was (not) John J came to my rescue as I vainly attempted to tick off, on a disintegrating list, those that had braved the elements.

One slightly unimpressed and disgruntled member remarked "what ARE we doing here?" to which I instantly replied "WE are NOT fair-weather riders, SIR!". Up went the chin and "We are CERTAINLY NOT" was the enthusiastic reply. What fun!





I have had it said that I might have good connections up stairs....

As we drove out towards the café, occasionally losing sight of vehicles both ahead and behind due to the downpour, the sun began to break through the clouds and warmed our crumpled joints and points of view, as we stretch in the carpark of the Raspberry farm Café.



And what a wonderful day! Our Northern members shared good humour, oft' times rowdy laughter and tasty fare with a wonderful roll-up from the North-west club.

Thank you to all, both North and Northwest, who took the time and mustered the intestinal fortitude to make a wonderful silk purse out of the proverbial: is it not true, that without challenge, our experiences can be less rewarding?



Suz Haywood MGF 1997

Northern Notices

Much of the centre's time has been taken up organising the November Concours and Centenary Celebrations.

With the change of the club's fee structure, one registration is in effect a family registration; so the payment of one fee covers the member, their respective partner and children under the age of 18 at the time of the renewal.

At the November Concours only members will be eligible to register so it is important that all your family members' names are on file.

Please ensure that your partner's and family details are included on the club's records, to avoid registration problems for the concours weekend.

At our meeting in July, we discussed ideas to engage new members (more ideas for runs, dinners etc) and getting younger members involved in club activities. We are also looking for ideas for Sunday Runs during Summer so if you have ideas or could organise a run, please contact one of the Northern Sub Centre Committee.

We have our AGM coming up and we will be looking to fill committee positions, so give some thought to taking on a committee position for the next 12 months. Nomination Forms for MGCC Committee positions need to be completed and returned to Secretary or Chairman before the October meeting, as that is the 'Area Meeting' night.

Mark Dilger.

Vice President and Northern Sub Centre Committee Member

Notice of NSC Annual Area Meeting

The NSC Annual Area Meeting will be held on October 25th at the V.C.C.A. rooms, Lawence Vale Rd., before the Committee meeting, starting at 7:30pm.

All committee positions are vacant and, if you would like to nominate, a nomination form can be downloaded from the MGCC of Tas website or are available from the secretary.

Paul Rossetto
NSC Secretary
0497266076

North West Notes

Position	Member (Partner)	Contact Details
North West Coordinator	Tim Grant (Christine)	(m) 0418 556 953 northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au
North West	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Dalton Café Ulverstone	

Past Events

10th August – Monthly Meeting, Dalton Cafe

This month 26 members attended. Following our meal we were amused and entertained by Keith Didham's interesting account of the life and times of a motoring journalist. His story about the consequences of leaving a Great Dane puppy in his then new Subaru company car served as a cautionary tale! The call to the boss explaining, "The dog ate my car," would have been interesting!

Sunday 20th August – Mystery Lunch Run



Above left to right:, Richard Gamble, Michael &, Roslyn Walsh, Bob& Marilyn Dawson, Chris Grant, Jan Gamble

A small group of six members enjoyed a pleasant, sunny Sunday morning drive through the backroads of East Sassafras to Elizabeth Town for coffee. Leaving Elizabeth Town we travelled via Kimberley, Sunnyside and Railton to arrive at Anvers for lunch. We were joined by two more members for an excellent lunch.



Thank you to Jan & Richard Gamble for organizing this run.

Above: RV8, Michael and Roslyn Walsh.

Tim's Humour for the month of September

In a winery the regular tester died and the director started looking for a new one to hire. A drunkard with a ragged, dirty look came to apply for the position. The director of the winery wondered how to send him away. They tested him. They gave him a glass with a drink. He tried it and said, "It's red wine, a muscat, three years old, grown on a north slope, matured in steel containers."

"That's correct", said the boss.

Another glass. "It's red wine, cabernet, eight years old, a south western slope, oak barrels."

"Correct." The director was astonished. He winked at his secretary to suggest something.

She brought him a glass of urine. The alcoholic tried it.

"It's a blonde, 26 years old, three months pregnant, made inside the office. And if you don't give me the job, I'll also tell who's the father!"

The boss collapsed!!!



Tim Grant
NW Co-Ordinator

Up-coming Events

Thursday 14th September – Monthly Meeting at Dalton Café Ulverstone, 6 pm
RSVP to Tim by Wednesday 12th September.

Wednesday 20th September – Coffee Run

Meet at the Homemakers Centre Lower Carpark, 9.30 am departure for a run to Frank & Lotti, Deloraine for coffee and cakes.

RSVP to Tim by Monday 18th September.

Sunday 1st October – Lunch Run to Carrick

(Please note the change of date for this run)

This month's run is being organised by Cheryl and Tony Gurnhill. Meet at Limestone Cafe in Railton at 9.30am for coffee, leaving at 10.00am.

A drive on back roads, with a toilet stop en route to arrive at Carrick for lunch at 12.30pm.

Please RSVP to Tony and Cheryl, 0408 386 482 by 27th September.

Thursday 12th October – Monthly Meeting at Dalton Café Ulverstone, 6 pm

RSVP to Tim by Wednesday 11th October.

17, 18 & 19 November – MG Concours & 100th Anniversary, Launceston

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Southern Notes



PAST EVENTS

20 August – Mountain Run and Breakfast at Fern Tree This year the Southern Sub Centre took the annual Mountain Breakfast Run back to its roots with a group of 26 starting from the Civic Club on a beautiful morning. Glimpses of sunshine and calm winds taking the run to the top of Mt Wellington where the views out over Hobart and the Derwent River were as good as a winters morning could supply. It was off back down for breakfast in the foot hills of the Mountain at the Fern Tree Community Centre where a hard-working group of members had a cooked breakfast waiting.



After an excellent feed at a great venue with superb views and facilities, most of the group took up Alan Briggs' invitation to inspect his garage and see progress on his latest project, a 1929 Hudson, to be built as a sporting 1920's style Special. Alan's building rules are that all parts and methods of construction to be pre-1930, exceptions being electric fan and water pump, new carby, distributor and alternator. **No valuable or rare parts to be modified or cut up.** The basis is 1929 Hudson chassis, engine/gearbox, front axle, brakes, radiator and steering; the rest coming from other sources.



Thank you to Don & Susan Fraser and Greg & Margaret Bannon from the NW Coast who took the time to travel down to join us on our social run. Thank you to everyone who helped out at Fern Tree. A self-catering run like this cannot happen without hard work from members to setup, cook and afterwards clean and pack up.

Chris Wagstaff and Alan Briggs

Special thanks to Chris for arranging the venue free of charge and to Alan and Trish for hosting the group at their place, Mark Harrington.



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COMING EVENTS

17 September – Brookfield, Margate

Run to Brookfield for lunch, with a coffee stop on the way. Meet at the Civic Club at 10.00am for a 10.30am departure. Lunch will be 2 courses and the charge is \$35/head.

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

15 October – Britain to 'Bunna Car Show, Triabunna

The Predominantly Britain to 'Bunna Car Show is on again this year. Meet at the Civic Club at 8.00am for an 8.15am departure. We will drive straight there and get a coffee once the cars are in position. The show is being held at The Village, 20 Melbourne Street, from 9.30am - 1.30pm, with People's Choice, Costume and Judge's awards being announced at 1.00pm. You are invited to dress up in Period costume appropriate to the age of your vehicle. Entry is by donation.

To RSVP or for further information please contact Mark Harrington: 0427 538 412.

29 October – Oyster Cove Inn

The My Slice of Pie business has closed, so in lieu of this event we will do a run to the Oyster Cove Inn at Kettering for lunch. It will be a Poker Run. Meet at the Civic Club at 10.00am for a 10.30am departure.

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

2-5 November – Baskerville Historics

17-19 November – Annual Events / 100th Anniversary Celebrations

Hosted this year by the Northern Sub-Centre. Details were in recent magazines. A group will be travelling up to Launceston on Friday 17th in time for the Noggin 'n' Natter and will be staying at the Quality Hotel Colonial in Elizabeth Street, which has under cover parking. A Standard Double room with a queen bed is \$169. Please let Mark Harrington (0427 538412 or mgharrington59@hotmail.com) know if you wish to join this group, and make your own accommodation reservation. The Colonial Reservations number is 6331 6588. Tell them that you are with the MGCCT and the rate was quoted by Carissa Bell, the Assistant Manager.

3 December – Huon Run and Geeveston Bakery

A run down the Huon, possibly to Police Point and Dover, with lunch at the Geeveston Bakery to be confirmed.

12 December – Christmas Function

This year will be a different format to the usual BBQ at the Civic Club. We are planning two roasts and a ham plus veggies, followed by desserts. We will be asking members to pre-book and pay so that we can get the catering right. More details to come.

Please help the organisers by sending an RSVP as noted above for all events.

Mark Harrington



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Competition Results

Motorkhana Latrobe

Driver	Time	Points	Class	MG	Ladies	Junior
Damien Midgley	102.518	4	CF1			
Kevin McGuire	107.589	4	BR1			
Maklyn Midgley	107.664	2	CF2			3
Mark Harrington	111.292	3	BR2	3		
Cameron Howie	112.059	2	BR3	2		
Levi Midgley	115.644	1	CF3			2
Angela Howie	116.436	3	AR1	3	3	
Don Fraser	116.844	1	BR4	1		
Robin Wilmot	120.752	3	DF1	3		
Bronwyn Zuber	137.767	2	DF2	2	3	

Ladies Trophy

Angela Howie	14	Janet Sutcliffe	9
Bronwyn Zuber	12		

Junior Trophy

Levi Midgley	9	Maklyn Midgley	9
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Motorkhana Trophy

Kevin McGuire	16	Cameron Howie	11
Angela Howie	12	Damien Midgley	11
Bronwyn Zuber	8	Robin Wilmot	9
Maklyn Midgley	7	Levi Midgley	6
Don Fraser	5	Janet Sutcliffe	4
Mark Harrington	3		
Rest 2 points or less			

Club Championship Points as at 23 August 2023

Best Performance by an MG

Robin Wilmot	16	Angela Howie	14
Cameron Howie	12	Bronwyn Zuber	11
Lincoln Spurr	8	Shane Manley	7
Mark Harrington	8	Mark Dilger	4
Don Fraser	5	Tim Grant	3
Wayne Jessup	3	Jim Brown	3
Steve Corbett	3	Bill Daley	3
Paul Beauchamp	3	Neville Smith	3
Janet Sutcliffe	3		
Rest 2 Points or less			

Outright Championship

Cameron Howie	17	Kevin McGuire	16
Tony Sutcliffe	12	Angela Howie	14
Robin Wilmot	13	Don Fraser	10
Bronwyn Zuber	11	Lincoln Spurr	8
Shane Manley	7	Damian Midgley	11
Michael Sullivan	6	Andrew Hayhurst	6
Maklyn Midgley	7	Levi Midgley	6
Mark Harrington	8	Mark Dilger	4
Rest 3 points or less			

TOM HEY

Early MGCC member, Tom Hey passed away after a long illness on July 27th.

He served on the early committees and was involved in all club activities, driving an MG TC which is still membership owned. Tom was a voluntary mechanic on Brian Roberts Monza MG.

Later, as with other MGCC members, he bought a Mk. II Jaguar and became a founding member of the Jaguar Car Club. Kerry Cox's Paramount Jaguar was acquired, raced & developed. It suffered instant disassembly at Symmons Plains: "electrical problems".

To fund his racing, Tom ran a part time business repairing and supplying parts for Jaguars as well as working for TELCOM.

Following a redundancy package, he and Penny decamped to Yolla, farming beef and turnips.

Tom continued racing with a Farrell clubman, holding lap records for under 2 litre sports cars. Impressive for a 1300 cc car!

Tom was a great friend and steadfast in his support when bad times came.

In his last months, he was devotedly cared for by his loving wife Penny.

Condolences to Penny, son Ben, daughter Eliza and first wife Roz.

There is peace in the valley Tom.

Peter Shaw.

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

Membership Report

This month we welcome four new members:

Jill Maclaurin-Hudspeth and Andrew Hudspeth (Southern).

Jill and Andrew own a 1951 Red TD and are interested in driving their MG and social outings.

Mathew and Debra Burden (Northern).

Mathew and Debra Burden are interested in social outings, golf, good food and wine.

We hope they enjoy many club arranged activities.

Wayne Jessup Membership Officer. MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA

MG Cyberster

I attended the 'Goodwood Festival of Speed' in the UK earlier this month. The event is used by many of the world's sports and luxury car manufacturers as an opportunity to release new models or show their latest concept cars.

This year something in the order of half the cars were electric or hydrogen cell powered, including the cars from MG. Their leading light this year was, unsurprisingly, the MG Cyberster. Here is the car in its current form. I say 'in its current form' because when I asked the salesperson, she made it clear that there were no assurances that this would be the final form of the production car.

And of course, the answers to the two questions that you really want an answer for are..... a release in the English summer of 2024 (so 12 months away).....and the price..... best estimate GBP55,000-60,000 so in Australia that is probably going to mean not much change out of \$120,000. Hmmm, I think I'll be sticking with what I have.



Mark Harrington



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125th Wayne's Classic Car Run

Wednesday 2nd August 2023.

It was 12 degrees, the wind had stopped and the sun was shining brilliantly after a week of appalling weather; so all augured well for a beautiful drive via the seaside suburbs of Sandy Bay, Taroona, Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Howden, Margate, Snug and Kettering, where we were greeted by the proprietor of the Oyster Cove Inn, Ron Tabor. It was a lovely drive on a beautiful day reaching 18 degrees.

We broke two records on our run. The record number of enthusiasts since Wayne's passing, with a total of 76 participants and the record service time. We were all served within an hour. This was indeed a credit to Ron and his staff who went out of their way to accommodate us with ample staff manning the tables and the kitchen. The first meals arrived as soon as we sat down and ordered from the extensive menu with seven choices of main and two desserts. I asked Ron how he could offer such a good deal for \$25.00/head and he replied that it is his Go-To menu that he does all the time.

I arranged this run two months ago and told him to expect 50-60 guests (the average of our last few runs). At the cut-off time on Monday at 5pm I informed him that I had 73. He said he would ring me back to see if he could accommodate that number.

After a frantic rearrangement by his staff, he informed me that he could do a maximum of 75 in groups of 4, hence the seating arrangement which proved most comfortable.



The final number was 76! I fell off my chair visualising myself informing late RSVP's that they could not attend, but fortunately we escaped by the skin of our teeth.

This all brings me to the point that RSVP'S are essential and that they must be honoured, and please make sure that you receive the route instructions at the C3 café for checking off so that we can inform the venue of final numbers before we leave. It may be necessary to cap numbers for some future runs, a legacy of Wayne's motto "the more the merrier". The above is an example of what goes on behind the scenes on some of our runs.

Also, when leaving the C3 café we nominate a leader and nobody should leave until indicated by the lead car. That will prevent the chaos that occurred on exiting on Wednesday. Some newer participants may not have been aware of this so I forgive you!

Remaining drives for the year are as follows:

August – Wednesday 2nd (125th Drive) – To be arranged by Bob Leeson
September – Wednesday 6th (126th Drive) – To be arranged by Lyn Cengia
October – Wednesday 4th (127th Drive) – To be arranged by Martin Pederson
November – Wednesday 1st (128th Drive) – To be arranged by Bob Leeson
December – Wednesday 6th (129th Drive) – to be arranged by Paul Haddad

Cheers for now,

Bob Leeson

Green 1953 MGTF. Blue Merc. SLK230

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MG Roadshow



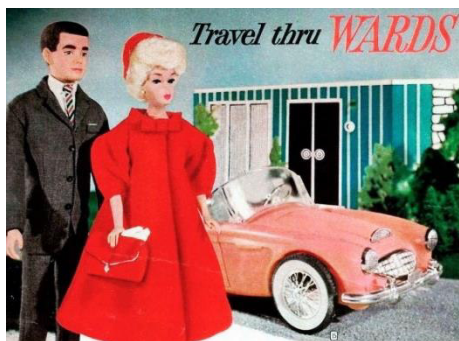
Member, Andrew Kuzniarski, collects MGA models. One of his 26 models is this Micro G/32 Metal Die Cast of a 1955 MGA that he purchased a few years ago. Still sealed in a blister pack on an original cardboard backing. Andrew says they tend to be found without the full card which was used to display them. Under the model, a leaflet has a short history of the car. In 1962, New Zealander Kevin F. Meates bought the Micro Models dies from Goodwood and made Torro and Matai models during the 1970s. There were also reproduction collectors' editions by Micro Models made in 1994-98. Andrew's model is a 1970s Torro International model. Andrew has seen them listed upwards of \$300 without the packing. A few years ago, he saw one in a blister pack for the equivalent of \$A600 in the UK.

"I now only buy models that are a different colour to what I have. You can only have so many red ones!" Andrew, with these values, if the price is right; buy it regardless of the colour.



MGCC Keyrings: \$15 each. Tim Grant 0418 556 953

Collector's Corner



Fashion doll Tammy was created by Ideal in 1961 as the UK's answer for the more brash, American Barbie. Barbie drove a pink Austin Healey 3000 so Tammy was given a blue MGB with a red interior and her American twin, Sindy, was given a red MGB with a white interior; so American. Strangely, the driving positions were reversed.

Who knows whether the toy was BMC approved, but those child owners a decade later were most likely the women who purchased MGBs. In the 1920s, André Citroën's marketing plan included manufacturing 'Jouets Citroën' pedal cars to establish brand loyalty and secure future customers. He said children's first words should be: 'maman, papa et Citroën.' Ideal's toy car wasn't labelled MG but there's no concealing it; the toy car was an MGB. The octagon on the boot lid is empty but the grille, dash board and tail are all faithfully reproduced. The front badge had T for Tammy or S for Sindy.



Advertisements announced:

'Sindy's the envy of her friends because she's got every grown up girl's dream, a red two seater sports car!' Stuff the wedding dress!

Fifty years on; not cheap and very rare, especially mint and boxed. If you really want one, elbow your way past an army of Sindy/Tammy collectors for this Tammy MGB; boxed and complete but, not roadworthy (broken quarter light, steering wheel and bumper). Price: As is: \$A390 JA



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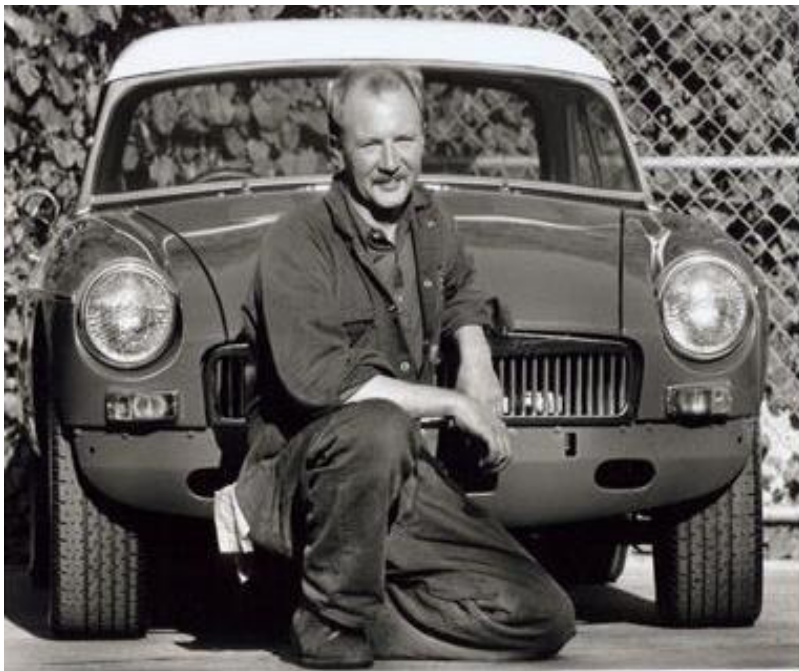
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Square Rigger Notes

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

Photos from recent motor events around the State, first a Northern Club run to the Raspberry Farm, Richard and Jan Gamble in their TD with Tim and Chris Grant in the recently acquired BGT. The winter hill climb event at Lufra run by Club Motori Italia is a very popular challenge drawing close to 50 entries, photo of MG member Michael Hobden with his 'Aluminium' TC.



A long line of entries at the start led by the 1961 JWF Milano and the Ansaldo not entered as appears but on official duties.

Next Square Rigger run 17th September, more details to come.

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Southern Sub Centre Meeting	Meet every Tuesday night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
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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
<i>Wed Sept 6</i>	<i>126st Wayne's Run</i>		<i>Lyn Cengia</i>
Thur Sept 14	NW dinner meeting	Dalton Café	Tim Grant
Sun Sept 17	North Sq Rigger Run	TBA	
Sun Sept 17	Brookfield, Margate Run	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun Sept 20	NW Coffee run		Tim Grant
Sun Oct 1	NW run Carrick	Railton	Cheryl&Tony Gurnhill
<i>Sun Oct 1</i>	<i>Classics by the beach</i>	<i>SandyBayBeach</i>	
<i>Wed Oct 4</i>	<i>127st Wayne's Run</i>		<i>Martin Pederson</i>
Thurs 12 Oct	NW dinner meeting	Dalton Café	Tim Grant
Sun Oct 15	Bunna Car Show	Civic Club	Mark Harrington
Sun 29 Oct	Oyster Cove Inn	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
<i>Wed Nov 1</i>	<i>128st Wayne's Run</i>		<i>Bob Leeson</i>
<i>Sun Nov 5</i>	<i>Classics by the beach</i>	<i>SandyBayBeach</i>	
Sun Nov 5	Baskerville Historic		
Sat Nov 17-19	MGCC Concours 100th	Launceston	Mark Dilger
Sat Nov 18	Shannons German Car show	Parlia't Hobart	
Sun Dec 3	Huon Run		Mark Harrington
<i>Sun Dec 3</i>	<i>Classics by the beach</i>	<i>SandyBayBeach</i>	
<i>Wed 6 Dec</i>	<i>129st Wayne's Run</i>		<i>Paul Haddad</i>
12 dec	Southern Christmas	Civic Club	Mark Harrington



Club and State Competition Events

Date	Event	Venue	Club
9 September	Motorkhana (TMC)	Symmons Plains	MSCT
10 September	Club Day & Super Sprints	Baskerville	MGCC
16 September	Mountain Stages Rally		MSCT
7 October	Hill Climb	Barrington	NWCC
14 October	Super Sprint	Symmons Plains	MSCT
15 October	Test & Tune Day	Baskerville	MGCC
28 October	Rally TRC4		MWCC
3,4,5 November	Historic Race Meeting	Baskerville	Historics
18,19November	Annual Concours	Northern	MGCC
19 November	Club Day	Symmons Plains	NWCC
9 December	Hill Climb	Highclere	NWCC



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