

MG Monthly Motoring News

January 2017





Please forward magazine contributions for the first week of the month

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Cover Story

Perhaps not the applicable story for an MG magazine but as Tassie was hosting these interesting cars and that they were enjoying themselves by entertaining some of the locals at the same time so early in the New Year, it seems appropriate.

Some forty very enthusiastic owners/drivers, with their cars, took part in a standing quarter, really having a “go”. One DB7 achieving 180 k/h covering the distance in around 12 seconds, the majority in a tidy 14 to 16 seconds, but then that’s what they build them to for?

A challenging Motorkhana course was set by Graig Twining, on a grassy hill at the Landfall Property, providing a determined challenge to the marshals four wheel drives but all the DB’s, with one exception, handling the conditions very well?

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

Presidents Report

Well Christmas has come and gone and we head off into another year of enjoying our club events. I hope all our members had an enjoyable festive season.

We are enjoying a rather hot spell of weather at the moment and lovely as it is to have some warmth and sun, it makes for slightly uncomfortable top down motoring or any motoring without air conditioning. I often reflect on those days when our cars, and ourselves, were much newer and the thought of heat and sunburn never entered our minds. The tops were rarely up on our convertibles and we never thought of air conditioned comfort whilst driving around in our tin tops. We were just grateful for quarter windows and terry towelling hats.

It takes a little while to get the club calendar organised again after the Christmas break but there are quite a few driving events that have been planned by our various sub-centres over the next couple of months. Let's hope the sun stays out and we can relive all those heady, care free days of motoring fun.

Enjoy the drive,
Eamonn

Ed Says

A new year with all that goes with it, for the magazine there is not a lot to pass on, the events calendars are as up to date as possible for the short term with more to come as the president's report indicates.

Thank you to all contributors with a reminder of the earlier the better in the month is best to get the event dates out as soon as possible to all.

Membership Report

This Month we welcome one new member to the car club, Cameron Howie from Riverside.

Cameron is a junior and is interested in cars and music.

Wayne Jessup



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Club Captains Report

This is the first Club Captain's report we've had in a long time. I've taken on the job completely ignorant of the task at hand. A very quick learning curve has had me at the computer a lot longer than I would care to be.

That aside, the challenge is just that. After diving in at the very deep end there is light at the end of the tunnel with our 1st competitive event of the year at the Bothwell motorkhana on Sunday Jan 22. A level 2 non-speed license is all you need to be a part of the action. It is the 1st round of the State Motorkhana series in what should be a hotly contested event.

Our 2nd event of the year is Maxie's motorkhana. Sunday Feb 12 is the date (A Hobart long weekend I hear?). Another top event not to be missed with the patterns resembling those to be found in Adelaide at the Nat Meet. A great day of friendly rivalries and socialising under that huge tree.

That's all for now. Just remember to keep those wheels turning.

Tony

Zed's rule

A Racing Report

Highclare Hillclimb 10th December

Of the 33 entries received, 3 were from MGCCT.

Our new Editor John Frost was entered in an MX5. Igor had his well sorted Celica there and Donald was in the Clubman which has had quite a few improvements made to the chassis.

The fastest time of the day was set by Stephen Mott driving his Quoll; a very appealing open wheel Renault powered special setting a time of 32:54. Stephen was also the Outright winner of the 2016 State Hillclimb Series.

Igor was not able to match his personal best on this day but set a time of 34:93, good enough for 4th outright.

Donald also pushed hard as was evident by a moment on the hill but he also was unable to match his quickest time and had to settle for 14th place with a time of 37:79.

Yvonne Payne of the NWCC and John Frost's MX5 was co-driven, John's best time was 43:82.

Greg

Life Members

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

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

MGCT Website

www.mgtas.org.au

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

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Club Meeting Details		Every Tuesday Night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
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Coming events

5th February – A run to the Dover RSL for lunch. We will be stopping at Huonville for coffee on the way. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am

For further information please contact Stephen Huntley: 0362 672811

19th February – A run to the Redland Distillery Kempton. Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am. For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

19th March – My Slice Of Pie. Christine has again offered the usual scrumptious “breakfast with a difference”, opening early especially for us, at the bargain price of \$20.00 per head (as per last year). We will be departing the Civic Club at 8.15am on the dot to be there by 9.00am. RSVP to Bob Leeson so that I can confirm numbers to Christine please.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

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Greetings,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and wonderful Christmas, and a sensational New Year.

The schedule for next year's car enthusiasts drive and lunch will be out in the New Year, starting in mid-late February. In the meantime, there is the first Sunday in January and February at Beach House, and the South-East Rally on 14 January and I expect to see many of you then.

There was a good turnout for the Christmas lunch (52 persons) at the Willie Smith Apple Shed and there was plenty of quality food for all, particularly if you were seated in front of the many platters. The weather was ordinary which meant rooves were up, which is disappointing at Christmas.

Thanks to Wally, David for the pics – good to see Herby with his temporary roof up.

With best wishes and safe motoring over the Christmas/New Year period.

Wayne (white MGA)

Phone: 0408 388 881

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





Northern Sub Centre

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Club Meeting Details		Last Wednesday night of the Month: 7.30 pm for meeting. VCCA Rooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Rd, Launceston	
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Our last event for 2016 was held on Saturday 17th December consisting of a very successful morning coffee run which ended at the Hillwood cafe. Again this type of run is proving very popular with members with a great turn up stretching the capacity of the venue. Thank you to Frank Brooks for organising the run.

The combined North and North West Christmas party was again a brilliant day with Tony Lansdell taking credit for organising the weather. 32 Northern Sub Centre members enjoyed a drive through the Frankford Highway to our venue at Port Sorrel where all members enjoyed catching up and lunching on the water's edge. This year rather than give each other the usual small gift via Santa it was decided to donate the \$5 per person to charity as well as the money raised by conducting a raffle on the day. It was pleasing to raise \$250 which was warmly appreciated by the Salvo's just before Christmas.

I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday period and are looking forward to getting involved in the planned events this year. Remember the committee is always interested in hearing from members any suggestions or ideas for events.

The first programmed run for 2017 is a midweek event to be held on the 11th January and as usual a RSVP to the organiser is required.

COMING EVENTS:

Wed 11th Jan. Mid-week run with meal in the park and coffee at John & Jill's. Leave Motor Museum 6.00pm. RSVP John James 0409 432 665

Sat 21st Jan. Mystery afternoon drive finishing APPROX 20 minutes from Launceston for a BYO BBQ, Picnic, Drinks and Pool Party. Max 30 people - RSVP Rhonda & Eamonn 0413 009 284 **This event is now fully booked.**

Fri 27th Jan, Coffee run / walk. RSVP Bruce Keogh 0418 131 594

Wed 8th Feb. Mid-week run and meal. Meet at Motor Museum for 6.00pm departure. RSVP Brian Ralph 63281369

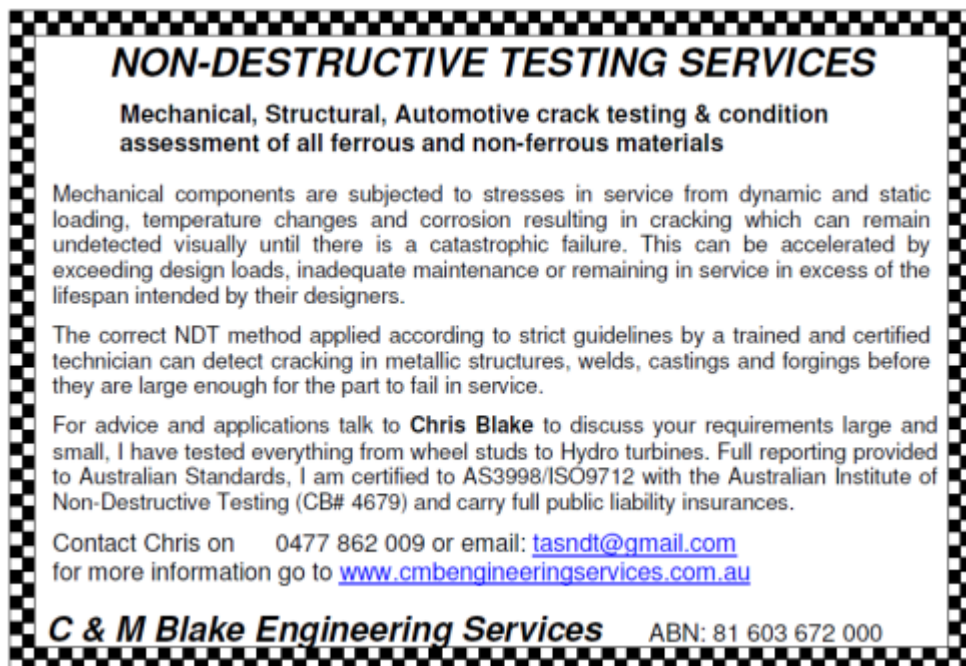
Sun 12th Feb. Run to Cressy for lunch at Ringwood Hotel, Meet at Motor Museum for 10.00am departure. RSVP Wes Saunders 0407 511 819

Sun 26th Feb. Mystery Run. Meet at Motor Museum for 10.30am departure. RSVP Mark Dilger 0408 271 029.

Wed 8th Mar. Mid-week run and meal. Meet at Motor Museum for 6.00pm departure. RSVP Mike Paine 0407 271 926

Next Meeting: 25th January 2017, 7.30 pm, VAAA rooms.

Andrew Merry, Secretary, Northern Sub Centre



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

I will start wishing everyone a Happy New Year

A special thanks to Andrew Midgley on such a fantastic job a editor for our magazine for a number of years and wish Jack forst all the best in his challenges ahead.

Special thanks to Roy Stuart our past leader, whose organising skills will be sadly missedand thanks to Tony Lansell for standing in till the end of the year.

Once again, a big thank you to Margret and Max Wood for their open house, another fantastic Christmas Party and to all who assisted in one way or another, thank you.

We enjoyed our combined Christmas Picnic, BBQ at Port Sorrell with perfect weather, great location, well selected Tony, and the \$250.00 raised for the Salvation Army that will have shared some Christmas cheer.

Roy and I opened the NM fine box to count a total of \$49.40 which Roy quickly added \$0.60 to round out the total to \$50.00, there were also a lot of pieces of paper, maybe IOU's but unfortunately no names there on. It was agreed by the NM members that this money along with \$50.00 in petty cash be donated to The Children's Make a Wish Foundation, Roy Stuart to organise.

January Friday Night 20th Julie Burges

Ahoy all you landlubbin scallywags, rr invited aboard 't' tall ship Lady Burgess for a 2 hour sail out of the Mersey Heads.

The ship ll sail at 6:00 pm, yer should be at the mooring at East Devonport opposite the Argyle Hotel by 5:45 pm, lest you wannin to swimming with sharks.

Nibbles will be provided, BYO drinks (Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of Rum).

B sur ya bringin somein warm, else yull get the sniffles, remember to pack your sea legs.

The cost is \$50 /head for cruise and food.

Please RSVP to Sue-Anne 0409 793 373, before Wednesday the 18th, numbers must be confirmed prior to sailing.

See You on the high seas me hearty's. arrr

Andrew and Sue-Anne Midgley

Febuary Thursday 9th as per custom to have a change of venue early in the year instead of the Forth Hotel we are heading to Mole Creek Hotel on an MG run over the Gog, contact Andrew Midgley or myself, meeting at the Spreyton Cricket, Bowling Club car park for a 5:30 PM Departure. Numbers required by lunch time February 7th at the latest thank you.

February Sunday 19th Meeting at the Forth Hotel at 11:30AM for a scenic drive arriving at the Don River Railway by 12:30 for a BBQ or Picnic Lunch BYO everything. After lunch a tour of the Don Railway Museum, Workshop followed by a Steam Train Ride,

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Cost \$10.00 could you please RSVP to Tony or Wendy by February 12th Tuesday on 0418 378 214.

Something I have talked about for some time a drive to Launceston to join in on one of their Saturday morning coffee runs.

So for the last one for 2016 we meet up with our northern counterparts at the Motor Museum for a 9:30 start. Our organiser for the run was Frank Brooks who led 29 of us on a very pleasant drive around the eastern shores of the Tamar River, great little café, good coffee, excellent company and homemade pastries, and enjoyable drive back home through Exeter.

John Irving

NM Co-ordinator

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- equal length 4:1 aluminium (Jet Hot) coated extractors by Heritage Motorsport
- 100 amp Bosch alternator –pulley ratios ensure that the alternator and water pump run within their design speeds, with the water pump not creating cavitation at higher engine speeds)
- Hi-torque starter by Castlemaine Auto Electrics
- Lightened steel flywheel and twin-plate ceramic clutch by Extreme Clutch (SA) – ~170 km of use
- Performance Ignition distributor (new, with two Bosch coils, one in use, one spare).



Additional pictures available on request

In general

We believe the torque and power characteristics of this engine make it almost ideal for *road work, tarmac rally, race track or gravel rally competition.*

Using predominantly ‘standard’ parts as detailed above, allied to straightforward (but updated!) coil/distributor ignition is a real bonus for simplicity and reliability.

Items such as the outrigger rocker posts enhance stability in the valve train, the custom-made crank pulley and serpentine belt set-up keep the ancillaries moving at optimum speeds.



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The Funny Bone

Probably an old and well know piece of information?

When it's raining in Sweden the law states vehicles must have their headlights on, there must be a phone APP or some accessible means of telling the weather up there, so we don't break any laws?

Calendar of Events

Social and Competition Events include co-ordinator details

Events in italics are not Club Points Events

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
SSC - South East Rally	TBA	Bob Leeson	SAT 14 JAN
NWC – Social - Julie Burgess	East Devonport	A & SA Midgley	FRI 20 JAN
NSC - Social Run Fully Booked	Launceston	Eamon Mathews	SAT 21 JAN
Motorkhana	Bothwell	Robin Wilmot	SUN 22 JAN
NSC – Coffee run / walk	Launceston	Bruce Keogh	FRI 27 FEB
SSC - Social Run	Dover	Stephen Huntley	SUN, 05 FEB
NSC- Mid Week	Motor Museum	Brian Ralph	WED 8 FEB
NWC - Social Run	Spreyton	Andrew Midgley	THR 9 FEB
Motorkhana - Maxie's	Hobart - huge tree	Robin Wilmot	SUN 12 FEB
NSC – Social Run	Cressy	Wes Saunders	SUN 12 FEB
NSC – Mystery Run	Motor Museum	Mark Dilger	SUN 26 FEB
SSC - Social Run	Civic Club	Bob Leeson	SUN 19 MAR
NWC – Social	Forth Hotel	Tony or Wendy	SUN 19 MAR
SSC - Social Run	Redland distillery	Bob Leeson	SUN 19 FEB
TSS1 mg	Symmons Plains		SUN 19 FEB
NSC – Mid Week	Motor Museum	Mike Paine	WED 8 MAR
TSS2 hsc	Baskerville		SAT18-SUN19 MAR

Square Rigger Notes

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

A belated report on a magnificent T Type weekend based at Swansea, concluding our Square Rigger program for the year. And I say T Type of course, all nicely tucked in at their respective sheds due to most inclement forecast. All the while crews braved the elements, seen below also tucking in at the first stop oyster farm at Dolphin Sands. The pattern set, Saturday saw the enthusiastic mob try to interpret the instruction of our intrepid instructors, Chris and Daun Morris who set a great observation run, outdoing all but one crew with the lolly (all-day sucker?) contained in a drink cup in the fork of a tree? Can you imagine the crew??? A great event, greatly enjoyed by all, many thanks Chris and Daun who most capably and willingly put down the plan for the complete weekend..



The only T Type out, John James farewelling us at Campbell Town in sunshine. And the group enjoying local cuisine, the time lapsed shot capturing sheet lightening in the bay? Also many thanks guests John and Maria who joined in and adjudicated on the score cards.



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