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Some rare MG's on Display at Concours Perth, 2016

A 1934 Q Type Midget

A 1933 K3 Magnette

A 1935 SA Saloon

A 1934 NA Magnette

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More concourse photo's from WA

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Part 2

Good Friday and another glorious sunny day in Perth. The troops had decided to go down early and deal with the registration throng hopefully without the crowds. How wrong can you be? It looked like everyone else had the same idea.

After collecting our registration bags we were directed to the scrutineering lanes. A quick check of helmets and fire extinguishers with an “all clear”, we then had to line up to get our single event CAMS license. Unfortunately we had to fill out the paperwork then and there, so disappointing as we could have had it done prior to arrival.

Anyway, with that out of the way, it was back to our digs to fine tune the detailing.

The rest of the day was spent removing wheels, vacuuming, cleaning and polishing all of those hard to get at nooks and crannies. The old girl (not Wendy) had never looked so good. A quiet frothie in the late arvo was needed before we tackled the Nog’N’Natter.

Neat casual was the order for the evening. Back to the Ascot Racecourse, the restaurant and bar complex within the grandstand was amazing. For those of us who are not punters or regular race goers, it is truly a different world.

We bought our drinks and the food starts to arrive, there are many different types of finger foods carried around during the night and surprisingly, it kept coming.

Rain was forecast so the Rocker Races were moved inside. This made things a little cramped around the area where the Rocker races were now moved to, but the event was run and won, a great time was had by all. Drizzle awaited us as we exited for our trip home.

Concours day on Saturday and it was pouring. It was Perth’s first rain for over 4 months. They definitely needed it but it’s the last thing you want for a concours.

Wendy & I lined up the ZT in the ZD class (post 2000 saloons). We were competing with ZR’s, ZS’s and ZT’s. I headed off do judging duties while Wendy hooked up with the girls. Greg B, Peter S and I were part of the judging team helping with the arduous task (especially when it’s raining) of judging. My class was the RV8’s. With 11 or 12 lined up, we had to pick “the best 6” to judge. Not an easy task but eventually we got through it and then it was time to have a look at the rest of the cars lined up in the paddock.

As you could imagine, the locals came to play. There were TC’s, MGA’s and MGB’s everywhere, huge classes in those fields. Not as many pre-war cars but what was there was of a very high standard. Of particular note was the SA drop head saloon, a truly lovely car. Time for the presentations, John Irving gets a 1st place for his BL roadster, Peter Scott gets 2nd in his BL GT, Max Wood receives a 3rd for his RV8 and yours truly gets a 2nd in the ZT. I don’t know if it’s true of the others but I do have to thank my lovely wife for the assistance given and the tolerance shown to me.

That night was the free night, so our house mates, being the Bannons, Scotty, John (Scotty’s friend) and us went to our local bistro/wine bar and enjoyed the odd beer and wine, with good food, all in great company. Those stories are still being remembered. Scotty you know which one we are talking about - Bar in Kalgoorlie, remember, the waitress showing her wares for \$\$\$\$!!!! (not a raffle ticket).

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Sunday dawned and it was a fine sunny day. Wendy and I headed off to the venue located in the airport precinct. We weren't due to compete until the afternoon session but wanted to give our fellow competitors some support.

The chosen patterns looked tight and it was good to see some experts handle them easily. The 4 patterns were divided into basically 2 groups with A & B on the left of the paddock and C & D on the right. The system used by the locals was excellent with no mishaps and an orderly passage around to your next pattern. The times were displayed on large screens at the start-finish line which was good for the spectators.

Our turn came around in the arvo and both of us managed penalty free runs on both occasions. Wendy did extremely well considering she hasn't competed for a very long time.

Special mention must go to John Irving (4th), Addison Marshall (4th), Peter Scott & John Sadler (2nd & 3rd) and Max Wood (5th), all of whom were competing in their 1st Motorkhana. Greg G and I were lucky (skilful) enough to take out the major gongs.

A very enjoyable day for all.

Sunday night was the theme night. 'A day at the Races' The Tassie contingent in general 'dressed up' but some exceeded others, especially Max, he got the rewards though, 'Best Dressed Male'. The food on this night was the best all weekend. A carvery smorgasbord for entrée, main and sweets, I enjoyed the roast meats and all the trimmings followed by yummy desserts, while Wendy enjoyed the salmon, oysters and seafood. A great night spent with fellow MGers. The WA hosts had decided to have organised seating, so we all shared tables with other MG members from different states. A great idea, one way to get to know other MG'ers.

Monday dawned another sunny day. Off to the same venue as yesterday for the circuit sprints. This year the same running order was kept as the previous day. Past years have seen that if competed in the morning on one day you competed in the arvo the following day and vice versa.

Wendy and I again went out early to give support. It was interesting to see how the locals were going to run the event without seeding the competitors. We were sent off with staggered delays hoping that you would not catch the driver in front of you or be caught by the driver behind you. If someone did catch the driver in front and was "balked" they were given another run.

By the afternoon session the officials had got it right.

I lined up for my 1st run and was placed at the rear of the RV8's. A good stagger between cars meant that everyone finished cleanly. I was happy with my time but wanted to do better. I swapped with Wendy and she gave a very good account of herself.

I improved my times by 2 secs at each of my next 2 runs. Very satisfied with the drive but think I blinked at the wrong time as was beaten into 3rd by 7/100's of a sec.

Tassie results were very good. 1st in class to Don Fraser (MGA), Greg Bannon (MGB BL) and John Hartley (Magnetite), 2nd in class to Neale Marshall (MGB RB), 3rd in class to myself (MG ZT), 4th in class to Addison Marshall (MGB RB) and 7th in class to Wendy (MG ZT) her times had improved each run taking a good 10 seconds off her original run.

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All dressed up for the Presentation Dinner and seating this time was arranged with us being at tables of 10 with fellow state members, except table 2 which we shared with the Sunshine Coast members (3), as it turned out they were staying in the house in front of us, so to some of us they were 'extended family'. We were grouped close together so could still mingle freely. These are normally the best nights but some difficulties with results on computers meant that some delays were inevitable. The night proceeded and the Tassie contingent did extremely well. Because of this we did very well in the Wratten and Nuffield Oceania trophies coming 3rd and 2nd respectively. Gongs in hand, we made our way home to celebrate quietly.

Tuesday and another fine day in Perth. Breakfast awaited us at the racecourse venue. Time to eat up, yet again another fine spread and say goodbye to new acquaintances and old.

The delegates meeting beckoned after breaky to discuss rule changes and dissect how WA performed. Mostly thumbs up and a great time was had by all.

Wendy & I were staying in Perth for an extra day or two to catch up with family.

Some of us went our separate ways whilst others joined in the post Nat meet tour down to the South West of the state.

After catching up with some of the Tassie people in Albany, Wendy and I decided to make a dash back to Melbourne to see our children and grandchildren. We left Esperance on the Monday morning after Easter and headed to our overnight stay in Eucla. After filling up at Norseman we thought we could do the 700 km's on the 1 tank of fuel. We were getting very nervous 10 klms out of Eucla when the trip computer said range was zero. Up the escarpment and straight to the bowzers. We probably had less than a litre left.

Drizzle greeted us next morning as we departed for Port Pirie. An uneventful trip and we arrived just after dark. Take aways, a nice wine and a lovely hot tub. Bliss!!

We awoke next morning to heavy rain. This followed us all the way to Adelaide. It stopped as we travelled through the 'burbs. Like most places peak hour traffic is no fun especially when the Navman points you in a direction you can't go.

As soon as we hit Victoria we noticed an immediate change in the road conditions (for the worse).

Lots of roadworks and some minor delays but we arrived at our destination in Point Cook in time to see the grand kids.

We had covered over 3,000 km's in 3 days taking turns to drive. I was really pleased with our cars performance considering the replacement engine I installed prior to Christmas. It did not miss a beat.

Adelaide is the venue next year. If you think that you can go then do so. A lot of fun with like minded people with a bit of competition thrown in and it's only a day's drive from Melbourne.

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Presidents Report

Winter has come with a vengeance, cold and wet wet wet, not encouraging many to take their beloved cars out, myself included. Even though the social scene has been active.

Our first Club Day at Baskerville a couple of weeks ago, showed not many wanted to take cars out and compete. The day started out damp with a couple of showers, but the sun eventually shone, but it was windy and cold – only 20 entries.

The State Committee made a very wise choice by having a teleconference for the June meeting, (decision was made at the May meeting), how wise are we!!!!!! There was no way any committee member would have driven to Ross on the 7th June.

I know it is only June, but it is not too early to start thinking of your next State Committee elections in November. Vacant positions are President, Editor, and Membership Officer, so put the thinking caps on and ask present committee members what these positions involved. It is no use “winging” about the committee if you do not want to be involved.

The National Meeting Committee is getting things in place for 2018 National Meeting being held in the North-West area of the state. Put the date in your diary Easter 2018 for many hands will be required to assist with this event.

Well all keep warm and safe in the difficult weather conditions.

Regards

Zube

(Bronwyn Zuber)

WIFE: "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool."

The rain was pouring down. And there, standing in the front of a big puddle outside the pub, was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing" replied the old man

Feeling sorry for him, the gent says; "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman cannot resist asking; "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth." replied the old man!

Ed Says

I sometimes get very random phone calls in relation to the car club, as mine are the only phone numbers listed on the website. I'm not complaining, I am more than happy to deal with the enquiry or pass onto someone more knowledgeable to their request than I.

One recent one was from a "Number Plate" collector in South Australia. He had been on a Veteran car Club website looking at some gallery images of veteran car plates and came across a VC plate from Tassie with the MG Car Club of Tasmania Logo and name on it.

As I personally had never seen one like this before, so struggled to understand as he tried to explain what he was looking for information on and hopefully purchase one.

So this led me to doing a bit of hunting and I came up with some history that members might find interesting – or not! courtesy of VC inspector Geoff Dodge.

When VC (Vehicle Club) plates were first introduced into Tasmania, it was a requirement that the car club you were registering under was on the plate. Probably the most common VC plates were on cars owned by members of the Veteran Car Club. This has led to many people believing that VC stood for Veteran Car rather than Vehicle Club.

But there were a number of VC plates out there with the MG Car Club of Tasmania logo and name on them. And the one that caught our collectors eye was VC 1600, which is the plate in question in this conversation.



So after my initial phone call to Geoff and the history lesson, Geoff was able to tell me that this plate originally belonged to a club member Jack Balmer's Blue 1970 MGB GT and is no longer active.

Now unfortunately records of Jack and his car have been deleted from the database, so if club member knows of the car or has the plates, there is someone who is very interested in purchasing them.

Please contact Lee Robinson Phone 088250 8005 email: ozyp18m8@optusnet.com.au

Ed.



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Membership Report

This month we welcome 2 new members:

- Martin Smith, Wynyard, MGB
- Rodney Huett, Deloraine, VW Golf GTi

We welcome them to our club, and look forward to catching up at a future event.

Our club membership now stands at 304.

Sue_Anne Midgley

Club Captains Report

Next club event is the Motorkhana at Latrobe on July 3rd.

Gates open at 8:30 am, for scrutineering to start at 8:45

Drivers briefing will be at 9:50 am

Competition starts at 10:00 am.

NW Group will be catering, egg and bacon muffins will be available for breakfast.

The usual sausages, hamburgers, snacks, cold and hot drinks.

Racing Committee Report

Tasmanian Super Series Round 4 (TSS4) at Symmons Plains will be on the 31st of July.

Scrutineering starts at 7:30 am.

Drivers briefing will be at 8:30 am

Competition starts at 9:00 am

Public gates open at 8:45 am.

Anyone able to assist on the day please contact Robin Wilmot.

Historics Report

Event Information, Supplementary Regulations, Entry forms and Garage booking sheets are now available from the MGCCT website.

Entries will close on Monday 19th September 2016, no late entries will be accepted after this date under any circumstances. With this much notice there is absolutely no excuse not to enter on time!

A change to this years schedule will see qualifying on the Friday instead of Saturday morning to make way for more competition events over the weekend.

Thursday 29th September Practice day for all competitors free of charge

Friday 30th September Morning official practice and afternoon qualifying for all classes

Saturday 1st October full racing all events

Sunday 2nd October Full racing all events

Life Members

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

MGCCT Facebook Page

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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

MGCCT 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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For all matters pertaining to VC registration, including inspections and renewals, contact:

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Club Meeting Details		Every Tuesday Night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
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PAST EVENTS

15th May - Picnic at Ross

A Fresh morning greeted MG Car Club members from the Southern Sub-Centre at 9.00am. It was overcast and showery rain with a fresh breeze. Getting to the Civic Club was an effort with lanes blocked in Liverpool St for the Glenorchy to Casino fun run. Leaving at 9.05am was one MGTF, 2 MGB's, 2MGF's, and 2 MGBGT's to meet up at McDonald's Bridgewater for coffee with David Taylor's square riggers. Most of the square rigger people felt that the weather was too bad and headed to Blackmans Bay for lunch. Other members, including Bob Leeson, the only square rigger representative, continued on to Ross to meet up with those who ventured South in the Main Street outside my favourite bakery.

Had a quick look in the Main Street, spoke to some of the Northern members and walked 2 blocks to the oval where the Post Vintage Car Club were running their Picnic at Ross day. I tell you it was no picnic; it was cold with only half the usual number of cars at the

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event. I ran into an old member of the Club, Duggy Owens, who I haven't seen for over 25 years, in his white bug-eye Sprite. Good to see Duggy and Dot still enjoying their sports car.

The PVCC, realising the weather was bad, brought forward their presentation to 1.00pm to award the lucky cars. Most car members left quickly, it was bloody cold. I was one of the last to leave because Dad's Monaro was going to the Launceston Museum for twelve months. This will give him space in his garage for his new Mustang in October. All the Southern members left and made their way back home. Shane in the Red Coat.

18th May - MGCC Mid-week Lunch Run



They say “all roads lead to Rome....”

Now we know, ALL roads lead to Blackman's Bay and ***Jack loves Red*** (formerly *Sfuso*)!!

This month's run started off as a slightly shorter one than usual- to allow for a few lost souls (and cars) and a few detours- with (what was meant to be) a fairly straightforward route.

However, by the time we got to Fern Tree, it became a bit tricky, and there were more than a few

the “detours”, with cars going off in all directions- via Lesley Vale, Longley, Sandfly, Kingston, Tinderbox and Howden!

Well, it was meant to be a *fun run*, and all 36 of us managed to reach our destination at Blackman's Bay around 12.30pm, with only 1 or 2 who actually followed the correct route!

Once there, we enjoyed a 2 course lunch, with choices of 4 mains, 3 desserts and garlic bread as a starter. (I also managed to persuade David to donate a bottle of wine for a lucky door prize.)

Thanks to *Jack loves Red* (Linda and David) for great food & service and a great venue. All in all, it was a great fun day!

Lyn Cengia (filling in for Wayne)



COMING EVENTS:

15th June - Wayne Goninon's mid-week run. These runs are conducted Wednesdays in the middle of the month. They all commence at the Rivulet Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart where we partake of a coffee before heading off to our destination around 11.30am. The remaining dates are: 13th July, 17th August, 14th September, 19th October, 16th November and 14th December.

For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

10th July – Run to Oatlands via Runnymede with a meal at the Stables Restaurant. Depart Civic Club at 10.00 am.

For further information please contact David Scott: 6257 1508

12th August – Movie and Pizza night at the Civic Club commencing at 7.00pm.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341

28th August – Mountain Breakfast Run. We will partake of soup at the Civic Club followed by a run up Mt Wellington weather permitting. We will then travel to the Longley International Hotel where facilities will be available for our cooked Aussie breakfast provided by the committee. Cost is \$10.00 per head. Depart Civic Club at 8.00am.

For further information please contact Chris Wagstaff: 6239 1341

15th September – Evening run to Franklin for fish and chips combined with a Poker Run.

For further details please contact Garry Rusden: 0428 523 592

30th September- 2nd October – Baskerville Historics. If you wish to volunteer for this fantastic annual event put your hands up.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

20th October – Show Day. Venue to be advised .

12th November – Overnight stay at Mt Lloyd. Bring your sleeping bag and food for the evening meal. Breakfast will be provided by your host. Depart Civic Club at 11.00am. Coffee in New Norfolk

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 6229 6006

Bob Leeson

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

Due to a timing error I apologise for the North Notes not being included in last month's magazine.

However this did not stop the social events continuing albeit with a little confusion but all appeared to be overcome and activities continued.

Over the last four weeks we have had the following events:

Fri 29 April Morning Coffee Walk with 13 members being ably lead by the Biggelaars

Wed 11th May Mid-Week Dinner at Franco's with a good rollup of 15 for a sumptuous Italian meal

Sun 15th May Picnic at Ross We all met at JJ at Longford at 9.00am to enjoy coffee and/or breakfast before heading down the back roads to Ross at 10.00 am. The day threatened rain and was not the best of weather to be out in our cars but we had an enjoyable day.

Sat 21st May Morning Coffee Run

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All events were well attended but unfortunately due to other commitments I was not able to be at some. However with the increase in retired members the mid-week social events are being well attended and are an important part of the club's social activities.

For those that follow racing, more importantly the Tas Super Series the Chairman (Eamonn Matthews) and the Secretary (Mark Dilger) fought it out all day on the weekend of the 22nd May at Baskerville. Eventually the secretary dropped an exhaust system on the last lap of the last race and was black flagged. This requires the competitor to exit off the track at the first opportunity which allowed the Chairman to take out a podium for the day. No photographs as yet but will provide copies when available.

Coming Events;

Sat 18th June NW Night Dirty Dicks night at Max and Margaret Woods RSVP to Roy or Max

Sun 19th June Winneah Pub Meet at Motor Museum at 10.30am RSVP Mark Dilger 0408271029

Fri 24th June Morning Coffee walk Leave Motor Museum at 9.30am RSVP John Biggelaar Ph 0408125199

Fri 24th June Night 7.00 for 7.30 start Jaguar/MG Trivia night RSVP Eamonn Matthews Ph 0413009284

Sat 25th June State Motor Khana. Leave Motor Museum 9.30am drive to Symmons Plains.

Sun July 3rd Tasmanian Food and Wine Conservatory. Love to have us. Say leave Museum 9.30am for meandering country jaunt and arrive for morning tea (all Day) or breakfast (till 11.30am) Jim Dickenson Ph 0407309672

8th 9th and 10th July Midgleys Mid Winter Getaway

Wed July 13th Mid Week Dinner RSVP Andrew Merry 0408331612 Venue TBA.

Sat July 23rd Sat Morning Coffee Run RSVP Mark and Angela Dilger Ph or TXT 0408271029 Depart Motor Museum 9.30am

Fri July 29th Fri Morning coffee walk RSVP Eamonn Ph 0413009284 Depart Motor Museum 9.30am

Sunday July 31st MGCC Race Meeting Round 4.Symmons Plains.

Next Meeting: Wed 29th June 2016

Mark Dilger
Secretary

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Northern Centre Saturday Morning Coffee Runs.

Our monthly Saturday morning coffee runs continue to be popular and our May run was no exception. We always have between 12 to 20 members and visitors turning up even though it competes against the Saturday morning lycra pushbike coffee set (a small element of our club who thankfully don't wear their MG badges in public).



Our recent run was a scenic drive out to Evandale via the Longford flying mile where we could open up the throttle a bit. We had a potential new member come along and join us and he was still smiling when we all departed for home. Thanks to Phil Paine for organising the run.

Now, an apology. Those of us that regularly meet for our Saturday morning coffee runs know that we leave the museum at 9.30 and of course our regular attendees

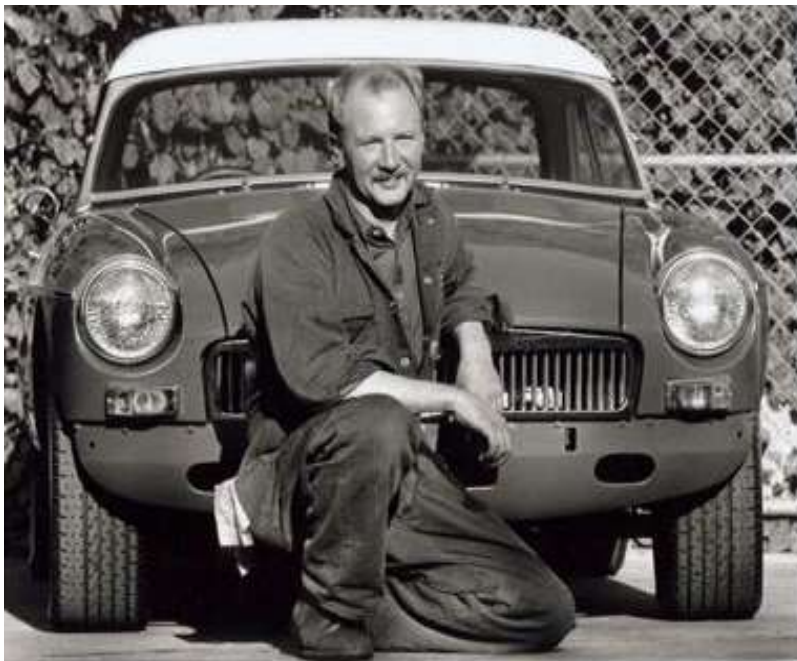
RSVP so that we have numbers in advance for our booking. BUT the departure time was printed incorrectly in the magazine (no fault of the Ed) and no RSVP phone number was listed and as occasionally happens, a member will turn up on the day to join the fun. Unfortunately this is what happened at our recent run and we had already left our meeting point. A BIG APOLOGY to that member for this mix up.



So, we will ensure that in future a contact phone number is printed and we will have the correct information to pass on to our magazine editor. But we still implore any member that wants to come along on a run – please RSVP so that we know you are coming.

Eamonn Matthews
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North West

Position	Member	Partner	Contact Details
Co-Ordinator	Roy Stuart	Kathy	(m) 0419 589 316 northwest-coord@mgtas.org.au
Club Meeting Details		Second Thursday night of the Month: 6.00 pm for meal and social evening. Bridge Hotel, Forth	

Social Run May 15th

We headed off from Winterbrook at 11:15. The weather looked stormy and those who arrived tops down soon put them up.

Travelling up the back roads of Turners Beach, Peter Richards was waiting for us.

The roads through Sprent, Kindred and Preston Falls to Gunns Plains are magnificent for driving MG's.

Up the other side of Gunns Plains and onto South Riana, Riana through a huge rainstorm and finally our destination of Penguin. Lunch was at El Perro's. As the name suggests the menu has a Spanish flavour with Tapas and pizza.

All enjoyed the offerings with a little tippie to wash it down. Great company, great conversation and a fine lunch. On departing the restaurant we stood admiring Terry's TC. "It's a bit dirty" we say. "Oh that's OK, I'll get Colleen straight onto it" says Terry.

Attendees were the Bannons in the MGB, the Jeffrey's in the TC, the Fraser's in the MGA, the Lansdell's in the ZT, Peter Richards and Ronnie Thomas.

Tony and Wendy

Max and Margaret Wood have finalised their "Dirty Dicks" night for the 18th of June. I have been privy to some of the entertainment organised for the event. This will be an evening of fun, good food, games and great company. If you haven't replied as yet do so NOW as numbers are required. Ladies are requested to bring a desert and the men required to contribute to the running costs. The day will commence at 2:30 pm when the meat and vegies go on the cookers. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Socialising will commence at 2:31 pm.

A little penguin has let it slip that Liz Clark is celebrating a major birthday on Thursday 9th. Elizabeth wanted to have a quiet family celebration and has been keeping the milestone a secret. Her only request was to wake up somewhere exotic. Maybe she can share this with us soon, So Liz, happy 50th we hope you had a fabulous day.

Sunday 3rd of July is the motorkhana at Latrobe. As usual our group will be catering with Ed the BBQ king cooking up a storm. All help on the day is gratefully accepted and appreciated. McMidgley McMuffins will be available for breakfast.

Red Rules

Roy

Picnic at Ross 15th May 2016.

Picnic at Ross is a combined annual pilgrimage for the MGCCT and this year we planned for northern and southern members to meet up in the main street and walk across to the showground. We preferred the ambiance of the main street to the isolation of the paddock. By luck or good management northern and southern members arrived within 5 minutes of each other and we heard tales of bad weather down south which forced many members to do a u turn and return home. To be fair, driving an old MG in torrential rain and wind gusts is not fun so can't blame them for turning back. For the slightly more modern cars it was apparently just tolerable. Those of us who travelled from the north enjoyed fair weather and a fabulous drive from Longford via the back roads.



After an enjoyable wander through Ian Cummings' car museum we ventured off on foot to see the cars on display in the showground. That's when the weather turned a bit nasty as it got very windy and cold and the girls just turned around and went back to our cars to keep warm. We joined them for coffee soon afterwards and then headed back home.

I don't know what the weather was like heading south but we had a glorious drive heading north and Rhonda and I ventured off on some back roads and enjoyed some great sports car motoring and returned home in sunshine.

A very cold but enjoyable day out, and nice to catch up with our friends from down south.

Eamonn Matthews.

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NW Group Xmas in July

On the Sunday lunch of our Mid Winter Getaway weekend we hold a Xmas in July dinner. This year the dinner will be held at the Beachway Motel, Ulverstone starting at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per head for a 2 course meal, tea or coffee.

If you are not on the weekend trip and wish to join us for lunch on the Sunday please contact us before Sunday July 3 so we can confirm final numbers.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Ed or Sue-Anne.



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If any MG C.C. member is interested, they can buy it before we advertise it more widely.

For anyone living in the area, it is particularly useful, as it provides daily access to the facilities, i.e. swimming pool, spa and sauna.

We used to use the facilities when our grand children were small, but they have now outgrown that type of activity.

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The Funny Bone

Poorly understood laws of physics.....

1. Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

5. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

7. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

8. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

9. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the difficulty of the reach.

10. Law of the Theater & Sports Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

11. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

12. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers and the other person is someone you dislike.

13. Law of Physical Surfaces -

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

14. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

15. Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly, have a hole or are out of style.

16. Law of Public Speaking -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!

17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

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Paddy and Murphy are on a cruise ship.

Paddy says, "It's awfully quiet on deck tonight."

Murphy says, "Everyone will be watching the band."

Paddy says, "There isn't a band playing tonight."

So Murphy says, "I definitely heard someone say, 'a band on ship.'"

A magician was working on a Cruise Ship in the Caribbean.

The audience would be different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem: The captain's parrot saw the shows every week and began to understand what the magician did in every trick.

Once he understood that, he started shouting in the middle of the show.

"Look, it's not the same hat!" "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!"

"Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything, it was the captain's parrot after all.

One day the ship had an accident and sank.

The magician found himself on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean, and of course the parrot was by his side.

They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for several days. After a week the parrot finally said, "Okay, I give up.

What'd you do with the boat?"

Calender of Events*Events in italics are not Club Points Events*

Event	Location	Co-Ordinator	Date
<i>SSC - Mid Week Run</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>	<i>Wed, 15 Jun 16</i>
SSC - Social Run	Oatlands	David Scott	Sun, 12 Jun 16
NW - Dirty Dicks Night	Ulverstone	Max Wood	Sat, 18 Jun 16
NSC - Social Run	Winnaleah	John James	Sun, 19 Jun 16
NSC - Coffee Walk	Launceston	John Biggelaar	Fri, 24 Jun 16
NSC - Social Run	Symmons Plains		Sat, 25 Jun 16
<i>SMS-Round 3</i>	<i>Symmons Plains</i>	<i>MSCT</i>	<i>Sat, 25 Jun 16</i>
NSC - Social Run	Sassafras	Jim Dickenson	Sun, 03 Jul 16
SMS Round 4	Latrobe	Club Captain	Sun, 03 Jul 16
Midgleys Mid-Winter Getaway	Boat Harbour	Sue-Anne Midgley	Fri, 8 Jul 16 - Sun, 10 Jul 16
SSC - Social Run	Oatlands	David Scott	Sun, 10 Jul 16
THS - Round 2	Baskerville	CMI	Sun, 10 Jul 16
NSC - Mid Week Dinner	TBA	Andrew Merry	Wed, 13 Jul 16
<i>SSC - Mid Week Run</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>	<i>Wed, 13 Jul 16</i>
May Trial	TBA	TBA	Sun, 17 Jul 16
NSC - Coffee Run	Launceston	Mark Dilger	Sat, 23 Jul 16
NSC - Coffee Walk	Launceston	Eamonn Matthews	Fri, 29 Jul 16
TSS-Round 4	Symmons Plains	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 31 Jul 16
Motorkhana	Bothwell	Club Captain	Sun, 07 Aug 16
<i>SSC - Mid Week Run</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>	<i>Wed, 17 Aug 16</i>
SMS Round 5	Latrobe	Club Captain	Sun, 21 Aug 16
SSC - Mountain Run	Mt Wellington	Chris Wagstaff	Sun, 28 Aug 16
TSS-Round 5	Symmons Plains	Robin Wilmot	Sat, 03 Sep 16
Test & Tune Day	Baskerville	Robin Wilmot	Sun, 11 Sep 16
<i>SSC - Mid Week Run</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>	<i>Wed, 14 Sep 16</i>
SSC - Evening Run	Franklin	Garry Rusden	Thu, 15 Sep 16

SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

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

This edition is in celebration of our MG friend and enthusiast John Roughton who passed away as you will know some months ago while he and Julie were on a South American cruise. A large crowd of John's many friends and interests gathered with family Wednesday the 3rd of June 2016 for an often light hearted and poignant reflection of a man we all found to be a great contributor and an easy person to meet as expressed by many.



John's fine TF in the chapel overseen by the heads of the former institution, co-incidentally later met on the Midlands Highway (the TF that is) in the hands of son Peter. And the collection of T Types and crew gathered to farewell.



Best wishes to Julie and family from the Square Rigger clan and all John's motoring associates knowing JR now will be travelling well.

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