

THE M.G. CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

Affiliated with The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport



Box 1847, G.P.O.,
Brisbane, Queensland, 4001.

The M.G. Car Club of Queensland was formed in November, 1954 by a group of motoring and M.G. enthusiasts.

The Club has prospered under the M.G. name and is one of the oldest Clubs in Queensland.

M.G. Car Club occupies club rooms at 18 Nash Street, Rosalie Brisbane and has an active local and country membership.

Local members are well catered for by events organised by the Committee.

Types of events include night runs, motorkhanas, ralliesprints, rallies, hillclimbs and picnics as well as natter and get together nights at the Club Room each Friday at about 8.00p.m.

Country members as well as local are well catered for by a newsletter which reports on events and things of interest.

A large range of perpetual trophies are available to be won by members for various events concluding at a social presentation night.

M.G. Car Club of Queensland operates the Mt. Cotton Hillclimb situated 30 km from Brisbane. It is a bitumen track set in a bush setting on which Club, State and National Championships have been held.

Probably the best part of being a member of this Club is the friendly and informal atmosphere that prevails.

It is not essential to own a M.G. to be a member because most events run by the Club cater for all types of cars from road going (sedan or sports) to all out racers in various classes. Your friends are welcome to join as well.

The Committee and Members invite you to join in the fun of motorsport.

PROGRAMME

MARCH

17th Sunday

Working Bee at Mt. Cotton for details on all working bees at Mt. Cotton contact Bob Cossor 2098000

31st Sunday

HILLCLIMB - Mt. Cotton for Sup. Regs. on all hillclimbs contact Joan Appleby 57 1561 (Events Secretary). Entries usually close the Wednesday before.

APRIL

5th to 8th

Friday to Monday

M.G. CAR CLUBS' NATIONAL MEETING - Newcastle For further details etc. contact Peter Rayment 30 3148 your Club's Co-ordinator for the NAT MEET.

28th Sunday

HILLCLIMB - Mt. Cotton

MAY

4th Sat/Sun

Round I Q'ld Rally Championships - the CURRIE MOTORS OF BUNDAIBA RALLY organised by the I.W.M.A.C.

12th Sunday

MacLean's Bridge - MOTHER'S DAY MEETING of all Marque sports cars - 10th Anniversary - bring your chicken, champagne, blanket and join us.

17th Friday

NIGHT RUN - leaves our Nash Street Clubrooms 8.00p.m. Bring torch, UBD (or Referdex), Navigator and have fun.

JUNE

1st and 2nd

Saturday & Sunday

QUEENSLAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Mt. Cotton sponsors wanted. For details contact a Committee member.

20th Sunday

ECONOMY RUN Marque Sports Car Club - details to follow.

JULY

6th & 7th

Sat/Sunday

AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP Q'LD ROUND - B.S.C.C. organisers. Officials wanted contact Peter Marshall phone 2026932. A.S.A.P.

26th, 27th & 28th
Fri., Sat., & Sun.

IRON MAN WEEK-END - Night Run (Fri), Motorkhana & Sprint (Sat) and Hillclimb (Sun) all in one hectic weekend. Don't forget this one. Even if you can't participate we'll welcome the officials.

AUGUST

Sometime

31st Sat &

SEPTEMBER

1st Sunday

MARQUE CONCOURSE - watch this space.
Q.R.C. RALLY - M.G. organising Sponsors and Officials wanted - put your name down now - contact Ann Thomson on 378 1368.

8th Sunday

20th Friday

HILLCLIMB - Mt. Cotton
NIGHT RUN - Clubrooms 8.00p.m.

OCTOBER

20th Sunday

MOTORKHANA - Marque Sports Car Club - details to follow

27th Sunday

RALLY SPRINT - M.G. to organise.

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PROGRAMME CONT'D..

NOVEMBER

15th Friday NIGHT RUN - Clubrooms 8.00p.m.

24th Sunday HILLCLIMB - Mt. Cotton - Marque Sports Car Club invited.

DECEMBER

Nov.30th & 1st RACE MEETING - M.G. to organise.
Saturday & Sunday

Watch next edition for additions and full particulars of coming events.

The Clubrooms, at 18 Nash Street, Rosalie are open each Friday night (unless otherwise advised herein) for nattering and nogging.

WORKING BEES at Mt. Cotton are generally held at Mt. Cotton on the Sunday before each Hillclimb - unless it clashes with another motor sporting event - if in doubt then contact Bob Cossor 209 8000.

Next Magazine is due out at the end of April, all copy to us by mid April please.

FOR SALE
ADVERTISING SPACE
AT MT.COTTON
HILLCLIMB

The Committee wishes to inform prospective advertisers that advertising space is available at the Club's Hillclimb Circuit.

The charges shall be \$50 per year + signwriting.

Contact Steve Austin (President) on 245 5265 (H) for details.

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Further to the notice above re working bees, these will have to be held more reguarly between now and the Championships as there is a lot of preparation work for this Meeting. If available any weekend then ring either Bob Cossor (as above) or Steve Austin (245 5265) A.S.A.P.

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EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Well it's Countdown time. No - not that show on A.B.C. TV - but it's countdown to the M.G. Car Clubs' National Meeting at Easter in Newcastle. With only a few weeks left now may we take this opportunity of wishing the M.G. Car Club of Newcastle good luck - re weather etc. We are sure they won't need the luck as far as the organisational side of the Meeting is concerned, for knowing the Baileys as we do, everything will be organised down to the last detail. It promises to be a good meeting and if you are interested at all then contact us post haste for full particulars on 30 3148. Remember it's 'just down the road' this meeting - compared to other meetings gone and in the future to come yet.

On the home front and in retrospect to our Presentation Supper which was held last Friday.

Our Club offers the following trophies each year - Best M.G., Best 'T' type, Group A Marque, Speed, Ladies, Night Run- Navigator and Driver, Rally- Navigator and Driver, Racing Cars, Speed Overall, Motorkhana, and Best Overall. Where were all the prize winners last Friday night - only 3 turned up - a very sorry state of affairs.

President Steve said ' If this is going to happen again - we'll forget it!...

The Club is literally out of pocket - as people who said they would be coming - DID NOT SHOW - we mean to say where are your manners!! We hope your ears burned on Friday night - if it applied to you.

It seems a bit odd offering these trophies (year after year) when no one turns up to receive them. A decided waste of time and effort all round. Often times we've heard people say Queenslanders were slightly unsociable but this beats the cake.

This is YOUR club we aren't into organising events etc. just for the good of OUR health - to the contrary if anything!!

Anyway we hope we've stirred you up enough that next time we hold a social evening you turn up - just to prove you aren't antisocial! We all have family and business problems but surely once a year isn't asking too much of you.

Well Happy Easter and we'll hear from you hopefully before the end of April.

Peter & Delia Rayment.

FOR SALE
ADVERTISING SPACE
IN THIS MAGAZINE

Notice is hereby given that we intend producing a printed cover for The Octagon.

We offer the advertiser the following;-

12 months advertising on either the inside (front) or the inside and outside (back) cover.

The advertising rates shall be;-

Full page ...\$125
 ½ page....\$75

The cover shall be of a carnival fixt felt finish 104 gsm of cream colour with brown print.

This magazine is sent to all M.G. Car Clubs throughout Australia, all M.G. Car Club of Queensland members, and to other C.A.M.S. affiliated motor sporting Clubs in Brisbane (Q'ld.).

Please contact Delia Rayment (30 3148) A.S.A.P. if interested on

Please Note

Club members who feel this could be a waste of your good money - please think again. We advise that the advertising will pay for the cost of the covers OK. Also the following (a) it will cut down on our workload -- in having a preprinted cover and (b) it will present a more businesslike face to both prospective event Sponsors and prospective new club members.

Either way we do the work you reap the benefits.

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FIBREGLASS RACING SEATS

I have available a range of popular racing seats in various weights, sizes and styles. (tall slender to short portly\$)

Many other automotive fibreglass items available including a Morgan Replica Kit.

For all your Automotive Fibreglass requirements and repairs please contact me, John Broadbent at my workshop - Brisbane Kit Cars, 25 Oxford Street, Bulimba (near the ferry) Phone 395 5397 or at home 399 8395.

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IN THE PITS

It has been a while since one visited the Motor Show. But this year seeing the Club was involved I went along (to be correct became involved in it).

The Show was one of the best I have been to. I enjoyed every minute of it. It was a pleasure to man the M.G. stand. The atmosphere in the pavilion with all the other Clubs was terrific. The range of interesting cars was very good. And of course the big topic was it a real "D" type? It took plenty of questioning to find the answer. The motoring snobs said it wasn't and it probably had a Holden motor with a glass body or something. But I have never seen a Jaguar sump on a Holden before, the body was alloy because Steve and I felt it. So one had to find out the story.....Eventually it was confirmed it was a "D" type replica and the Auction people placed a card on the vehicle with a few details.

At the Auction the car could only raise an offer of \$25000 when they wanted to start the bidding at \$30,000. I thought \$25000 was a good price for the car. One wonders if it was really for sale.

So too the beautiful Pre-War M.G. beside it. As the M.G. didn't go to bidding. Many of the other vehicles were way over priced. But some were sold for reasonable prices. The red M.G. racer was also passed in I was told it had a reserve of \$10000.

In spite of the short notice we had about the show, we managed to get a good cross section of the cars involved in the Club except for the tin top races (sorry). But we will be better organised next year.

If any of you out there have any facilities for making better posters or renovating our old photos please let the Boss (Steve Austin) know.

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If you noticed Ivan Tigh's trailer at the Surfers Race meeting - yes - it has been painted. You may have also noticed that his Chevron (which was at the Motor Show) is looking rather skinny. Well Ivan and Brian Schuzter have had the car on a severe diet and it has lost 200 lbs. The engine cowling has gone, so too have the side pods and oil coolers. The old iron cylinder heads have been replaced with alloy ones including new fuel injection and a modified exhaust. Now! let's see what Ivan can do with the Mount Cotton record!!! Ivan also has serious plans to have a go at the National Title this year.

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After spending several enjoyable hours during the evenings of the Motor Show talking to M.G. enthusiasts of all sorts - from crazed 'petrol heads' to the dewed eyed suffering from nostalgia (lamenting the day they sold their beloved M.G.), to the nit pickers saying OOH!! that's got the wrong wiper blades, or something equally as trivial, points off for that! One could be persuaded to invest in another M.G. - a G.T. with a V.8 of course - the engine might just stretch to 4.5 litres - look out Peter Brock special owners!!! I can hear the wife 'dream on!' Where are you going to put the kids! and besides you have got more cars than you know what to do with and the house needs..... see you next time.

Cheers Richard Croston.

(Just to add to Richards comments re the Display. We appreciate the lack of time factor involved - but perhaps next time the Committee should in all their wisdom elect a Sub Committee of 2-3 more knowledgeable people, in this matter, to erect the display - of course after having discussed every finer detail i.e. lighting, different factions in the Club etc. with the main Committee first.Eds.)

OPEN RESTRICTED RACE MEETING
LAKE SIDE RACEWAY

Thanks to the untiring efforts of all the Club members and other officials who worked at Lakeside on 3rd March 1985, the Club ran a very successful day of Motor Sport for drivers in Queensland. I am most grateful for all the people who offered their assistance and gave a full complement of officials to man the circuit.

The drivers have also expressed their gratitude for a very good meeting and have asked me to pass on their appreciation to all members who assisted.

The programme was a very tight one with practice for all categories from 9.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. and from 11.45, there were 18 races run, giving every car the opportunity to have three races during the day.

The bar-b-cue provided an opportunity for everyone to get together socially, and although I didn't get to it until all the work was finished, I am sure the participants enjoyed the food drinks and atmosphere very much. I think all the work put into it was well rewarded by the compliments received.

Thanking you all once again for your efforts

Joan Appleby

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PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

After members had promised that they would come to the Social evening and presentation of trophies last Friday night, it was very disappointing to the committee to have such a small number actually come.

I don't know what we can do to get you members together. We have tried all sorts of things and it is most disheartening when everyone is so apathetic to organised get togethers. Perhaps someone out there reading this Octagon can make some suggestions to get all our M.G. Car Club members together instead of about a quarter of them.

I am sorry that I do not know a lot of members of the Club, but the only way we can get to know each other is if we show up at events and functions.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT EVENT OR SOCIAL WE HAVE

Joan Appleby

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BODS AND BENDS

Congratulations to Graham and Alison Campbell on the birth of a daughter - Michelle Louise - on Friday 24th February 1985. Another Motor racing enthusiast like her parents I hope.

Our condolences are expressed to Bob and Bev Cossor and their family on death of Bob's mother in Albury. I hope that by the time you read this Octagon, they have arrived back home safely from their journey south.

THE OCTAGON

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Secretary,
M.G. CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND,
G.P.O. BOX 1847,
BRISBANE.Q. 4001

NAME IN FULL
ADDRESS Post Code
OCCUPATION PHONE/S

PARTICULARS OF VEHICLES

Make Model year Reg No.
Engine No. cubic capacityccs

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the M.G. Car Club of Queensland. This application is subject to the acceptance by the Executive Committee and extended on condition that I will agree to abide by the Rules of the Club

Dated Signed

Attached please find cheque/cash for \$20 being Annual Membership
Prices subject to change \$ 7 C.A.M.S. Basic Licence
Please confirm before posting \$10 Country Membership (outside 160klms radius of Brisbane)

Proposed by No.Q.
Seconded by No.Q.
