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## THE M.G. CAR CLUB (QUEENSLAND CENTRE)

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Ian H. Shaw. A.A.S.A. A.A.U.Q Hon. Auditor.

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### Treasurer's Report 1962

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the M.G. Car Club (Queensland Centre) for the year ending 30th June, 1962.

The nett surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year after providing for depreciation of £53.18. 5 is £9. 8. 1, compared with £296.17. 5 for the year ending 30th June, 1961.

The decrease of £237. 9. 4 in the surplue for the year may be attributed to increased overhead expenditure mainly in postage

#### Treasurer's report (Contd)

and stationary which rose from £159.18.11 in 1961, to £272.13. 6 for the current period. General expenses and trophies also rose by £52. 2. 7 and £31. 4. 0 respectively.

Subscriptions received remained the same as for 1961; however the following decreases were recorded in other items of income:

Canteen profit £41. 0. 3 Sundry income £41.10. 0 Social Events £84.15.10

The latter reflects the lack of attendance of members at some of the events held by the Centre during the year. Speed meetings was the only event which showed an increase, this being £58.13. 2.

In view of the foregoing I feel that it is imperative that expenditure during the coming year be watched very carefully, and every endeavour be made to attract new members and increase attendances at club events.

The committee feel that it would be very unwise to make any investments for the coming year, as during this year the Centre purchased a Gestetner Duplicator at a cost of £135.13. 0.

The financial position of the Centre is still sound, current assets exceeding liabilities by £355.12. 9.

In closing, I would like to thank Miss B. Marcovich for her assistance during the latter part of the year.

Members are reminded to bear their current membership cards on the night of the Annual General Meeting, November 23rd. If you have lost your card, or think that you have not received one, see the Hon. Secretary before the night, as admittance will be only on production of your <u>current</u> card.

#### ITS CLOTHES: Concessions for Members NOW

In addition to spare parts, fire extinguishers and safety belts at reduced prices being available to members, we have now received an offer to supply Mens' Wear at  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  discount to club members'. Good stuff too. (No, not Woolworths).

Just go along to "Fashion Club" Mens' Wear, Suite Three, Bulolo Chambers, McLachlan Street, Valley, and produce your You may ask for Errol Kleidon. membership card at the wharehouse. \*\*\*

#### CARDS CHRIST MAS

We have on hand a limited supply of attractive Christmas cards bearing the club badge. These are a novel means of surprising your friends, are in very good taste, and cost only about two shillings each. Available at the clubrooms now.

#### 1963 NOMINATIONS FOR

The following nominations have been received for Office Bearers and Executive Committee for 1963:-

President Vice President Honorary Secretary Honorary Treasurer Honorary Auditor

Neale B. Groundwater Keith J. Anderson Chris. J. Harding Jnr. Miss Beverley Marcovich

Ian H. Shaw

Executive Committee (6 to be elected)

Lex E. Batterham, Iain D.G. Cornes, Rodney H. Hiley, Kerry F. Horgan, Ian M. Michels, Bruce J. Neville, Noel J. Whip

Business of the Annual General Meeting will include "Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 27th June, 1962." 

# all\_types\_\_of\_\_gossip

Well Keith Anderson got passed by a Jaguar in his newly acquired M.G.A. So what did he do? Buy a 2.4 from Denis Geary of course! (We will now predict that a 300 SLR will pass him).

Ian Michels took Fiancee Bev. Marcovich for a "demo" in the T.F. at Lakeside. When asked how it felt she seemed unsure, as ... we cuote. "I had my eyes shut when the corners came up"... John circulated nicely last meeting around the 1 min. 17. secs.

Tain Cornes catching up on his "sun tan" recently at night time sitting up on the clubrooms roof. Vill someone please tell him the arc lamp was switched off. Otherwise he may be "infra trouble".

"e understand that a rare disease afflicts members around Concours time. It is called "Cleaniscide".

Someone should tell a few of our members that the attractive new Speed Certificates we had printed, are not to be awarded for Friday Night Derbys. We can arrange, however, for the Police Dept. to award a considerably less attractive one of their own design.

We are told that friend Noel Whip was car sick on the way home from Norm Wright's 21st birthday party. Now, we are not expected to believe that, surely? CAR sick, indeed?

Congratulations to Barry Saba for his second place at Lakeside on his only second appearance in competition. Very good indeed.

Congratulations also go to Phil (he drinks) Thew, who has gotten himself entangled with a lovely lass named Kathy Galloway.

Neale Groundwater returned from holidays looking basically the same (ugh) as when he left. Ask him to tell you about the time he was looking for a volcano and got lost with some native girls. Or maybe he was looking for some native girls and got lost on a volcano. Anyway, his version is bound to be different.

Graham Ramsay has been anxiously awaiting this Octagon to see if we kept our threat to print something about him. We let you off this time, Graham. Now you can sleep at nights again.

#### All kinds etc. (Contd)

It will be of interest to members to know that B.M.C. have increased the size of the Midget and Sprite engine (in England) to 1098c.c. instead of 948c.c. reduced the compression ratio, stiffened up the crankcase and crankshaft, installed a bigger clutch and a baulk-ring synchromesh gearbox, and have given them front disc brakes ( $8\frac{1}{4}$ "). Findscreen washers, carpets, padding around the dashboard and an electric tachometer are also standard equipment. The slightly more luxurious Midget costs only £10 more than the Sprite. "Oh, to be in England, now that discs are there".

Our racing team scored reasonable success at Lakeside. Club Captain Ian Michels scored a class third in the Tourist Trophy, Barry Saba a second in Division Four with Doug Bright fourth, Ian won the Division Three race, Bruce Neville was second and Brian Tebble fourth. All cars ran reliably all weekend and all finished all races in which they started, which is the sort of thing we set out to achieve. Without ostentation, we think that the team gives the club good publicity, the drivers a lot of fun, and certainly keeps the "Octagonal Banner" flying. What more could we ask?

Whilst we are reluctant to indige in "giving free publicity" members will undoubtedly be interested to know that the racing team have tested Methyl Benzine in the cars .... and it works. Nuff said.

Ray Lovejoy has parted with his very nice Magnette, and has purchased one of the rare "Motors General" (M.G.)? VX 490's.

Our "Minimaniac" population is increasing fast. Shortly to join them are Ron Davis <u>and</u> Miles Hunter. Miles has ordered a special one which fits in the boot of the 2.4, whilst Ron is is trading his Labrador in on a Pekinese.

I hope that all members will leave enough money (having purchased the Octagon Editor a Xmus box ... Time Bomb?).. to pay their subs for next year <u>early</u> ... say about January 1st? One has to be a committee member to appreciate the frustration of wondering how many members the Centre is going to have, and planning the year's activities accordingly. Do help, won't you?

See you all next month. Signed... The Trouble Maker.

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General Expenses 59. 5. 1	Subscriptions 529. 1. 0
Insurance 13. 3. 0	Speed Meetings 67.16.6
Maps written off 1.18. 0	Social Events 39.12. 2
Postage, stationary,	Sundry Income 127. 9. 5
Telephone 272.13. 6	Donations 21. 8. 6
Presentation of	*
trophies 79. 4. 0 Rent 240. 0. 0	
2.0.0.0	
Trophies and prize money 58, 9, 4	
money <u>58. 9. 4</u> £842. 9. 6	
2042. 9. 0	
Excess of Revenue	
over expenditure £9. 8. 1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
transferred to	
accumulated funds	
£ <u>851.17. 7</u>	£351.17. 7

#### Treasurer's Report 1962

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the M.G. Car Club (Queensland Centre) for the year ending 30th June, 1962.

The nett surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year after providing for depreciation of £53.18. 5 is £9. 8. 1, compared with £296.17. 5 for the year ending 30th June, 1961.

The decrease of £237. 9. 4 in the surplus for the year may be attributed to increased overhead expenditure mainly in postage

#### Treasurer's report (Contd)

and stationary which rose from £159.18.11 in 1961, to £272.13. 6 for the current period. General expenses and trophies also rose by £52. 2. 7 and £31. 4. 0 respectively.

Subscriptions received remained the same as for 1961; however the following decreases were recorded in other items of income:

Canteen profit £41. 0. 3 Sundry income £41.10. 0 Social Events £84.15.10

The latter reflects the lack of attendance of members at some of the events held by the Centre during the year. Speed meetings was the only event which showed an increase, this being £58.13. 2.

In view of the foregoing I feel that it is imperative that expenditure during the coming year be watched very carefully, and every endeavour be made to attract new members and increase attendances at club events.

The committee feel that it would be very unwise to make any investments for the coming year, as during this year the Centre purchased a Gestetner Duplicator at a cost of £135.13. 0.

The financial position of the Centre is still sound, current assets exceeding liabilities by £355.12. 9.

In closing, I would like to thank Miss B. Marcovich for her assistance during the latter part of the year.

Members are reminded to bear their current membership cards on the night of the Annual General Meeting, November 23rd. If you have lost your card, or think that you have not received one, see the Hon. Secretary before the night, as admittance will be only on production of your <u>current</u> card.

#### Concessions for Members NOW ITS CLOTHES:

In addition to spare parts, fire extinguishers and safety belts at reduced prices being available to members, we have now received an offer to supply Mens' Wear at  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  discount to club members'. Good stuff too. (No, not Woolworths).

Just go along to "Fashion Club" Mens' Wear, Suite Three, Bulolo Chambers, McLachlan Street, Valley, and produce your membership card at the wharehouse. You may ask for Errol Kleidon.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have on hand a limited supply of attractive Christmas cards bearing the club badge. These are a novel means of surprising your friends, are in very good taste, and cost only about two shillings each. Available at the clubrooms now.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR 1963

The following nominations have been received for Office Bearers and Executive Committee for 1963:-

President Vice President Honorary Secretary Honorary Treasurer Honorary Auditor Neale B. Groundwater Keith J. Anderson Chris. J. Harding Jnr. Miss Beverley Marcovich

Ian H. Shaw

Executive Committee (6 to be elected)

Lex E. Batterham, Iain D.G. Cornes, Rodney H. Hiley, Kerry F. Horgan, Ian M. Michels, Bruce J. Neville, Noel J. Whip

Business of the Annual General Meeting will include "Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 27th June, 1962."

#### all\_types\_of\_gossip

Well Keith Anderson got passed by a Jaguar in his newly acquired M.G.A. So what did he do? Buy a 2.4 from Denis Geary of course! (We will now predict that a 300 SLR will pass him).

Ian Michels took Fiancee Bev. Marcovich for a "demo" in the T.F. at Lakeside. When asked how it felt she seemed unsure, as ... we cuote.. "I had my eyes shut when the corners came up"... Jon circulated nicely last meeting around the 1 min. 17. secs.

Tain Cornes catching up on his "sun tan" recently at night time sitting up on the clubrooms roof. Vill someone please tell him the arc lamp was switched off. Otherwise he may be "infra trouble".

''e understand that a rare disease afflicts members around Concours time. It is called "Cleaniscide".

Someone should tell a few of our members that the attractive new Speed Certificates we had printed, are not to be awarded for Friday Night Derbys. We can arrange, however, for the Police Dept. to award a considerably less attractive one of their own design.

We are told that friend Noel Whip was car sick on the way home from Norm Wright's 21st birthday party. Now, we are not expected to believe that, surely? CAR sick, indeed?

Congratulations to Barry Saba for his second place at Lakeside on his only second appearance in competition. Very good indeed.

Congratulations also go to Phil (he drinks) Thew, who has gotten himself entangled with a lovely lass named Kathy Galloway.

Neale Groundwater returned from holidays looking basically the same (ugh) as when he left. Ask him to tell you about the time he was looking for a volcano and got lost with some native girls. Or maybe he was looking for some native girls and got lost on a volcano. Anyway, his version is bound to be different.

Graham Ramsay has been anxiously awaiting this Octagon to see if we kept our threat to print something about him. We let you off this time, Graham. Now you can sleep at nights again.

#### All kinds etc. (Contd)

It will be of interest to members to know that B.M.C. have increased the size of the Midget and Sprite engine (in England) to 1098c.c. instead of 948c.c. reduced the compression ratio, siffened up the crankcase and crankshaft, installed a bigger clutch and a baulk-ring synchromesh gearbox, and have given them front disc brakes (8½"). Windscreen washers, carpets, padding around the dashboard and an electric tachometer are also standard equipment. The slightly more luxurious Midget costs only £10 more than the Sprite. "Oh, to be in England, now that discs are there".

Our racing team scored reasonable success at Lakeside. Club Captain Ian Michels scored a class third in the Tourist Trophy, Barry Saba a second in Division Four with Doug Bright fourth, Ian won the Division Three race, Bruce Neville was second and Brian Tebble fourth. All cars ran reliably all weekend and all finished all races in which they started, which is the sort of thing we set out to achieve. Without ostentation, we think that the team gives the club good publicity, the drivers a lot of fun, and certainly keeps the "Octagonal Banner" flying. What more could we ask?

Whilst we are reluctant to indige in "giving free publicity" members will undoubtedly be interested to know that the racing team have tested Methyl Benzine in the cars .... and it works. Nuff said.

Ray Lovejoy has parted with his very nice Magnette, and has purchased one of the rare "Motors General" (M.G.)? VX 490's.

Our "Minimaniac" population is increasing fast. Shortly to join them are Ron Davis <u>and</u> Miles Hunter. Miles has ordered a special one which fits in the boot of the 2.4, whilst Ron is is trading his Labrador in on a Pekinese.

I hope that all members will leave enough money (having purchased the Octagon Editor a Xmas box ... Time Bomb?).. to pay their subs for next year <u>early</u> ... say about January 1st? One has to be a committee member to appreciate the frustration of wondering how many members the Centre is going to have, and planning the year's activities accordingly. Do help, won't you?

See you all next month. Signed... The Trouble Maker.