

THIS

FRIDAY!

SEPTEMBER 27th.

THE NIGHT

YOU HAVE BEEN

WAITING FOR!

PARTY NIGHT

AT THE CLUBROOMS

MORE THE MERRIER

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P R O G R A M M E

- Sept. 27 Party Night
- 28/29 Lakeside Race Meeting
- Oct. 4 Natter Night
- 6 Bathurst Grog-a-thon (At 65 Tristania Road)
- 11 Pub Night
- 13 Motorkhana
- 18 Touring Assembly
- 19/20 Rally
- 25 Slide Night
- 26 Sprints at Lakeside
- Nov. 1 Film Night
- 7 Night Motorkhana (Surfers Paradise)
- 8 Free night
- 9/10 Surfers Paradise Races (Manufacturer's Champ)
- 15 Touring Assembly
- 16 Working Bee at Hillclimb
- 17 Motorkhana
- 22 Hillclimb Preparation
- 24 Mt. Cotton Hillclimb
- 29 Annual General Meeting (Beer and Biccies)

A few comments from the typist

There was an adage in my grandmother's day which said "Ask a busy person if you want anything done". This apparently applies as much today as it did then.

From people who are not all that busy, you always have the excuses - "Oh, I am so occupied that I can't possibly help the Club do that", or "I am working so hard that I am too tired to help you tonight".

These comments are O.K., if you have no enthusiasm to help the organisations you belong to. I am getting a bit fed up with these excuses, when it really is the only way out. I suppose, I am as busy as anyone else in the M.G. Car Club. I am Secretary to three organisations as well as working and running a house. Yet when someone comes to me and asks for a job to be done, I try with all my ability to fit it in. I think it is even taken a little for granted that as I am a middleaged housewife, I have nothing else to do but wait for work from the members of the Club.

So people, do a little rethinking on your ability to put yourself out for someone else. I feel all of us these days are too occupied with ourselves instead of others, I don't know what to do to try to change you. Perhaps a bomb in the right place would do it, but what a disaster it would cause.

Wake up and live, enjoy your work for the Club and help it to progress like a FEW of us would like it to. In fact do your share - you will find you can make the time if you want to.

(sgd) Joan Appleby

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In a happier vein, I would like to personally thank Ann Thomson for all the work she put in to the running of the Novice Rally. She really did a mighty job. Thankyou.

The President speaks -

This month was a busy one for a number of the Club. Fresh from the interclub Motorkhana they did battle in the Australian Motorkhana Championship. Some did well some not so good but the fact that they competed was the point I am trying to strike home. Most were running against their own previous times and surely this is what helps Club spirit to get going. (After this event most felt like the bottled spirit to drown their sorrows).

Now surely everyone should try to get to as many events as they can. You are paying for them so you should use them. If you only like night runs see if you could come and help at a motorkhana or hillclimb. Any effort to help is gratefully acknowledged even if not personally thanked.

As this year is starting to draw to a close a new Committee will have to be formed next year. If you want a good thankless never ending job think about it. Surely there are a lot of people who would like to put something back into the Club that I hoped they have got out of it.

We need more of the older members to return to the fray and show the new members how it is done.

If we don't also get some new blood we could become rutted. So everybody will have to make an effort to get along to what they can.

(sgd) Peter Rayment.

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DON'T FORGET THE PARTY NIGHT ON FRIDAY NIGHT 27TH
SEPTEMBER. BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO HELP MAKE IT
A GREAT SUCCESS.

MOTORKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR OLD.

The final round of the Queensland Motorkhana Series saw the 1974 Title won by the previous champion, Phil Griffin. As in 1973 Phil dominated all rounds to comfortably hold his crown. The event attracted quite a large field of 29, and as the Interclub was the following week, with the Australian Title a month after most were using the day as a final sorting period.

Class A was highly competitive with Phil battling for the outright lead with Hack Read, the end result not decided until the final event had been run, Phil eventually winning by 3.2 secs. As the first 3 outright places were ineligible for class awards or placings Greg Symes was rewarded for his consistency with a class win 6.6 secs ahead of Les Hastie in third place. Greg and Les will certainly upset a few of the Southerners who will be contesting the Australian Title. The other M.G. member in the class was Sprite pedler Libby Sullivan although Lib claimed a pole in the first event, she recovered from this early set back to drive her way into 14th class placing and take out the Ladies trophy. Hopes are high that Libby will be victorious for the Ladies award in the Australian Title and she will be able to give most competitors a big "hurry along".

Bruce Briggs walked away with another class victory giving all a driving lesson. His drive in the Eccentric test was truly first class as he effectively used the powerslide technique. Malcolm Spiden went all wrong in the Reverse Garage throwing away all chances of remaining with the class leaders.

Looking at the Australian Championships Phil Griffin must have an excellent opportunity to win the day. Greg Symes and Les Hastie should be thorns in the sides of many Southern competitors on their Quest for outright placings. The Ladies award should go to Libby Sullivan. Bruce Briggs will certainly be a threat in the Medium wheelbase class - we will know on 8th September at Surfers Paradise.

Placings - 1st Outright Phil Griffin

Qld. Motorkhana Championship Round (Cont.)

Greg Symes	Outright 4th	Class	1st
Les Hastie	6th		3rd
Libby Sullivan	20th		14th
Bruce Briggs	18th		1st
Malcolm Spiden	23rd		4th

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SIZZLING SIMMO AND PROUD POT POT - NIGHT NAVIGATION RUN

'If you don't write a Night Run story, I'll rip ya arm off' the Editor said to Little Jeem and with such a lucrative offer here it is.

On night in the middle of the Boat Show (September to you landlubbers) 9 crews gathered opposite the Marlboro advertisement to find Brisbane.

With a rough idea of where we were going, it was off into the night past the hospital to Kelvin Grove where David Pearl had a navigational mishap. He couldn't find his way and so both he and Ian Friar in the latter's Mini returned to Wickham St to watch the rest of the Benny Hill show on the President's TV set. The field less one were then led to Milton past the Rugby Union fields and onto Indooroopilly Road at St. Lucia. Gary Whittaker was spotted performing U turns all evening one in the Golf Club (along with many others) and once at a T junction when Derek McCreary/Gary Smith (Torana) were coming from one direction, Alan and Colleen Conway (Le Renault II) the other and Robert Sans/John Thurlow (Mazda 1500) were bringing up the rear. Neil McNeil's reaction has not been recorded.

Meanwhile in Sir John Chandler Drive the Boys in Blue were baffled as no sooner had Le Yellow Renault I of Black Pete and Libby were leaving the Y junction than Le Yellow Renault II of Alan and Colleen Conway arrived from the opposite direction. They were even more surprised when Don Webster arrived in his MGTD (in team colours

ofcourse) with windscreen wipers in operation. Luckily Tom Hatton was advised of their presence as Tom plus Cibies plus Robert Shadforth plus Blue Falcon equals wrong.

At another part of town, Derek McCreary and Gary Smith alias Jones were pouring over the instructions - no glasses were available (oh that's terrible). It was in this vicinity that the merry group found their way into Simmo Street. The plan was to get the number of Paul's house (his place of residence has no fence) but his plan quickly disintegrated as he forgot the former house stands fenceless (done mate). It was just a matter of leaping over McMurdo's Fally, looking for sump marks on the bitumen past the Fred sign on Fred's gate to No.69 which is a tram stop. You can't miss it - well you can cos somebody did. All arrived at the Clubrooms fairly early except Robert Sam and John Thurlow who had misplaced Handy Street - very important or otherwise one would be off course. They did show up complaining of people hiding street from them.

After the Epilogue had finished the results stood at these:-

1.	Gary Whittaker/N.McNeil	Chrsler Works Pacer	0
1	Alan Conway/Colleen Conway	Le Renault II	0
1	Ray Quinn/Malcolm Spiden	Works Holden Van	0
4	Black Pete/Libby Bump Sullivan	Le Renault I	10
5	Tom Hatton/Rob Shadforth	Rally Torana	23
6	Robert Sams/John Thurlow	Mazda 1500	58
7	Don Webster/A.Wright	MGTD	62
8	Derek McCreary/Gary Smith		
	Alias Jones	Torana 1600 OHC	80
9	Ian Friar/David Pearl	Mini	120

Next Night Run is on October 18th, set by Bushy Bearded Black Footed Pete.

How is that for a night run story Mr. Editor.

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GROG-A-THON
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THE PLACE

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ALL DAY!

AUSTRALIAN MOTORKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP

September 8th saw the most important event on the 'Polebenders' calendar in the 1974 Australian Motorkhana Championship. M.G. had 10 members namely :-

Les Hastie (Cooper S), Greg Symes (Clubman GT), Peter Ravment (Mini), Russell Worthington (Mazda RX4), Malcolm Spiden (Escort), Bruce Briggs (Cortina), Libby Sullivan (Sprite), Phil Griffin (Cooper S), Tom Hatton (Torana) and Steve Austin (MGB).

In the small wheelbase class Les Hastie and Greg Symes continued their epic duels. This time Les had the upper hand until he finished in the wrong garage dropping him from a safe third place to ninth placing 0.1 secs behind Greg. Smoothness and consistency combined with quickness was Greg's approach to the event which enabled him to upset many local and interstate competitors. Considering Greg has been involved in Motorkhanas for under 12 months his effort and final result is simply remarkable.

From one of the younger to one of the cagiest drivers Black Pete. The ageless Mini had blue smoke pouring out from the wheel arches and his ginger beard. Even though Peter's competition had been limited this year he never said 'die' even when the handbrake did. Libby Sullivan was one of four lady competitors (the only Queensland representative) who were entered. As usual Lib drove the 'Club's Sprite' but unfortunately had an 'off' day as four poles fell in the first two events. Although she did pick up on her fellow competitors throughout the remaining events, the time gap was too great as she lost by 13 seconds to be the fastest lady competitor.

Of Phil Griffin - what can one say? Certainly no one tried harder than Phil on the day. The first two events were won by Dennis Tregg in his four wheel steering Renault Special (that's correct) but Phil came back by winning the next two taking the lead by 0.8 secs. Unfortunately for Phil his grip on the

title slipped away as Trigg gained 5 seconds advantage on the remaining three events.

The middle wheelbase class was taken out by Russell Worthington. At half time Russell was 7 seconds behind the class leader but his performances in the latter half of the day secured the Cup for him. It was certainly his hardest fought victory and one wonders, after his incredible drive, why Russell had not contested the Queensland Series.

As always the Bruce Briggs/Malcolm Spiden Ford battle produced some tyre chucking, teeth gritting, no holds barred performances. Bruce had the Ford trophy sewn up by 2 seconds until the Reverse Garage test proved his downfall and Malcolm won the trophy by the barest margin.

Tom Hatton was debuting his Torana but unfortunately found the handbrake decided not to work in the prescribed manner which caused him no end of trouble.

Steve Austin upheld the name by competing in the M.G.B., but was troubled by falling poles which detracted from his performance.

This was the first Australian Motorkhana Championship to be held in Queensland, hopefully not the last, as all who entered certainly enjoyed the day competing for the Premier Award in the Motorkhana Sphere.

Placings

Phil Griffin	2nd Outright	2nd Class
Greg Symes	8th	8th
Les Hastie	9th	9th
Peter Rayment	14th	14th
Russell Worthington	17th	1st
Malcolm Spiden	27th	5th
Bruce Briggs	31st	7th
Libby Sullivan	34th	23rd
Steve Austin	38th	
Tom Hatton	42nd	

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Nobody will need telling that the administrative costs of CAMS have escalated alarmingly this year. Already the small surplus that had been budgetted for has changed its colour - black to red.

Obviously fees and charges will have to go up, and when you have a look at the figures it seems wrong that they have not gone up before. Ofcourse, capitation rose 100% last year, and we are assured that there will be no further increase in this charge yet which is good. Capitation fees are paid by clubs for each member, regardless whether or not he/she is an active member of the sport. Other charges are borne either by the promoting clubs or by the competitors.

The interesting fact that was established at the last NCC meeting was that all State Councils and most clubs and promoters (including this club) advocated far greater increases than it appears will be made. Unfortunately, the Finance Committee is still deliberating, and it seems that final figures will not be released in time for this issue. When the information is available we'll give you a run down on what the new fees will be as against what your committee advised.

Meanwhile, here is some information to show how the fee structure hasn't kept up with the times.

Club Affiliation	1959 - \$21	1974 - \$20
Club Association	1966 - \$10	1974 - \$10
G/C Licence	1965 - \$ 4	1974 - \$ 4
R/E Licence	1969 - \$ 2	1974 - \$ 2
Organising Fee	1967 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1974 - 3%
Permit Open Speed +	1967 - \$10	1974 - \$10
Permit Closed Speed +	1967 - \$7.50	1974 - \$7.50
Open Motorkhana	1967 - \$ 2	1974 - \$2.50
+ Not Race meetings		

About the only substantial rises have been in closed motorkhanas and touring assemblies. These have gone from "fee waived" to \$2.50 - thereby hitting the people who take least out of the sport, the social competitor at club level. Open Road Event permits have also crept

slowly up from \$2 in 1966 to \$7.50 in 1974.

We all scream about CAMS slugging us for this and that, but when you look at these figures the surprising thing is that we're viable at all!

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SCRUTINEERS MEETING HELD CAMS OFFICE

15th September, 1974

CHAIRMAN. Mr. J.Horn Attendance 32

It was resolved, after general discussion, that all in attendance were interested in scrutineering for all aspects of Motor Sport and it was decided to form a Panel who would organise a Scrutineering School and arrange a series of lectures covering scrutineering in general.

Members of the Panel appointed by the meeting were Messrs. Purdy, Gadenne, Warner, Hawley, Hatton, Clarris, and Moorehead.

This Panel is to meet on Tuesday 24th September, appoint a Chairman, and arrange a syllabus for the School.

Lectures for the Course will be conducted within a four week period commencing on Monday 21st October, and completed over the next three Mondays. Venue for the lectures will be the MG Car Club rooms at 620 Wickham Street, Valley.

We hope all MG members who are on the list submitted to and approved by State Council early in the year will endeavour to be present, plus anybody else who thinks they would be interested. All aspects of the sport will be catered for, not just race meetings. Please let Joan or Ann know if you will be along.

Scrutineers - G.Hawley, B.Purdy, J.Warner.

Machinery Examiners - V.Appleby, P.Rayment, R.Quinn,
J.Fraser, I.Peters, V.Hamilton, C.Browne, W.Ormsby, D.Miles
J.Moorehead, T.Hatton, D.Webster, R.Moir, P.Aldridge, B.Gough.

Perpetual Trophies - Current Scores as at 22.9.74TRIALS

Peter Rayment	63
Alan Conway	63
Ray Quinn	61
Ken Potter	39
Gary Whittaker	30

NAVIGATION

Malcolm Spiden	65
Colleen Conway	63
Libby Sullivan	63
Neil McNeil	34
Paul Simpson	28

Under 1100 cc Speed

<u>Trophy</u>	
Malcolm Spiden	52
Chris Timms	4

Speed Trophy

Gary Whittaker	62
Vince Appleby	60
Derek McCreary	60
Merv Payne	58
Malcolm Spiden	52

Motorkhanas

Malcolm Spiden	34
Bruce Briggs	26
John Campbell	26
Phil Griffin	20
Merv Payne	16

BEST M.G.

Steve Austin	40
John Campbell	26
Don Webster	16
Keith Tufnell	12
Ken Potter	11

Best T Type

D. Webster	16
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Best All Rounder

Malcolm Spiden	152
Gary Whittaker	100
Libby Sullivan	99
Alan Conway	83
Peter Rayment	75

Ladies

Lib Sullivan	99
Colleen Conway	63
Ann Thomson	20
Joan Appleby	8

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Sorry to hear Lionel Ayers is in hospital after accident (not from racing). Hope he'll be out soon. Maybe some of his old friends in the club would like to look him up.

Best wishes to Richard Croston who got married recently.

Nanette Keown has a broken rib. No, Mike didn't beat her up - or so he says. Small son jumped on her!

All this inflation hoo-ha has very much caught up with your club. There's no way the committee wont have to raise most charges to members next year. You don't have to be told what the new postage chrages are going to do to us. Maybe we can organise a courier service and make some money, instead of spending it on stamps for letters that don't get delivered or are so late they're useless.

Some of the rises we have had to absorb this year are:

Club room rent	25%
Stationery	10-15%
Ambulance	25%
Dunny Man	100%
Engraving	15-20%
Printing	15-25%

Trophies - don't be funny. The bit of engraved tinware costing around \$5 is a thing of the past. In fact, it's getting quite difficult to find anything for \$10.

Drinks are up again, although we haven't increased canteen charges - yet. Goodness knows what the annual trophy presentation will cost - something astronomical. This is just part of the story - you can all add to it - whatever it is it costs more than we can afford. Last year we took an extra 12 off members. We don't like annual increases, but we look as if we're landed with them at this time.

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Ivan Tighe on trip to England.

Steve Austin making muttering noises after Kay collected a push bike with the "B".

Ross Moir been touring Leyland plants in England. Will try to get him to write something for us.

Jill and Dick Johnson still aiding the population explosion. Ease up, please, we can't afford so many cards!

THE LAST CHANCE NIGHT NAVIGATION RUN - 15.11.74

by John Kelso.

As with all other Club activities this year, attendances at Night Navigation Runs are at an all time low. Now I am not going to blame anybody for this - some of the runs set in the past would turn anyone off competing ever again. If well organised, Night runs are one of the cheapest and most enjoyable forms of Motor Sport.

I have organised a night run for 15.11.74 and named it "The Last Chance Night run" for two reasons - firstly I want you to give this run one last chance to prove that you can enjoy yourself, no matter how old, young, inexperienced or stupid you may be, and secondly, I want the Committee to see that there are enough people enthusiastic enough to warrant the expense and inconvenience of organising event in 1975.

I guarantee that, 1. this run is completely new and original, not just an old run 're-hashed'.

2. there will be no mistakes and/or typing errors!
3. Rules and abbreviations used will be carefully explained to you, if you have any doubts.
4. The run will last only 90 minutes, so you cannot possibly be bored.
5. You can put the kids in the back, have your wife as your navigator, stop 20 times for nappy changes, cups of tea etc., and still have an equal chance of winning a prize.
6. If you care to stay for a drink after the event, you will not be left standing alone and unloved in a corner.

So please, give Night Navigation runs one last chance, you've got plenty of time to save up the \$1 entry fee. Here is a sample of the magnificent prizes you could win-

- 1st Outright - Free use of M.G.C.C. mixed washroom for 6 months
- 1st Novice - Free guided tour of the Clubrooms for 2

see over

THE OCTAGON

- 12 -

SEPTEMBER 1974

1st Married Couple 1 do-it-yourself divorce kit
1st All girl team - The organiser
Last Outright - Free walking tours of the Simpson
Desert for two, with 20 cents spending money.

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BODA AND BENDS

Notice the Australian no longer carries local Motor Sport news and details of club doings. A great pity this - some of us should write to them about it.

It was good to see the five MG's of Stu Rice, Gary Whittaker, Ken Potter, Mr. Heath's driven by some Phil and Bob Mallon's driven by Mal Spiden in the Myer Walton Valley Football Parade. These people help promote the Club by putting itself in front of the public.

If there are any other MG owners who would go in parades could they give their names to the Secretary so as we could contact them when an occasion arises.

It was great to see a slim Stu Rice as the parade, his yellow TC being the show stopper with the crowd whilst his running plastic waterbottle kept his thirstier fellow clubmembers amused.

What happened to editor Phil after the parade. It appeared he absconded with his female passenger to parts unknown and in his Dad's MG. Pity he missed the "Great Race" back to Newman. The girls enjoyed it too.

You can tell the people who ran the Australian Motorkhaki Championships quite easily. Just look at the long left arms trying to put the handbrakes off the floor.

Black Pete has now cut the front off the Cooper Ford. Now the rebuild he wants many free hours to do it.

Who were the three members all in the fashion by splitting their duds at the Hillclimb. And who bought who a pair of long johns at least 5 sizes too big. Apparently, room was needed for shrinkage.

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