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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A wise person once said that the longer you wait for something, the sweeter it is when you get it.

After the Easter National Meeting success, we know this to be true after having waited 30 years to win the John Wratten Memorial Trophy. Also, we again won the Nuffield Challenge Trophy after first winning in 1955.

Congratulations to all those who contributed to our success by attending the National Meeting, particularly the individual achievements of Brant Rayment and Carly Moffett.

Obviously, the 'secret weapon' of the Theme Night purple caftans worked by creating complete chaos within the other clubs.

A BIG 'thank you' to all the organisers and workers for making the attendance at the National Meeting such an enjoyable and successful event.

It is hoped the two club members presently on the sick list, Joan Appleby and Chris Carswell make a speedy recovery.

The next major event on our calendar is the Queensland Hillclimb Championship on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th June at Mt. Cotton.

This event has some significance, being the last QHC for this century. We are also hosting the first Australian Hillclimb Championship of the new Millennium next year.

There is a considerable amount of work to be done at the Hill, so a large roll-up at the working bees would be appreciated.

Good luck to all competitors and we wish for a successful event.

Just another reminder to keep your eyes on our calendar as there are a number of major event coming up, eg Ironman etc., which again can 'spring up' on you very quickly.

That's all for now,

John Davies

DAY RUN - TIN CAN BAY SUNDAY JUNE 25TH

Bring the picnic basket and billy can for a great day out!

**Meet at Woolworths Shopping Centre -
(Cnr. Webster Rd & Gympie Rd. Chermside) to start at
7.30am on Sunday 25th June 2000**

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What a difference a day makes !!!

Our Club which was idling along four years ago has now had an input of enthusiasm and people.

Our successful venture to Newcastle National Meeting is testament to this.

Our Club Rooms are excellent and members must not forget the Noggin & Natter on the second Friday of each month.

We will have a fuel expert at a near Noggin & natter to tell us the why's and wherefore's of the "Post" leaded fuel saga. The authorities will just shut the door in a couple of years.

The Motor Racing Circuit Debate appears to becoming a little clearer with the recent purchase of Queensland Motor Sport's Willowbank Raceway. It would seem that if M/S Qld has its act together regarding care of patrons in parking and traffic control, then

the test will be assessed at the V8 Supercars in July and the Qld 500 in September.

Willowbank is also becoming the Motokhana Centre for S.E. Qld and this will put new focus on Willowbank.

We have our Qld Hillclimb Championships in June at Mt. Cotton, so the more assistance we receive from the members, the better.

What a difference a day makes !!!

Its all happening in the MG Car Club which is becoming one of the biggest Car Clubs in Queensland.

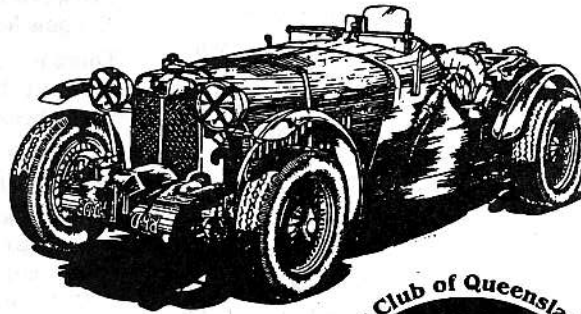
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Bruce Mutch - Editor

NOGGIN & NATTER²

Don't forget to attend the Noggin & Natter Night on Friday 9th June at 7.30 pm at the Donkin St. Clubrooms, West End.

Bring some nibblies and enjoy an informal, fun evening.



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Gary & Dawn Lawrence are proud to announce the birth of their 2nd Grandson on 10/5/00. Their daughter Tracey & Son-in-law Mark are very proud.

Ron & Bev Clydesdale are first time Grandparents of a new Grandson. Grandma & Grandad are doing well

Queensland Hillclimb Championships

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HILLCLIMB June 3-4' 2000

Hillclimb Circuit - Gramzow Road

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MG QUEENSLAND WINS !!

NEWCASTLE 2000

The Natmeet over Easter 2000 was a wondrous affair for the 59 members and associates of the MG Car Club of Queensland.

The Queensland Club took out the major trophies in a three day event, which saw over 260 cars in competition.

The John Wratten memorial Trophy, the most prestigious of the trophies, presented to the club achieving the highest aggregate points score was won for the first time since its inception in 1970, by the Queensland Club. This is the culmination of the hard work and enthusiasm of the members of our rapidly growing Club.

Queensland scored a massive total of 826 points over Newcastle (427 points) New South Wales (409 points) and Victoria (392 points).

The Nuffield Challenge Trophy was originally the Oceania Trophy for competition between all centres of MG Car Clubs in the Pacific Area. Since 1995, the Nuffield Challenge Trophy has been reserved for competition between Australia's MG Car Clubs. It was won by Queensland over Newcastle, NSW and the Gold Coast.



The Joan Richmond Trophy for the female entrant who achieves the highest aggregate score in all events was won by Carly Moffett in her classy red MGA.

The Cecil Kimber Centennial Trophy is awarded to the competitor who scores the highest points in the main events. This was won by Brian Rayment in his white MG Midget.

Brant won a second place in the Concours Super Special Class, the outright Motorkhana title and was beaten by 0.03 seconds for the FTD at the King Edward Park Hillclimb.

The outright winner of the Delullis Wines MG 2000 Observation Run was Rodney Lapworth with his wife Peta as competent navigator in the Red Midget "Poo". The top seven cars had a clean sheet with all questions correct and the event was judged by a tie-breaker. Rodney won by 52mm.

The Queensland Club with 27 vehicles and 39 entries (including double entries) maintained strong competition throughout the three days culminating in a well-deserved overall win.



MG NATIONAL MEETING - NEWCASTLE 2000 (Cont)

Noggin & Natter - Master Mind

On the Friday night following registration, the Noggin & natter was held in the Hall of Industry at the Newcastle Showgrounds.

All Mg's were parked in the middle of the flood lit main showground arena under security guards. The fare was excellent and just the right setting to get the Natmeet underway. Friendships were renewed. The members of the MG Car Clubs in New Zealand were present and inviting members to join them in their National Pre 56 Rally at Masterton in North Island from 8-12 January.

The Master Mind Competition was organised by Newcastle to provide continuing knowledge of the MG folks love of the past and present eg what was the number plate of "Ole No 1"?

This will be continued but we should have the questions and answers circulated after the event.



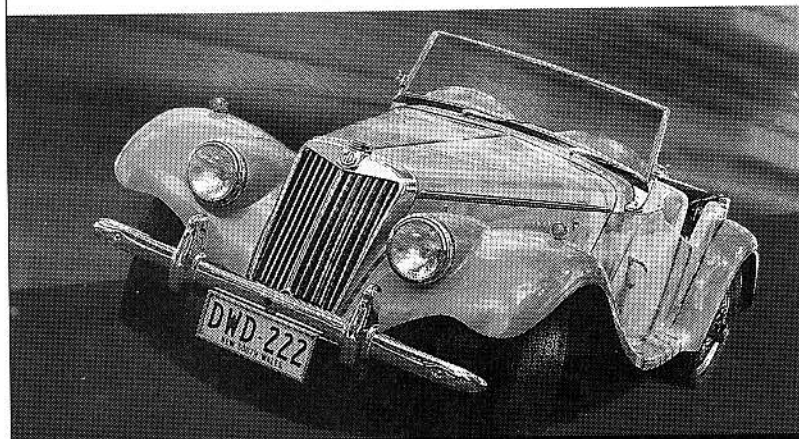
"NRMA" Concours

The National Concours was held in a rather windy park at Stockton on the foreshore of the Newcastle Harbour. There were 200 cars present.

<i>Class C - Pre-war Racing & Supercharged</i>	
Dino Mattea - MG4 (1933)	2 nd
Alistair Clarke - MG J2 (Rep)	5 th
<i>Class D MG TC</i>	
Peter Rayment - MGTC	6 th
<i>Class C - MG A Roadster</i>	
Carly Moffett	2 nd
<i>Class I MG A Coupe</i>	
Richard Mattea	2 nd
<i>Class D - MG B Mk1 Roadster (PH)</i>	
Sandra Walker	4 th
Nicholas Holman	7 th
<i>Class K - MG B Mk1 Roadster (PB)</i>	
Cory Lawrence	3 rd
<i>Class L - MG B Mk11 Roadster</i>	
Kerry Strange	6 th
<i>Class M - MG B BL Roadster</i>	
Bruce Mutch	5 th
<i>Class O - MG B GT</i>	
Neil Mills	2 nd
<i>Class Q - MG B GT Rubber Bumper</i>	
Chris Lutze	2 nd
David Miles	3 rd
<i>Class S - MG C GT</i>	
Dee Anderson	1 st
Guy West	2 nd
<i>Class T - MG Midget</i>	
Ron Clydesdale	1 st
Rodney Lapworth	3 rd
<i>Class V - MG Magnette ZA</i>	
Paul Lupton	1 st
<i>Class Z - MG Super Specials</i>	
Brant Rayment	2 nd
<i>Class ZB - MG F</i>	
Glen Boyce	1 st

The overall winners for the Concours were:
Pre MGA - Robert Smith - NSW MGTF
Post MG TF - Margaret Norman - NSW
 MGB (RB)

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The pride of the Queensland Fleet
were:

Dino Mattea (recently completed)
MG L (33)

Dee Anderson (recently completed)
MG B GT (RB)

Chris Lutze (Pristine and Muddy ?)
MG B GT (RB)

Ron Clydesdale (Latent Win)
MG Midget

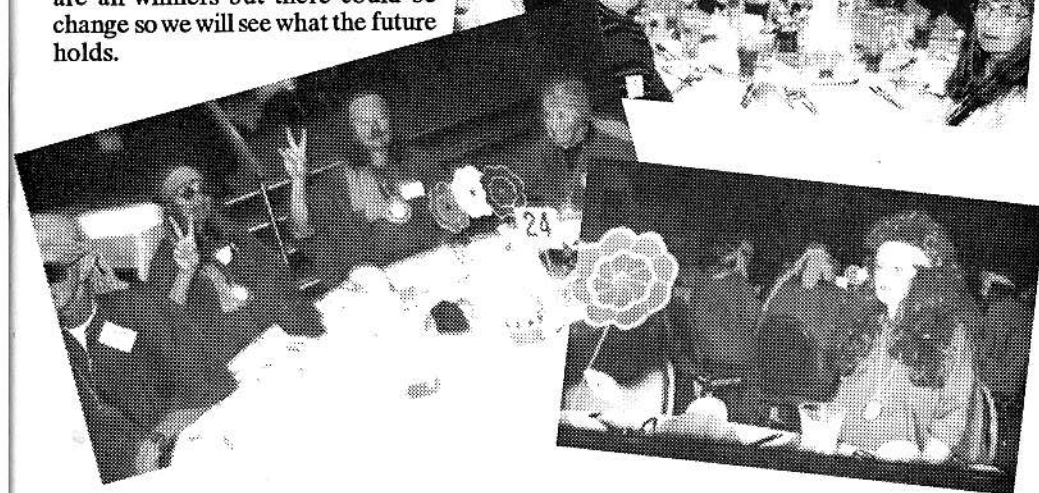
Guy West (very competitive)
MG C GT



Theme Dinner ...

As is becoming usual, our ladies
imagination was extended and the
Queensland contingent were the
centre of attraction in their purple
caftans, head bands and beards.

Our Junior Ambassador's Erika
Gower, joined by Kimberley
Robinson fraternised with the other
Ambassadors and generally got to
know each other. This exercise
allowing the Junior Ambassadors to
compete in the events amongst
themselves is well worthwhile. They
are all winners but there could be
change so we will see what the future
holds.



**MGNATIONAL MEETING-NEWCASTLE 2000 (Cont)****The Western Suburbs Leagues Club****Motokhana MG
2000 Natmeet**

The Motokhana was held at the Energy Australia Depot at Wallsend under clear skies and a dry track.

The outright winner of the overall Motokhana was Brant Rayment in the white MG Midget with an overall time of 105.89 secs. from John Haste in a MGB Mk1 with a time of 105.86 seconds and Darren Hodgson in the immaculate teal MG B GT V8 with 106.82 seconds.

**MGNATIONAL MEETING-NEWCASTLE 2000 (Cont)****The events contested were:**

MG Garage, Double Hat, Straight
Salon and Double Kidney.

<i>Class C - Pre War Racing & Supercharged</i>			
Alistair Clarke	134.82 sec	4 th	
<i>Class D - MG TC</i>			
Peter Rayment	131.83	1 st	
Delia Rayment	149.80	4 th	
<i>Class G - MGA Roadster</i>			
Carly Moffett	145.87	11 th	
<i>Class I - MGA Coupe</i>			
Richard Mattea	121.84	1 st	
<i>Class J - MGB Mk1 (PH)</i>			
Sandra Walker	125.94	3 rd	
Nicholas Holman	128.87	4 th	
Gwynneth Holman	129.35	5 th	
<i>Class K - MGB Mk1 (PB)</i>			
Graeme Walker	111.36	8 th	
Samantha Rayment	117.65	9 th	
Mark Wallace	130.51		
Gary Lawrence	138.95		
<i>Class L - MG B Mk11</i>			
Paul Strange	111.98	2 nd	
Kerry Strange	129.61	4 th	
<i>Class M - MG BL</i>			
Bruce Mutch	131.27	4 th	
Leonard Melrose	131.78	5 th	
Peter Canalane	147.01		
Erika Gower (NO WD's)	209.83		
<i>Class N - MGB Rubber Bumper</i>			
Robert Callow	135.38	3 rd	
Ferne Callow	164.85		
<i>Class Q - MG B GT Rubber Bumper</i>			
David Miles	121.86	2 nd	
Chris Lutze	122.00	3 rd	
<i>Class R - MG B GT V8</i>			
John Walker	(Retired Hurt)		
<i>Class S - MG C GT</i>			
Guy West	137.10	5 th	
Chris Carswell	144.36		
Dee Anderson	246.32		
<i>Class T - MG Midget</i>			
Ron Clydesdale	118.71	3 rd	
Rodney Lapworth	119.24	4 th	
Kimberley Robinson	248.73		

Class V - MG Magnette

John Davies	122.21	1 st
David Robinson	125.72	2 nd
Paul Lupton	145.62	3 rd

Class Y - MG Specials (Post TF)

Ray Edwards	114.41	2 nd
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Class Z - Super Specials

Brant Rayment (FTD)	105.69	1 st
Melinda Both	123.64	4 th

Class ZB - MG F

John Boyce	131.46	2 nd
Glen Boyce	152.25	3 rd

The competition was a long one, running through to 4 o'clock, however, the weather stayed fine and the Queensland contingent maintained their support to the end.

Worthy Mention

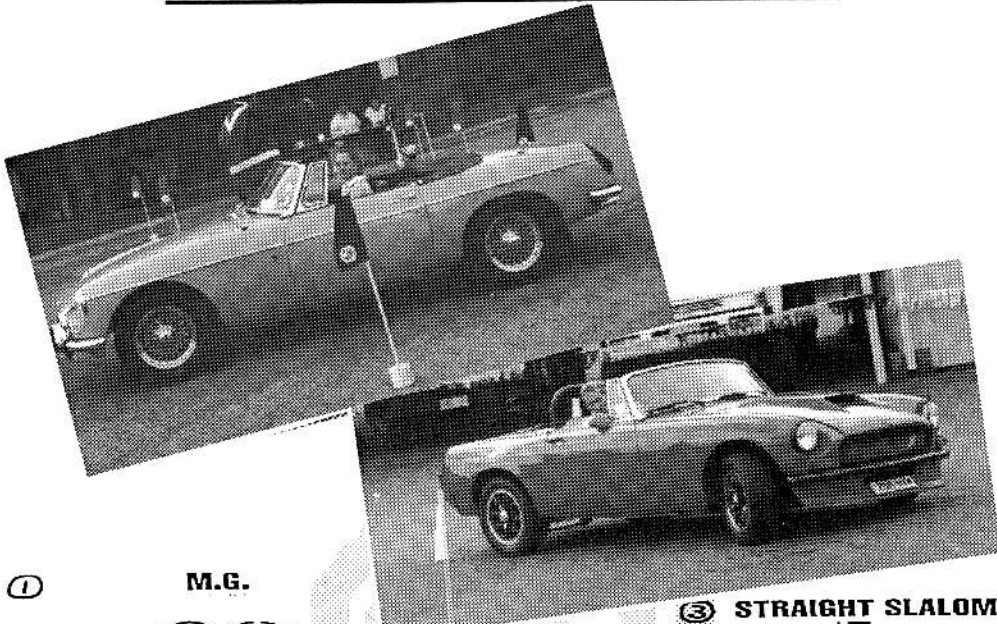
Of worthy mention was the FTD by Brant Rayment in the "Rocket" MG Midget. John Walker was ever exuberant in the GT V8 and blew the "A" end out of his gearbox reversing out of the shed in MG Garage. Erika Gower who had had 20 minutes tuition in reversing completed all events including MG Garages like a veteran and Kimberley Robinson drove her first competitive Motokhana in "Poo" without a WD and completed the course in fine style.

Paul Strange was overheard to say "I'll take it home on a truck" was pipped by Dennis Tynan by 0.1 sec. Ron Clydesdale drove "the white Midget" like he stole it and Rodney "Lapdog" sure won't get another drive in "Poo" after an erstwhile effort.

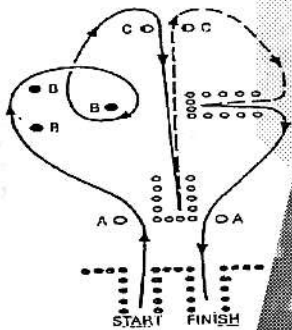
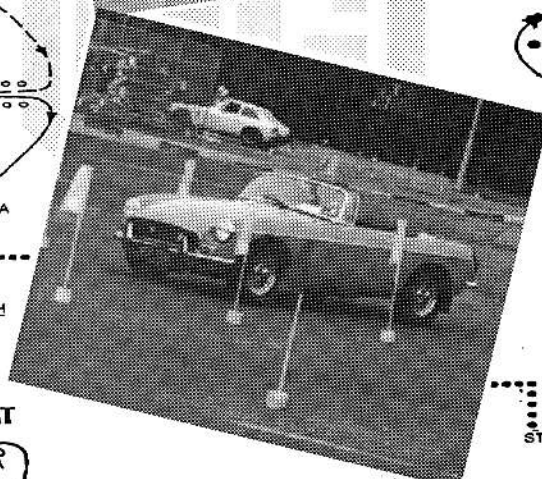
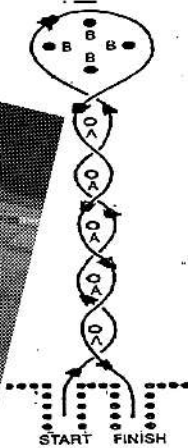
The frown of the day was seen on David "R" when JD eclipsed him in the Magnette Class. (The boot was on the other foot at the Hillclimb).

Ray Edwards "turbo" came in to provide the MG Special with a very credible time.

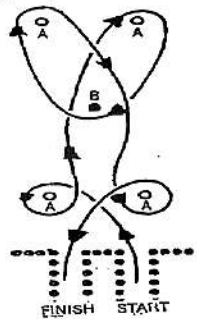
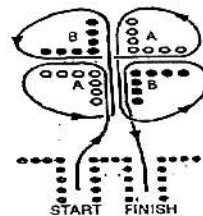
Some of the "Oldies" could take a leaf out of the "youngun's" book regarding the usual "WD's".

**MG NATIONAL MEETING - NEWCASTLE 2000 (Cont)**

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M.G.③ **STRAIGHT SLALOM**

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DOUBLE HAT④ **DOUBLE KIDNEY****MG NATIONAL MEETING - NEWCASTLE 2000 (Cont)****MG 2000 Observation Run - Deluliis Wines**

The Observation Run commenced on the bay foreshore on a pleasant but windy Easter Monday morning.

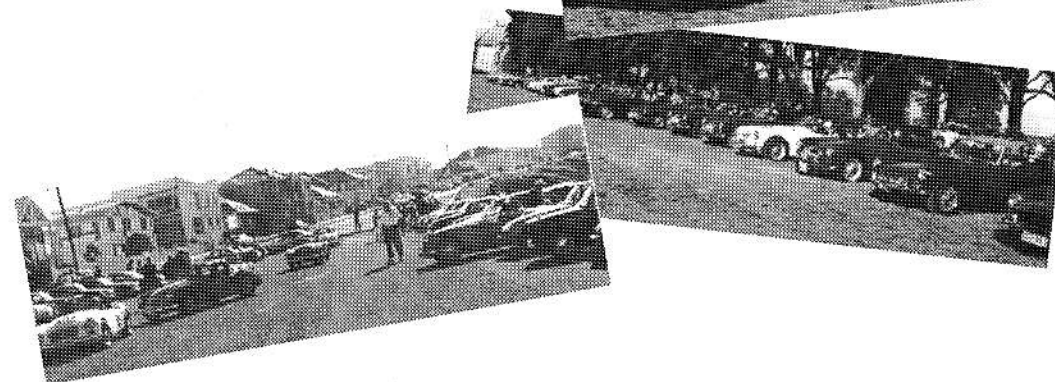
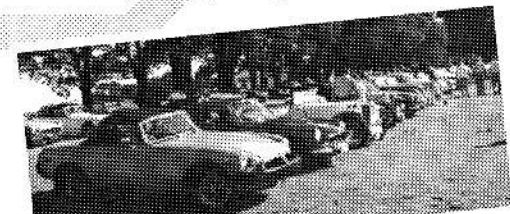
The run wound through the bayside suburbs of Newcastle and around Lake Macquarie with some very pleasant scenery. On then through the coalfields and crossing the highway to the Maitland Flats which was renowned for dairy production. The cost of maintaining this country in a productive state has seen it retract back to low cost beef production with lesser returns.

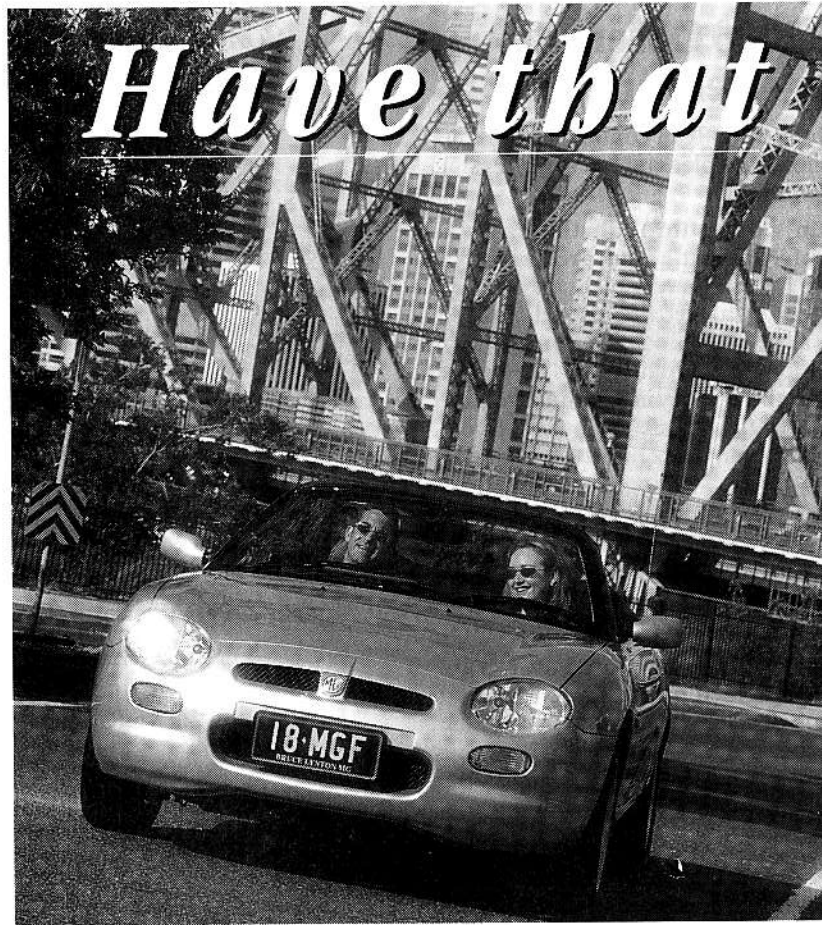
There was plenty of to-ing and fro-ing particularly as MG speedo's are notorious for inaccuracy. The run wound around the historic village of Morpeth and finished for a pleasant luncheon in the grounds of ST. Johns College, which is now a Convention Centre.

Deluliis Wines who sponsored the run are to be complimented on the presentation of the photos of each car, together with the results at the completion of the run.

The results of the run were decided by the tiebreaker and the top seven clean slated the day.

Rodney & Peta Lapworth were the overall winners with Carly Moffett and Alan Quinlan in fourth place and Ron & Bev Clydesdale in ninth position. Not bad for the "Ecure Indian" stable. (Apache - Paleface)

*Class G - MGA Roadster*Carly Moffett & Alan Quinlan 1st*Class J - MGB Mk1 (PH)*Sandra Walker & Helen Danalis 3rd*Class K - MGB Mk1 (PB)*David & Pam West 2ndGary Lawrence & Dawn Lawrence 3rd*Class M - MGB L*Bruce Mutch & Erika Gower 3rdPeter & Gail Canalane 6th*Class O - MG B GT*Neil Mills & Peter Smith 4th*Class S MG C GT*Guy & Selena West 1stDee Anderson & Chris Carswell 2nd*Class T - MG Midget*Rodney & Peta Lapworth (Overall) 1stRon & Bev Clydesdale 2nd*Class V - MG Magnette*Paul Lupton & Lyn Rushby 1st*A lovely day for a pleasant drive!*



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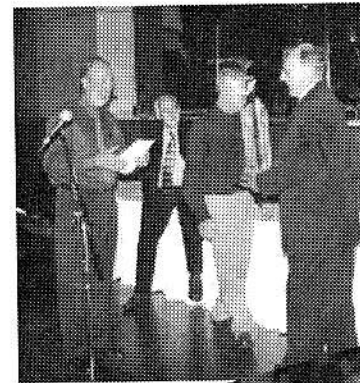
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MG NATIONAL MEETING - NEWCASTLE 2000 (Cont)



Weekend in Warwick

Saturday 8 & Sunday July 9

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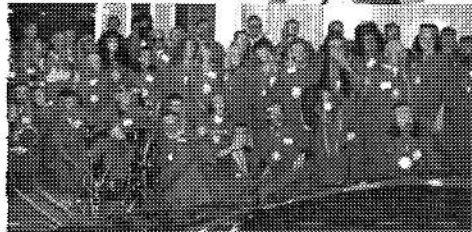
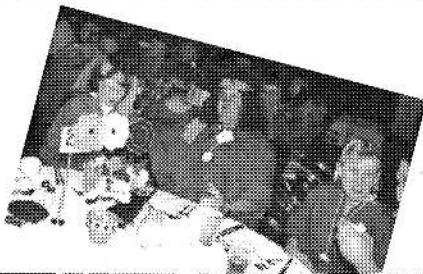
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Hillclimb - King Edward Park

MG 2000 - Newcastle City Council

The King Edward Park Hillclimb was resurrected for the event.

The fastest time of the day was achieved by local MG Newcastle member Paul Bower with 31.62 sec, followed by Brant Rayment of Qld with 31.65 sec (just three poofteenthths of a second slower = one smigeon).



<i>Class D - MG TC</i>			
Peter Rayment	38.74	1 st	
Delia Rayment	45.88	2 nd	
<i>Class I - MGA Coupe</i>			
Richard Mattea	38.80	1 st	
<i>Class J - MG B Mk(PH)</i>			
Nicholas Holman	39.09	2 nd	
Gwynneth Holman	41.24	4 th	
<i>Class K - MG B Mk1 (PB)</i>			
Graeme Walker	35.73		
Samantha Rayment	37.60		
Mark Wallace	37.60		
<i>Class L - MG B Mk11</i>			
Paul Strange	37.45	3 rd	
Kerry Strange	42.40	5 th	
<i>Class M - MG B L</i>			
Leonard Melrose	37.45	1 st	
<i>Class N - MG B Rubber Bumper</i>			
Robert Callow	38.98	1 st	
Ferne Callow	41.91	5 th	
<i>Class Q - MG GT Rubber Bumper</i>			
David Miles	37.31	1 st	
<i>Class V - MG Magnette</i>			
David Robinson	39.33	2 nd	
John Davies	40.11	3 rd	
<i>Class Y - MG Specials (Post TF)</i>			
Paul Bower (Newcastle) FTD	31.62	1 st	
Ray Edwards	36.61	4 th	
<i>Class Z - MG Super Specials</i>			
Brant Rayment	31.65	1 st	
<i>Class ZB - MG F</i>			
John Boyce	36.25	1 st	
Glen Boyce	47.26	3 rd	



Club Stalwarts

Joan Appleby has been one of the stalwarts of the MG Car Club for many years in search of the "Wratten Trophy". Just before leaving, the cat caused a fall which "bruised" her hip. In a fair bit of pain, she travelled south with David, Kimberley and Nicole in the ever-competitive "Maggie".

The highlight of the Nat Meet was for Joan to see the response of the Queensland Club and the presentation of both the Nuffield Challenge and the John Wratten memorial Trophy to our President John Davies.

A long wait, thirty years but the moment was sweet for Joan and Peter & Delia Rayment.

After the journey home which would have been enduring the way David Robinson peddles Maggie. She was taken to the Royal Brisbane Hospital where the X-ray showed four cracks in the pelvis. She should stay there while the Doctors do some decent panel beating. What a lady!

Peter & Delia Rayment have travelled to Nat Meets the length and breadth of Australia. They even travelled back from Perth with Colin West (conspicuous by his absence of late) and a few others, along the Gun Barrel Highway from Leonora to the Olgas in their MG's.

Peter and Delia are always available to help with a tech or organisational problem, if the youngsters are in need. "Pappa Bear" is always appreciated.

"Tiapan" Carswell presented a pristine MG C Roadster at Gosford last year and duly brought back the No 1 Trophy for the class. On return, he immediately started work on the "Custord C" for Dee Anderson, his intrepid partner. The CGT was duly ready for a shake-down run 3-4 weeks before Newcastle and there it was, presented in all its glory to take off top honours in the CGT Concours, much to Guy West's demise. Inudently Guy reversed the results in his class in the Octagon Observation Run.

On the way home at Nambucca, "Tiapan" had a heart attack and was rapidly transferred to intensive care at Macksville Hospital. We are able to report that in the days following, Chris is on the mend.



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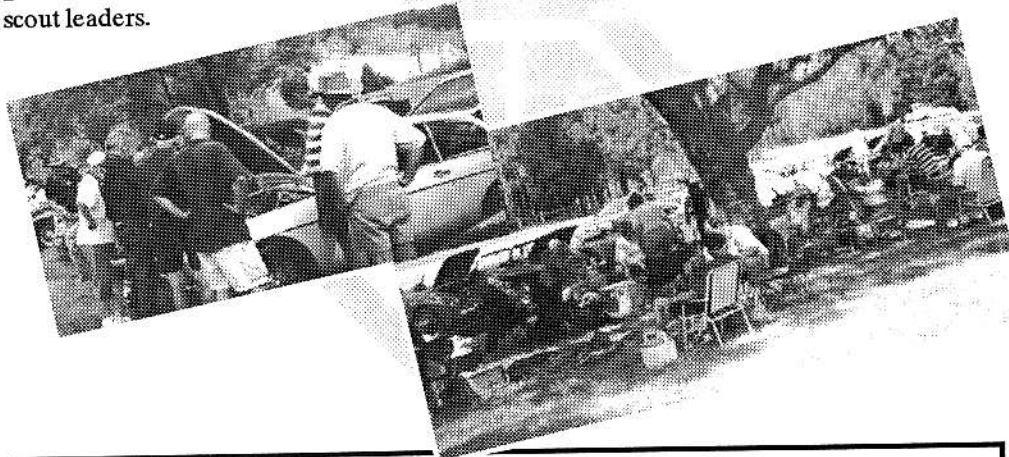


Day Run - Somerset Dam

An intrepid group of twenty-seven MG's and a couple of rebadged ones met at the Ferny Grove Tavern on Sunday morning 2nd April

The weather was excellent although there was a promise of a few showers. The procession left the Tavern a little after 8 o'clock and meandered through the Brisbane Forest Park over "Ironbark" Gully through Samford Valley, the home of the "Powerful Owl". Nearing Samford, we passed "Kulgun" which has been renamed "Baden Powell" Park after the founder of the Scout movement. Baden Powell Park is a training camp for scout leaders.

Through Samford and past the CSIRO Samford Research Station, which is a shadow of its former self in cattle nutrition and pasture research, we moved through the hills and past large pineapple plantations to Dayboro. From here, the first and very scenic run wound up at Mr. Mee and through some fine dairying country, which supplies fresh milk to the processing factories in Brisbane for domestic consumption. The Mountain was shrouded in mist as we climbed to the top and then with a complete change of scenery and down the other side with speeds of 30kph to 100kph to the village of Diagonal.



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Day Run - Somerset Dam (Cont)

The run through the hills via Woodford was designed for sports cars and we stopped for Smoko at the cattle town of Kilcoy. A welcome sojourn in the park allowed folks to scrutineer some of the latest additions to the fleet. This was especially so with the "new" CGT by Dee Anderson being shown off for the first time. One of the concours winners of Newcastle for sure. Its always the same pull up for smoko and someone always wants to look under someone's bonnet.

From Kilcoy around the surrounds to Somerset Dam with a stopover at Kirkleagh Park, a popular camping and boating spot on the upper reaches of the dam. The next run "catch me if you can" with Godwin's bent eight pushing up the rear was through the mountains to our lunch time camp below the dam wall. The questionnaires were marked

and the winners duly rewarded. We were also honoured with the appearance of Bruce Gilmour's burnt orange BGT, which was splendid to behold, and on one of its maiden (reborn) journeys.

After a leisurely luncheon, the final phase of the run was via the "Northbrook Parkway" where some fine herds of the Australian Bred Droughtmaster Cattle were seen grazing. The Parkway, which is another good sports car road, wound through the hills and past the Splityard Creek Dam, which is used as a Reservoir to run the turbines to produce electricity for the SE Qld grid. Splityard is pumped up during the night and allowed to power the turbines during the peak load times. Quite a development!

Finally back along the Brisbane River and the Warrego Highway to Brisbane for a great day and doing what MG's like going "Safety Fast".

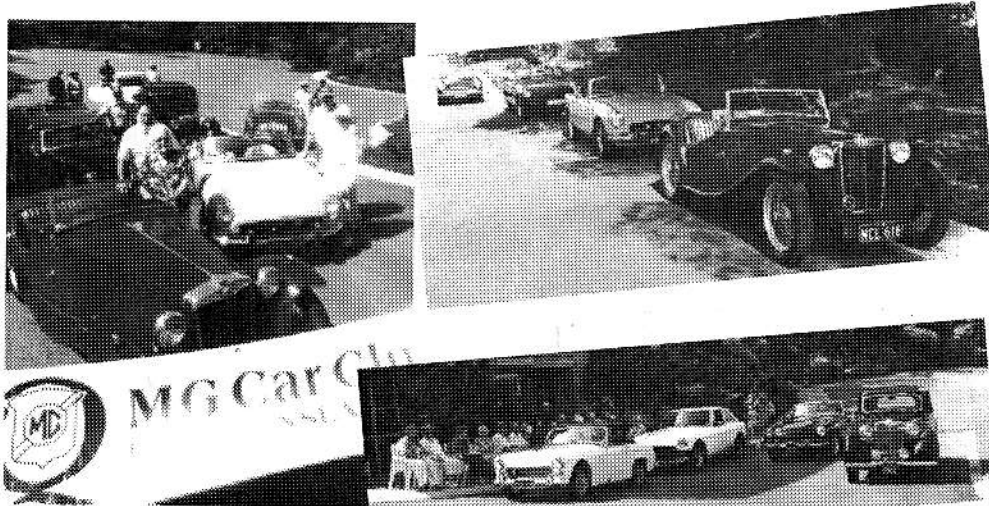




Sunday Visit – Tri-care Retirement Village MGCCQ – Mt. Gravatt

At the request of our club associates Margaret Mattea and Jo Anne Mutch, the club visited the Tri-care Retirement Village at Mt. Gravatt when the “young at heart” were treated to a leisurely run about the streets of Mt. Gravatt on a Sunday afternoon.

We were treated with a “scrumptious” afternoon tea and left the “oldies” with an afternoon to remember.



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Motokhana – April 9th 2000

A combined Motokhana was held at Willowbank Ipswich Raceway, the home of Motorsport Queensland. Whilst the MG's were running the Porsche Car Club were doing circuits of the raceway in their gleaming new 911's.

The Motokhana was a combined event with the Gold Coast MG Car Club and MGCC of Qld to provide the new and initiated practice for the up and coming MG National Meeting at Newcastle.

There were forty MG's and rebadged cars in attendance. Our intrepid President virtually drove the tyres off the CITY. Dee wasn't going to over-exert the new “C” GT. Kimberley showed her prowess in the red Midget “Poo”. Gwen in her parasol handled the Midget in fine fashion.

Brant Rayment was the winner of the day in the White Rocket with Jeff Sattler (GC) and Paul Strange in hot pursuit.

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Brant Rayment	MG Midget	1	1
Paul Strange	MG B Mk11	2	3
Melinda Both	MG Midget	3	4
Graeme Walker	MG B	4	5
John Davies	Honda “MG”	5	6
Kerry Strange	MG B Mk11	6	7
Nick Holman	MG Midget	7	8
Gwynne Holman	MG Midget	8	11

An excellent day for practice and getting to know your car. This venue will certainly become the home of Motokhana in South Qld.





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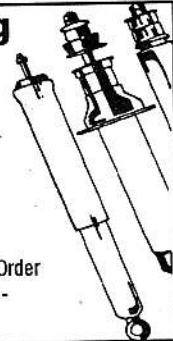
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Encure Mattea - National Meeting 2000

The Encure Mattea stable with the recently refurbished 1933 MGL acquitted themselves very well at Newcastle.

MGA Coupe**Richard Mattea**2nd Concours (Class)1st Motokhana (Class)1st Hillclimb (Class)**MGA Roadster****Carly Moffett**

Joan Richmond Trophy Highest Female Aggregate

2nd Concours (Class)1st Class Rally (3rd outright)**MGL 1933****Dino Mattea**2nd Concours (Class)

A grand effort from a good looking stable!

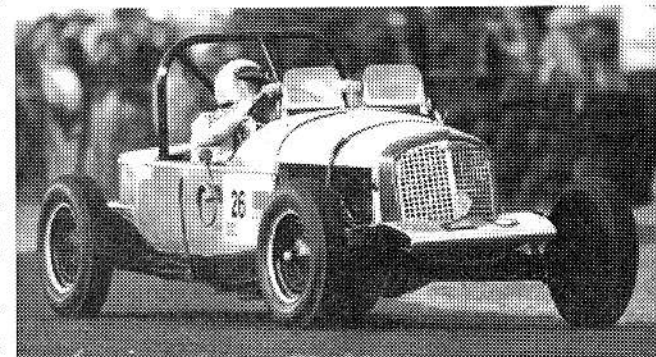


"Bazza" Smith - A Dream

Barry always wanted to build a racing car to sit beside his "lumpy" MGB, so the flying Ford was developed with the chassis, wheels, brakes and a flat head V8 motor, coupled to a three speed manual gearbox.

The "flat head" has campaigned at Leyburn, Willowbank, Lakeside and our own Mt. Cotton.

It's good to see "Bazza" piloting the gleaming "Ford Special" and satisfying to say ... "I built that".





"Survive the Long Weekend"

And this year it's a long weekend. It included Anzac Day. For those of you going to the Nationals in Newcastle, please drive carefully, as I know you will, but also consider the other road users who may not. It is my desire to see you all come back having had a good time and acquiring a good number of trophies. So not only survive, but revive and come alive this Easter.

That reminds me that Easter is about Jesus who survived the first Easter, revived and came back alive for all of us. Bible Society for whom I work used the above theme "Survive the Long Weekend" a few years ago to remind Australians as to what Easter is about. Believe me, it made a great impact. The tape featured the screech of tyres and impact of cars to highlight the message of disaster at Easter.

Upon reflection this year with Anzac Day, it's a good time to remember the disasters of the past which allow us to survive now. Anzac, the Australians who gave all for the future of this country. That we gratefully accept. But more so Easter when God gave all through Jesus for the future of all people who gratefully accept.

I feel privileged to be Chaplain of a great club of people who respect each other. Helping and encouraging new and long-time members alike. The stories of previous Easter weekends reflect this. May I encourage each of you to now reflect the meaning of this particular long weekend and survive.

Ken Trudgian

PS Thanks Kenall went well over Easter.

Don't forget the Working Bee at Mt. Cotton on Sunday 28th May to prepare for the Qld. Hillelimb Championships on the 3rd & 4th June.

For further information, contact John Davies on 3341 6798

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wish to nominate the MG B for the "MG of the Century". I think the 'B' deserves this nomination for many reasons.

The 'B' was responsible for truly bringing 'Safety Fast' sports car motoring to the masses, by being the most numerous MG model ever sold.

Further, the 'B' was significant as a model since it has the longest model run of any MG model.

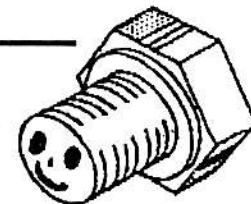
The 'B' was also the basis for the most numerous variants, eg. Coupe, C, V8 etc., surely an indication of a sound design basis.

I am sure there are many other 'B' enthusiasts who will support this nomination.

*Yours faithfully,
A 'B' Enthusiast.*



SUMP PLUG



Hard Luck Story - Trophy Bent V8

John Walker, always enthusiastic and competitive, was set to achieve success at the Newcastle Nat Meet 2000. After the drive from Brisbane, he ended up in the hospital for a short while.

Returning to the fray, he prepared for the Concours and then the Motokhana on Sunday. The difficult event was the MG Garage where the car had to be driven into one garage and then reversed quite a way through the gate and into another garage. The torque of the big V8 was too much for this exuberant peddling and the gearbox went "BANG". JW had to watch the Hillclimb from the sideline and put the GT on a truck on Monday night for the return to Brisbane.

This was after a bit of heavy talking to the RACQ.

Cloudy Type L

Dino Mattea has owned the MGL Type Magna for many years, but for the past few, has worked diligently restoring same to its former glory, as well as wearing out a few cheque books. The L Type was trailed to Newcastle 2000 behind Margaret's faithful Commodore and on the Friday morning, the L Type was brought out to the light of day.

There in the sunlight, resplendent to be seen, Dino started the pride and joy with a few odd puffs from the exhaust. Through scrutineering and back to have the oil checked next morning to find water in the oil.

All the experts knowledgeable comments from head gasket to water pump didn't stop him from presenting the L Type at the Concours where it was admired by all.

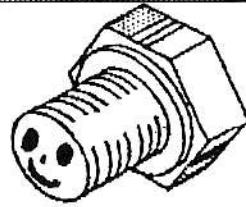
Ah Well ... back home and Dino will get it sorted out. Probably well protected by Mobil 1.

Broken Crankshaft - MG C Type Replica

Since Gosford last year, we have been the chosen Club of Alistair Clark and his family of Nowra. Alistair has an MG C Type Replica and with his faithful navigator by his side and this year with the mechanic still working in the boot, was ready for the event. Alistair is for ever competitive and through the Concours, Motokhana even though someone put the flags in the wrong place then on to the Hillclimb. With a sighter of 42.22 sec under his belt, he pressed on with the second run. You wouldn't want to know about it but the crankshaft disintegrated at 9000 revs. "Don't make them like they used to" comments Alistair, but I'll have a new one for next Meet.



SUMP PLUG



There was an older member from Kedron who loved her small cat tremendously. But after a fall "puss" was not quite as popular, but she denied that the best cat was a flat cat. Stubborn she was not we were told, but lacking the brain cells that left her with her fall, off to Newcastle National Meeting she went in her beloved MG Mquette.

Working on the principle that having no pain would result in no gain, never a whimper was heard. The miles rolled on, "Margaret" Mquette worked overtime and quick as flash all were in Newcastle.

The days went by. She rested by day and off at night she went to all the night life. The days were done and it was time to depart. "I've done well she said, a few more days rest and I'll be like new." But the days had run and the gain became less and the pain became more.

Home she went and off to the doctor she was taken with more than a whimper. Then off to the x-ray shop for pictures and then a visit to the hospital, whilst still protesting that all was well despite the cracks in the pelvis. A few "porkies" to the hospital doctor and "home" at last only to be whisked away back to the hospital the next day when the "stupid" physiotherapist visited.



SUMP PLUG (Cont)

So there she will stay till all is well, a deserving recipient of the "Sump Plug Less Than Intelligent Person Award of the month."

Some of the older folk found the excitement too much getting to Newcastle. John Walker found himself visiting the hospital again whilst away. Must be having the whole family together that excites him so much. Was heard to say about his favourite daughter regarding her bubbly nature, that she has been "up" for a few days but watch out for the "downer". Stand well clear was the warning.

"Taipan" (alias Chris Carswell) unfortunately suffered a heart attack on the way home (Our commiserations and best wishes for a speedy recovery.) and some wag reckoned that he couldn't have had one of those since reptiles don't have hearts. Reptile??? Maybe a bit of an party animal if you talk to those who went to Warwick last year.

One cannot keep a joker quiet even when they have him down in an ambulance. Appeared that when the Ambulance came for "Taipan", the officer inquired whether his pills were past their use by date.

All was OK there. So off for a little drive with a shot of Morphine. On the way to hospital another shot and the patient enquired of the officer if "the Morphine was out of date because it wasn't bloody working". Officer didn't really think this was too funny. Certainly got a laugh out of ol' sump plug and a few others!!!

Now who was the fool that dumped or pumped two litres of oil from a Mquette engine onto the motel driveway after forgetting to tighten the oil filter after replacing the starter? Maybe he was surpassed by the other fool who had the opened oil container fall over in the back of his GT and rust proof the interior. Be pleasant smelling

on a hot sunny day for a while. Lots of work to do before any chance of the next concours trophy.

Why is it that when Graham stays out late drinking that Helen always seems to come to get him? I don't understand. She also banned the boys all from drinking in her room. Whoops!!! are we all too noisy and rude or is there some other reason???

This leads to the next story of Helen and the "girls" shopping in Newcastle on Saturday for a dress and necessary accessories for the presentation night. How can a girl go shopping supposedly without any money and no credit cards and still spend money? Little did Graeme know that her Visa card had not been cancelled, but merely paid!!!

Like birds in a flock all stuck together. Those "girls" were also responsible for the outbreak plague of colourful octopus back massager things. I think they all got into much more mischief than we have been told, especially when they all rolled out of the back seat of the Renault after being retrieved from a late lunch and ginger beers at the local brewery!

National meetings will never be the same again after the same aforementioned girls got their gear off (ie. Club Caftans) at the theme night and paraded around in teeny bopper mini skirts, bobby socks and t-shirts proclaiming "when you're hot, you're hot!". Must have been the ginger beer!! (But then again, their boys also did the strip, revealing their somewhat tight and shrunken shirts with the same logo.) They certainly got the attention of the nearby tables and were talked about for days!

For a sight not seen often, there was a mature lady who part owns several Midgets, and who was seen head down, tail up pushing at roundabout behind trophy winning "PEC". Seems that it has all been too much for PEC and it needs a rest to get it's digestive system



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SUMP PLUG (Cont)

in order again after the male owner had thoroughly punished it at the motorkhana after winning the Concours Midget Class.

Len Melrose was there again at Newcastle as wild as woolly as ever. Seems he has now collected a new name "It's showtime Lenny".

Brant Rayment scored a second in the Concours with the Midget Special and Pete Rayment was heard to say "You realise that this is only the second ever Concours Trophy that a Rayment has ever won!". Now was that a backhanded compliment.

You have heard the story that you should never give someone else a drive of your car. Well there was our beloved President at Newcastle for his second rent a drive in the Magnette. Wins the Motorkhana Trophy from the regular "bum in seat", then says "its no hold's barred for the Hillclimb Trophy tomorrow". There's no holding them back is there!

Melinda's driving Brant's Midget and she is getting faster and faster. Smooth driving at the motorkhana and then sideways and loving it at the Hillclimb. Watch this girl. Much faster and the owner might take the keys away young lady. Then there is Richard Mattea, takes his red MGA last year, lends this to Carly to drive and borrows Dad's MGA coupe (To trophy hunt no doubt).

Takes it to the motorkhana and proceeds to drive the "renta" so hard that the engine leans over and the steering knuckle rips the distributor rotor to pieces. Then he sends Dad out to get a new one to fix it for him. Then Richo gives it back to Dad with a couple of broken spokes. More than just a renta more like a sponsored drive. Some people are so fortunate.

Then there was the Clydesdale's who lent "POO" to Rodney and Peta Lapworth and they proceeded not only to place 3rd in

the Concours, 4th in the Motorkhana, and then 1st in class in the Rally and then Outright Rally Trophy. Talk about first time entrant Trophy Hunters, not an encouragement for the owner to lend again to Renta-drivers!!!

Once upon a time there lived one Easter Bunny that visited those Quinc Bears (Old MGCC Inc. members) when they were away from home. But like all bunnies they have had children and multiplied and now we all feel that there are several bunnies carrying on the away from home tradition. Nothing makes Bunnies happier than when the youngest person Bernadette (Alistair and Cathrin Clarke's child) opened her motel door and replied "I told you I had been good. Look the bunny's been!" Keep up the good work bunnies!!!

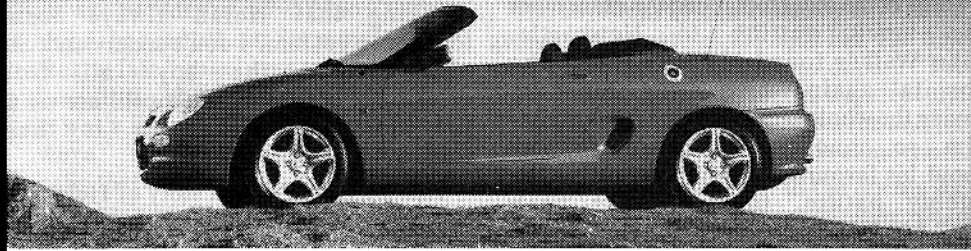
Who was that bunch of barefooted scruffy looking long haired with the video and cameras perched like natives on the rock above the hillclimb hairpin beneath the fort in Newcastle?

Now there was a new addition on the block - Sandra Walker in the ex- Boyce blue MGB. In all her glory, she paraded and joked and drank and performed for all the single blokes whilst the married/ taken looked on whilst she earned her new name of "Drama Queen". This may be a bit harsh and she tried to revert to the original name of her car "Misty", but that's a bit hard now she's got the official "Drama Queen" t-shirt (another purchase of that fateful "girls" day out). Good luck DQ!!

In summary, who could deny that the National Meeting was a great success and great fun was had by all, warts and all!! Where better a place to meet and get to know new people and make good friends..... you can bet you're best oil Sump Plug will be skulking around next year to get all the good goss!

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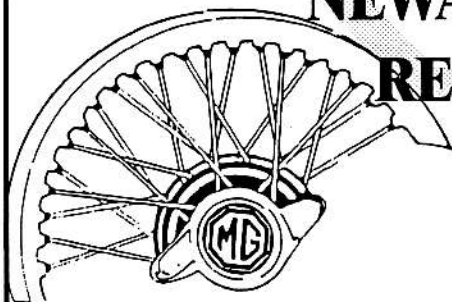
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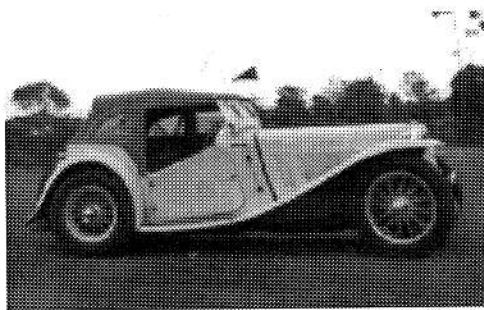
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A Real Sports Car

It was a light blue MG TC. I was 17 years old and on my way back to work at Hervey Bay. I had spent the weekend with my grandmother in Maryborough and was riding my motor scooter back to the Bay. There in the car yard was the MG. I couldn't resist stopping to look even though it would probably mean I'd be late for work. Sixteen-inch wheels on the back, nineteen on the front, and those beautiful big chrome headlights! Then I opened the door and sat behind that four spoke woodrimmed steering wheel! Well, I'm sure you know the feeling. Problem; on the windscreen was a great big 210 pounds sign. Now I don't mind saying that to me, then, 210 pounds seemed like all the money in the world, and I had none.

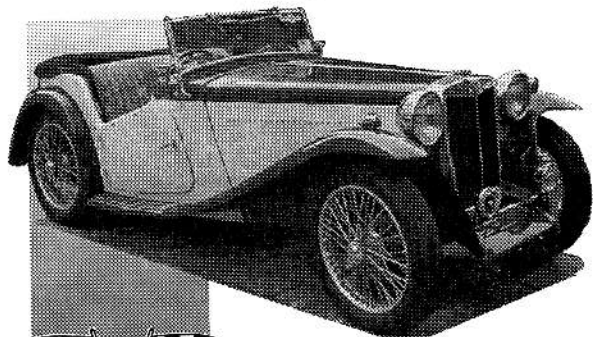
Ask, beg, do anything, promises at a time like that seemed, well, so real. Banks back then didn't lend staff money; trusting weren't



they! So every relation I could find was propositioned. Unfortunately, like my parents, no one, or so it seemed had any money they could give or even lend me.

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the magnificent piece of machinery. We heard from the salesman that this was the fastest MG TC in Australia. It had a special clutch and three head gaskets, just so it could be driven on the road.

Still I asked and still I received the same answer, NO! Yet I continued to dream, surely someone would come good.

Then it happened! It was gone; who could have bought my MG? I had to tell my best mate. Flat chat on the old scooter around to Bruce's. What's this! There in his driveway was the TC. Well I suppose if I couldn't have it, the next best had to be my best mate. Sure at first I was only a passenger, but hey, I was riding in a genuine sports car. Then I was allowed to drive it. Believe me, the Toyota had nothing on this. "Oh what a feeling". I was behind the wheel of an MG TC, a real sports car.

Up back of Scarness there was a new estate being developed, bitumen roads with loose stone on them. So we had our time's sprints around those streets, and oh boy, could you ever get some great tail out slides on some of those corners.

However those slides couldn't have put the look of utter amazement on our faces as what happened one day. A good friend of ours, Johnny Anderson had a motor bike. On this day, Andy rode up beside us and grabbed the steering wheel and it came off. Andy rode up

the street holding the steering wheel as if he were using it to steer the bike. Bruce was following, only..... no wheel with which to steer! "Stop you fool I yelled", but he just kept going with his mouth wide opened. I grabbed the hand brake and turned off the ignition and we stopped without hitting anything. Once we all got over the shock of what happened, we just simply split our sides laughing. After that, it became a lot of fun for Andy to take the wheel, but now we drove with a spanner. You should have seen the faces of people on the footpath as Andy rode off with the woodrimmed steering wheel and the driver yelling after him with hands waving in the air. The passenger steered with the spanner. For us it was real good fun. Stupid now, but then it was real good fun.

And it was fun to pick up the girls. They all liked the idea of riding in that great little sports car. Can you imagine ... four in an MG TC at the Drive-in! Believe me, it can be done, but it's very snug with the top up, and when it's raining, you still got wet.

Then it happened, that special clutch gave in. No trouble to get it out, however, it turned out to be a "one-off". It was some months before someone could be found to make one for Bruce to be able to afford it. That's when the idea of selling the MG TC came up. Yes, I still wanted it badly, but still no funds.

About that time, another TC turned up. This one had a Holden motor with a Frank Kleing head and triple SU's. For a short time, there was a lot of friendly rivalry. Then Bruce traded the MG for a FJ Holden. Practical for him, particularly for going too and from work in Howard. Then the other MG disappeared also. I would live to know where those cars might be now. Both had a fantastic mystique for me, one with the engine sporting the fined rocker cover and triple carbs, the other, the sheer joy of driving in a real sports car, an MG TC.

A story by Ken Trudgian, as fondly remembered.



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The National Capital in Autumn

Canberra, the nation's capital, is at its most beautiful in autumn. Its tree-lined avenues are a blaze of colours, its open spaces lush and green, the days are generally warm and fine, and the sky crystal clear. The city is nestled around the shores of Lake Burley Griffin and home to numerous buildings and monuments housing our national institutions or commemorating past national glories. These include the Parliament, the War Memorial, The High Court of Australia, the National Gallery, the National Library, and the National Science and Technology Centre. The latter centre, which is right next door to the Concours, always has something of interest for the family and is a must for the children. In Autumn 2001 these attractions will be a hive of activity, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy the surroundings and visit the many attractions.

Back To Basics National Meeting

The 2001 Natmeet will be a back to basics National Meeting that is aimed to encourage all those with an interest in MG to participate. Our organising Committee has worked hard to arrange the program to maximise these opportunities. For example, on both Sunday and Monday the Runs will conclude at the sporting venue in the early afternoon. This will encourage us all to get together to view a special parade lap at the conclusion of the sporting events. Wakefield Park, the venue for the circuit sprint, has excellent facilities and the sight of hundreds of MGs parked on the grassy slopes will make for a fantastic atmosphere. All social events have been catered to allow for maximum numbers to attend. The functions are planned to be low key, but the food is promised to be good and plentiful.

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The Kimber Runs

For the first time we offer a pure non-sporting element to the National Meeting with its own intermediate fee structure. This will allow people to enter the Concours and on the subsequent days to take part in a traditional non-competitive Club type run. For many years the Canberra Club has run an annual Kimber Run and for the National Meeting we have selected two different routes that will show you the scenic districts around Canberra. They will conclude at the sporting venue in the early afternoon so that this group can observe the remaining cars and drivers showing their skills at the circuit sprint and Motorkhana.

Celebrating Australian built MG Specials and Racing Cars

With Natmeet 2001 being hosted in the National Capital, and in the spirit of celebrations for the Centenary of Federation, it is appropriate to celebrate the Australian heritage of MG. Our Committee has decided that as a special theme for the Meeting we will recognise those MGs with a significant Australian heritage. This category includes cars built in Australia, Australian specials and those cars with a significant Australian racing history. This latter does not include modern day Historic Racing cars in groups Sa and Sb as although they are an important element of MG enthusiasts the cars are not in keeping with the theme we are trying to create for Natmeet 2001.

We will be looking for representative cars from the category to form part of a special display at the Concours, and we will be featuring these cars at other events. In this context, Australian specials include all pre-war cars built by Australian coachbuilders, such as Aspinall or Martin and King. This group also includes all those famous racing

TCS, racing specials, or any MG with a significant Australian racing history whether it be a Grand Prix Car, Production Sports Car, or Hill climb car. So if you have such an MG, please bring it out for 2001.

All historic Australian cars attending the National Meeting within this category will be given a special commemorative badge and an opportunity to participate in a parade lap of Wakefield Park.

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We should also remember that 2001 represents the 70th Jubilee of the MMM range of cars. We are already expecting a great roll out of pre-war cars for the event, including J and P type Midgets, F and L type Magna's, K Magnette and a range of other Vintage, MMM and SVW cars. At least a couple of rare pre-war MG's not seen for many years are promised to be in attendance.

Notice: National Meeting Canberra 2001 Qld. MGCC Attendees:

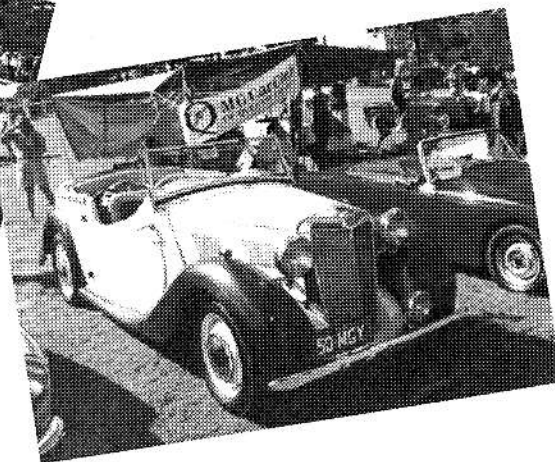
Would those who will be attending Canberra 2001, please advise Ron & Bev Clydesdale (3263 6575) so that accommodation can be bulk booked.

This is a matter of early importance.



Mother's Day

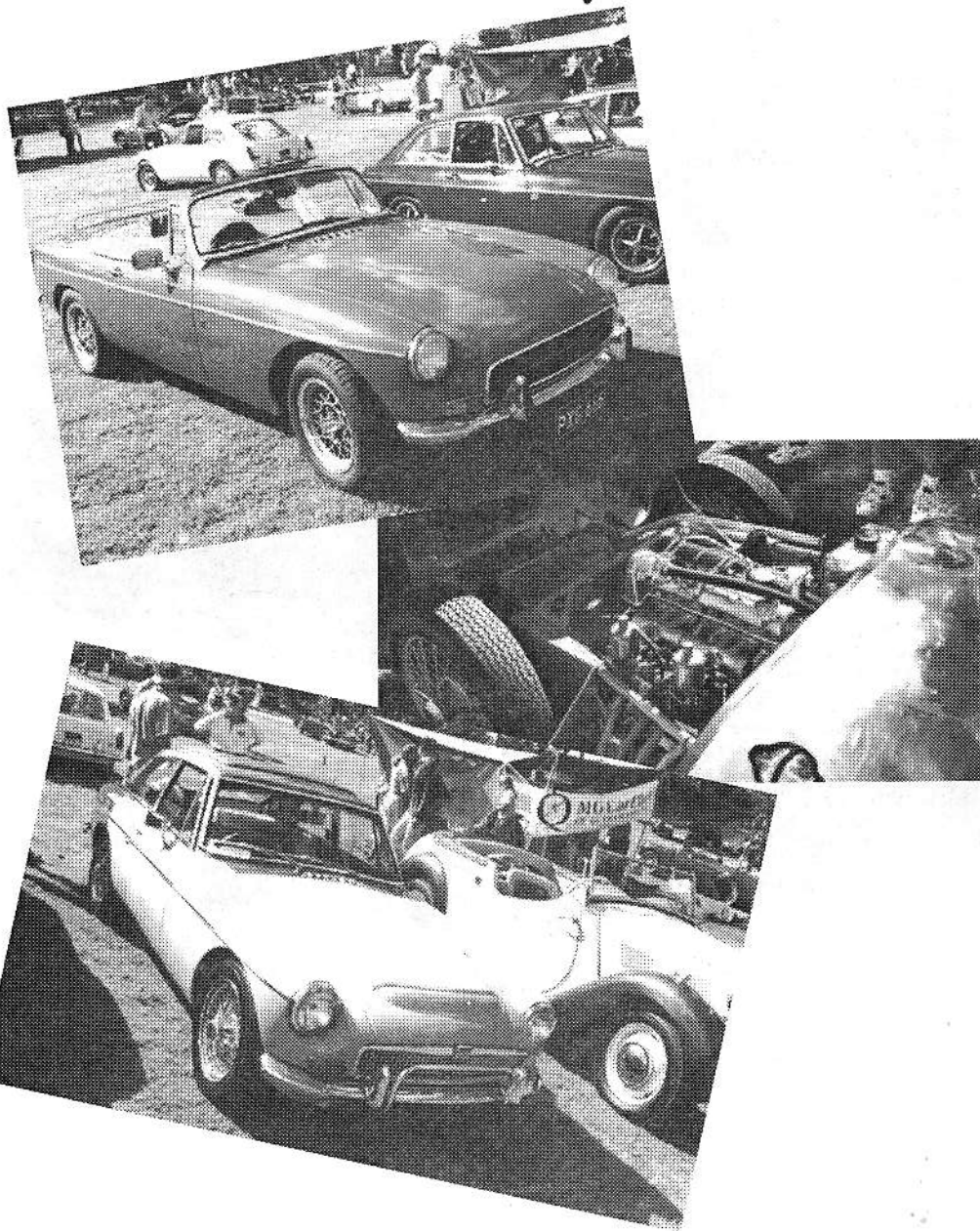
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