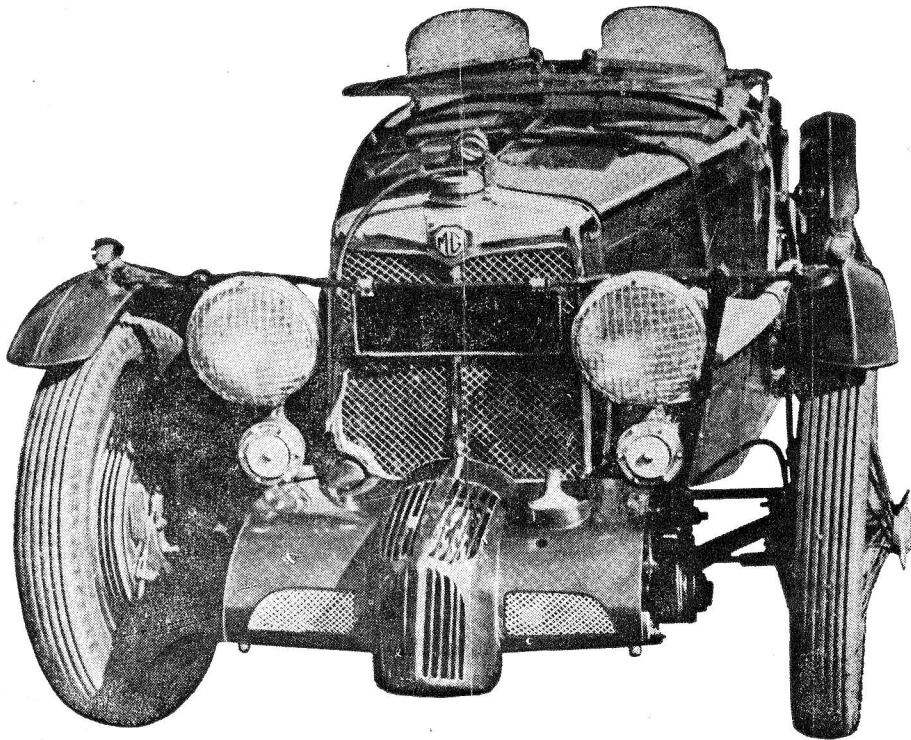
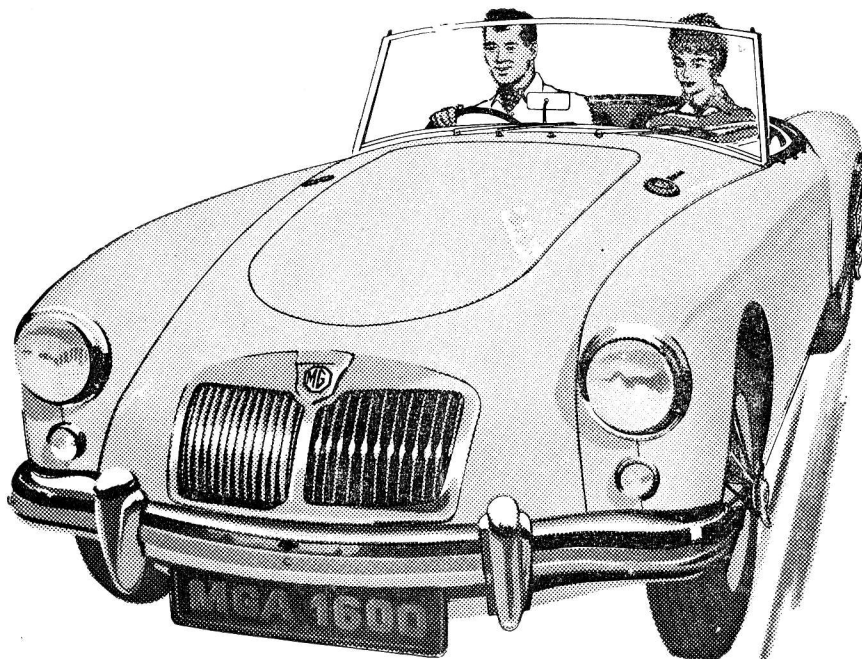


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As this is the last publication for the year, I would like to thank the Octagon Sub-committee and all other members who have contributed items of news etc., also to Norval Winn who has printed the scripts and gave his co-operation in full. Without the help of these people, it would have been very difficult to keep a continuity of magazines. Thank you again.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

E.A. Hunter Editor.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

In order to begin the Corner on a harmonious note, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me with Secretarial duties throughout the year. In particular, Nan Hunter who has acted as my assistant. (sometimes I wonder who is assisting who), Nan is a keen enthusiast and her devotion to the sign of the Octagon would put many of our male members to shame.

My thanks to Mrs Hunter, also, who, as Editor of the Octagon, was never as hard on me as she could have been.

With the Annual General Meeting being over, the only thing left for me to plug is the Annual Presentation of Trophies and Dinner Dance. Please buy your tickets immediately as there is very little time left, (15/- including drinks). Admission will be by ticket only as the caterers will cater only for the figure given. So, don't be disappointed, DO IT NOW:::

On January 29th, we will once again be providing a fleet of sports cars to convey the entrants in the Miss Australia Day Procession. If you own a sports car, please volunteer for this. It doesn't take long and is a wonderful advertisement for the Club. Please let me know very soon if you will help us out. I can assure you that it will be a very pleasant afternoon (or morning).

Those who have not read the Notice Board will not know of the 'Easter Events' to be held by the Melbourne Centre. These include a Hill-climb and Motorkhana and numerous social events. Accomodation can be arranged for members making the trip. Why not make it your holiday time?. I know it's early to think about this but do so just the same, won't you?.

By the way, the staff of the Safety Fast magazine have sent their regards for Christmas, to members of the Queens land Centre. Far too few members take advantage of the half price privilege subscription to this excellent magazine. To read it, is to want it. How about subscribing for 1962?.

There is a very attractive English Club lapel badge available at the Club Rooms for only five shillings. These are smaller than the old type and are very smart.

Have a look at one next time down. On the subject of badges, don't forget that Car radiator badges issued by the Club to you for 30/- are only 'hired' to you for as long as you are in the Club and must be handed back if your membership expires. It recently came to my notice that a member had purchased a Club badge in order to hand it to a non-member who was in the habit of collecting badges from motor clubs of which he was not a member. Perhaps he thought it harmless but this cannot be tolerated by the club.

To sign off, I wish all members and their friends and families the very best for Christmas and New Year. If you see me driving the T.D. around over the holidays, please stop and say 'Hello'. And while you are cruising around, yourself, how about talking to a few non-member M.G. owners into joining the Club for 1962.

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A T T E N T I O N M E M B E R S

THE CLUB ROOMS WILL BE CLOSED ON 8th AND 29th DECEMBER 1961

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A Reminder for the Presentation of Trophies, 8th December, 7.30 p.m. Shangri-La, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa. Those of you intending to be present, please collect your tickets from the Hon. Secretary, Brian Tebble, as soon as possible as the caterers must have an estimate not later than five days before the Presentation.

SPRINTS NEWS.

The Committee hopes to promote a Sprints Meeting late in January 1962 at Lowood.

NEW MEMBERS.

Congratulations to the members listed below. You are now part of the Queensland Centre of the M.G. Car Club may you have a long and happy association with the Club.

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| I. Brown | 27 Griffiths St. | New Farm |
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New Members

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D.F. Casey	Archer St.	Woodford
H. Dwyer (Miss)	46 Boyd St.	Bowen Hills
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M.J. Thompson	415 Swann Rd.	St. Lucia
P.F. Kinnane	56 Landon St.	Ekebin
D.J. Hooper	Wallis St.	Brisbane
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PAST EVENTS.

TREASURE HUNT & BARBEQUE 5th November
by I.Spy.

To the casual passer-by, the scene at the Club Rooms prior to the start of the Treasure Hunt on 5th November would have been puzzling indeed. The sounds of pencils being sharpened brains being racked, motors being revved, accompanied by snatches of 'car club gibberish'.. 'Did you bring the Refidex?'. 'Is there much gear changing for this one or can I leave it in overdrive all the way?'. 'I left the blanking computer at home, how many crackers have you got?'

Then thirty one members set forth to cope with the latest whims of our sadistic Trials Committee. Unsuspecting, but game nevertheless, new member Michael Thompson, navigated for Kerry Horgan and the latter immediately set off home no doubt to install a Haydall Pilot in his car.

First casualty was Merv, ('in this one or bust) Head, who, with navigator Ian Campbell, discovered the limitations of bowden cable throttles and just managed to cruise home at 15 m.p.h. His car can usually manage at least 20.

Ray (Zeke) Lovejoy, aided and abetted by Bill (The Claw) Thomas, staged an all-out attempt to eradicate the trials committee by hurling plugs of nitro-glycerine at the poor hard working innocents at the control points. Shame, Zeke: A new twist that the trials committee used was the coloured maps, with the route to follow marked in orange; but of course, they weren't to know that Keith Herron's navigator was colour blind. Hard luck, Keith.

At the Gymkhana Grounds, where the Barbeque and night Autocrosse had been organised, the scene resembled a

battlefield, this being 5th November. The first casualty here was the Hon. Secretary who, having escaped being bombed by a flying Fourex tin (empty, but housing a large cracker) literally had his socks blown off by an even larger cracker. However, the culprit also had a hole burned in his 'sock later in the night, so it was 'Touche!

A new, and very effective means of attack, was devised by Ron Dungleison and his 'friends'. This consisted of placing a sky-rocket in a Gymkhana pole and firing it as a harpoon over the heads of the opposition. Most devastating: Col. Reeve-Smith wearing a most benign expression of innocence, maintained a seemingly unexhaustable supply of ammunition out of the depths of the T.C..

Beverley Marcovitch entertained us with a demonstration of cooking potatoes in the hot coals. Thank you, Bev. but can't they be cooked faster than three hours?.

So, while the people ate the food, the mosquitoes ate the people, then we all tackled the Autocrosse. What a sight. Engines screaming, girls screaming, headlights blazing, poles being knocked flying, crackers exploding; what a night: Definitely the most successful social event of the year. More please and thanks to those stalwarts for the organisation and to the 69 members who attended.

The Result was Earl Proudley) Tie for first place.
 Barry Weston)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Eighty Four Members attended the Meeting held in the Club Rooms on the 24th November 1961. The Meeting commenced at 8.15 p.m. sharp with Mr R.T. Lovejoy as Chairman

A motion of thanks was passed by the members to the Retiring President for his past work.

Two ballots were conducted for the positions of Vice-President and Committee and the following Office-bearers have been elected for 1962.

President	R. Davis
Vice-President	V.J. Appleby
Hon Secretary	B.M. Tebble
Hon. Treasurer	M.J.C. Head
Hon. Auditor	I.H. Shaw

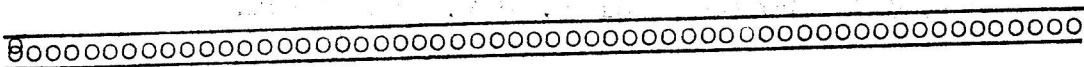
Bill Gates getting smoother every meeting.

Ian Michels in the T.F. lapped at 1 minute 19.8 secs. Fantastic for his first attempt. How about that fly-wheel Ian?

Robin Todd's eyes would have done credit to any bull-terrier. Didn't you go to bed, Robin?.

TROPHY WINNERS FOR 1961.

All Round Trophy	I. Michels
Speed Trophy	I. Mechels
Trials Trophy	K. Herron
Navigators Trophy	P. Weston (Mrs)
Gymkhana Trophy	R.E. Blunt
Lady's Trophy	P. Weston (Mrs)
President v Club Captain	President's Team
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So, some of you have been on T.V.?. Well, the star performer of all is Mark Von Bertouch playing a guitar- very pleasant indeed, Mark.

Brian Tebble tried his hand at selling men's wear, puzzled by repeated questions from shopper;- "What material is this made from?". hit on neutral and very safe answer. "It is a blend, madam", exit satisfied customer.

Denis Geary recuperating after car accident. best wishes for a speedy recovery, Denis.

Merv. Head had a day of outs last Treasure Hunt. Firstly, car trouble then lit a cracker (5th November) from his cigarette, threw the cigarette away and smoked the cracker - it's a back-to-front world, Merv.

Believe Will Thomas is looking for the character who mistook him for Guy Fawkes.

Welcome to Smashers club. Bev. Marcovich.

What sent Dell Davis scurrying into the storeroom at recent Club night?.

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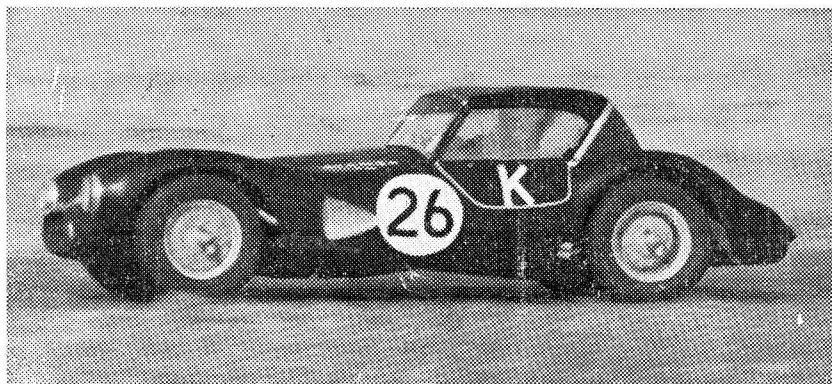
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