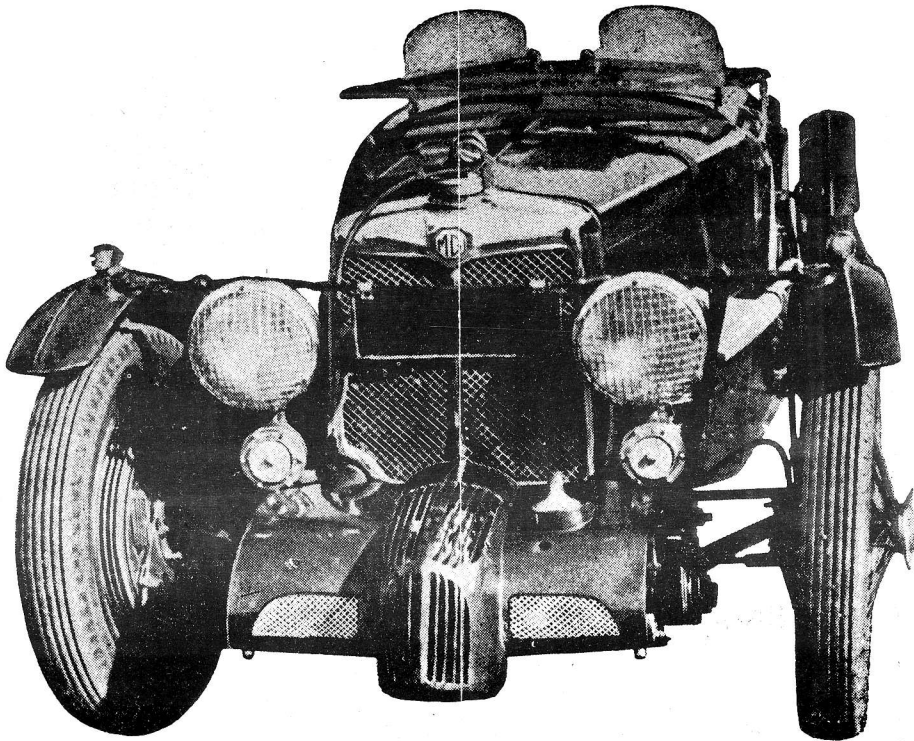
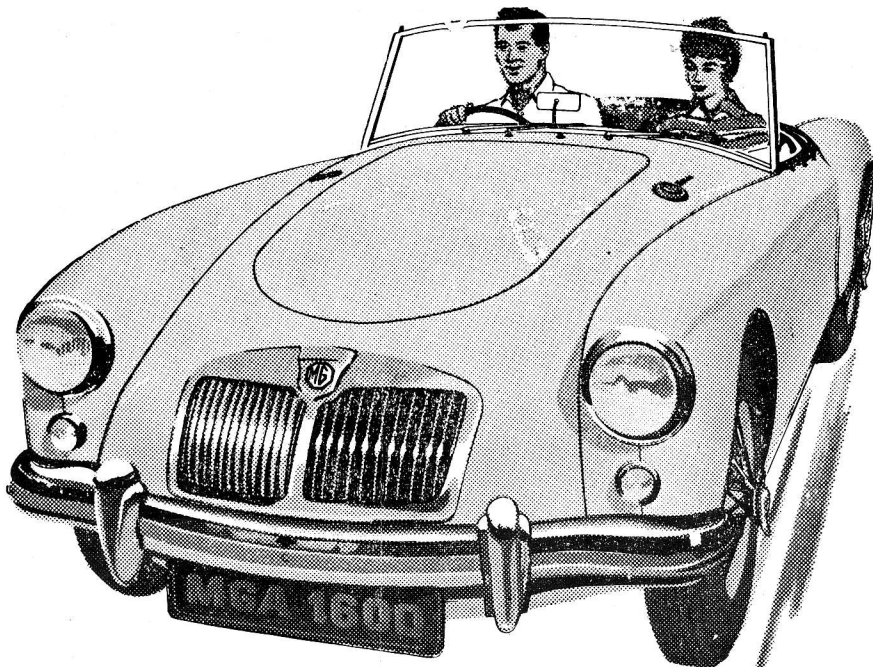


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F O R E W O R D

The Queensland Centre is now in it's sixth active year and has a financial membership of approximately 240.

We are a fairly active Club, thanks to an active Committee.

Our membership is increasing all the time and this means that a lot of 'strangers' will appear at the club rooms on Friday nights and at our events.

The important thing is to make sure that new members are not strangers for long, but are accepted into our circles as quickly as possible.

Foreword cont'd

This is a pleasant way to make new friends with common interests; after all, they would not join a car club unless they were interested in cars and Motor Sport.

So, if you see someone wandering about the clubrooms looking lorstor sitting in a corner by himself reading car books that he has read before, please introduce your self and your friends and, new members, we want you to keep coming so don't be shy about introducing yourself especially to the committee members. This way, we can all have a good time.

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SECRETARY'S CORNER.

The Committee is gratified with the response shown by members to our Road Safety Month and to those who placed the stickers on their cars and gave a good display of courteous driving.

We have been very fortunate in that W.D & H.O.WILLS the manufacturers of 'Craven A' have donated a valuable (and extremely practical) prize to the winner of the Road Safety Competition. This prize is an engraved chromium-plated Auto Fire Extinguisher (C.A.M.S. Approved) and two safety harnesses. Very much in contribution to Road Safety and worth nearly £20.

I apologise for the mistake in last month's Secretary's Corner in which it was said that the 'stickers were sticky'. I was inundated with phone calls from people who suggested that 'if I were so darn clever, to come and stick their sticky stickers on, etc.'.

We do not know yet, of course, who has won the Craven 'A' prize but in the meantime would like to hear your opinions about the Road Safety venture. Write and tell us whether it had any effect on your driving habits (2) your neighbours, parents, workmates etc.. I placed one on the back of the T.D. and found it discouraged those motorists who persist in following sports cars very closely then scream past thinking 'Boy: did I burn off that M.G.'.

Once again we have Club car-badges available ,30/- each. Don't forget, if you cease to be a member these have to be handed back. Also, once you put one on your car, your actions advertise this club. So don't forget::

COMMITTEE NEWS.

I regret to announce the resignation of our Hon. Treasurer, Bob Anderson, Bob toils for the Commercial Bank and, unfortunately, has been transferred to Melbourne. He still remains a member as we are a worldwide club and our loss is the Sydney Centre's gain, so, he still stays in the family.

The Committee have elected Merv. Head to the vacancy so, if you have dues to pay or a donation to the club library, just go up and introduce yourself.

To the new members who have joined the ranks of the Queensland Centre, I wish to extend a very hearty welcome. Most of you will undoubtedly realise that the full enjoyment of a club comes, not from what one gets from it 'as much as one puts into it'.
Once again, WELCOME and happy motoring.

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NEWS:: NEWS:: NEWS::

The Annual Inter-club Gymkhana has been postponed to the 1st October Reason is that the Q.M.S.C. are conducting

I/club G/khana cont'd

a small capacity saloon car race with the motor cycle meeting at Lakeside on the 10th September. This event is restricted to Q.M.S.C. members.

EVEN BETTER NEWS:

Our old friends the Craven A cigarette people, have donated a prize to the person who gains the highest points score at the Inter-club Gymkhana on October 1st..

So, the team member who is the highest points scorer regardless of whether he is in the winning team or not will win. A pair of Italian driving gloves, a racing crash hat and goggles, a pair of car safety harness and a C.A.M.S. approved car fire extinguisher. Total value £40..

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PROGRAMME.

September	29th	Night Navigational Exercise
October	1st	Inter-club Gymkhana--Tingalpa
	6th	Film Evening
	15th	Club Run

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RACING DRIVERS SCHOOL

The Queensland Motor Sporting Club is considering organising a 'Racing Drivers School' in the latter part of the year. This will be held at the Lakeside Race circuit under the guidance of leading Queensland Racing Drivers. It is hoped that instruction may be given to those wishing to develop their driving technique in Touring, Sports and perhaps racing cars. There may be tuition, also, in flag signals and other aspects of motor racing.

It is not intended that participants need necessarily take up racing once having attended the school but, if they learn to control their car more skilfully, then the object of the school will be achieved.

The first day at the circuit will probably be free, to give pupils a chance to decide if they wish to go further. There would be a nominal charge for advanced pupils to cover the circuit maintenance. (Cars will not be provided)

Any members who think they may be interested in taking part, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Brian Tebble.

ATTENTION M.G. OWNERS:::

We are compiling a log of all M.G.'s in Queensland and Northern N.S.W. Please send details of your M.G. to the Hon Secretary as soon as possible. Include;- Present colour, year, model, engine, chassis and body numbers. Stage of tune etc..

RACING CAR NEWS.

This excellent newspaper is available to members at 27/6 subscription per annum. Free copies of the September issue are in the Club Rooms and orders may be placed with the Hon. Secretary. This publication will include news of the Queensland Centre.

SAFETY FAST

The Safety Fast magazine published by the M.G. Car Company is available to members at 16/- per annum. See Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer.

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SPRINTS LOWOOD 20th August 1961

With a record entry of forty cars and a perfect day, we were off to a promising start. All went well and it was obvious that competitive and non-competitive members enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to the Speed committee, officials and timekeepers who all contributed to the success of the day.

RESULTS.

Standing Handicap

1. M. Thatcher	Morris Minor	13.11
2. K. Baker	Morris Minor	13.59
3. B. Tebble	M.G.T.D.	13.95

Flying Handicap

1. B. Tebble	M.G.T.D.	6.67
2. B. Campbell	M.G.A.	7.57
3. R. Jenyns	Holden	7.63

TIMED LAP

1. E.J. Bertram	Lotus Climax	2-7.0
2. T. Baltzer	Holden Special	2-20.6
3. D.S. Geary	Lotus Elite	2-22.5

RECORDS BROKEN

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Sports Cars

751-1100 c.c.	E.J. Bertram	Lotus Climax	8.6	15.08
1100-1300 c.c.	D.S. Geary	Lotus Elite	9.75	18.26
1601-2000 c.c.	B. Wickland	T R 3 A	9.6	
2001-3000 c.c.	T. Baltzer	Holden Spcl	-	17.17

Closed Cars

2001-3000 c.c.	R. Jenyns	Holden	10.63	18.32
3001-5000 c.c.	P. FALLU	Plymouth	10.05	17.86

Racing Cars

Class D	K. Horgan	A/Healy	--	18.69
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RECORD ESTABLISHED

Closed Cars

5000 & Over	J. Frazer	Ford 300		18.66
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The following is a 'reprint' of a poem sent to the magazine 'Motor Sport' by G. Lobbenberg of Shrewsbury and printed in their May 1959 edition.

" STARCHY DIET "

Sung to the tune of 'Deep in the Heart of Texas'.

The styles we see	The sun has set
From B.M.C. (Clap hands 4 times)	On the Magnette
This year spell out	Its fins proclaim
Farina:	Farina:

Where e'er you go	And now I fear
The Motor Show	The hour is near (<u>Burst four</u>
Presents 'A New	When Riley goestubeless tyress)
Farina'	Farina

Austin that was
The farmer's bus
This year it is
Farina

The end result
Of all this cult
Will show who is
The winner

Though Morris cars
Are fit for stars
Grocers drown in
Farina

The Minx's curves
Will have no swerves
If Rootes avoid
Farina

Our own G.P.
Liked his Wolseley (4 toots)
Now he's prescribed on Fords can't afford
Farina (windtones)Farina (Whisper)

The sun will Beam
On Standards team
Fords can't afford
Farina (Whisper)

B.M.C. FARINA V

The latest Farina line B.M.C. offering is the Riley 4/68. Although this car looks the same as the others in the line, externally, it has wooden facia and more powerful engine giving an 85 m.p.h. top speed.

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SOCIAL JOTTINGS

by

The Girls

Keith Herron pulled 'a Herron' again at Lowood Sprints- petrol surge, eh?.

Speaking of colour-blindness, we nominate Ron Davis as being the worst case for some time. Red and yellow confused him completely.

Hear Ann Thomson was doing a spot of calculating in recent Gas Economy Run, worked out M.P.G . as 1/4d. Never mind, Ann, believe you had fun, anyhow.

Secretary Brian Tebble tells us he now needs a vacation to recover from the rigors of same Economy Run.

Congratulations to Les Gisler on win of Falcon in Art Union- friend Phyllis bought the ticket for him.

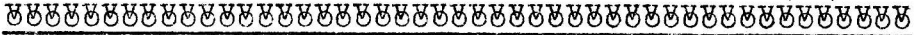
Deidre Guard and Eugene Blunt all agog with wedding plans as are Ian McLeod and Jan Gerhman-- best wishes to you all.

Social Jottings cont'd

Saw Phil Thew at Sprints wheeling around on crutches. Great to see you again, Phil.

Tom Ross sold T.R. recently-- wonder what Ecurue Ross will add to the stable, now?.

Look in on Ranking Point, Southport any weekend--some club members water-skiing in polar conditions. UGH:::



Where did you get that hat?. Trevor Connelly in Out-size beach type chapeau-- female variety.

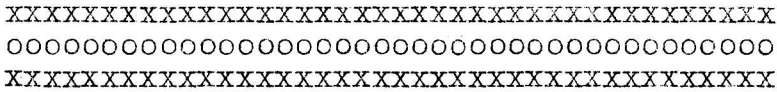


Conscientious member, Barry Weston, spotted club member's car - disappointed when found same car not wearing Road Safety number. Complained 'twas only 'G' he got close enough to to record number.



Met John Muller & Bob Richards down southeast way taking in scenery - female - had heard it called "bird-watching" but boys referred to id as "casing the place"

Allan Killips yet so close and yet so far from Lowood ran bearing in immaculate T.F. Had to be towed in but did not let this spoil his day at the 'sprints'. Keen:: That's wot:::



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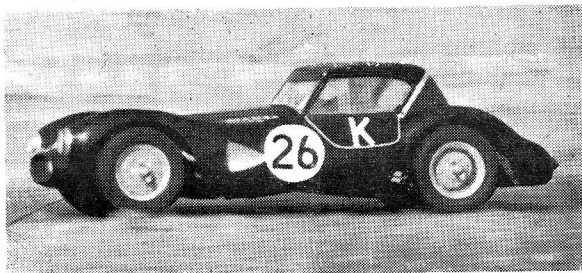
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