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Bruce Corr's Midweek Christmas Run which has been organised by Bruce for 22 years, was attended by 35 cars. Photos - John Careless



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Presidents Report

As I sit down to write this report, I have just returned from the funeral and wake of long-time member of our Club, Brian Barford. Brian was an experienced motor mechanic and it was touching to hear Brian's family reminisce about the "good old



days". It made me wonder what my children might say about "the good old days" when it's my turn to meet my maker. Sobering stuff, I know, but I guess we will all have to face the facts one day!

Anyway, on a brighter note, Christmas is past and I hope everyone came through unscathed - with a present or two for good behaviour?

Looking at the 2016 events calendar, it gives me great satisfaction to see how many new destinations have been added and how many new faces have offered to organise runs for the rest of us to enjoy! Having 117 Family members in our Club, each family only needs to organise one event every 5 years to not overload anyone! A good way to look at things. As always, please ensure that you RSVP early if these events are for you, to assist the respective organisers.

So, what do we have in store for you this year?

Other than 11 Mid-week runs and 11 LSIM runs, you have been offered a weekend on the highlands of the Sunshine Coast by Peter Kerr and a relaxing time on North Stradbroke Island by Gary Lock. Then, yours truly has eventually come good with a long-awaited promise and has organised a week-long Twin Gorges Trip, taking in Texas, the Nindigully Pub, Carnarvon Gorge, Cania Gorge and the Gympie Rattler steam train – if the train is back on the tracks by the time we arrive in Gympie! In addition to the above, I am aware of a few other exciting trips being organised by your able VP, so it goes without saying that I am EXCITED about my membership of the GCMGCC in 2016!

From the Management Committee point of view, there is always a lot to discuss that keeps us busy. We have considered each and every expense we incur while operating our Club in an effort to operate as efficiently as possible, yet still continue to provide a high level of service to members, without having to increase the annual fees. The By Laws, being the way the Club is managed within the constraints of the Constitution, have been written and accepted by your Committee. A new Membership Application form has been developed, which captures all necessary information from new members in a clear manner. We have been keeping up with the developments of the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme to ensure that our members who have taken advantage of cheaper registration, operate within the guidelines as laid down by the Qld and NSW Transport Departments.

On a more personal note, this year will see Birdcage – my MGA racer – back on the track, accompanied by two of my sons and a nephew, so the GCMGCC racing group will have a wonderful boost to their numbers. Also, Laurel and I will be completing our "Around the World in Classic MGs" trip by driving from Vancouver, Canada to St Johns, Newfoundland – with a very big MG event held in Louisville, Kentucky being a highlight of the Trans Canada Highway trip.

Let's hope the finances hold out and the remaining underground fuel tank at work does not spring a leak!

Isn't life good at the GCMGCC!

President Dave

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Articles, letters to the Editor and suggestions from members are most welcome.

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It is a pleasure to met new members, we hope to see you as regular participants at our many outings. You I find us friendly, so just make yourselves known!

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2015 Pre-War MG Register National Gathering - Bathurst - Murray Arundell

I've now been to three Pre War MG Register national gatherings. The first in 2011 in Beechworth where after arriving at the Hume Resort and unloading SA1879 from the trailer Dan Casey and I decided on a quick run across to Albury to ensure everything was functioning properly and to enjoy a couple of cooling pints at any country pub we chanced upon en-route. All boded well for a couple of days touring around Victoria's High Country. Sadly our optimism was dashed the following morning when SA1879 decided it wanted no part of the High Country, or any Country, high or low. It was running appallingly bad and we only managed to get back to the Hume Resort from Beechworth after several stops to adjust this and that. We were down to four cylinders by the time we got back to Hume. Deciding it could not be fixed without major work SA1879 sat out the rest of the meeting on the back of its trailer.

2013 and Bathurst saw Rob Baylis and I arrive confident of a better showing after extensive work over the previous two years and several event-free miles under its wheels before being loaded on the trailer for the trip to Bathurst. Upon arrival we unloaded the SA and washed it would be looking good for the display the following morning. Rob took the car and ran around the track twice before we parked it up and set off in our tow car to Sydney to fetch Kym & Lee from the airport.

Saturday had the four of us in the car after the display heading to the Mount Panorama pits and the start of the touring run. After a quick stop for fuel we set off up the hill towards the circuit, I was driving and thinking that the car even with four on board was pulling well. No sooner had I thought this, the theory that says "they always are at their best just before they break" was proven yet again as SA1879 went on to five cylinders. At least five was better than the four we had in Beechworth. Investigation soon showed a snapped valve stem. Fortunately the valve remained in the guide so we didn't lose a piston as well. So again mid afternoon on Saturday had us loading SA1879 back on the trailer. Nevertheless we still had a great weekend following the rest of the PreWar fleet in our modern.

So it is now 2015 and now with unenviable totally consistent record of two starts and two DNFs, I was determined that I'd get SA1879 sorted once and for all. Much work was scheduled for the SA. Rob Baylis set to work sorting out several issues with the car's interior resulting in new carpet and lots of sound deadening material being fitted, together with the sorting out of several electrical issues. After Rob had completed his work SA1879 was delivered to Norm Goodall's place to sort out the motor. As feared all of the work that I'd paid so called experts to do turned out to either not been done or done so badly it would have been better if it had not been done.

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Even the hardened Valve Seats I'd paid dearly to have installed had not been. This was most disappointing as it was supposedly done by one of Brisbane's best engineering works. I guess there is hardly a person reading this who's not gone through the same or similar experience.

Norm worked his magic, re-doing all of what had been done before plus a whole lot more before handing it back pronounced good and well. My first drive after Norm had worked his magic was a revelation and I looked forward to an upcoming MGCC weekend away to Grafton. Over the MGCC weekend trip I did 800km and all was looking good for the upcoming 2015 Pre War MG Register.



So together with Rob Baylis and Dave Godwin I set off for Bathurst with the SA on the trailer behind the Range Rover confident that finally SA1879 would take part fully in the Pre War MG Register National Gathering. Keen readers will have noted the absence of Lee-Anne and Kym from the passenger list. This was the unfortunate result of a mix up in communications prior to picking up the girls from Sydney airport the evening before the last Pre War MG National Gathering. No need to go into detail other than to say that the mix up resulted in a raised level of expectations surrounding the dining arrangements for that evening. One party was expecting a candle light dinner at Rockpool whereas the other party not being aware of the Rockpool scenario thought that Macca's Blaxland would have been acceptable. Apparently not as it would seem. Recriminations continue to this day.

The trip to Bathurst was uneventful and upon arrival SA1879 came off the trailer and was cleaned up for the display day. Then I decided that I'd take 1879 around the track prior to putting it away for the day. Dave Godwin came with me and I was really surprised at how well the SA went, very impressed indeed. From this point the 1879 performed flawlessly with the only reason the bonnet was opened was simply to check the fluids. We had four aboard for the



touring rally to Orange as we'd picked up a 'stray', Carole Cooke, the GCMGCC magazine editor had driven down to take a look at the rally and take photos. The SA performed beautifully up hill, down dale never missing a beat and never baulking at any challenge (although the 15 point turn at the top of the hill at the marbles was quite a challenge).





Following lunch and the obligatory group photo opportunity at the winery we wandered back to Bathurst with an afternoon stop in Millthorpe, a lovely village frozen in time. The Pre War MGs parked around the village certainly looked as if they belonged there.

From Millthorpe back to Bathurst it was a quick blast along the Great Western Highway sitting easily on 100kph. There was even a little rain to remind us that tin top motoring has its advantages. All in all it was a splendid weekend and a credit to the organisers. An awful lot of work goes into these events and the professionalism of the organisers was evident right across the weekend.

Now I look forward to the T & Y Type National Gathering in Canberra next October. I'm ready and the TC is ready, wonder if we'll get snowed on again next time?



Display of Post-War T Types included with the Pre-War MGs in the main street of Bathurst



Ross Kelly and Norm Goodall, Qld being interviewed about the restoration of Ross' J3

Very nice J2



2 K3 replicas



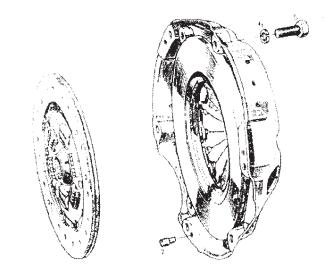
Dick Willis (NSW) in his TB special



Queensland Rogues Gallery from left - Ross Kelly, Norm Goodall, George Diggles, Dan Casey, Dave Godwin

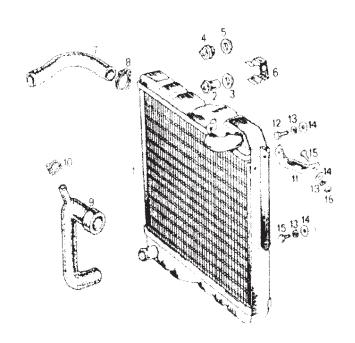
Below - the Display in the main street of Bathurst





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MGs around Mt Panorama at Bathurst Below, the Q type and GP winning TA replica





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View from the rear window of Murray's SA Below - View from the winery after the run around the Orange countryside





LSIM Joint Run GCMGCC and Sprite Car Club of Queensland - 29th November



A very hot and humid morning did not deter club members from turning up at 8.30 at Lions Park, Jabiru Island, Paradise Point. Between the two clubs we had 40 people and with some cars having driver only we had a fantastic display of vehicles. MG TC, MGA, MGBs, GTV8, RV8s, a selection of Fs & TFs, Midgets & Sprites and a couple of Healey 100/4s.

John Talbot. our run organiser, handed out the very professionallooking navigation instructions. After brief welcome from the President of the GCMGCC to the Sprite Club we set off towards our morning tea venue



at Cabbage Tree Point, via the Marine Precinct at Coomera and the sugar cane fields of the Jacobs Well area. The route took in some roads familiar from past runs that I've been on since arriving in 2010. There are now many new developments springing up with the loss of bushland, many trees and therefore wildlife habitat.

Charlie Hammel Park at Cabbage Tree Point was very popular with local boaties but we all managed to get parked and find some shelter from the sun. Time to enjoy a chat, a



At Jabiru Island

cuppa or two and a raffle with four prizes on offer. Mark Boldry thanked the GCMGCC for inviting the SCCQ and is looking forward to organising next year's joint run in return.





Off again on a route taking us west of the M1 Highway Beenleigh, at towards Logan Village. cutting back at Buccan to Bahrs Scrub. At Wolfdene we turned east, crossing back over the M1 Highway at Ormeau. The order of cars changed a lot at this point with a few taking wrong exits at roundabouts!

At Pimpama we crossed over the highway again to drive along one of my favourite roads in the area. Hotham Creek Road leading to Ruffles Road and then onto Baileys Mountain Road. Our lunch venue was close by at The Wattle Hotel on Brygon Creek Drive at Upper Coomera. Nearly everyone made it. There was plenty of room in the car park and also inside where tables had been reserved for us. The service was friendly and efficient with all food ready quite quickly. Most enjoyed their meals. The Manager popped over to let us know it was just starting to rain in case any of us wanted to put hoods up. Luckily it didn't amount to much and everyone managed to get away in plenty of time to get home before the storms rolled in.

Thanks again to John Talbot for organising a very successful run. The raffle made a profit of \$95 that will go towards the GCMGCC's annual charitable donation in June 2016.







Morning Tea at Cabbage Tree Point Bottom - The Wattle Hotel, Upper Coomera





Christmas Midweek Run - December 9



Wow! A record turn out for Bruce Corr's Christmas run with 68 members and guests attending in 35 cars — mostly MGs but with a smattering of daily drives and an immaculate Austin Healey. Yours truly welcomed everyone including our South American 'friend' and soon to be new members Kevin and Lyn Bell, and it was nice to see Peter Johnston on the run in his newly acquired 'B' and also 'old' member Ed Stuttard in his 'A'.



Gary Stevens again presented his wide regalia range of at 'special' some prices, and after the announcements President David and Vice President John and the obligatory joke was told, Bruce Corr gave us our run instructions.

It is of interest to note that Bruce has organized this run for the past twenty two (22) years. What a great effort.

Members meet at Schuster Park



Another interesting antidote is that it was John and Marilyn Muirhead's wedding anniversary, but both had forgotten. Oops!

After leaving Schuster Park we headed off in to the back blocks and along well trodden MG roads which are always a pleasure to drive on. In spite of the hot and mainly dry weather we have been experiencing, the countryside is green with pockets of rain forest providing a really tropical feel. We then followed Currumbin Creek to our morning tea stop beside the Currumbin estuary, and Kay & Laurie Roberts conducted the raffle with first prize being won by Cathie Hawkins and second prize by Peter East. I am told that the raffle takings were also a record.

Having left Currumbin we travelled in to NSW through West Tweed, Bilambil and Terranora, then along Hogans Road which seems to take on a different perspective each time we drive it. Again we passed through patches of rain forest along the winding (MG) road, and took in the spectacular views when driving along the ridges in the Tweed Valley. After crossing over the bridge at Tumbulgum it was then north along Tweed Valley Way to our regular Christmas lunch stop at the Coolangatta/Tweed Golf Club and the 'seniors' buffet.



Another great run, and our hearty thanks go to Bruce Corr for the great organizational work he continues to do.

Jim Lutherborrow

Left - Dave with Rogerio at Coolangatta/Tweed Heads Golf Club





Happy New Year Auto Enthusiasts and People Enthusiasts

Almost two months ago, as I and my wife Tania arrived at Brisbane Airport, the goal was to meet our son that lives here and who building his first tracks in life, a support that is a little bit difficult to give from the other side of the world. To complete the time Tania engaged on a English school on the neighborhood where we stay.

Travels for years over the motor scene had put me in contact with very interesting people and years ago, when I met David and Laurel at the Amelia Concours in Florida, I feel that I was in front of very strong couple. Their adventurous trips around the world on MG seats could appear "full of risks" travels but we know that the trip begins too much earlier than when you turn on the engine. That beautiful pair and their trips really shake my heart when I realize their plans, both completed and some already on paper. I think that if William Richard Morris could see them from space, crossing roads all over the world, he should be proud.

It happens with the current times that eventually we complain about technology and its attraction and effect over people, but, I have to be thankful for that, it was a call from a cellphone that give me the opportunity to find that couple again here, in Queensland.

To see Dave & Laurel again makes me feel that we always had been in touch. As I said to them, their life in the Gold Coast it`s just perfect, it`s like to have Red Bull energizer on your veins. Their children are so kind and well-focused in life making a complete family.

When Dave invited me to the Jacaranda Rally I felt honored when I met Bruce, a very generous man trying to understand all my english from "outer space". Thank you Bruce. Here and there I spoke with lots of participants and just realize that I was in paradise, wonderful people. Cruising on small roads, in the middle of forests, rivers and farms, a delightful trip.

Returning to Brisbane I just told Tania about the great time I had. Lots of conversation I had in Gold Coast will reflect directly on my plans to help my son's future in Australia and I should be thankful about Dave and Laurel.

Last week the MG's life made me return to the Christmas Run and that was another opportunity to see more cars and more wonderful people, learning with them something new each moment, not only about cars but geography, citizenship and harmony as well. This part of Australia it's new for me, so, I feel very "at home" with such kind people. I can't forgot to say that there was also the Car Clinic. So many pictures there of cars, engines, tools, etc., seasoned with brilliant people concentrated in their work as I disturbed to talk.

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I'm writing here from the State Queensland Library and thinking in all of you with love. Thank you all to make my life more happy and I want to apologize again for my faded English.

I'm sending some pictures to Bruce as they don't fit on this message but at least one it is attached to materialize my best wishes for peace and joy this holiday season and a new year of happiness and prosperity (I read this christmas message recently and I find it just in shape to represent our feelings).

Best regards, hope to see you again.

Rogerio, Tania & Henrique

Vale -- Brian Barford.

Gold Coast MG Car Club Members attended Brian's Funeral Service on 12th January.

Brian was born on the South Isle of New Zealand into a diary farming family. After schooling, he became an Apprentice Auto Mechanic at the local Ford franchise. During his early auto career, he worked for a number of Ford Dealerships in New Zealand and also during a stint in New Guinea where he filled the role of Dealer Service Manager.

Brian's working life centred around automobiles and his hobby interests were with English Classic Models -- especially MGA Series. He had a well earned reputation for building handsome, authentic, reliable MGs -- especially the exacting Twin-Cam Models.

While living in New Zealand, he was a successful dirt track racer. He held the honour of rolling his car over before the commencement of one particular race. He hit an embankment while lining up!

Brian conducted a successful Auto Repair Business in Upton Street for many years. In later years and when Brian's health was deteriorating, scribe realised that both his and Brian's auto careers had commenced in similar fashion -- as Apprentices with Ford. And we had both ended up enjoying the MG Marque as a hobby. We swapped lots of 50s and 60s Product and Company memories, together.

Brian is survived by a Son and 2 Daughters.

An Old World experienced, skilled Automotive Engineer -- who had a kind nature -- a big heart and who loved a joke -- has departed .

scribe -- Nuffield.

New Member - Andrew Fellowes

Born in 1950 in London, grew up on a farm in Cambridgeshire and got the taste for cars when I went to my first motor race at Snetterton in 1962. My hero Clark won and it turned out to be Stirling Moss' penultimate race as on the Monday he had that accident at Goodwood that ended his career.

Some 20 years later I found myself on the same race track as Moss, I was mid field and he won easily so I can hardly claim to fighting him for position! I had found an unrestored A6GCS Maserati and with aid of Barclays Bank that car gave me five magical years, eventually the bank wanted their money back and the A6 was sold and with a little trepidation I bought a single seater Brabham with what was left, it was the first year of the UK pre 1970 series for race cars. It was actually easier to drive than the A6 (but even now I still miss the A6's crash box) and over time that led to various other F2 Brabhams and some great memories. I finished up a few years back with a barn find 1963 Lotus single seater that had been missing for over 40 years. This was a works team Formula Junior Lotus 27 which together with the Lotus 25 were the first monocoque single seaters. I'm not a Lotus fan so parting with it and retiring wasn't too difficult!

This TC will be well known to a lot of you and complete with supercharger it will be fun to tinker with. I well recall the day as a teenager when a Cambridge undergraduate friend bought 3 for £15 and I thought then what a pretty little car they were. When I'm not on the road I spend a lot of time doing research for a web site called OldRacingCars, the premier site for race car histories, of course I specialise in F2 Brabhams, real anorak stuff but rather like doing a jigsaw, the last piece is very rewarding!

'Andrew



Coming Events

MIDWEEK RUN - February 10

Meet at 7.30 am for natter and/or brekky at Coomera Community Centre, Abraham Rd, Upper Coomera. (Map 6 M8) Leave at 9am. Morning Tea and Lunch is BYO.

Your host is Denis Thomas

LSIM RUN – Sunday February 28

Meet at Hinterland Regional Park Hardys Rd Mudgeeraba UBD 60/2B at 8:30am for a 9:00am departure on the run. BYO Morning Tea Club/Pub Lunch Please advise numbers by Tuesday February 23 to your Hosts John and Lyn Talbot by email only ejohntalbot@hotmail.com

MIDWEEK RUN - March 9

Meet at 7.30 am for natter and/or brekky at Winders Park, Currumbin (Map 70 R6), Leave at 9am. Morning Tea and Lunch is BYO. No need for numbers.

Your hosts are Peter and Jill East 0434 512 675

LSIM Run - Not the NatMeet Run - Sunday March 27. TBA

MIDWEEK RUN - April 13

Meet at 7.30 am for natter and/or brekky at Clubrooms for 9.15 departure. BYO Morning Tea and Lunch is a BBQ at small cost. Numbers by previous Monday - ph 0417 641 316 or email dunnhome30@hotmail.com.

Your host is Pete Dunn.

Macs Bridge Sports and Classic Car Festival 2016.

It is on Sunday May 22nd to avoid clashing with other events and the new location is at the QRA Belmont Rifle Range at 1485 Old Cleveland Rd at Belmont, 4153.

More information next Time Machine

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MAY DAY! MAY DAY!

Note Changes

18 rooms in the name of GCMGCC have been reserved at the Anchor Motel, Noosaville for the May Day weekend, April 30 - May 2. \$250 is the cost for the 2 nights. GCMGCC has stayed there before. Please do your booking and tell John you have booked. John Talbot will organise the day run up to Noosa with dinner at the RSL and then home on the Monday.

Peter (local Sunshine Coast resident) and Carole will organise an interesting Sunday run with lunch at the Appollonian Hotel, Boreen Point where we display our MGs on the lawn in front of the Hotel...Ph John on 07 5578 9972 Mobile 0412 958 839,

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Club and hope to see them participating in our events soon

Caren Sattler (rejoining - with partner was instrumental in club formation)

Michael Godwin (new member, joining to race)

Graham Godwin (rejoining to race)

Lawrance Godwin (rejoining to race)

Nick Peters (rejoining to race)

Lucio Casagrande - (rejoining)

Ian & Marie Morris of Tugun with 1958 MGA

Joe & Jan Evans of Coombabah with 2000 MGF

The photos in this magazine have been contributed by Carole Cooke, Peter Kerr, John Careless, Dave Godwin, Matthew Magilton, Andrew Fellowes, Internet

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Expression of Interest



Exploring Cania Gorge in 2007

Late July 2016 is sure to be the perfect time to visit Carnarvon Gorge and Cania Gorge, me thinks! Cool on the New England plateau and warm in the Gorges...

What about you?

My plan is to combine the President's Run on 31 July with a week-long Twin Gorges run. So, if you can't make the Twin Gorges run, meet us at the Advancetown Hotel at 8am for an 8.30 departure and for morning tea at Uki. Thereafter, the LSIM runners will wave us goodbye at the Lions Road turn-off and have lunch at the Beaudesert Golf Course, while the Twin Gorges runners will lunch in Woodenbong en route to our first overnight stop in Stanthorpe.

It will take around a week to visit Texas, Nindigully Pub, Carnarvon Gorge, Biloela, Cania Gorge and home via the Gympie Rattler steam train – if it is up and running by then...

At Carnarvon Gorge, there is a range of walks from short to far and easy to difficult – your call, whether you sit around the Camp and enjoy the ambience or wonder into the wilderness. Except for 14km of dirt road at the entrance to Carnarvon Gorge, the drive is an easy one and certainly typically Australian Outback! Cania Gorge is labelled "Easy". www.caniagorge.com.au. Accommodation can be shared to save costs. Your choice...

Its early days, but Laurel and I will be away driving RIP across Canada and Newfoundland from May to early July this year, so we are doing our planning very early.

NB: Accommodation in Carnarvon Gorge extremely limited and they do not like the thought of a Club "polluting" their ambience, so please book 3 nights, 2 August to 4 August ASAP and do not mention your MG, or the

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group. There are only two options of accommodation I am aware of: our choice is the more rural Takarakka Bush Resort www.takaru.com.au, or try the Wilderness lodge www.carnarvon-qorqe.com.

Please let me know when you have booked a room.

Happy MGing,
Dave and Laurel Godwin
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Gold Coast MG Car Club Advance notice of the MGAs Run to North Stradbroke Island

- organised by Gary and Anita Lock

Friday 18th November 2016 to Sunday 20th November 2016

Although this is an MGA run, all MGS and other British cars are invited. The reason for such advance notice is accommodation is hard to get for a large group. To make sure everyone who wants to go gets a room. Rooms must be booked by 31st January 2016 To Whalewatch Ocean Beach Resort - Phone 0734098555 or email reservations@whalewatchresort.com.au

This is not a long run, rather something with a difference, with a ferry crossing and two night stay in a well-known resort. No hour after hour of driving, just using your legs on beautiful walks and beaches, and spotting the odd whale or two. Maybe even bring your fishing rod?

The Resort has a large range of accommodation, with self catering facilities etc., and by couples sharing the 213 bedroom units, price is reasonable. If you book a 3 bedroom unit, and only use 2 bedrooms, then we will only be charged for the room we don't use. The Resort is giving the MG Car Club 10% discount off their published 'low season' rates. www.whalewatchresort.com.au

There are convenience shops, cafes and restaurants handy.

Bookings are to be made directly with the Resort with advice to Gary Lock lock@winshop.com.au or 0435 901150 that you have done so please.

Ferry bookings We will advise about bookings at a later date. We hope to get a discount for bulk booking

The Names of my MGs

I was asked why I headed the article celebrating my 80 year old MG Magnette Maisie on page 31 of the December TTM. I personalise the label rather than referring to my car as the green or blue MG. The latter can also be confusing if there is more than one in the same colour.

I am the eldest son and my father is likewise the eldest son in the family clan. I was 'adopted' by my maiden aunts and it was usual that I received mention in their will. I used the resultant funds to buy something for my beloved MGs and their donor name lives on with the car. I regard this as a term of endearment and I do go MG racing with a Scottish tartan kilted bear in the cockpit beside me for good luck. It has worked to date as I have only had one crash which was down Conrod straight at Bathurst. My mentor Mal Brewster checked all the cameras before signing off and permitting me to continue racing the next day. Mt Panorama has a lot of retaining concrete to keep the V8 supercars from falling off the mountain when they get crossed up on the track. I have observed several drivers being given their marching orders and told not to return after a track incident. I found this hardnosed attitude reassuring.

Maisie is my 80 year old Magnette and was the last overhead cam cross flow 6 cylinder supercharged MG made at Abingdon before MG engines were replaced later that year by pushrod ones from the Morris bin. I am not a collector of silver ware but this CAMS historic log booked K(a) race car has won many races and hillclimbs in Australia and was second to the ex Whitney Straight K3 in the UK COTY competition. Concours awards include best pre war & best overall MG at MGCCQ; best post vintage car to 1942; best MG & classic car; Kimber trophy; John Thornley cup; the list goes on. I no longer enter these events but do enjoy Leyburn sprints and other social events and have numerous large rocks which make up the sprint trophies at this annual event.



May is a 1929 M Type MG and lives in South Australia with other vintage cars. It is the oldest MG I own and is an eligible vintage car with the Antique car clubs. It also keeps company with my 1929 Excelsior J.A.P. engined racing motorbike.



1929 EXCELSIOR

Ethel is my 1949 MGTC with historic CAMS log book, which is useful in rain events as it has full weather equipment plus full windscreen and wiper. It has won in the rain at Leyburn several times as the skinny 19" tyres handle the wet very well and most of the open cars have









Roger Rebel is my MGTC named after the builder and original owner Roger Waters of Strathalbyn in South Australia. His will stated a number of conditions including that the recipient had to win the speed event at the MG Nationals. This event was run by GCMGCC and I was told Maisie Magnette won by 5 seconds. The executors informed me I was the only eligible person under the will. After they explained the situation, I replied that I did not want another MG in this life or the next. I did visit Strathalbyn 10 months after Roger died to pay my respects, and came home with the Rebel on its trailer behind his Fairlane tow car. I learned to drive the TC in the car park opposite Nambour Police station practising starts, handbrake turns and so on. Roger Rebel has a CAMS S(c) historic logbook and I hope Roger is looking down enjoying the racing. I tend to enter events at tracks where Roger did not compete, including Mt Panorama at Bathurst. The log book is very full and I obtained the history listing all events and results from the South Australian Sporting Car Club.

Peter Kerr







New Club members, Kerry Walker and Neil Godwin, giving the TF a test run

Minutes Motoring Organisation and Car Club meeting Date Wednesday 23 September 2015

Agenda item 7 Left-hand drive enthusiast vehicle registration

Currently in Queensland, Left-hand drive (LHD) vehicles must be more than 30 years old to be registered. Any LHD vehicle less than 30 years old must be converted to right hand drive through the Approved Persons Scheme according to the Code of Practice – Light Motor Vehicles prior to registration. However, on 1 July 1988, an Australian Design Rule commenced requiring all light vehicles to have only a right hand drive. As such, any LHD vehicle manufactured after this date must be converted to right hand drive prior to registration, as the current 30 year rule will no longer apply. Sharyn Littler proposed the possibility of extending registration of LHD vehicles to include 'enthusiast vehicles' manufactured after 1 July 1988. Michael Ross explained that vehicle standards for LHD vehicles in Australia are administered by the Federal Government. As such, it would be preferable to see any future change implemented at a national level before considering changes to LHD vehicle registration requirements in Queensland.

Agenda item 9 Reporting SIV misuse

Rod Graydon asked whether there was a procedure for members of the public to report SIV misuse.

Nigel Ellis advised that such complaints may be directed to the Senior Transport Inspector at the appropriate TMR regional office. The reporting person must offer their name, address and telephone contact and supply specific details of the vehicle being reported including registration number, make, model and colour of vehicle, location, date and time of sighting and any other applicable information. Contact details of TMR regional offices are available on the TMR http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/About-us/Contact-us/In-person/ website Roads-offices.aspx People can also make a report to their local police station or to policelink by calling 131 444, or by email to policelink@ police.gld.gov.au.QPS has а computerised Traffic Complaints System that helps in the reporting and management of road related complaints made by members of the community across Queensland. MOCC members also discussed the importance of vehicle clubs educating their members of the CTP insurance implications if operating outside of the SIV scheme conditions.

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Agenda item 10 Club membership requirements

Russell Whitney advised that some TMR Customer Service Centres (CSC) are still accepting membership cards as evidence of club membership, rather than a letter from the club as required under the SIV Guide. Nigel Ellis confirmed that a message has been sent to all CSCs reacceptable evidence of club membership documentation. iterating Nigel also noted that if MOCC members are made aware of CSC particular accepting incorrect documentation. please advise to the MOCC Secretariat who will ensure that the issue is addressed. South Chris Malone asked whether New Wales a incorporated vehicle club could Queensland apply to issue club registration with Queensland vehicles. to their members registered Nigel advised that at the time of application for the SIV concession, registered operators must provide evidence of current membership with a Queensland incorporated vehicle club or association. This is to ensure that the SIV scheme in Queensland provides ongoing support to Queensland vehicle clubs.

Agenda item 11 General business

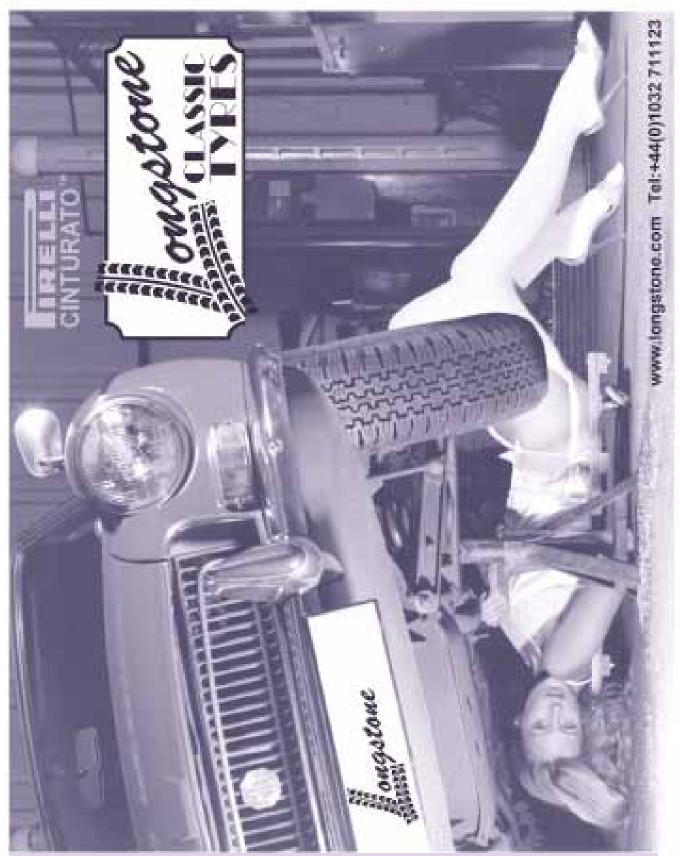
NSW conditional registration 60 day log book trial

New South Wales are currently trialling a 60 day log book option under their conditional registration scheme. Registered operators who opt into the trial will be permitted 60 days of personal use in addition to approved uses under the conditional registration scheme. Each day of personal use must be recorded in a logbook. Sharyn Littler requested that TMR monitor the New South Wales trial for possible consideration in the future. Nigel Ellis advised that in 2014, TMR conducted an extensive review of the current SIV scheme, which included options for providing alternative scheme and operating options. consultation with motoring clubs through the MOCC decision was made to retain the scheme as it is, with no changes. However, Nigel noted that TMR regularly review and monitor what each jurisdiction is currently doing and will continue to keep an eye on the NSW trial.

Historic Vehicles and old Tyres

In a recent Motoring Organisation Car Club meeting, concerns were made over tyre age on a vehicle. At the moment, it is a concern if a tyre is over 8 years old, now they are proposing to bring that limit down to 7 years...

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The following report makes interesting reading.

Road safety and new initiatives. During these discussions I have previously advised about historic vehicles being driven on old tyres and I summarise the situation below.

Historic vehicles, particularly those on SIV registration often do not travel many kilometers each year and as a result the tread on the tyres may not wear very much over many years. Whilst the tread may still have close to new depth the tyre overall will deteriorate somewhat and this can lead to tyre failure without warning. I have been in the tyre industry for 9 years and have viewed and experienced the failure of older tyres as recently as two weeks ago. Tyres will deteriorate in structure even when stored in controlled environments and it is not recommended to fit any tyre older than five years of age and or use a tyre that is older than 7 years of age. The date of manufacture is marked onto most radial tyres on one side only.

The number is moulded into the tyre just past the serial number. My example - the date 4806 represents the 48th week of 2006 thus putting the tyre at 9 years old. This tyre was fine driving down the freeway on the front of an old Jaguar but as I drove along a subsequent side road at 60kph I felt a violent shudder through the steering wheel. On inspection I saw a small bubble on the side of the tyre growing as air entered the separated plies and then it exploded. This failure at 100 kph could have been fatal. Still good tread on the tyre but plies have separated. An inspection of the tyre could not identify any other cause for failure than old age. This has happened to a number of other tyres on vehicles I service including ones with 95% tread left but after three failures I swapped out 12 tyres on 3 vehicles. Tyres were 5 years old.

Preventative care:-Vehicles that do not travel regularly and are stored on concrete should have carpet or other material placed under the tyre to separate the tyre from the concrete as concrete changes temperature too much. If a vehicle is to be stored for an extended period raise the vehicle off the ground so that the tyres don't flat spot. Some caravan accessory places now offer a tyre support that is slid under the tyre when jacked up but when lowered supports the tyre around the lower quarter rather than the base of the tyre.

Regularly check and maintain pressures in tyres. Run your hands regularly around the tyre, especially the inside before heading out to check for any deformity. At the first sign of any vibration from a tyre immediately stop the vehicle and change the tyre. Do not try and drive home.

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MG Distribution in Australia

The born-again MG operation in Australia will consider adding a model from Chinese sister brand Roewe to flesh out the former British brand's range Down Under. Although MG's parent company, SAIC Motor Corporation, has no plans to introduce the Roewe brand to Australia, it has indicated that it is considering at least one Roewe car for possible rebadging as an MG.

SAIC's new Australian subsidiary, SAIC Motor Australia Pty Ltd, is set to take back the Australian distribution rights for MG in Australia from January 1, after an aborted attempt by independent importer Australia Longwell Motor to establish an MG beachhead from a single dealership in Sydney.

According the newly to appointed CEO for SAIC's MG Australia operation, Jason Pecotic. MG will introduce three models in the first year of the new arrangement, starting with the newly facelifted midsized MG6 and MG3 light hatchback at the scheduled relaunch in March. These will be followed in the third





quarter by MG's first SUV, the mid-sized GS. But Mr Pecotic disclosed to GoAuto that a Roewe vehicle was also on the radar for Australia, albeit in the early stages of consideration. He declined to elaborate on the model and target production date for Australia, saying it was only a proposal at this stage.

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Armed with a choice of two GM-sourced four-cylinder engines – including the same 114kW 1.4-litre turbo used in the Chinese-market Chevrolet Cruze – the 360 is said to be the first all-new Roewe vehicle for three years. Should that be considered by MG Australia for launch here, it could fit between the MG3 and MG6.

Although MG is now considered a Chinese brand after being scooped up by Chinese investors when the British manufacturer folded in 2005, its cars are still developed in the United Kingdom at MG's traditional home of Longbridge, in the English Midlands.

Thailand, where SAIC established a plant last year, also looms large in MG plans for Australia. The MG6 sold in Australia will be shipped from SAIC's plant in Thailand, while the MG GS is also expected to come from there. The little MG3 will be manufactured in China, at least initially. Mr Pecotic said exchange rates between Australia and Thailand, and Australia and China, would have a bearing on vehicle sourcing for the Australian operation.

Australia is set to get the same right-hand spec MG vehicles as the UK, making compliance and other factors relatively easy to accommodate. In the UK, the MG6 is sold in liftback hatch and sedan body styles with a choice of 1.8-litre petrol and 1.9-litre diesel engines.

MG Australia is expected to skip the manual-only diesel and opt for the petrol with an automatic transmission as standard equipment. The smaller MG3 is sold in the UK with a 1.5-litre petrol engine married to a

five-speed manual transmission – the spec that can be expected here at launch in March too. In some markets, the vehicle is offered with a clunky automated gearbox, but MG Australia has decided to wait for a proper automatic transmission as an alternative to the manual shifter, even though that is not expected before the first quarter of 2017.



The newest MG, the GS SUV, will go on sale in Australia in the third quarter of 2016. It will have a choice of two turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engines — a 1.5-litre and a flagship 2.0-litre. Pricing and final specifications will be released closer to launch, along with warranty details.

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A good morning - with morning tea - was had in cool weather on Saturday 16th January. We estimate about 25 members turned up. We all talked and looked at the MGs, especially at Gary's MG Midget (top page 38) which some said is too good to go on the road. The engine and ancilliary parts arrived in Keith Ings' car and the hoist donated by the Hietbrinks was used to take it into the well organised and large garage. 3 MGBs took advantage of Gary's hoist. Thanks Gary!



Carole

Ol' Tool Roundup

Have you ever bought a tool/repair accessory or two for that specialized job on your MG or other vehicles and after using it once or twice, it now takes up valuable space in your garage or your shed and may never be utilized again.

Well, here's a thought; if you would like to assist fellow G.C. MG'ers complete a project or two by loaning (or donating to a central collection point) that no longer used tool, I would like to start a register of those items that club members could borrow should their need occur.

In the rear pages of our TTM you will have noted that the club already has a donated car trailer and an engine stand. Recently an engine hoist has been donated by a new member and these items are available for collection from Gary Stevens residence at Tallebudgera.

To start the list rolling, I personally have the following items:-Engine hoist, ramps, axle stands, small compressor with assorted air tools located Helensvale.

New member Joe Evans has donated for club member usage a grit blasting cabinet with compressor and equipment as well as a linishing machine. These items will reside in my garage till further notice.

So if you would like to participate in this proposal, check and list those unused items and forward the information, your address and contact information to me at jasperhaines@bigpond.com for me to table an present to next edition of TTM.

Jim Haines

Great News for Members -Our Trailer for Club Members to Use

Do you need to transport your car, for repair or to show, maybe retrieve it after a mishap or break down? Well, the great news is the Club has its own tandem axle car carrier trailer which can be booked and used for a donation of only \$10 per day to solve your problems.



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One of the advantages of being a member of the Gold Coast MG Car Club!







Garage Donation

Many thanks go to Lou and Fiona Hietbrink for a vary generous donation of an engine hoist for the use of all Club members. The hydraulic hoist is easily capable if lifting 4,6 or 8 cylinder motors. At the moment it is kept in my garage and is just a phone call away to any member. Please don't hesitate to phone 5522 6735 if you need to use the hoist.

Gary

John Crighton also offers the loan of a load leveller, which makes the task of manoeuvring the engine in and out of



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