

# MG 90 21-22 June Silverstone U.K.

This, the 64<sup>th</sup> year of the MG Car Club's International Meet at Silverstone's Grand Prix circuit was blessed with warm, sunny weather, which brought out the crowds for a packed weekend of racing and all things MG.

Our crew from Anglia Centre arrives Friday afternoon, ready for a glass of beer and some bbq food. Fortunately, Jill and I had arrived early and managed to grab one of the few electric hook-ups for our motorhome, giving us all mod-cons for our stay.



On Saturday, to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> year of MG car, the MG Car Club had organised a 90 car 'Time Line', representing each year of MG production. One end starting with 'Old No. 1' from 1924 through to a 2014 MG3 sedan. Walking down the line of 90 cars was quite an experience and opened one's eyes to how many different models the company has produced in that time. Some of the rarest cars were, in fact, the 1970-80's sedans, most of which were unloved and rusted away. The ones that remain and were on show, were of course immaculate.

Lunchtime; took Jill and I to the 'overseas natter' in the social bar, where we met some Aussie visitors from the Yarra Valley, over here for just one week for this event! They were keen. They were looking forward to the afternoon's racing and collecting some cheap MG spares at the on-site MG Trade City.

We spent the afternoon watching the racing around the main circuit, where the British Grand Prix will be held in a few weeks' time. Unfortunately, there were no vintage MG races this year, I am not sure why that was, but they were missed.



However, we were entertained by bumper fields for the other MG classes. The joint MGB, C and V8 race was joined by the racing Midgets giving a full grid of no less than 57 cars. Quite a sight going full steam down to Copse corner. We were also joined by racers from the invited Ferrari Club and Porsche Club, giving us a contrast to our MGs in their respective races.



After the Saturday's programme of races had finished, I made a quick dash around the MG Trade City to pick up leather covered gear knobs for Peter Ganderton and Bruce Corr's cars. Delivery will be at the end of October, chaps!

Sunday was an early start for the Anglia team, as we were again running the Concours and Pride-of-Ownership competitions.

With the fine weather, we were expecting a large entry of MGs, but unfortunately that wasn't the case. The number of entries was disappointing, although quality was high, with some fine examples, especially in the Concours Premier class. For the first time ever, a 'modern' MG took out the 'Car-of-the-Show'. A



pristine 2003 MGTF narrowly beat an MGA coupe to the award. That caused quite a stir at the awards ceremony.

With our work over and before making our way home, I treated Jill to a much deserved ice cream. Well, it was our 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

See you all at the end of October.

**Peter East, Anglia Centre and GCMGCC**





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*An MG display at Silverstone.*



*Below - Peter and Jill East celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary*



*A very large display of the MGF/TFs at Silverstone*





# The Godfreys - A Return to Reverse Culture Shock

Although both Linda and I are now physically back in the UK, mentally we frequently find ourselves on the other side of the world, upside down, reminiscing about the many enjoyable times we experienced in Oz, particularly with the club. We even look at the Bully website and have tuned in our internet radio to 4CRB! How sad is that?

Two weeks before we returned, the UK experienced one of the worst storms for years with extensive flooding; this was still very apparent as we splashed our way along half flooded country roads, avoiding endless potholes. However, less than a week after we had arrived the sun appeared and has more or less remained. It has been a perfect summer. All our neighbours have thanked us for bringing the good weather with us.

Even though we made regular visits over the years, there is always a degree of reverse culture shock when returning permanently “home” after a prolonged absence. Weather is the most obvious but other noticeable things have been the many attractive pubs; we have four within ten to fifteen minutes’ walk. Narrow country roads take some getting used to after the open spaces out West, requiring frequent stops to allow approaching traffic their turn to squeeze through gaps. These become even narrower as the summer progresses and foliage encroaches into the road. Unfortunately the Twin Cam has been a casualty with scratches down the left side. Most noticeable as spring and then summer approached were the lengthening evenings improved by daylight saving – never could understand why Queensland persists in living in avoidable darkness. It must be because of Mrs Beattie’s comments about the extra hour fading the curtains! On the motoring front generally it is a relief not to have any tailgaters, and drive safely on the motorways at 80 mph with drivers who keep in their lanes, and use their signals. There are a few noticeable exceptions though. We also do not miss the weekly fluctuation of fuel prices. These have been the same at our local servo since we arrived.

What quickly became apparent is that we were totally out of touch with local pop culture, politics and the daily affairs of the country. Most of the faces have changed, music is different, the media has changed, policemen and women all seem to be teenagers; you are a stranger in your own country. It didn’t take long to adjust though.

Our view to distance has also changed, after driving all over Oz. We smile when locals treat a trip of 100 miles like an expedition to the North Pole. Daughter Anne lives in Edinburgh which we do in about eight hours depending on stops – it is about 450 miles and covers almost the entire length of England. The same drive in Queensland wouldn’t get you very far up the coast.

On the MG front I quickly found the local group who meet monthly at the Hare and Hounds pub about 10 minutes drive from home, for lunch. The mix of cars is similar to the GC. My first attendance was in April on my way back from having the car tested before registration, still on its Queensland plates, but it now has its old number back. It was the first Twin Cam to attend this group but since then two others have joined so we now have an exclusive mini-group. Unlike your/our club there is nothing like a mid-week run so no one goes anywhere as a group. The cars don't get a long run, indeed, I have even heard some expressing concern about their cars reliability to survive for more than a few miles! The September run is to the Haynes Motor Museum in Yeovil, about 70 miles one way across beautiful Dorset countryside ideal for MGing. More of that in a future edition.

David and Laurel came to stay the weekend of the AGM, giving us all the news. It was a delight to see them; unfortunately there wasn't enough time to visit any of the pubs. Perhaps we can correct that omission when the MGA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run is held in a year's time. I understand there will be about fifteen cars from various Australian clubs attending, including three from the GC.

There is much that we miss. The many friends we made, the wide open spaces, more or less guaranteed sunshine, speculating when Kev will reappear (has he?), golf without the need for wet weather gear, etc. The list is endless.

MG is certainly the Marque of Friendship.

**Robin and Linda Godfrey**

**Sept 2014**

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# Mid Week Run to Kamarud Lookout - Lamington National Park - August 13

Well here goes, always a 1st time for everything.

In brisk chilly weather it was an early start from the Southern end of the coast to meet at Jacobs Well. How pretty that is, the water glistened and all sorts of marine vessels bobbed around. About 18 cars assembled, and after chit chat Bruce Corr welcomed us and informed us of his 90th Birthday to a round of applause. Congratulations Bruce.

As he explained it was to inform us that he would be retiring from the organisation of the Wednesday Midweek Runs and was handing over to Jim Lutherborrow. A well earned break for Bruce, and we know that Jim will be very capable of taking over this role. Thank you Bruce you have been a great ambassador for the Club making new members feel very welcome.

After a few of the usual jokes, one from Graeme Bumford, Bruce C. then handed over to Bruce and Tip who were hosting the run.

We left Jacobs Well along Pimpama-Jacobs Well Rd heading towards Canungra. Easy travelling and warm in the sun. Bruce made sure that none of us missed the turnoff into Wharf Rd.

We noticed that the land was dry and the empty pockets of land waiting to be taken over by developers was amazing. The coast is forever expanding so no separation exists anymore to the outskirts of Brisbane.

We had morning tea at Kidston St. Park in Canungra and Pam excelled once again and offered biscuits that had been iced with 90 on them in celebration of Bruce's 90th birthday, well done Pam you are a gem (CUTE as well ) Pam will know the joke.

We then continued up the winding road into Lamington National Park toward O'Reillys'. NOW when you hear the music from the car following you and hear him breathing, I think that's a little too close for comfort.







John said “keep a look out for the turn off to Karmarud Lookout” to which I said “boy I’m too busy watching what you’re doing”.

All joking aside, reaching Karmarud Lookout was definitely worth the trip.

If you’ve never been there you have to go see. We had a lovely BYO lunch in the sun with the magical views enjoyed by all.

Some people bought everything but the kitchen sink. Tables were set and luxury gourmet meals were dished out. There are some very spoilt guys who were waited on. Was Jim one name?



I was waiting for someone to break out and sing “The Hills are alive with the Sound of Music”

A lovely day. Great company

A big thankyou to Bruce and Tip

....Also for the explanation on the bottom of the sheet which said R=Right L=left, O=roundabout, S.A = straight ahead for us who are a little, not dumb, but shall I say a little slow on the uptake. Stop pointing at me!

**John and Marilyn Muirhead**



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# Peter and Laraine Ganderton's "Spring of 2014 " Tour de Mountains



It was a beautiful September morning on the 10th September and 27 cars and their occupants gathered at Arthur Earle park Nerang to socialize before departing for the mountains to the south and west about 9am.

Jim Lutherborrow who has taken over the reins as Mid Week Runs Co-Ordinator from Bruce Corr addressed the crowd before introducing Peter who handed out run sheets which revealed we would be heading out through Nerang to the Murwillumbah road for a drive south to our morning tea stop at Bochow Park just past Numinbah village

Over coffee, tea and nibbles a raffle for a car cleaning kit was organized by Kay and Laurie Roberts which was won by Harry Darke.





After the pack up we headed further south through the QLD/NSW Border gate to Chillingham village and then on to Tomewin road at the intersection near that beautiful old home called "Linegar" which looks like it is going through some repair work at the moment. If you haven'tt had a look inside I can recommend it when it reopens, it has a lot of history to offer.

After we turned north, we went up the range again and back over the Border to Currumbin Creek Road and then East to our final stop at Winders Park near the M1. About 100 ks in all.



Here are a few stats for you:

**27 cars.....**

1 x MGTF

1 x MGRV8

1 x Magnette

1 x MG Z

19 x MGBs

2 x MGTFs

2 x Ring in's



Thanks again Peter and Laraine for a great day out

Until next time, cheers from me,

**Barry Beaman**

*Peter and Laraine Ganderton with Jim Lutherborrow*



# Competition Call September

How fast is this year going, already September which sees the end of our club's competitive season.

The final round of the A series Supersprints on 30/31 August, saw our number reduced due to mechanical problems, health issues and family issues. The 5 intrepid members of the group had a great weekend with perfect weather and good times.

Now is an appropriate time to start to think about next year. It is hope this group will be revitalised next year with several of the old group returning and the support of some new faces. This would be an opportunity to experience the other facet of owning an MG.

There will be the availability of a variety of new events through a new interclub challenge which is being proposed for 2015. A proposed calendar is attached. This is in addition to the Super Sprint Season, which next year we hope to be in the B series where most of the sports cars compete.

**The annual trophies for competition this year will be awarded to:-**

**Sattler Trophy for best performing MG goes to Sean Moroney.**

**Findleyson Trophy for most improved goes to Graham Vaughan**

**Marie Conway-Jones Trophy for best Female competitor was not contested this year.**

**Results A series Supersprint 30/31<sup>st</sup> August - 4 Laps of 2.1 Km circuit.**

<b>Sean Moroney</b>	<b>MGTF</b>	<b>5.15.58</b>
<b>John Moroney</b>	<b>MGTF</b>	<b>5.18.57</b>
<b>David Godwin</b>	<b>MGA</b>	<b>5.22.22</b>
<b>Richard Ings</b>	<b>Mini Cooper</b>	<b>5.23.33</b>
<b>Keith Ings</b>	<b>Mini Cooper</b>	<b>5..33.52</b>
<b>Graham Vaughan</b>	<b>MGB</b>	<b>6.15.25</b>

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**Proposed calendar for interclub.**

**Feb Ironman (4 event format)**

**Mar/April Team sprint Lakeside**

**May Weekend night run**

**June/July Show & Shine**

**July/ Aug Motorkhana Willowbank**

**Aug/Sept Khanacross Lakeside Driver training**

**September Nightrun**

**October MG & Marque**

**Hillclimb Mt Cotton**

As you can see plenty to choose from.

**Ian Rogers**



*“Any one for a shampoo, cut and blow-wave ...?”*



# The Weekend Overnight Run with the Sunshine Coast Club

Well, the weather Gods shone down on us again for the weekend away combined run with the Sunshine Coast MG Car at Caloundra on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September. Predicted rain did not eventuate, with the skies remaining clear and sunny. Six cars from the GCMGCC met at the BP Service Centre at Coomera for an 8am departure, and it was then a trouble free run to our next meeting point at the BP Service Centre at Caboolture. This just took a little over one hour, with all obeying the speed limit I am happy to say.

Geoff and Lyn Boucaut from the Sunshine Coast Club then took the lead in their yellow 'B' they called 'Bumble B' and we proceeded on to Cruice Park at Woodford where we joined up with the remainder of the Sunny Coast members with Stu and Wendy Gross bringing up the rear. In all, 14 cars from that club attended including some new members, with morning tea being provided for us all courtesy of Wendy Gross. Here we also met up with Barry and Lorraine Bauman driving their very tidy TD.

We then headed off inland via a series of interesting country lanes which, I feel sure, had been designed with MG driving in mind, plus some very steep and winding sections which caused temperature gauges to raise but which, Barry said, did not cause the TD any trouble at all. Whilst our Sunshine Coast informant was not sure if their new members got lost, some of their older members did, but thankfully the organisers remained on track. However, even if some did take a 'more scenic' route all of the cars eventually proceeded through Maleny and Montville and down Razorback Road to Palmwoods, then on to our lunch stop at the Buderim Tavern. This establishment has not long been renovated, and it does provide great views towards the coast.

After lunch Geoff led the pack once again and we proceeded over to the coast and travelled south to Caloundra.



Some 'not so kind' person from the Sunshine Coast said that for once Stu and Wendy in their modern TF finished the run without help from the RACQ, a service they apparently needed when attending the Natmeet at Ballina.



After settling in to our accommodation near the beachfront we met for drinks in President David's unit before walking the short distance to the Sandbar Restaurant on the Esplanade at Bulcock Beach for dinner. Here we also met up with Carole Cooke and Peter Kerr.

At dinner John Davies from the Sunshine Club welcomed us all to the run, and President David responded on behalf of the GCMGCC.

Sunday also dawned bright and sunny, and after breakfast most attended the Caloundra Markets set up along Bulcock Road. These markets are extremely popular with locals and visitors alike, and one can spend 'hours' wandering along and looking at the various stalls. I personally found a 'bored husbands bench' towards the end, having seen enough to last me for another 12 months or so.

As Sunday was a free day and some headed off home, and Liz and I visited our daughter who has not long moved to the Sunshine Coast and spent the afternoon and early evening with her and our grand daughter. It was great to catch up, and have an early BBQ tea with them.





After breakfast on Monday only three cars from the GCMGCC remained and with John and Lynn Talbot in the lead we headed west towards the Glass House Mountains on Tourist

Drive 6 and the Kilcoy-Beerwah Road and the D'Aguilar Highway and thence to Somerset Dam where Barry and Lorraine Bauman had invited us for morning tea. Like with our lunch on the Christmas in July run Barry and Lorraine had excelled themselves with freshly baked scones with jam and cream, plus tea cake which was great with a small amount of butter.

Although it was planned that we stop at Fernvale for lunch everyone agreed that we had been so well fed at morning tea there was no room for lunch, so we drove on to Esk then via the Brisbane Valley Way and Warrego Highway to the Logan and Pacific Motorways, then home.



What a great weekend it was, and our thanks must go to Lyn and John Talbot as well as Cheryl Robinson and the Sunshine Coast MG Car Club for a wonderful weekend run.

## Jim Lutherborrow

*Barry and Lorraine Bauman's TD*





*Some more photos  
taken during the  
Christmas in July  
Run at Barry and  
Lorraine Bauman's  
house at Somerset*





# Verona Larkin, Shell/A.A.R.C Champion. 1980 and 81

Verona was the new champion for the above series and she also also won the Leyland Production Sports Car series for the second year running. Verona raced her Midget in these series and later took to open wheelers.

Verona lives on the Sunshine Coast and operates her citrus farm. The MG Drivers Australia (Sunshine Coast) make a yearly visit to her property to make a cooked breakfast and enjoy the views. She is Deputy Chairman of the Club and drives her MGBGT.



*Verona with Carole*

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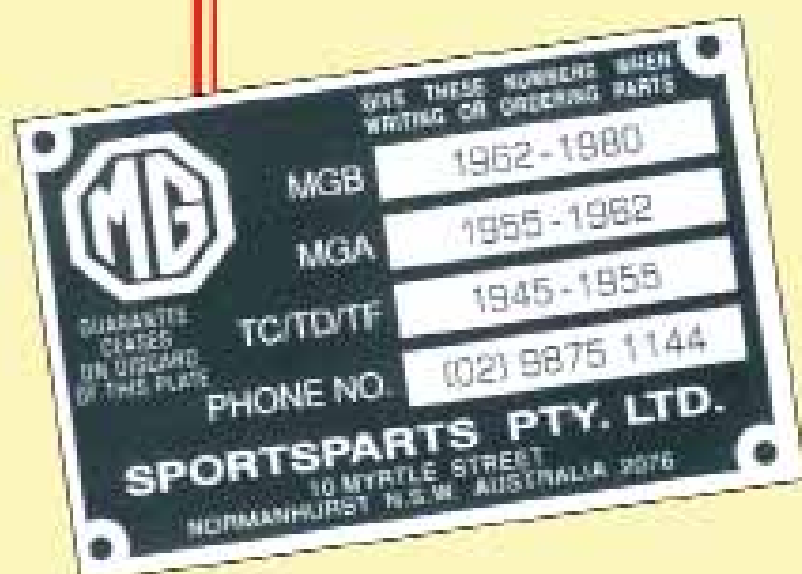
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