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MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please Note all past members whom have NOT renewed their membership
WILL CEASE TO RECEIVE THE CLUB MAGAZINE AS FROM THIS ISSUE.

Membership Renewals were due by end of June 2024.

1. Those on historic registration **SHOULD HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY 30th JUNE** because current membership of an approved car club is a necessary condition of their vehicle's registration and insurance.

2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:

Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60

Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$70

Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$25

3. When renewing it is **NOT** necessary to complete a Membership Application/ Renewal form. If Membership details (e.g. email or postal address, phone number, vehicle details) have changed please advise the Secretary Frans Henskens by email (secretary@huntermg.com)

4. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

BSB: 062-817

Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region

Account Number: 0090 3262

Description: Name(s) of renewing Member(s)

5. After payment has been made please send an email with payment details, i.e.

Your name(s)

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Full Single/Family,

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to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins (treasurer@huntermg.com)



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L to R,

**Andrew Gowans, John Longrigg, Peter LeBreton, Linda Claydon,
Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood, Frans Henskens, Alan Andoni
Absent Gary Piper, Greg Jenkins**



What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

SEPTEMBER 2024

- ♦ **Thursday 5th – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—“CafeInu” Carrington—
43 Denison St – 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Sunday 8th – Tilligerry Motorama - see the Website for details**
- ♦ **Tuesday 10th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm.
Lunch— contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend**
- ♦ **Wednesday 11th – Mid Week Gathering—TORONTO HOTEL –11.30 am for 12 am**
- ♦ **Sunday 15th – Clubman Run – Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.—
Morning tea 11am at Raymond terrace Riverside Pk. and BYO
lunch at Paterson Picnic area**
- ♦ **Monday 16th – “Cars and Coffee in the Bay” – Meet at Paul’s Corner at 8.30 for
9am in the car park Fingal Bay**
- ♦ **Tuesday 24th – Lakeside Morning Coffee – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at
9.30am to 10.30am.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 25th – “GEAR” at Pheasant Wood circuit**
- ♦ **Thursday 26nd – Tuning Run – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.**
- ♦ **Saturday 28 Sunday 29th – “HSRCA” Spring Festival “One Raceway” Goulburn**
- ♦ **Sunday 29th – Distinguished Gentleman Drive – Pre-registration is required see
page 26 herein. If a member is interested they will need to ar
range their pre-registration as per the advertisement.**

OCTOBER 2024

- ♦ **Thursday 3rd – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—“CafeInu” Carrington—
43 Denison St – 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Tuesday 8th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 9th – Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch— contact Kay
Bowden if you wish to attend**
- ♦ **Sunday 20th – Club Concours -Lambton Park opposite the Clubrooms**
- ♦ **Sunday 13th – Club Trophy Presentation – Merewether Bowling Club – 11.30am**
- ♦ **Monday 21st – “Cars and Coffee in the Bay” – Meet at Paul’s Corner at 8.30 for
9am in the car park Fingal Bay**
- ♦ **Thursday 24th – Tuning Run – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.
9.30am to 10.30am.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 29th – Lakeside Morning Coffee – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at**

Changes to arrangements published in “On the Marque” will be advised on both the Web page and the Club’s Facebook page. Members are advised to check them for such changes as the date/time of each event approaches.

NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

The following NEW MEMBERS can collect their club badges when attending a club function .
The club badge should be worn during any club function.

Mark / Karen Hodgen	Jonathon Prior
David & Patricia Carter	Gerry Harper
John & Lisa Needs	Kevin Liddell
Elizabeth Hinton	Lyell Blackman
Robert McDonald	Maree Sullivan
Nicholas Hartley	Thomas Caelli
Ian Jones	Lawrence Caelli
Linda Clayton	John Breedon
Andrew Barker	Derek Howley
Clarke & Brenda Orłowski	Peter Gavey
Bill Pike	Heidi Nader

Mid Week Gathering September.

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **11th September 2024**

Venue : **.Toronto Hotel**

Location : . Victory Parade

Parking : .Hotel back area accessed from Victory Parade or COLES parking station nearby

Time : approx., 11.30am for 12.00

Members and their wives or partners are able to sit together if they wish.

Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming or Denny Bowden on **0402 476 631**.

Thank You, Kay Bowden

NEXT MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

Please submit your contributions via email to editor@huntermg.com

Deadline for the October 2024 edition will be
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2024

The “**Euro Motorfest 2024**” on Newcastle foreshore was finally held on **Sunday 25th August** and this event replaced the August Clubman Run. Unfortunately there was almost continuous light showers so an early closing occurred. Nonetheless approximately 180 cars were present. See the “PRO” Report on page 13 within and several photographs illustrating the event after a brief introduction from our new Club Captain on page 17.

The “Square Riggers” had a reasonable patronage for August so check out the report on page 15.

The “Mid Week Gathering” for August was at the “Club Stockton” in of course Stockton with a good attendance to enjoy a meal and social discussions. Check page 16.

The August “Clubman Run” was replaced by the “Euro Motorfest however the new Club Captain Peter Le Breton has indicated his priority in locations but also is open to suggestions from members so read what he has offered and communicate your preferences.

His first run in September is to have morning tea at Riverside park at Raymond Terrace after a scenic run via Newcastle Airport in order to avoid the road works at Hexham but also to add a little scenic driving to enjoy the journey. A BYO lunch at the “Paterson” Picnic park where new electric BBQ facilities are located under new verandah style shelter with new benches and tables. They even have a stainless steel bench with wash trough for cleaning utensils. Of course the under cover individual toilet cubicles are there and are well maintained. But if you don’t like the idea of cooking your lunch or packing a sandwich or salad there is a Café nearby with good views of the countryside and meals at fair prices.

The Lakeside Morning Coffee run once again was well supported, see the report and photographs on page 28.

Progress with my MGB.

I decided to finally do something about the missing lighting of the dashboard gauges, in case I need to drive at night, as it would be of benefit to actually see what speed and other important information that the gauges provide. Well it was quick to find why I was reluctant and procrastinated on attacking the task. Getting access to the globes behind the gauges, for the gauges that actually had the electrical cabling and globe holders, meant dexterity of both body, arms and fingers that I seem to have lost as I have aged. Eventually I removed the bolts holding up the steering column to make more space and also found out that my veins in the back of my hands were easily punctured to allow flow of that precious fluid called blood.

In the progress I also damaged the oil pressure gauge and had to source a replacement.

Ah! After all that I can now read the gauges at night.



Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!

MGCCHR PRESIDENTS REPORT for SEPT,2024

We have been very busy since your last "On The Marque". The AGM has seen us get a full committee for the first time in many years, with myself, Anne , Frans, Greg, Andrew, Gary, Graham and John, staying on in our positions. Peter LeBreton has moved to Club Captain, Alan Andoni as Committee Person and Linda Claydon has joined us as Social Director. Thanks to all for stepping up.

Now, the Euro Day, it did go ahead, albeit in the rain. We thought we could get a shower, but no, it rained all day until I got the car home in the shed, then the sun came out. Thanks to Andrew for his hard work in organising the event, and a big thank you to Frans and Greg for all of the behind the scenes work that they do, and I can't forget to mention the helpers, other committee members and club members that stood out in the rain all day collecting at the gate or directing traffic. Another group to thank is the four people sitting under a leaking Cabana, Kay, Trish and Carol selling raffle tickets and John trying to sell regalia and keep it dry at the same time. Also, thanks to Michael Stevenson for supplying and operating the PA system, and Alan Andoni for sharing the sprooking with Andrew. All in all, a great effort from everyone to make the day the success that it was.

Octagonally Yours, Denny Bowden,

President

P.S. We now have new carpet in the Club rooms, more on that later



**Are you
thinking of
going to
NatMeet?**

***We need an idea of numbers to start
arranging accommodation***

**Please contact Andrew Gowans
(public_relations@huntermg.com)
to register your interest**

Vice Presidents report for September 2024

AGM

What a great roll-up at our Club's AGM last month! It was very encouraging to see so many members supporting our Club, and especially to those members who have either joined our Committee for the first time (Linda Claydon), re-joined (Alan Andoni), or simply taken on a new role (Peter Le Breton). Welcome to everyone and please support them in their roles.

100 years of MG Special Raffle

To continue with celebrating MG's Centenary, we are running a separate raffle which will be drawn at the Presentation Luncheon at the Merewether Bowling Club on Sunday 13th October (see below).

The prize is a special refillable 'ale' bottle specially designed for the 100-year Anniversary that was available at the Tamworth National Meeting in April, and which is now filled with fine port.

Dedicated tickets will be sold for \$5 each at the September and October Club nights, as well as at the Presentation Dinner. This is a lovely memento, so please remember to bring along your loose change!

Trophy presentation

As I wrote last month, we have made a booking at Merewether Bowling Club for our annual trophy presentation to be held on Sunday 13th October at 11.30 – 3.30. The cost is \$30 a head for a Roast dinner plus dessert, to be paid in advance, and numbers are limited!

Also, Barefoot Bowls is an option for anyone wanting to play afterwards, and there is a live band in the space we will be in from 4 – 7 pm. If you haven't already, please put it in your diaries NOW!

How to Book:

You can either pay \$30-00 by cash or 'square' at the September Clubnight (Tuesday 10th September) or by funds transfer (EFT) to the Club's Account BEFORE Friday 4th October.

BSB: 062817; Account 0090 3262; Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region

Payment Description: Your Name/s

Then, please email payment details to the Treasurer: gregjenkins204@gmail.com.

Enquiries: Anne Pettigrew, Email: at.rose.villa@gmail.com; Ph: 0400 432 053

Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

Anne Pettigrew

Vice-President, MGCCHR

PRO Report For September 2024 Andrew Gowans

Firstly, lots of thanks to all of you who were able to help out at Euro Motorfest on Sunday 25 August, you are the glue that holds this event together. A special call out to Trish, Kay and Carol who held the fort with the raffle sales in the wind and the rain.

Well Done, Ladies!



After a few weeks of intense weather-watching, nail-biting and soul-searching we were finally able to go ahead with our car show. The sheer fact that we went ahead, despite the drizzly weather on the day, and that we got around 180 cars on the field is indicative of the support and interest our event has in car circles. Here's a round of applause to the fine people who braved the drizzle in their cars and came down to support the

MGCC Hunter Region and, more importantly, Variety The Children's Charity and John Hunter Children's Hospital. Well done to one and all!

I'd like to take this opportunity to also send a great big 'Thank You' to our sponsors and supporters who help make Euro Motorfest a success;

"Tyrepower Gateshead" for sponsoring the trophies, "RepcO" for the raffle merchandise, "Shannons" for their continued support of car clubs and enthusiasts.

Also our vendors on the day; "Sammy's Tucker", Nezar of "Eurospec Diecast Models" and Yvonne with her "Coffee Well".



A good army marches on its stomach, and I presume that ours drives as well.

At this stage we won't get the final returns from the day until Greg gives his report at the next Committee meeting, but we can be confident of once again being able to donate some money to our selected charities.



The main event for Euro Motorfest is the announcement and presentation of the People's Choice Awards, for the best cars and the best Club display as chosen by the General Public on the day. The winners were;

Best Car Award 1st Place - Austin Healey 'Sebring' Sprite

Best Car Award 2nd Place - Alvis Speed 20

Best Car Award 3rd Place - MG PA

Best Club Display - British Car Club Hunter Region



Here's a special Well Done to Elliot Burns for taking 3rd place on his first display outing with his MG PA after a 8-9 year restoration.

We'll take stock in the next few weeks of how the event went ahead, and draft suggestions and plans for next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions please forward them to me, or any of the Committee for consideration.

The project to refinish the engine bay of my MGA continues apace, with Miss Scarlett returning today (27 Aug) from the paint shop. I'll put some pics up on our Facebook Group once I get over there to take a look. The process of painting the engine and reassembly will then soon begin. I had hoped to go to GOF in September, but I now think that's not achievable. However, I'm hopeful for getting to the Long-Form Tuning Run at the end of the month. Time will tell.

Lastly, our next big display event is the 2024 Club Concours on Sunday 20 October, so get your chamois out.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO taking a well-deserved rest

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SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting occurred at the usual location "Café inu" at 43 Denison Street in Carrington on Thursday 1st of August 2024.

Next meeting will be on

Thursday 5th of September.

We will meet at usual time of 12 noon and natter until around 2pm.



As usual we order, then sit inside the Café if it is cold or raining, as the above group of enthusiasts did for the August meeting. It was mostly cold with

a short sprinkling of rain towards the latter time of our meeting. Nonetheless we all enjoyed our food and conversations.



Come and join us as you will be welcome.

MID WEEK GATHERING AUGUST 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for August was at the "3 Sicilians Restaurant in Club Stockton" at Stockton.

An enjoyable time was had by all as is well illustrated by the adjacent photographs of the attendees

The happy faces in the girls group and the level of conversation confirmed that everyone there was having a good time.

As for the male group the photograph suggests that we need to relax when being photographed as we were having the same level of enjoyment and conversation as the girls.

For most of us the meal size was so large that it was a challenge to finish the meal.

Quality of the food was not an issue just so



much to consume.

Many thanks Kay for your organising the venue.

Photos supplied by Trish Ashton, Carol Roxby and Howard White.

Adjacent to the club was a large car park and the 4 MG's to brave the wet weather enjoyed their parking area.



AUGUST CLUBMAN RUN REPORT

Peter LeBreton

Dear members,

As your duly elected Club Captain for the coming year I'll be endeavouring to introduce some interesting monthly Clubman Runs which take in all points around the shores of Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley and Port Stephens. The September run will be a picnic/BBQ to Paterson with a morning tea stop enroute. I'd also like to seek expressions of interest from anyone who would like to, perhaps show off their garden or garage for morning tea on the day of a Clubman Run.

Additionally, if you'd like to revisit places of interest from past runs or have any beaut ideas, please get in touch.

As noted in a note sent out to members the August Clubman Run was changed to the 25th and was in reality the Euro Motorfest car display.

EURO MOTORFEST REPORT



The rain persisted for most of the morning and the willing entry gate personnel had difficulty in keeping dry but they persisted with smiles to welcome the cars and their drivers whom were intent on at least being at the Euro Motorfest after the many cancellations due to wet weather.



The club Morris "J" Van helped in the transport of marques and other requirements for the day.







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3rd Monday in the month, from 9am in the car-park for Fingal Beach SLSC	March 18th	July 15th
	April 15th	August 19th
	May 20th	September 16th
	June 17th	October 21st



2nd Sunday in the month, from 8am in the car-park for 291 On King. \$5:50 entry fee charity fund raising (online registration, see our Website for link).



THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY HIDDEN HERE...

I spy a driver, two Bathurst legends, and an Aussie first. A honey badger, four tracks, a Martin, a fine four-fendered friend, a bumblebee, and a mad man.



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MG NAT MEET 2025 BULLETIN 1



WELCOME TO ALBURY-WODONGA

They're waiting for us in Albury-Wodonga and they've been very patient. Originally the venue for the pandemic-cancelled 2020 National Meeting, the twin cities on the Murray will finally welcome us for Easter 2025. The meeting runs from 18 to 22 April.

We've got a great program of events and venues in mind and planning is well advanced.

THE PROGRAM

To get things started, we will be using a venue in Wodonga called The Cube for our Noggin 'n' Natter and Rocker Cover Racing. You will know how to find it on Friday evening because you'll have been there for Registration and Scrutineering earlier on Good Friday.

The Concours will take place on Easter Saturday at Gateway Lakes Park, on the Victorian bank - rive gauche - of the Murray River. It's a great open space with plenty to do after you've checked out all the cars. There's some boutique shopping and refreshment venues at the nearby Gateway Village, along with nature walks along the river bank. Food and coffee vans will be available on the concours site too.

Saturday night will be theme night at Albury's Commercial Club. The theme for this year will be ***Flappers, Gangsters and All That Jazz*** - celebrating a time when the only MG you could buy was a new one, when clothes were classy and the music was hot. So let's celebrate the 1920's in style.

Once the theme night has concluded, the scenic roads, hills and valleys of the region will provide everything a sporting motorist could wish for. The area is replete with historic towns dating back to the gold rush. The scenic Murray River, the Hume Weir and winding country roads, including the longest remaining section of the old Highway 31 running through towns complete with period shops.

What could be better for the Sunday Kimber Run and Monday Discovery Run? Be ready for a walk through some of these historic towns to answer the Discovery Run questions, have a refreshment and soak in the atmosphere.

Sunday will also be Motorkhana Day and the patterns will put all of our memory capacity to work once again. We are still selecting a venue for the motorkhana and will update entrants when a selection is finalised.

Monday will be Lap Dash/Sprint Day at the Logic Centre driver training facility in Barnawartha, a short drive south of Wodonga. This is a great facility with a challenging track and will provide plenty of fun for our competitors and spectators.

Monday night's presentation dinner will be held at the SS&A Club Albury, which will also be the venue for the traditional farewell breakfast and delegates meeting on Tuesday morning.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Friday 18 April

Registration and Scrutineering

Noggin 'n' Natter with Rocker Cover Racing

Saturday 19 April

Concours d'elegance

Theme night dinner

Sunday 20 April

Motorkhana

Kimber Run

Free Night

Monday 21 April

Lap Dash/Sprints

Discovery Run

Presentation Dinner

Tuesday 22 April

Farewell Breakfast

Delegates Meeting

ACCOMMODATION IN ALBURY-WODONGA AND SURROUNDS

Albury-Wodonga has plenty of accommodation options, but Easter is always a busy time of year, so don't delay your bookings.

Accommodation to suit everyone's tastes can be found on the following websites:

visitalburywodonga.com

alburywodongaaustralia.com.au

We suggest you make bookings directly with your venue of choice.

Travel times to Albury-Wodonga are approximately:

3 hours 45 minutes from Melbourne

9 hours 30 minutes from Adelaide

6 hours from Sydney

BEFORE AND AFTER TOURISM

Before and after tourism opportunities are nearly limitless in the area, so if you can arrive early or stay a few days after formalities conclude, you'll be rewarded with some wonderful experiences. Albury and Wodonga have great museums and galleries, along with fine restaurants to enjoy.

Take the time to see Lake Hume, paddlesteamers on the Murray and the north-east Victoria wine and gourmet food region. Fascinating places like Beechworth, Milawa, Chiltern and Yarrawonga are all within easy reach. Albury-Wodonga Tourism is working with us to provide plenty of information about what's on in the region for an extended stay.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ENQUIRIES:

Please lodge your expression of interest now by email to:

Nat Meet Registrar (Jan Rattray) - natmeet2025.registrar@mgcc.com.au

Other queries please email:

Nat Meet Director (Tony Lupton) - natmeet2025.director@mgcc.com.au

or

Nat Meet Secretary (Louise McKenzie) - natmeet2025.secretary@mgcc.com.au

Put Easter 2025 in Albury-Wodonga in your calendar and we look forward to welcoming you.

Tony Lupton

Secretary MGCC Victoria

Director 2025 MG National Meeting

MG NATIONAL 2025 ALBURY/WODONGA

Next year's meeting will be in Albury/ Wodonga from April 18th – 23rd. This will be Victoria's 3rd attempt at running the meeting there and I wish them all the best. Bev and I are planning on being there and I hope we'll have lots of Hunter Region friends with us.

If you are interested in going, please let me know. I will be looking for accommodation very soon and need to know numbers. It's only an expression of interest, you aren't locking anything in.

Steve Jones (sbmbjones@optusnet.com.au or 0412495234)



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SUNDAY

29TH OF SEPTEMBER

2024

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“GoF” Gathering of the Faithful by MG CC Wagga

Friday 13th September 2024

6.30pm For 7pm	GoF Dinner and Dance To be held this year at the Wagga RSL Club, Dobb St Wagga in the Mirage Room. As it is Friday 13 th , so please wear something spooky. Entertainment by the excellent “Soul Trader”
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Saturday 14th September 2024

8.30am	Registration Meet at the Cross St car park and collect your GOF registration and goody bag. Then take some time out with a short stroll to our wonderful city or stay and have a coffee while we judge cars.
11.00am	Car Judging All entrants’ vehicles are on public display at the Cross St car park. Cars will be judged Saturday so you can all have a more relaxed start to your Sunday morning.
1.00pm	Fun run A way to enjoy your MG by sharing your experience with other owners on our local area fun run.
2.30pm	Afternoon tea After the run, sit back and enjoy a hot tea or coffee, plus a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Country Women’s Association.
Free For All	Time Out Spend a relaxing evening exploring the many pubs, clubs and restaurants in Wagga city.

Sunday 15th September 2024

September

From 8.00am	BBQ breakfast! Start your day with a BBQ breakfast at the Cross St car park, freshly cooked by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Wagga. “The Gathering of the Faithful” The winners of the trophies are announced.
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For more information contact the GOF Committee:

Email gof@mgccwagga.org.au

Post GoF Committee PO Box 6041 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

For MGCC Hunter Region members please follow below directions.



GOF 2024

GOF is on 13-15 September in Wagga Wagga

If you're thinking of going, contact Bob Woods or Geoff Gallagher to co-ordinate plans

Also see our Website (short link)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fb6fcd>



Lakeside MORNING COFFEE RUN



The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 27th August.

Following the rather varied weather of the last week there was an enthusiastic gathering of members this morning at Marks Point Post office & Café.

It was a lovely day for a morning drive. The freshly baked raspberry scones were very tasty, thanks to the ladies at the café.





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The Smith's Tacho Reduction Gearbox.

The early cable-driven tachometers in many cars required a reduction gearbox to adjust the speed of the cable to match the dial reading of the tacho.

Some vehicles had reduction boxes fitted directly to the camshaft and these were a simple 2:1 ratio.

These reduction gearboxes for the MGs are fixed to the rear of the dynamo/generator and are geared down to suit the combined ratio of the specific model's engine speed, dynamo speed and the tachometer. The dynamo pulley is typically smaller than the crankshaft pulley to speed up the charging rate, so spins faster than the engine.

I did not have the correct 'box for the TA and I tried a few suppliers to no avail. By 'no avail', I mean that I could not find a supplier that made, or stocked, the original period-style Smiths units. The offerings were manufactured from a block of steel and were 'chunky', lacking style and the finesse of the original design. However, I had an original item to suit a TC, but it was seized. Since I had nothing to lose, I opened it up to check the problem and whether it was feasible to modify it to suit. The cause of the seizing was that the grease had dried and hardened, locking up the gear meshing, but otherwise everything else was in excellent condition. This is a common problem too, for the grease in wiper motor gearboxes. (If your wiper seems to be running slow and/or hotter than it should, strip it and renew the grease.)

The next problem was to confirm the correct ratio. I had read in the past that the ratio should be 2.66 but the "W.E.Blower" publication for all models up to the TF listed it to be the same as the TC i.e. 2.25. However, "Blower" listed the sister cars, SA and WA, as being 2.66. The missing member of the trio of these beautiful saloons, the VA, had no mention of the tacho, which was probably an inadvertent omission. To confirm what it should be, I checked the ratio by calculating through the pulley sizes and the tacho readout from a known input r.p.m. For the latter, I used an electric drill and infrared digital tacho. I can confirm that the ratio should be 2.66 and therefore "Blower" is in error. (It would not be a sin to use the TC ratio as the only difference would be that the tacho reading would be about 18%, or thereabouts, higher than actual.)

I then searched for some gear manufacturers to see if there was anything compatible for the casing, the shafts, and the ratio. Lo and behold - *Success!* I found a company in the UK that manufactures a mind-boggling array of miniature gears in a range of materials, and I had no problem finding a set of gears with the correct ratio and, importantly the p.c.d. The gears needed modifying as they were too thick and one needed the shaft hole increased to enable a press fit on the original shaft. A colleague is associated with a business that worked with small industrial equipment and instruments and they offered to undertake the machining. I made a workshop drawing to make their job easier. The result is first-class and every bit as good as the original.

The photos below show the original gearbox used, with 2.25 stamped on the case, and the difference between the gear sets. (The shiny ones are the new ones.)

p.s. I believe grease should not be used in these because of its limited lubricating ability in this application. Once the gears have had a decent spin, the grease throws to the outside of the chamber and stays there. Early cars required a heavy oil for chassis lubrication and

I believe these would be better with oil. The early grease guns in car standard tool kits were called 'oil guns' and this is what would have been used on the nipple fitted to these units. In a normal transmission gearbox, the oil sits around the layshaft and as soon as the car moves, the oil is brought up to the mainshaft and circulates. This would be the same. Plus, some oil would get to the shafts, where grease wouldn't.

Peter Lloyd





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Please submit your contributions via email to editor@huntermg.com

**Deadline for the OCTOBER 2024 edition will be
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2024**

Teenager Passes Driving Test

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father if he could borrow his car. His father had an idea that he would make a deal with his son.

"If you bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut, then we'll talk about your borrowing my car."

The boy thought for a moment, decided it was a good offer, and agreed to it. Six weeks later his father said, "Son, I've noticed you've brought your grades up and that you have been studying your Bible but you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

...and the classic comeback...

"And did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1970 MGB GT Mk 2



MGB GT well-presented and in excellent condition for private sale

For full details and photographs please email

david.noble070@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1968 MGB Mk2 Roadster

I wish to sell my 1968 MGB Mk2 roadster. This car has been fully restored by MG Workshops in Melbourne and it is a quality restoration of the car and the engine.

The engine is totally rebuild, balanced and with a fast road cam and is a delight to drive.

The bodywork is restored to a high standard with new floors and sills and fully repainted in the original white colour with a new rag top.

This car is as original except for a very 60s after-market steering wheel and chrome wire wheels from my MGC (I fitted 15 x 6" wheels to my MGC)

Asking price is \$37,500

This car has not even covered 5000 km since restoration.

Howard Anderson

howard@andersonwinery.com.au



1968 MGB

1968 MGB with overdrive, standard number plate, and electronic ignition. Rust-free and reliable with 12 months registration.

A joy to drive, with many additional features.

Reluctant sale, previously advertised on another site.

Located near Armidale NSW. **\$23,500**

Contact: Dylan Worley on 0407299266.



FOR SALE

The car is in very good condition with new Brakes including slave cylinders, new Clutch, brake servo, clutch slave cylinder, new radiator, new muffler, new water pump and motor oil pressure 70bs. Suspension rubbers replaced.

All wet weather gear including hood, Tonneau and side curtains in very good condition.



Include daily log book on all running maintenance including fuel since restoration. Has been in same ownership for 40 years but stored since 1993.

The price is **\$39,000.00** and any enquiries can be directed to me on mobile **0408653581**.
Regards Peter Dever.

For sale 76 Midget 1500cc ,

lot of work done by Bob Rowntree, fast and new German 3.55 Crown Wheel & Pinion.

Selling only as retired and too many MG's. to maintain and rego etc.

\$13,500 reduced to \$12,000

Details and info contact Steve in Sydney
02 96804648 or
mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au



Also 'For Sale 68 MGCGT .

Full body strip to bare metal is In undercoat & ready for paint.

2 new front guards, new bumpers . needs assembling. **\$20,000**

Steve, mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au or 02 96804648.

FOR SALE



1951 MG TD – Unfinished Project

The MG TD in British Racing Green with an Ivory interior, an unfinished project is ready for restoration. In original condition.

1250cc XPAG motor, 4-speed manual transmission, serviceable tyres. All major parts included. Also includes a Rag Top in excellent condition. No structural

issues. The car is solid at its core, free from rust.

Currently not road-worthy and will require a trailer for transportation.

Selling as a project. **\$24,000** Contact pennyfurner@gmail.com



FOR SALE

MGB GT For Sale

I am offering my 1971 MGBGT for sale.

It is mechanically excellent and runs well.

1800cc original engine with twin carburetors and functioning overdrive on 3rd and 4th gears.

Runs on unleaded fuel.

Spares include original Rostyle wheels.

The car was originally imported from US and converted to Right Hand Drive.

I have owned it for 30 years and have documentation of work done over that period including top overhaul, telescopic rear dampers and clutch replacement.

Offers around \$18,000 will be considered.

Phone for a test drive.

John Stuart 0408622674. (Merewether)



FOR SALE MGYT Tourer 1950

This is Yvette Bywater daughter of Kerry Reily (I hope you remember dad)

Dad is 91 years old and his mobility is very poor, hence he is no longer able to tinker around with his beloved MG

He has asked us to reach out to the club to see if there is any interest from members wanting to purchase his pride and joy.

He has said the coil needs replacing.

This MG has received a whole lot of love from dad over the years , and to be honest, it is sad that we are now putting the car up for sale.

I've attached some photos.

We would prefer to go through the club prior to advertising else where.

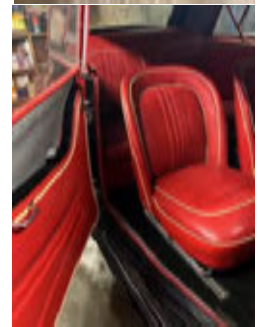
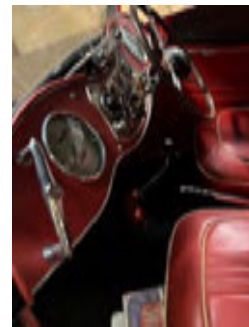
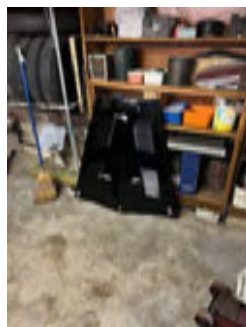
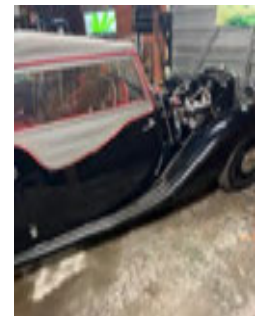
Would appreciate if you could circulate this to other members.

If anyone is wanting to discuss further I can be reached on

0418 464 363

Ybywater@me.com

Many thanks Yvette Bywater



FOR SALE

1968 MGC GT

Your chance to own a rare 6 cylinder MG!

Only 4,000 built over 3 years, compared to over 300,000 MGBs

4 speed manual with electric overdrive, sunroof.

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Contact Andrew 0499 602 481



FOR SALE 1949 MG Y Type Saloon

1949 MG Y Type four door saloon, finished in British Racing Green with tan interior.

Powered by the single carburettor version of the XPAG 1250cc motor.

The car has a sliding roof and design features of the period such as forward opening front doors, tilting windscreen and burr walnut veneered woodwork, and has period accessories including "Jackall" hydraulic jacking system, 1940's valve radio and Smiths Beehive heater.

Obtained from Phil Redhead (Sportsparts Pty Ltd) in 1974, and since then has been maintained to a high standard including body and mechanical restoration in the 1980's. Originally it was used as a daily/weekly drive, but recently has been placed on Historic Registration 34953J (not transferable).

Price: **\$21,500**

Condition: Good, as per the photos.

Location: Galston 2159 NSW.

Contact: Graham Monaghan

0296531230

gmono1@proton.me



FOR SALE

MGB GT 1966

This MG GT was built in November 1966.

The car comes with a certified copy of the factory records from the BMI Heritage Trust.

The car had undergone an extensive rebuild from 1985 until Sep 2012 when I purchased it.

The car was originally BRG and was repainted in Tartan Red as part of the rebuild. The previous owner kept meticulous paper records including full photos of the entire rebuild.

These will be passed on.

It is a beautiful road car especially after the overdrive function was fitted to the car in early 2013.

The car has been meticulously maintained to keep the car in its original condition.

It is fitted with an original DIAMOND DOT (AM) Radio that needs to be fine-tuned.

I have completed other refits to the car with the guidance & involvement of a retired BMC Mechanic including:

A centre console in Mar 2013

Overdrive function Mar 2013

Fuel Filters Mar 2013

New fuel tank May 2013

4 x Wheel Bearings Jul 2013

New roof lining fitted in Feb 2022

The car has been regularly tuned by the Mechanic and has had regular grease & oil changes.

We have also changed the 2 X 6V conjoint batteries into a single 12v Unit and is currently "trickle charged" for maintenance.

The car is registered until Sep 2024 in the Conditional Registration Category and is non-transferable.

Standard Specifications are as follows:

Engine: Inline 4 Cylinders 1789cc

Gear Box: 4 Speed Manual – Synchronesh on Top 3 – Overdrive Fitted

Fuel Tank: 12 Gallons = 54 Litres

Wheels – 4 x Wire + Spare Wire

Brakes: Front Disc / Rear Drum

The car comes with some spare parts as well as maintenance equipment including – 2 x Air Filters, 4 x car stands, 1 x Hydraulic Jack & a pair of positioning jacks amongst other parts.

I am disappointed that I am selling but due to personal circumstances the car is only being used infrequently for monthly runs with associates.

For further information and price contact **Neil Morrison** at nmorrison1@outlook.com



MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 13th August 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.01 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Frans Henskens, Howard White, Andrew Gowans, John Longrigg, Peter Le Breton, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th July 2024 were read and approved; moved Andrew Gowans seconded Peter Le Breton.

Business Arising:

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Briefing on the requirements and responsibilities of the Liquor Licence, for which DB is Licensee.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

Christmas-in-July was, again, another fantastic day. Following a run organised by Howard and Graham, 24 members came to lunch at the Lochinvar Hotel, enjoyed a superb roast dinner followed by an individual Christmas pudding with custard, and everyone also received a handmade Christmas gift from "Mary" Christmas!

Chocolates were also given to the wonderful staff at the Lochinvar Hotel, and a Christmas/ thank you card was sent the following week.

It is unlikely that I can attend the Euro Day, and therefore unable to sell raffle tickets again this year.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2024/25 Membership renewals to date: 69 single and 62 family, a total paid-up membership of 193.

Re Euro Motorfest, the application for our third attempt on August 25 has been lodged with Newcastle City Council and we await receipt of the approval.

Our Club Annual General Meeting is to be held tonight. Members were sent an email, and nominations have been received for all 2024/2025 Committee positions.

Thanks to Denny for his assistance while I was away.

The Lambton Mechanics Institute Trust (our landlord) has approved replacement of the carpet in our Clubrooms.

The working bee (to empty all furniture) is scheduled for Monday 19th August at 11 a.m.
The carpet will be laid on Friday 23rd August.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Thanks for the last couple of years as Club Captain.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Invitation to LOST Fraternity Car Club rally.

Invitation declined.

Invitation from TGHN Motor Club to participate in the Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motorfest, Myall Sports Park Hawks Nest, March 8, 2025.

Will be added to Club calendar.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

MG Centenary Metal Car Badge – Qty 10 badges have been received from Jennie Jackson. Members have already ordered Qty 6 badges. No further badges will be manufactured.

Metal car badge manufacturer of HRMGCC badge has been identified. More details to be provided at next meeting.

A full reconciliation of Regalia stock has been completed and a stock report as of 30th June 2024 has been provided to the Treasurer. The club still holds a lot of old stock therefore revised pricing has been proposed to the Treasurer with a stock write-down of \$1,023 reducing the old stock holdings total value to \$3,033 based on the revised pricing.

Clothing

A further Onya Visuals order for both short and long sleeve Club polo shirts has been received and available for club members to purchase or order their respective sizes.

Cloth arm coverings (used by golfers) is still to be investigated.

Long sleeve cotton shirts still to be researched.

HRMGCC website – access to the Regalia page needed to update Regalia information.

Denny has provided details of company that can make car window stickers with our Club logo. The Regalia Officer still needs to arrange these stickers.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton)

Nothing new to report.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

August magazine issued and was e-mailed to all financial members on 31st July.

General Business:

Club Website updates applied recently, and it no longer crashes.

John L has joined Merewether Bowling Club, so our Presentation can be held there with member discounts.

FH to further investigate making the defibrillator available to all users of the building, if necessary.

It was agreed to run a separate raffle for the 100-year Anniversary refillable 'ale' bottle purchased by AP at the Tamworth National Meeting and filled with port by DB.

Dedicated tickets will be sold for \$5 each at the September and October Club nights, and the raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Luncheon at the Merewether Bowling Club (13th October).

Club Website stats for July 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In July the Website was viewed 2,448 times with the peak being 31 July with 347 views. The daily average was 79 views per day.

Facebook Stats

In July there were 140 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 6,417 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 18 & 24 July. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th September 2024 @ 6.00 pm.

MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 13th August 2024

Meeting Opened 7:30 pm

Chairperson: Returning Officer Frans Henskens; Minutes: Outgoing Secretary Frans Henskens

Minutes of Last AGM: Approval of Minutes of AGM held 8th August 2023 proposed Andrew Gowans
Seconded Alan Andoni

Reports from Committee:

Treasurer: Mr. Greg Jenkins:

The Treasurer apologises, he is unwell. The past year has done quite well financially. Big expenditures involved the new fridge, and the defibrillator, leaving us with close to a balanced budget.

Committee Positions Declared Vacant: The Returning Officer declared all Committee positions vacant and conducted the next part of the meeting.

Nominations and voting for 2024/2025:

President: Denny Bowden (nominated Greg Jenkins, seconded Gary Piper) was duly elected.

Vice President: Anne Pettigrew (nominated Denny Bowden, seconded Frans Henskens) was duly elected.

Secretary: Frans Henskens (nominated Anne Pettigrew, seconded Denny Bowden) was duly elected.

Treasurer: Greg Jenkins (nominated John Longrigg, seconded Denny Bowden) was duly elected.

Club Captain: Peter Le Breton (nominated Denny Bowden, seconded Frans Henskens) was duly elected.

Sporting Director: Gary Piper (nominated Denny Bowden, seconded Greg Jenkins) was duly elected.

Public relations: Andrew Gowans (nominated Denny Bowden, seconded Peter Le Breton) was duly elected.

Regalia: John Longrigg (nominated Graham Haywood, seconded Greg Jenkins) was duly elected.

Committee Member: Alan Andoni (nominated Frans Henskens seconded Denny Bowden) was duly elected.

Social Director: Linda Claydon (nominated Denny Bowden, seconded John Longrigg) was duly elected.

Magazine Editor: Graham Haywood (nominated John Longrigg, seconded Greg Jenkins) was duly elected.

General Business:

All business having been conducted except for the Treasurer's Report, the meeting was adjourned pending receipt and approval of that Report at the next Club meeting.

Meeting Closed 7:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th 2024 @ 6.00 pm; followed by the General Meeting @ 7:30 pm

MGCCHR Clubman Point Scoring System

The Honour Board on the wall in the Clubroom has provision for the yearly Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion.

Every member has the chance to get their name on the board through consistency of participation in Sporting Events or Clubman runs.

Sporting results are kept by the Sporting Director and apply to any MG Club endorsed sporting event that members compete in whether it is a hill climb, motor kana or racetrack event. 1 point allocated for each sporting event a member competes in during the club year.

1st, 2nd and 3rd placings are decided by the total number of points allocated and are rewarded with a trophy. The 1st placing winner's name is listed as the **Sporting Champion** on the Honour Board.

Clubman results are kept by Public Relations Officer (PRO) and are forwarded to him via (A) member responsible for monthly Wednesday mid week pub and club runs, (B) member responsible for monthly Thursday tuning runs, (C) Club Captain responsible for Sunday monthly Clubman runs (D) member responsible for co-ordinating display of MGs at Car Shows or Community Events (unless there are limits on the number of cars that can participate). To qualify for Clubman points members must participate in a minimum of 3, mixed or the same, event runs in the same MG during the club year (July to June).

Depending on what model MG you own and or participate in will decide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each allocated model division. PRO allocates one point to each driver and mate for each Clubman run for each MG Division. Trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each MG Division and to the first three MG mates (car partners, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends etc.) The overall winner (the member who participates in the most Clubman runs) wins the Clubman Trophy and has their name listed as the **Clubman Champion** on the Honour Board

Our Club also has a **NON MG** class which is designed to attract members with other marque sports cars to join our club and participate in all runs. PRO allocates one point to each NON MG sports car participating in a run. Members must also participate in a minimum of 3 runs in the same NON MG car to qualify for the trophy. There is only one **NON MG and mate** combined trophy which is awarded to the member with the highest points at the end of the club year.

Although NOT awarded annually the **Octagon Award Trophy** can be awarded by the committee to a NON committee member who in the view of the committee continually assists the MGCCHR with a range of services over the club year.