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2024 — 2025 MG CC HUNTER REGION COMMITTEE

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**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.

OCTOBER 2024

- ◆ **Thursday 3rd – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—“CafeInu” Carrington—
43 Denison St – 12pm to 2pm**
- ◆ **Sunday 6th – MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Tri Challenge & Mattara Hillclimb track A3**
- ◆ **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 13th – Club Trophy Presentation – CANCELLED**
- ◆ **Sunday 20th – MG CC Hunter Region Concourse at Lambton Park opposite the
Club Rooms starting at**
- ◆ **Monday 21st – “Cars and Coffee in the Bay” – Meet at Paul’s Corner at 8.30 for
9am in the car park Fingal Bay**
- ◆ **Tuesday 24th – Tuning Run – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.**
- ◆ **Tuesday 29th – Lakeside Morning Coffee – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at
9.30am to 10.30am.**

NOVEMBER 2024

- ◆ **Thursday 7th – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—“CafeInu” Carrington—
43 Denison St – 12pm to 2pm**
- ◆ **Tuesday 12th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm.**
- ◆ **Wednesday 13th – Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch— contact Kay
Bowden if you wish to attend**
- ◆ **Sunday 17th – Christmas Toy Run and Club Presentation awards**
- ◆ **Tuesday 26th – Lakeside Morning Coffee – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at
9.30am to 10.30am.**
- ◆ **Tuesday 28th – Tuning Run – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.**
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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 **9th October 2024**

Venue : **.Lakeside Village Tavern**

Location : . 74 Benjamin Lee Drive Raymond Terrace

Parking : .Plenty of parking.

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 November 2024 edition will be

TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2024

That will allow a report from Lakeside Morning Coffee to be included.

The Club CONCOURS to be held on Sunday 20th October will replace the Clubman Run for October and will be held on the Lambton Park across the road from our club rooms.

The “Square Riggers” had a good patronage for September with the star being Elliot Burns PB restoration. There also was a good selection of square riggers as well as the usual MGB group of cars. So check out the report on page 14.

The “Mid Week Gathering” for September was at the “Toronto Hotel” in of course Toronto with a good attendance to enjoy a meal and social discussions.
Check page 15 for Photographs.

The September “Clubman Run” was very well patronized showing support for our new Club Captain Peter Le Breton on his actual first run. See pages 16 and 17 for more information. The Lakeside Morning Coffee run once again was well supported, see the report and photographs on page 28.

The Club Tuning Run was held over 3 days and was a great success with 21 starters and 11 cars doing the road trip without any flattop journeys required. Look for the next issue of “On The Marque” for details of the event along with Photographs.

I was absent due to a call to help with an audit of a coal Railway in Bowen Queensland but I know where I would prefer to be and that is with club members enjoying our cars doing what they were designed for.

Progress with my MGB.

I had no work demand from my MGB for September which is a pleasant outcome but that doesn't mean there aren't any tasks that I have delayed doing as they currently don't effect my driving pleasure.



Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!

Graham Haywood
Editor



MGCCHR PRESIDENTS REPORT for OCTOBER,2024

It was good to see the many members turn up to support Peter`s first Clubman run. It was a little windy by the river at Raymond Terrace but nice and cosy in the Paterson Hotel. Also a nice, and as someone put it, spirited drive in between the river and the hotel.

Bev and Steve Jones have been putting in a lot of work and driving to ensure that our members are able to enjoy the Jones`s extended tuning run.

Thank you and safe travels to all.

I know that when Steve and Bev started this project numbers were limited, but there has been so much interest in this event, so much so that Bev and Steve have had to do more work than first planned to find venues for accommodation and meals to cater for the extra numbers. Well done to the Jones`s for going the extra time and effort. Knowing that Steve has a way of putting pen to paper, I feel sure that there will be a detailed report on the Tuning Run in the next "On The Marque".

Again , Safe travels to all.

Octagonally Yours,

Denny Bowden, President

Vice Presidents report for October 2024

Trophy presentation – 13th October, 2024 – C A N C E L L E D

Despite having 32 trophies to present, at the time of preparing this report, we only had 7 people who had booked and paid to attend the luncheon at Merewether Bowling Club. After discussion with our President, we could not see that it was worth continuing with our booking, and have regretfully cancelled it.

The Committee will discuss alternative dates and options at our October committee meeting.

100 years of MG Special Raffle

To continue with celebrating MG`s Centenary, we are running a separate raffle which will be drawn either at the last Club night of the year (Tuesday 10th December) or the Trophy Presentation (where and whenever we decide to re-schedule it).

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. This is a lovely memento that would also make a great Christmas present!

Dedicated tickets are just \$5 each & will be sold at our Club nights, as well as at the Trophy Presentation.

So please remember to bring along your loose change!

Anne Pettigrew

Vice-President, MGCCHR

SOCIAL DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Linda Claydon

Hello to one and all.

I want to introduce myself as the newest member of the committee.

My name is Linda Claydon and this is my second year as a member of MGCCHR.

I moved to the Lake two and half years ago and knew I needed to connect with the right people to enjoy owning an MG.

I have an MGB GT MK11 1973. My husband had owned this car since 1976 until he sadly died and I then became the custodian.

The journey the MG and I have shared since has had its ups and downs but together we make a great team now!

To support and contribute to such a strong club as MGCCHR is important and to this end I hope as the year unfolds that we all can enjoy some Social adventures together.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you have or places you have been to and would like to share.

I will be more than happy to explore all avenues.

“So let’s go on adventures !”

Cheers Linda



**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**

PRO Report For October 2024 Andrew Gowans

As I write my report I also note that the Club Concours is rapidly approaching, so put Sunday 20 October into your Calendar, and get polishing. Taking into account our ability to attract east coast lows for Club events, I strongly suggest adding some further coats of wax!

We will need the help of Members on the day, to direct parking, erect marquees and, of course, to judge the cars. Fear not! You don't have to be a self-proclaimed expert in MG design, engineering and history to Judge at Concours. We can pair the uninitiated with more-experienced Members to get hands-on with the nitty-gritty of judging MGs. Basically if you know what an MG looks like, you can hold a clipboard and don't mind getting your knees dirty you can Judge at Concours too.

Don't be afraid to put your car into the Concours, it's not some cut-throat, dog-eat-dog competition, cars of all conditions are welcome. It's a great day on the park with other Club Members, enjoying a cup of coffee, a light snack, and indulging in a lot of MG talk. That doesn't sound too scary, does it?

Sunday 20 October on Lambton Park (opposite the Clubrooms) on Elder St, Lambton.

The work on Miss Scarlett's engine bay continues, with the engine now sporting a lovely coat of paint (see below). The reassembly will then start, and I'm currently hopeful of getting her to Concours. Let's hope the weather is kind.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO taking a well-deserved rest

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SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

We have scheduled our annual concours for Sunday 20th October and we will need help with early set up, gate, traffic directors, judging & a few other tasks. With regards to judging you don't need previous experience to help with the job. If you haven't judged before we will team you up with an experienced person & it's a good way to learn what goes on & gain judging experience & have a enjoyable day. If you can help on the day let me know over the next few weeks please.

On Sunday 8th September MG Car Club Newcastle ran a Hillclimb at Ringwood Park which saw a total of 45 cars competing on course A4 which is one of the longer courses. There was a threat of rain on the day however we completed the scheduled 4 runs for the day before we got any rain so we were lucky.



It's the first time in the last 18 months I've run the B in a Hillclimb and first Hillclimb with the rebuilt engine. I managed to take 2.5 seconds off my previous PB and the car was definitely launching better off the start line. My B was definitely going much quicker but I felt due to a combination of lack of practice and trying too hard I let the car down a bit, but I was still happy with the way the car performed. We seemed to have sorted out a few issues so I'm now looking forward to the next event.

"GEAR" will run its next event on Wed September 25 at "Pheasant Wood" circuit Marulan and hopefully our last "GEAR" event for the year will be run on "One Raceway" (formally Wakefield Park) cant wait for this one. Hopefully I'll be able to get back in the car by then.

Coming Events

Sunday October 6 MGCC Newcastle Tri Challenge & Mattara Hillclimb track A3

Sunday October 20 MGCCHR Annual Concours

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG

Cheers Gary

SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting occurred at the usual location "Café inu" at 43 Denison Street in Carrington on Thursday 5th of September 2024.

Next meeting will be on

Thursday 3rd of October.

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 SEPTEMBER 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for September was at the Toronto Hotel.

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

Many thanks Kay for your organising the venue.

Photos supplied by Trish Ashton.



SEPTEMBER CLUBMAN RUN REPORT

Peter LeBreton

“...Despite the inclement weather on the days before, there was an impressive attendance of members and cars for the September Clubman Run.

Departing as scheduled from Club HQ we had a brisk run to Raymond Terrace via the Stockton Bridge where we met with more participants at Riverside Park for the second leg to Paterson Tavern via Seaham.

An unintended bonus of additional sightseeing was thrown in due to wrong turn onto Clarence Town Rd by your Club Captain thankfully it was the only embarrassing event of the day. All 24 attendees enjoyed the lunch and refreshments.

The October Clubman will be replaced by the Club Concours but I’m confident there will be a good roll up to the November outing.

Thanks to Trish Ashton for the photos.”





Cars parked alongside Riverside Park Raymond Terrace. Then off to Paterson for a welcome lunch in the Paterson Hotel.



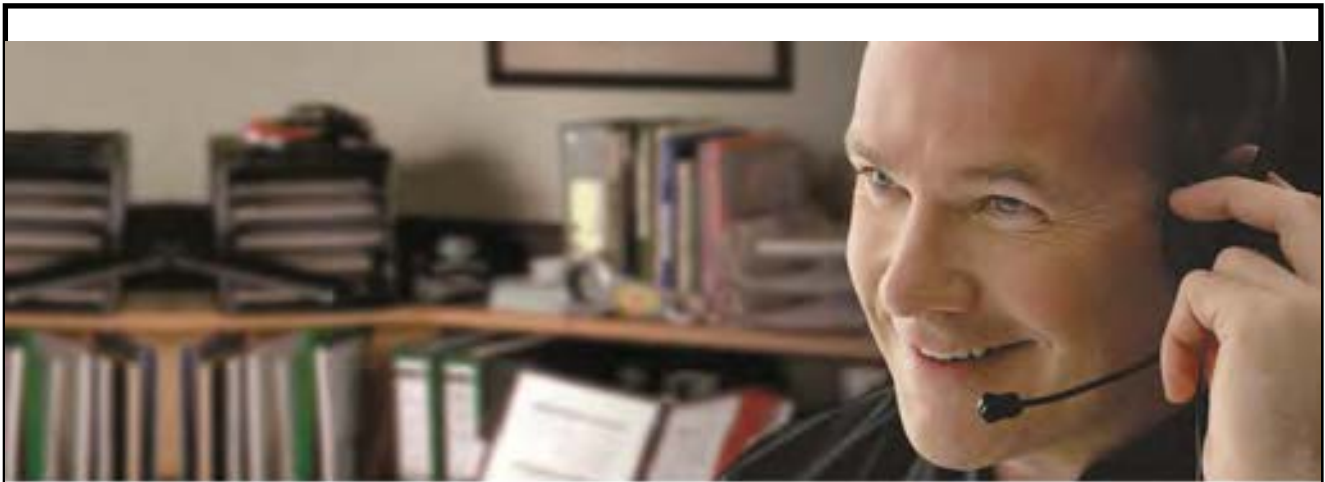
Parking at Paterson was at a premium however all were successfully parked



Exterior of the Paterson Hotel



Guests seated inside the Paterson Hotel



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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.



DRIVEN BY PASSION
FOR 100 YEARS

MG's and Dinky Toys have a long and parallel history. As a collector of both, I thought it was time to attempt an article bringing these 2 famous names together.

MG as everyone knows, stands for Morris Garages. The cars were developed from the Morris by Cecil Kimber who ran "Morris Garages" in Oxford for William Morris (later to be Lord Nuffield). Kimber was initially building Morris Cowleys and Morris Oxfords. Kimber was interested in racing and the first "MG" was probably a modified Morris developed in 1925 for the London to Land's End trial. The first MG "Old Number One" was rescued from being scrapped in Manchester and brought back to Abingdon for restoration in 1933. By the end of 1926, 179 MGs had been produced.

The MG car factory moved to Abingdon in 1929, 1,155,032 cars were made at the plant over the next 51 years until British Leyland closed it on 24 October 1980. Subsequently cars sold under the MG brand have been produced either at Longbridge in Birmingham or at SAIC's factories in China. (Wikipedia)

Dinky Toys were first produced in 1931, initially called "Modelled Miniatures". They were made by the Meccano Company in Binns Rd, Liverpool. This Company was started by Frank Hornby in 1901 and remained the centre of operations until 1979. O gauge Hornby trains were first advertised in 1920, and Modelled Miniatures were initially produced as accessories to the trains, Station Staff being the initial offering in 1931. The O gauge scale is approximately 7 metres to 1 foot or 1/43. The first catalogue in 1934 describes Meccano Miniatures and includes a bus and a racing car as well as some push along trains. Later in 1934 the name Dinky Toys was introduced.

The first sign of MG in the early Dinky productions was the 23 and 23a/b racing car initially issued in April 1934 as no 23 and then a month or two later as 23a or 23b. The model was based on two MG Record racing cars driven by Capt, George Eyston, though never given this designation by Meccano. The first casting was based on the 4 cylinder "Magic Midget" EX-127, had an open cockpit and no driver, with 4 stub exhausts. By December 1934 a drivers head was added to the casting with a 6 branch exhaust system including silencer and fishtail to represent the later 6 cylinder Magnette (EX-135). This MG was painted in horizontal stripes earning it the nickname "Humbug" after the striped confectionary!



Figures 1 and 2 show the Dinky racing car based on the 6 cylinder Magnette showing the exhaust configuration and fishtail. Dinky 23a, renumbered 220

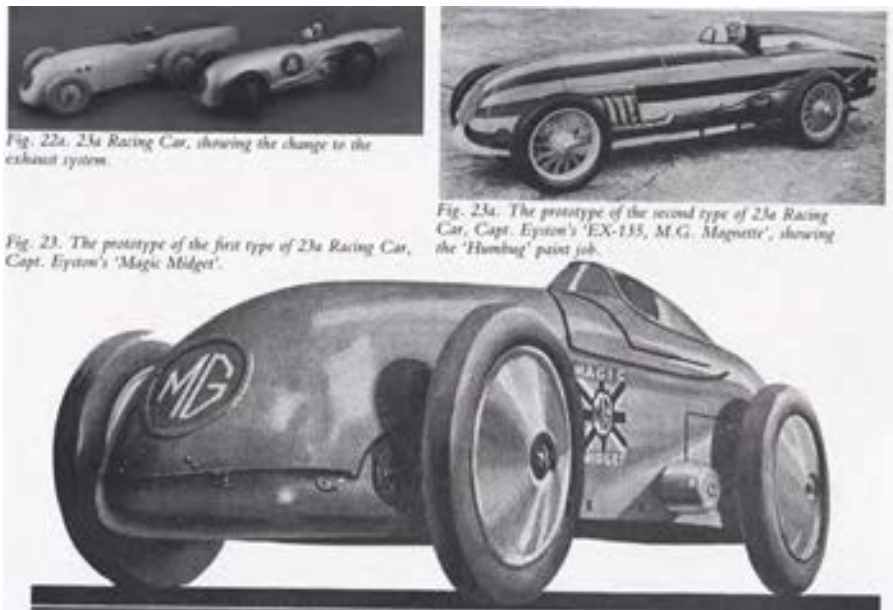


Figure 3. Extract from Hornby Companion Series, Dinky Toys and Modelled Miniatures by Mike and Sue Richardson.

One of my favourite Dinky Toys is 23p Gardner's MG Record car first issued in 1939. After the records were set by Major A.T.G Gardner in May 1939 (world speed record for cars of less than 1,100cc capacity on a German Autobahn), the model appeared in the shops in December, something of a record in itself for Meccano! Interestingly the initial record was 203.7 mph for the flying kilometre and 203.2 mph for the flying mile. The car's engine was then rebored to take it over 1,100cc and set new records for cars up to 1,500cc over the flying km, mile and 5km with speeds of 204.2, 203.8 and 200.6mph respectively. The model pictured has the MG logo on the front of the bonnet and Union Jacks on the sides indicating the world record for Britain. Also of interest is that these records were set in Germany just before the outbreak of the Second World War.



Figure 4 Gardner's MG Record Car, Dinky 23p

While most of the Dinky cars were of the scale 1/43 to fit in with the "O" gauge Hornby trains, a smaller scale set of vehicles was also produced to accompany the Meccano made Dublo electric trains, "OO" gauge. Strangely, the first set issued preceded the first Double trains by 2 years (1936) and included 2 MGs. The first was 35b Midget Racer, an MG R Type, and 35c MG Sports car based on the MG Midget or P Type.



Figure 5 Small Dinky sports cars plus 2 Lesney (Matchbox) models for comparison. Foreground Dinky 35b Racer based on MG R Type. Red and Green MGs Dinky35c, MG Sports Car based on MG Midget or P Type. Yellow models are Lesney.



Figure 6 MG "Midgets" in different colours, Dinky 102, 108

While production of all Dinky Toy and other Meccano products would have been severely curtailed during the war, the company flourished in the post war period. The Meccano Magazine came out every month with new models advertised. In 1955 a series of sports cars were released, featuring an MG Midget (TF) in both racing (108) and touring (102) finishes. A gift set of 6 of these was available which included the MG with Sunbeam Alpine, Austin Healy, Triumph TR2 and an Aston Martin DB3S, a very desirable set



Figure 7 Austin Healy, Part of the Sports Car Gift Set.

In 1962 an MGB roadster was released with some new gimmicks. The front wheels turned on pressure and the doors opened. This was the last MG produced by Meccano.

Regrettably the Company began to face challenges from newer and more progressive competitors such as Corgi and Solido and Matchbox who were adding plastic windows and friction motors and Dinky was slow to catch up.

In 1963 Meccano sustained a major trading loss associated with changing over the Hornby Dublo Track system from 3 rail to 2 rail. In 1969 "speedwheels" were fitted to many of the cars, but this was well behind their competitors. Subsequently there were changes in the ownership of Meccano with Triang, Lines Bros and Airfix all being involved at different times and the Dinky Toy Company's Binns Road factory was closed in November 1979.

Dinky Toys were also produced in France. These were French makes and no MG s were made there.

There is now a company in China making facsimile products of the French Dinkys. They are in very similar boxes to the originals and Branded either DeAgostini or Atlas. They seem to be using the original dies and the baseplates have only been changed to say De Agostini Mattell. They are very faithful to the original models and sell for between \$30 and \$80.

I hope this has provided food for thought about the relationship between the 2 companies, interesting that the new MGs are now also made in China!!!!???

John Stuart

Addendum, early Dinky Toys Catalogue, 4 pence for a Racer and 10 pence for MG Record Car!!!

No. 22—No. 24

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Price 4d. each

TANK



Dinky Toys No. 22f
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Dinky Toys No. 22h
Assorted colours. Fitted with detachable rubber tyres.
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STREAMLINED TOURER



Dinky Toys No. 22g
Assorted colours. Fitted with detachable rubber tyres.
Price 4d. each

DINKY TOYS

RACING CARS



23c

23d



23e

Dinky Toys No. 23

Assorted colours. Fitted with drivers and detachable rubber racing tyres.
No. 23c Mercedes-Benz Racing Car ... each 4d.
No. 23d Auto-Union Racing Car 4d.
No. 23e "Speed of the Wind" Racing Car 4d.
Price of complete set 1/11

HOTCHKISS RACING CAR



Dinky Toys No. 23b
Assorted colours. Fitted with detachable rubber tyres.
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RACING CAR



Dinky Toys No. 23a
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Dinky Toys No. 23p
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No. 24e Super Streamlined Saloon 4d.
No. 24f Sportster's Coupé... .. 4d.
No. 24g Sports Tourer (4-seater) 4d.
No. 24h Sports Tourer (2-seater) 4d.
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WAGON



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Dinky Toys No. 24
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No. 24—No. 28

DELIVERY VANS



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No. 24a Golden Shred Van each 4d.
No. 24b Scissors Van 4d.
No. 24c Manchester Guardian Van 4d.
No. 24d Firestone's Tyres Van 4d.
No. 24e Vinyl Van 4d.
No. 24f Alca Lawn Mowers Van 4d.
Price of complete set 1/-

Dinky Toys No. 24/2

No. 24d Oxo Van each 4d.
No. 24g Kodak Camera Van 4d.
No. 24h Dunlop Tyres Van 4d.
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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)





The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 24th September.

“Another delicious morning tea, great coffee and MG friends enjoying conversations at Marks Point Post Office & Cafe.

For those who haven't yet joined us, come along at 9.30am (ish) on the last Tuesday of the month.”





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

**Deadline for the NOVEMBER 2024 edition will be
TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2024**

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

Marchall Spot and Fog lamps and accessories.

Two each of Spot and Fog lamps used for only a short time in the 1960s and stored since. All in similar excellent condition with very minor wear and tear.

- Lamps (4) \$125 each, including 12v halogen bulbs.
- Mesh guards (2) \$25 each. Chrome on brass.
- Lamp brackets (2) \$15 each.



Message to 0439 212 880, Peter Lloyd.

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.

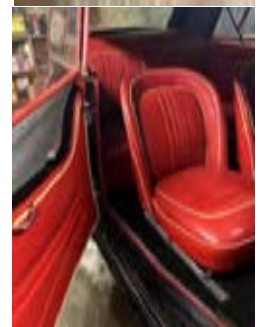
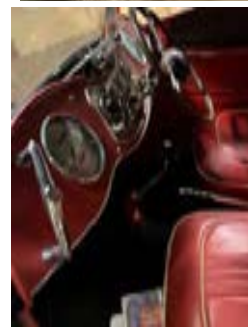
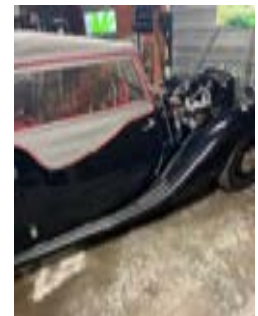
Would appreciate if you could circulate this to other members.

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.

145 BHP

Serviced by Gilberts in Maitland.

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 – Synchromesh 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 10th September 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.01 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Peter Le Breton, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans, John Longrigg, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Linda Claydon, Alan Andoni.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 13th August 2024 were read and approved; moved Gary Piper seconded Peter Le Breton.

Business Arising:

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

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 (donated by me), is a special refillable 'ale' bottle specially designed for the 100-year Anniversary that was available at the Tamworth National Meeting and which Denny has 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.

Trophy presentation

As part of my report for the September newsletter, I included details of how members can book for our annual trophy presentation to be held on Sunday 13th October at 11.30 – 3.30 at Merewether Bowling Club. The cost is \$30 a head for a Roast dinner plus dessert, to be paid in advance, and numbers are limited. Payment of \$30-00 can be made by cash or 'square' at the September Club night or by funds transfer (EFT) to the Club's Account BEFORE Friday 4th October. Members need to also email payment details to the Treasurer: gregjenkins204@gmail.com. Enquiries: Anne Pettigrew, Email: at.rose.villa@gmail.com; Ph: 0400 432 053

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2024/25 Membership renewals to date: 72 single and 65 family, a total paid-up membership of 202.

Re 2024 Annual Concours, the application for 20 October has been lodged with Newcastle City Council and we await receipt of the approval.

The Lambton Mechanics Institute Trust (our landlord) has replaced the carpet in our Clubrooms.

Thanks to those who participated in the working bees to firstly empty all furniture, and later to re-instate it after the carpet had been laid.

Suggestions for revisions of the Club's Constitution have been received from John Norris. On first reading these look reasonable, uncontroversial, and not urgent – as John says they could be put to the Membership at the next AGM. I will incorporate into the current Constitution with track changes and distribute in plenty of time for consideration before the October (or November) Committee Meeting.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Balance at 31/08/24 for Working Account is positive. Investment account with Newcastle Permanent Building Society with a matured balance rolled over until 5 January 2025 @ 5.05%.

Final figures on Euro Motorfest.

Monies received were \$1,990.60.

The Club will make the same donations as last year, namely \$1,000 directly to the Childrens Hospital, and \$500 each towards two entrants (Craig Welsh and Ant Van Der Vliet) in the Variety Bash. Moved Frans Henskens Seconded Andrew Gowans, unanimous vote in favour.

Shannons will sponsor for \$400 for Euro Motorfest and \$100 for advertising in *On the Marque*.

Sponsorship from Gateshead Tyre Power of \$186.51.

Expenses totalled \$465.74 (paid in this financial year). Also NCC fees for the cancelled iteration were paid in the previous financial year.

Discuss spreadsheet on Income and Expenditure for rest of year.

This hopefully will assist in determining the amounts of donations and also the extra PLI cost in December of approx. \$1500 with AON.

Presentation of Financial report for 2023/24 financial year at the general meeting.

Club Captain (Peter Le Breton):

Forthcoming Clubman Runs. Thanks to Graham Haywood for his assistance, next run is Sunday 15th September as advertised in *On the Marque*, but due to weather forecast lunch is at the Paterson Pub, 11:45 a.m.

No Clubman Run next month because of Concours.

Have sought Member feedback on suggestions for Clubman Runs.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

Has started organising judges etc for Concours.

Volunteers very welcome.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Euro Motorfest - Lessons Learned (see attached).

Advertising Concours.

Gnoo Blas Feb 2025 - Ok to add to our Calendar of Events?

Approved.

Club Email Accounts - issue to new officeholders.

Andrew will do this.

Committee Member details for Magazine & Website.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

All the shelving and the metal storage cabinet have been securely fastened to the walls to prevent accidental toppling. The metal sign 'souvenired' from Shepparton has been securely fastened above the large shelving cabinet.

MG Centenary Metal Car Badge – Qty 10 badges were received from Jennie Jackson. All badges have now been sold. No further badges will be manufactured.

Metal car badge manufacturer of HRMGCC badge has been identified. More details to be provided to Club members.

Clothing

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

Long sleeve cotton shirts still to be researched.

HRMGCC website – access to the Regalia page to update Regalia information is being provided by Andrew.

Car window stickers with our Club logo are being arranged.

The Club has a significant quantity of Regalia stock which we need to clear. Please watch the Club website for more information on clearance sale details.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni)

Nothing new to report.

Social Director (Linda Claydon)

Sends apologies for this meeting.

Seeks Committee thoughts on the Gnoo Bass event in Orange. Has attended previously, and it was a 'fabulous event'.

Will be advertised.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

September magazine issued and was e-mailed to all financial members on 2nd September.

Issue with large size of the magazine file when it contains many photos. Looking into whether there is a 'Pro' version of the software that automatically compresses source photo files.

General Business:

J-Van insurance is currently with Shannons. Decision to up the insurance to \$28,000 which is the maximum proposed by the insurer.

Club Website stats for August 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In August the Website was viewed 3,500 times with the peak being 25 August with 444 views. The daily average was 113 views per day.

Facebook Stats

In August there were 110 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 4,706 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 28 August. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th October 2024 @ 6.00 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.