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MG Mulette of John Hartley, in competition at the Masters Games

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Bob Moore (dec)	1974	Bill Griffiths	2007
Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	Tony Gurnhill	2009
Ian Wade	1984	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
Terry Atkinson	1984	Greg Bannon	2013
Dennis Burgess	1984	Bronwyn Zuber	2013
Chris Ellis	1985	Craig Twining	2014
John Sluce (dec)	1994	Phillip Tilley	2017

MGCCT Facebook Page

The MG Car Club of Tasmania Inc

For those members who are Facebook users, we have an MG Car Club Tasmania Facebook page. Feel free to add events, photos, and videos, but remember that anything offensive or not relevant to the Club may be removed at the discretion of the administrator.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Firstly I must humbly apologise to the MG Owners Club UK for omitting in the December magazine to acknowledge the article on Old Number One reproduced with permission from their website.

<https://www.mgownersclub.co.uk>

And I appreciate that we have been permitted to include another article this month, on the 14/40 Tourer. Thank you MG Owners Club UK.

Happy New Year to all members and advertisers. I hope you have a wonderful MG year. If you are one of those who make New Year Resolutions, how about planning to use your MGs more frequently? (No comment please on the number of times ours are used!!!)

It has been reassuring to receive many positive comments on the December magazine, and no negative responses-I am sure these are yet to come.

I was thrilled to receive an article from Junior Member Cameron Howie, obviously enjoying and succeeding in motorkhanas and more recently in the Highclere Hillclimb. I am sure there is more to come from this young man. Well done Cameron.

This has been a quiet month as can be seen from some of the Sub Centre reports, and there has not been a State Committee Meeting, hence no Secretary Report. But the weather has certainly been ideal for MG motoring-hope you have been able to take advantage of the opportunity.

Worthy of note is the motorkhana on 10th February at Kelso. It would be wonderful if we could make this a well supported competition AND social event.

Where possible please send any event reports and photos as soon as possible after the event. And include names, with surnames, (as members in other parts of the State may not know these people by first name only). Remember this is a State wide club. Also please mention the owner of the car /cars in photos you submit.

Thank you.

Cheryl
MGCCT Editor



Closing date for next magazine is Friday 1st February

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope that you all had enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations and the cold reality of it is that we will be one year older at some point during the coming year.

The first meeting for the sub centres will not take place until towards the end of January so the news is very thin on the ground and I do hope that our editor does not have too much of a problem putting together a magazine for January.

Many have good stories to tell and what better way to share those stories than to write an article for our magazine. Not only does it make good reading but assists our editor produce an interesting publication.

The social calendar has commenced for all centres in early January so the club activities are well underway and this 2019 New Year looks to be a busy one.

The first of the combined centre social activity is scheduled for early February with a run by the North West and I look forward to joining in that event.

The competition year will commence with the Motorkhana at Bothwell on 13th January followed by the “new Maxie’s” motorkhana on Tony and Jill Selby’s property at 1637 Greens Beach Road, Kelso which is approximately 1 km the Launceston side of Greens Beach.

There is plenty of room and Tony and Jill have offered camping at the site for the weekend so for those with caravans, camper trailers or motorhomes come and make a weekend of it.

I look forward to seeing you at the new venue at Kelso whether it is for the social activity or the competition.

Our first State meeting is not until early February so I have little to report on that front.

I look forward to catching up with everyone over the course of 2019 and wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Mark Dilger
State President

Q: What are the two questions you hear most from the passenger in your MGBGT?

- A:** 1. Is it HOT in here?
2. Do you smell petrol?



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13th January 2019

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The 3rd annual
Railton Bike Show and Car Exhibit
27th January 2019
12pm – 4pm
Goliath Park Railton



Raffle on site with various prizes. Also trophies for following classes:

Best American, British, European, Japanese also best outfit, vintage, LAMS, off-road, trikes and Canams also Peoples Choice which will be sponsored by Shannons.

In addition there will be a car expo open to anyone, with a trophy for the presidents choice. Best modern and best classic.

Entry via Bowls club car park on Giblin street. The Bowls club and seven sheds will be open as will local cafes in the main street and Railton Pub.

A number of Gazebos will be dotted about. Railton Fire Brigade will also provide a static display.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from various vans on site.

Entry by gold coin donation.

There will be a static display of replica bikes so if you have a pride and joy in that area and would like to contribute.

Bleed'n Brakes

By Herb Adler

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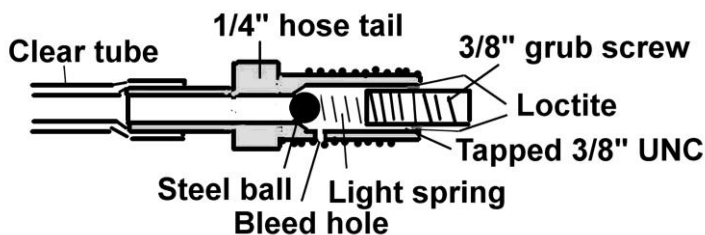
Having replaced a master cylinder, I was at a loss as to how to bleed the clutch system, not having an extra pair of legs to pump the pedal

Thinking that a oneway valve, on the end of the bleed tube would do the job. So how to get one? Well, make one. Went and looked at all the accumulated bits and pieces and decided that a 1/4" hose tail fitting would be a good start, for the body. Now I needed a ball, to act as the valve. OK I repurposed an old Grosse valve, by cutting it open to release the steel ball inside, which happened to be a very good fit to the taper inside the hose tail. Now to rummage through my collection of springs to find one with a very light pressure. Trial fit and the ball and spring work perfectly, tested by sucking and blowing. So how do I keep the spring in place? With a screw. I decided to see if I could tap the inside of the hose tail, and found that a 3/8" UNC tap I had worked a treat. Next to find a screw. It just happened, that in my collection of grub screws there was a 3/8" UNC one. **Problem solved.**

OH wait, now with a screw in the end there is nowhere for the fluid to escape. Simple, drill a hole into the side of the hose tail, just above the taper, where the ball sits. To assemble, I put a drop of Loctite on the screw and loosely screwed it in. I kept blowing through to valve, whilst screwing the screw in to make sure that I didn't over tighten it, forcing a complete blocking of the valve.

To make sure that there is no or only a little air sucked back past the bleed nipple, I wrapped Teflon tape around the threads, making sure that no tape went anywhere near the bleed hole.

Next dangle the valve, on the end of the clear tubing, into a jar, connect the other end of the tube to the slave cylinder bleed valve, open the valve, make sure that the master cylinder reservoir is full and pump. Keep checking the reservoir, because you don't want to start pumping air. I had primed the master cylinder, before connecting it up.



Hi,



My name is Cameron Howie and I'm fourteen years old and have been a junior member of the MG Car Club for two years. I was taught how to drive in 2015 by my grandpa (Don Fraser), competing in Maxi's Motorkhana as my first event. Since then I have competed in lots of motorkhanas and one khanacross using an old Toyota twin-cam Corolla. Despite living in Riverside I consider myself a North-West Club member as I participate in more events there than anywhere else. In 2018 I competed in the 2018 Nat Meet taking out the junior trophy and then later on completing my first hill climb at Highclere in December. This year I am going up to Redlands Bay to compete in the Nat Meet and hopefully get the junior trophy again. I find the other competitors friendly and encouraging and am looking forward to competing this year. My other interests are music – I play the trumpet with the Launceston College concert band, reading and travel

(I have been to New Zealand, Europe and UK, Singapore and Fiji). I attend Riverside High and am going into grade 9 this year. The best thing about being a MGCC member is being able to do something with Grandpa.

Cameron Howie

Below: Competing at Latrobe Motorkhana



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SOUTHERN NOTES



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Allan Briggs' PA

Greetings,

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and wonderful Christmas, and an amazing and prosperous New Year. I hope Santa is kind, as you ALL deserve it.

We had a wonderful turn out for the car enthusiast Christmas lunch with 78 people in 46 cars.

Report from Phil Rollins

The Southern Mid Week group had their final lunch run for the year with a record 78 people sitting down for lunch at the waterfront Seagrass restaurant in Lower Sandy Bay. With a temperature of 28 degrees the waterfront was the perfect location. Of special interest on the run was Allan Briggs's recently purchased beautiful MG PA in the Cream Crackers Team colours. Finally this gives us Southerners a pre-war MG taking part in our events. As an aside an MG PA won the 1939 Australian Grand Prix handicap.

Interesting link from Alastair Watson

<https://uppermiddlepetrolhead.blogspot.com/2018/12/the-avengers-lady-actor-and-classic.html> .

Note from Michael Hobdon (*First Sunday organiser*)

The message is with summer here and lots of people dog walking, swimming etc the pressure is on for parking. I was down there this morning and it's pretty busy. So for the next few months it's not cricket to turn up late, sure we will find a way to accommodate you but do we really want to be flanked by cab/utes, SUVs, 4wds etc? We need you! Please come early and help enhance the ambience of the classic car world.

2019 drives and lunches

The schedule for the eighth year car enthusiasts drive and lunch will be out in the New Year, starting early February. In the meantime, there is the first Sunday in January and February at Beach House, and the South East Rally in mid-January and I expect to see many of you at one or more of these.

With best wishes and safe motoring over the Christmas/New Year period.

Wayne (white MGA)
Phone: 0408 388 881

PAST EVENTS

9th December – Shannon's Classic Car Charity Run. This was a combined run to Campbell Town featuring non-perishable food donations. The Southerners met at Brighton's Best Bakehouse at the appointed time of 8.30am. It was good to see Steve Jones and Tami Mc Near in their white MGB along with 3 other MGs, an MX5 and a Mercedes convertible, a total of 8 members and a couple of companions. The temperature was OK but weather was looking a little iffy, but Kevin McGuire assured me it was hoods down, so I complied.

I began to rue the decision as we travelled through the Midlands when we struck a strong downpour. Fortunately the weather cleared as we approached Campbell Town and despite all the road works we did not have to stop completely so it went over our heads! We arrived at the Campbell Town Memorial Oval at 10.30am on the dot and delivered our gifts to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Later we were joined by a strong contingent of Northerners with a good collection of T-Types among them.

While we were looking over the collection of over 100 cars there was a moment of panic as Kevin declared that he had locked his keys in the boot of his MX5. Naturally we suggested many ways to retrieve them with screwdrivers, hammers, chisels and jemmy bars, but he did not appear to appreciate the alternatives offered. Instead he

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opted for a call to the RACT and a long wait. But behold! The said culprits were retrieved from his back pocket where he never puts them. It turned out hot and sunny and definitely hoods down for our return journey home.

11th December – Christmas Barbeque at the Civic Club. This annual event attracted 36 members, down a little from last year's 46. The weather once again was kind allowing our guests to mingle freely outside and inside. Of particular interest was Allan Briggs' recently purchased beautiful pre-war cream MG PA, so most of the men gathered outside. The cost was \$10.00 per head and this included free drinks and all you could eat, a bargain.

Cooking, commencing at 4.30pm by our renowned chefs Steve Huntley and Bob Leeson, was ready by 6.40pm. and was quite palatable according to our sources with everybody surviving. Choices were hamburgers, chicken wings, sausages, onion, steakettes, and ham steaks with pineapple.

The ladies again excelled with a delectable collection of desserts and salads including pavlovas, trifles, green salads, potato salad, pasta salad, slices and coleslaw with ice cream and a seafood salad supplied by Robin Wilmot. They received a gift and a letter of appreciation for their efforts. Many lucky door prizes were given out on the night.

Two significant highlights were Herby Burgess and Frank Manley receiving their 50 year awards. A nice relaxing night with many faces old and new.

COMING EVENTS:

13th January – Cryptic Run with Peter Shaw. As promised in July this popular run is back. Pit your skills against those of Peter Shaw. We have a Burson's \$50.00 voucher as the prize for the winner (to be cashed in at the Moonah Store) but I'm not sure that we should let Gurks and Irene compete! Departing the Civic Club at 10.00am MG time, this will be a fun event.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006.

19th January – South East Rally. Commencing at Wrest Point from 8.00am. This event is arranged by the Post Vintage Car Club of Tasmania and is held in January each year. It is a timed event with competitors leaving at 30 second intervals from the Wrest Point car park. If you are interested entry forms available at the Civic Club or for download from their website.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

February – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run:

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These runs are conducted Wednesdays in the middle of the month. They all commence at the Rivulet Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart where we partake of a coffee before heading off to our destination around 11.30am. The schedule for 2019 will be advised by Wayne in due course.

For further information please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

17th February – It is proposed to conduct a joint run with the Sydney Austin Healey Club to South Arm RSL. We will depart the Civic Club at 10.00am MG time. There is already some interest from their club.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

17th March – My Slice of Pie. “Breakfast with a Difference”. It is on again. Christine has again offered us exclusive use of her venue for a scrumptious breakfast. Price is again \$20.00 per head. Need to guarantee 20 participants. Please RSVP to Bob Leeson so that I can confirm numbers. We will be departing the Civic Club at 8.15am on the dot to be there by 9.00am.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

14th April – Buckland Hotel or Oatlands? Details to follow.

For further information please contact Ches Bogus: 0362 439463

MGCCT 60th Anniversary 14th July 2019

The Club is proposing to hold a special event to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the MG Car Club on 14th July 1959. If anyone can assist in supplying names and contact details of the early club members it would be very much appreciated. This will be used for a mail out of invitations. Suggested that G Dodge, P Scott and W Griffiths be contacted as a starting point. Secretary to follow up. Also an article on the clubs Facebook page and a mention in the magazine. C Large suggested forming a committee to co-ordinate the event. Need to verify members and addresses for mail out.

Kevin McGuire is the Southern Sub-Centre contact for this important event.

Bob Leeson

NORTHERN NOTES

PAST EVENTS

Sunday 9th December Shannons Classic Car Run to Campbell Town

Phil and Di Paine, Mark and Angela Dilger, John and Geraldine Biggelaar, Tony and Mary King and Peter and Liz Harper in MGs, together with Brian and Jackie Ralph, MX5 and Wes and Jenny Saunders, Z4, left the Launceston Motor Museum on a delightful Sunday morning and travelled to Longford where we met with Chester McKaige in his magnificent 1937 Alvis Saloon and enjoyed morning tea at JJ's Bakery.

We were also joined by the many of our North West members also on their way to Campbell Town.

Our NSC convoy then set off through Longford to Woolmers Road and then onto Chintah Road past "Panshanger" and "Gayfield." We then crossed to Mt Joy Road taking us past "Fairfield", "Mt Joy" and "Leverington" then onto Valleyfield Road past "Valleyfield" and its historic airfield, "Winton", "St. Johnstone" and "Kirklands". We then joined Macquarie Road past "Rosedale" and the "Bald Hill" bauxite mine. These are some of the state's best touring roads flowing past some of the state's most historic properties.

We arrived at the Campbell Town Sports Ground to be met by Rod Belbin and Shannons staff and many members of other car clubs and other car enthusiasts. Our North West members joined us soon after. From then a very unusual precedent took place. Many of our partners very quickly took off down the main street of Campbell town.....Shopping. This left the menfolk nothing else to admire and talk about but CARS and we did.

Thank you to all who attended and left hampers to be collected by the very appreciative personnel from the charity supported by the event and Shannons.

A great day was enjoyed by all.



**Wednesday 12th December
Mid Week Dinner Run**

A total of 23 NSC members met at the Motor Museum and joined in on a very enjoyable country drive, led and organised by Mike Paine, to Bolters Restaurant in Casino Rise, Prospect Vale. Great food, drinks and chatter were enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

Chester McKaige's Alvis Saloon

Friday 21st December Coffee Run

A beautiful morning greeted us with Christmas just around the corner. We left the Motor Museum led by Frank and Margaret Brooks, John and Geraldine Biggelaar, Mark Dilger, Col and Cathie Cleaver, Ronda Thomas, and Peter Harper all out in their MGs, John and Jill James, Brian and Jackie Ralph, Mike Paine, and Derek and Robin Holden in MX5s, Bruce Allison in his 911, Peter and Liz Harper in their SLK350 and Wes and Jenny Saunders in their Z4. All members were particularly pleased that Bruce and Robyn Keogh could join following their absence from club activities due to Bruce's recent health hiccup. We drove through St Leonards and then enjoyed a brisk drive to Corra Lyn onto the great country roads of White Hills and then back through Relbia and Norwood to "Stones Throw" where we all enjoyed a great morning tea and coffee and chatter. We departed our separate ways after Christmas greetings were shared.

Wes Saunders

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, 20th January,

Chester McKaige BYO Picnic or BBQ food for an evening at his home "Carrick House" from 5.00pm. **BBQ facilities provided BUT BYO chair please.** Leave Motor Museum at 4.00pm for pleasant tour of country roads via Bridgenorth. RSVP by 17th January to Col Cleaver 0419 772 554

Friday, 25th January,

Coffee Run, TBA leave Car Museum 9.30am RSVP by 22rd January to John Biggelaar 0408 125 199

Wednesday, 30th January,

MGCCT Northern Sub Centre Committee Meeting at VCCT clubrooms Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston, 7.30pm. All members welcome.

Sunday February 3rd,

Combined North West & North Sunday Run "Goaty Hill" winery, 530 Auburn Road, Rowella. RSVP by 31st January to Terry Jeffrey 0417 344 369

Sunday, 17th February,

Sunday lunch run. Leave Motor Museum at 9.30 a.m. for Fanny Bay Distillery, via a coffee stop at Lilydale, then for a "talk and taste" session with Mathew and Julie Cooper at their distillery at 15 Seascapes Drive Tam O'Shanter followed by lunch at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Club. Cost of tasting \$10 each to be refunded off any purchase. RSVP 14th February to Peter Harper 0417 597 897

February TBA

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February TBA

Biggelaar 0408 125 199

Canberra Austin Healey and MG Tour contact John

Wes Saunders

NSC Secretary 0407 511 819

EXHAUST NOTE

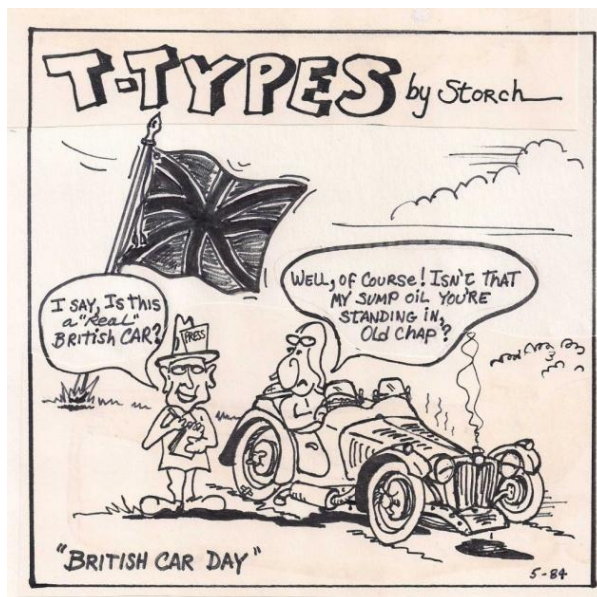
There was a young lady from Leeds.....Aw no, wrong ditty

There was a distinguished lady from Dilston who was one day recently driving her MGB, with her sister in the car, when the car suddenly filled with “smoke”.

At this she immediately pulled over to the side of the road, as you would. They both hurriedly exited the car and ran to the boot where the fire extinguisher lived, only to find that said fire extinguisher had discharged itself, being the apparent smoke.

So beware of that errant fire extinguisher.

The distinguished lady was very nearly the extinguished lady.



NORTH WESTERN NOTES

As we settle into the new year – 2019 - I trust all members have enjoyed a happy and relaxing festive season with their family and friends.

Casual Get together for Jan. – Proposed BBQ Saturday 19th January.

To be held at the Arboretum, 46 Old Trainway Road, Eugenana. Its proposed we drive out individually at our leisure arriving from 4.00 pm onwards. Members may wish to take a leisurely walk around the Arboretum and view the various trees that have been planted on the estate or just sit, chat and catch up.

We will start cooking the BBQs about 6pm. We have to vacate the site by sunset.

Required to bring: Chair; sun umbrella if desired, food and drink. Wood BBQs available (if not a fire ban) and there is a large gas BBQ in the main undercover area (if available). Can not always rely on this site as it can be booked out to private functions. Perhaps your small portable gas BBQ or hot plate should you have one may be a handy addition.

There is a \$5 donation required on entry to the Arboretum unless you are a current Member. The Kiosk is open until 4pm for coffee, tea. Cold drinks, ice creams etc.

Winery Run Sunday 3rd February. Combined run with Northern Members

To Goaty Hill Winery, 530 Auburn Road, Kayena 7270 Tamar Valley. N W Members Assemble at Bunnings Car Park off highway at 10 am. Stop over at the Blue Barn Cafe 1969 Frankford Road – Exeter Highway for morning coffee break. We will then continue onto Goaty Hill Winery – meeting up with Northerners along the route.

Lunch at the Winery will be a Gourmet Platter or Cheese Plate – served with glass of wine.

For catering purpose, please contact me on Mob: 0417 344 369 on or before Friday 1st February if you wish to partake in this run

February Dinner Meeting Thursday 14th February from 6 pm Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone.

March – Pencil in an Observation Run in early March – More info at the Feb dinner meeting and in Feb magazine. This run will take us into the unknown. Still negotiating with the Custodial Owners at this moment.

Cheers,

TC Terry (Jeffrey) Mob: 0417 344 369

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14/40 TOURER



Introduced 1926-1929

Number built - 851

There are many stories relating to the formative years of MG with many writers and historians each hoping that they have the definitive account of how MG came about. A known fact is that Cecil Kimber was appointed to the position of General Manager of Morris Garages Limited in 1922 having previously been the sales Manager for just over a year. They were the Oxford based distributors for Morris Motors and were owned by William Morris who also owned the production plant in Cowley. Kimber found himself in charge of the day to day administration of a very busy company and it was a tremendous opportunity that he jumped at, particularly as his previous appointments in the motor industry had frustrated him. Within a very short space of time he turned his attentions to developing special bodies for the standard Morris Cowley chassis. There was a call for non-standard cars from customers who did not want the 'run of the mill' item and it was quite usual for some of the larger garages to offer this kind of service with assistance from outside coachbuilders. Kimber was

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certainly not inspired by the existing range of Morris models and he was well aware that there was a ready market, albeit a small one, for cars with a more sporting appeal.

Morris already offered a fairly wide range of body styles on their standard chassis but Kimber decided that these cars would lend themselves to modification without major expense and he set about designing and drawing new bodies that could be fitted easily to the existing chassis. His first offerings were produced in 1922 utilising the chassis and running gear from the cheaper of the bullnosed Morris cars, called the Cowley. With modified lower suspension and a raked steering column, the cars sold for about the same price as the more fully equipped Morris Oxford. These cars were more fondly known as "The Chummy" and sported the standard 12 horsepower engine. At the end of the day these cars were still Cow-leys in disguise and despite their improved looks did not sell very quickly at first. This was mainly due to the price of £350 which was considered expensive when put alongside the newly introduced Morris "Occasional Four" which was available in 1924 priced at £215.

Kimber started MG's exploits in motor sport when he entered one of his specially tuned Chummys in the 1923 Land's End Trial, winning a gold medal. This achievement did boost sales marginally of the special bodied Morris while Kimber turned his attentions to producing a tuned version of the Chummy on the 14 horsepower Morris Oxford chassis in order to compete with the Occasional Four. Raworth, the Oxford based coachbuilding company were engaged to build a neat two seater sports body that could be fitted to a slightly modified Cowley chassis. With their elegantly curved wings and their raked windscreen, supported on either side by triangular glass frames, this new model was true sporting machine. To enhance the sporting feel, a pair of boat type ventilators were mounted on top of the scuttle and these were to be a hallmark of subsequent models until 1929. Some consider that the Raworth Sports Model was the first true MG, however the radiator was adorned with a Morris badge and the accompanying advertising literature carried for the first time the stylised MG lettering in the octagon and described the car as "The MG Super Sports Morris". The modifications included flatter road springs, a mildly tuned Hotchkiss engine, bead edge tyres and four wheel braking with servo assistance.

By 1926 attentions were turned to the modified Morris Oxford 14/28 chassis that were being fitted up with MG bodies. They still carried bullnose radiators at this time and were considered a very attractive car which stimulated a healthy demand from the sports-minded car buying public. Morris Garages cars were now becoming more widely recognised as MGs and it was simply the bull nosed radiators that betrayed the Morris parentage. Towards the end of 1926 in readiness for the 1927 model year, Morris decided to adopt some new production techniques imported from the American car industry. As a result the traditional bull nose radiator was replaced with a flat front type and a wider heavier chassis was adopted to give more room for passengers inside the cockpit. Kimber had no option but to follow suit with the MG versions and the

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extra weight of the chassis was a potential threat to the performance. However various modifications were made by the Kimber workforce with the end result of an MG that was equally as fast as its predecessor. Each engine was finely tuned and during 1927 was considerably uprated to 35 horsepower and with modifications to the suspension incorporating flattened springs and Hartford shock absorbers, the ride and handling was much improved. Braking efficiency was also enhanced and the rubber mounted steering system was replaced with a Maries Weller arrangement. The bead edged tyres gave way to the baloon variety and a quieter exhaust system completed the mechanical package. On the styling front , engine turned aluminium side panels replaced plain polished aluminium and an attractive two tone paint scheme finished off the car nicely.

The flat radiator MGs were designated 14/40 as opposed to the earlier title 14/28. The '40' came from an optimistic view of the engine power output and was in common with many of the major car producers of the era. There is some confusion over the exact configuration of the model sequence but it is generally understood that the first three mark numbers were 14/28's built between 1924 and 1927 and that they were more commonly referred to as simply "The MG Super Sports" models. The 14/40's were designated Mark IV although to add to the confusion there were some Mark III model 14/28's that appeared with the new flat radiators. The model that superceded the Mark IV at the latter end of 1928 did not have a Mark number allocated. With sales increasing dramatically an enforced move was made in 1927 to a new factory in Edmund Road, Oxford and it was at this time that MG became far more independent of Morris even to the extent of adopting their own chassis number range and the undertaking of all warranty work on MG cars previously built at the Morris factory. This move to give MG its independence was brought to a logical conclusion when the MG Car Company was formed in 1928.

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Date	Event	Location
Sun 13 th Jan	Motorkhana	Bothwell
Sun 10 th Feb	Motorkhana	Kelso
Sat/Sun 23/24 Feb	Circuit Racing	Symmons Plains
Sun 28 th April	Tas Hillclimb Cup	Baskerville
Note: this is the sole event for the Bob Moore Hillclimb Trophy for 2019		
Sun 19 th May	State Motorkhana Championship	Bothwell
Sat/Sun 1, 2 June	Circuit Racing	Symmons Plains
Sun 16 th June	Club Day MGCCT/MCCT	Baskerville
Sun 30 th June	Motorkhana	Latrobe
Sun July 28 th	Economy Run	Northern Midlands
Sun 11 th August	Motorkhana	Latrobe
Sun 8 th Sept	Test & Tune Day	Baskerville
Sat/Sun Oct 5/6	Circuit Racing	Symmons Plains
Sun Nov 3rd	Club Day MGCCT/MCCT	Baskerville



Peter Richards competed at the BJR Highclere Hillclimb early December in his TF Special with a best time of 47.25.

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(More details can be found in the Sub Centre Notes)

Date	Event	Meet At....	Coordinator
Sun 13 th Jan	SSC-Cryptic Run	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
<i>Sat 19th Jan</i>	<i>South East Rally</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Bob Leeson</i>
Sat 19 th Jan	NW BBQ	Arboretum	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 20 th Jan	NSC BYO Picnic or BBQ	Carrick House	Chester McKaige
Fri 25 th Jan	NSC Coffee Run	Motor Museum	John Biggelaar
Wed 30 th Jan	NSC Meeting	VCCT Clubrooms	All Welcome
Sun 3 rd Feb	NW/N Winery Run	Bunnings Car Park, D'Port	Terry Jeffrey
Thurs 14 th Feb	NW Dinner Meeting	Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulv	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 17 th Feb	SSC Run with Austin Healey Club	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 17 th Feb	NSC Run to Whisky Distillery	Motor Museum	Peter Harper
<i>TBA</i>	<i>Deloraine Car Show</i>	<i>Watch this space</i>	
TBA	NSC Canberra Austin Healey and MG Tour	TBA	John Biggelaar
?? March	NW Observation Run	TBA	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 17 th March	SSC My Slice of Pie	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 14 th April	SSC Buckland Hotel or Oatlands	Civic Club	Ches Bogus

SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

For All Pre War, T and Y Type MGs.

Photos this month, Square Riggers joining the Club run to Campbell Town in support of Shannons' Charity Day, the Salvos were impressed and grateful in receipt of a 'tent-full' of foods for the Seasons cause.

And a sequel to last month's Notes, the TD of Alex and Lois O'Grady passed rego inspection with flying colours, on the road for this 'first' much anticipated run in readiness for the next big journey.



Present were MGs from around the State, many well presented vehicles of the common or garden variety and these fine British and Italian marques, all making for a good day out. And always great to see Tony and Mary King, long standing stalwarts of MG and the Club continuing their interest with this 'sensible' model.

In conclusion for the year noting the recent fine performance of Santa's sleigh, adding weight to that old yarn it had been modelled on an MG TC. Best Wishes for the year ahead with much MG motoring.

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