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**Cover Photo**

Merry Christmas

The MGTC of Mike and Moira Wellman

**Inside Cover Photos:**

From Concours and Presentation Dinner:

Group enjoying a chat: Di and Ches Bogus, Phil and Stan Tilley, Sophie Tilley, Janet & Tony Sutcliff

*(photos sent by Sophie Tilley & Susan Fraser)*

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<b>Postal Address North</b>	PO Box 682, LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	
<b>North West</b>	Meets Second Thursday night of the month: 6.00pm for meal and social evening. Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone	

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<b>Southern Sub Centre Meeting</b>	Meet every Tuesday night at 8pm Civic Club, 134 Davey Street, Hobart	
<b>Postal Address</b>	GPO Box 5, Hobart, Tas, 7001	

<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>			
Joe Paul (dec)	1969	Robin Wilmot	1998
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 a 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.

## **MGCCT Website**

[www.mgtas.org.au](http://www.mgtas.org.au)

Copies of this magazine can be downloaded from the MGCCT website. Membership forms and change of address forms are also available for download. Links to other car clubs are also available.

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## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Firstly I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for the work they have done during their time on the State Committee, and congratulate those who have been elected, and re-elected, for 2019. This of course includes those on the Sub Centre Committees.

I am excited to be taking up the reins of Editor again. I see this position as one of the most important roles in the Car Club, keeping members informed on past and upcoming events.

To do this I am asking for your help. Tony and I are unable to attend many events at this stage so unless you can bombard me with information it could be a very small magazine. Please send me photos, with names and locations. Along with event write ups. And anything MG related..

You will notice some changes in the format of the magazine; For example, I have listed all State, Northern and Southern Sub Centre details on the early pages, hoping this assists in finding the information easily and quickly.

In an effort to get the magazine out as early as possible I need to receive all reports and event write ups on, or preferably before, the Friday prior to the State Meeting. Then I can work on these during the weekend. And just have the State Meeting items to add after the meeting.

I appreciate feedback, preferably positive, but if there is something you believe can be improved, then please let me know.

And, a big thank you to all those who have kindly assisted with information for this magazine. And of course that includes my husband Tony. (Any problems, blame the proof reader!) This help has all been much appreciated.

Season's Greetings to all and Best Wishes for 2019.

Cheryl

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

This month we welcome four new members to the club,

Jack Sikkema Jack owns a 1971 MK2 MGB, and is interested motor sport along with any interesting cars,

Brett O'Shea ,Honni Pitt and son Connor, they are interested in the competition side of the club,

We hope they have an enjoyable time with club arranged activities,

Wayne Jessup,

Membership Officer, MG CAR CLUB of TASMANIA.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sunday was the Annual North/North West Christmas party and my first major outing as the club president.

Whilst I know a lot of the MG members it never ceases to amaze me that I can always meet new members and cars that I have never seen before and the Christmas Party did not let me down.

I met the new owners of an MG Magnette I have known for many years which was owned by a good friend of my Dad's, Jim Wheatley who passed away recently.

The day was typical spring weather, all over the place but the venue at Lake Barrington was great, the company even better but I do think that the overcast skies kept some away. However thank you to the North West members who organized the event.

Santa arrived and *his/her* car of choice which was an MG, so what more can I say.

The only aspect I can't understand is how he carries enough oil for the distance he travels, must go via the Middle East.

- For the coming year I have a few strategies I am hoping to adopt in that I would like to foster combined events between the three sub-centers.
- I would like each center to implement a strategy to welcome new members and look at how we can have the membership officer provide centers with contact details.  
We need to foster their introduction to our social events and provide a contact person for new members to "break the ice".
- Thirdly, I would like to incorporate an overview of the state committee minutes in the monthly president report. My aim is to endeavor to make the state committee more transparent to the membership and enable them to gain a better understanding of the role of their committee.

There are also the clubs competition events which includes motorkhanas and Super Sprints.

Members are able to both compete and/or become involved in the organizing which is another aspect of your club's activities.

The MG Car Club runs race meetings at Symmons Plains and help is always required but to assist at any competition event; you will need an appropriate CAMS official's licence.

If you would like to participate in the competition side of the club then we can assist you with obtaining the appropriate CAMS official's licence.

On reading the list of social activities we are in for another busy year so let's get on with it.

Mark Dilger  
President

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**MG Car Club of Tas 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

For this event it was decided that a committee be formed with the President and a member from each of the three centres as representatives. Discussion also centred on those early members of the club who may wish to be invited / involved with this Anniversary.

**Race Meetings ran by the MG Car Club**

R Wilmot spoke on the future of running the TSS Rounds and the lack of support in certain classes; also required are officials for these events. The Race Committee is committed to continuing with these events in 2019 but by May – June the decision to continue into 2020 will be reviewed.

**CAMS Official Licence Holders**

With B Zuber not being able to assist with the Secretarial duties at the Club Competition events into 2019 it was decided that a record of CAMS accredited officials from within the club be produced with B Zuber to compile a list. It is also hoped that other members may consider becoming accredited to assist at these events.

**Substitute Venue for Maxie's Motorkhana**

The date for this Motorkhana is the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb with three sites to be considered, two are at Symmons Plains using either the concrete pad or a grassed area and the other is a site at Greens Beach which has been offered to us by club member Tony Selby.

**Motorkhana Timing Equipment**

D Fraser and C Large have researched the systems available and with the club committed to the purchasing of a timing system one will now be ordered (it is a wireless unit )

**Membership Handbook and Contact Directories**

A Midgley has completed the updates on the books with the contact booklet now being proof read by a member from each of the clubs centres. The revised clubman points have been reviewed and can now be completed. Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan is the date set to have these ready for printing.

Greg Bannon

Secretary

MG Car Club of Tasmania



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# **Multiclub Motorkhana**

## **13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **58 Patrick St, Bothwell**

**Scrutineering begins at 9.00am**  
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**club-captain@mgtas.org.au**

## **CONCOURS CLASS WINNERS**

<b>Class 1 Square Riggers:</b>	Peter Thorne
<b>Class 2 MGA/MGACoupe/MGA Twin Cam:</b>	Ian Campbell
<b>Class 3 MGB/MGC/MGBV8/GTs:</b>	Col Cleaver
<b>Class 4 MGB/MGC Roadsters MK1 and 2:</b>	Rodney Harris
<b>Class 5 MGB Roadsters BL and later:</b>	Chris Wagstaff
<b>Class 6 MG Midgets: No entries</b>	
<b>Class 7 MG Saloons Post MGY:</b>	John Hartley
<b>Class 8 MG Specials including Non factory V8s:</b>	Greg Ellis
<b>Class 9 MGF/MGTF/RV8:</b>	Mark Dilger
<b>Class 10 Non Marque Sports Cars including Sprites:</b>	Frank Manley
<b>Class 11 Limited Production Non Marque Sports Cars and Open Racing Cars:</b> No entries	
<b>Class 12; Post 1980 MG Saloons:</b>	Terry Sansom
<b>David Cooper Best MG Concours:</b>	Col Cleaver
<b>Craig Gillespie: Member's Choice:</b>	Ian Campbell (MGA)
<b>Stroud Trophy: Outright Concours:</b>	Col Cleaver



*(photo by Sophie Tilley)*

## **2018 TROPHY WINNERS**

<b>Robyn and David Wells Southern Clubman:</b>	Shane Manley
<b>V.I.P. Menswear Northern Clubman:</b>	Col Cleaver
<b>W.H. Allison North West Clubman:</b>	Greg Bannon
<b>Craig Twining Junior Champion:</b>	Cameron Howie
<b>C.C. Blomfield 1<sup>st</sup> year Clubman:</b>	Mike Sullivan
<b>Rick Jones Memorial:</b>	Not presented
<b>D.H Roberts Square Rigger:</b>	Phillip Tilley
<b>D.G Burgess Motorkhana Champion:</b>	Damien Midgley
<b>Nick Lockyer Memorial Clubman Style Vehicle:</b>	Don Fraser
<b>Bob Moore Hillclimb Trophy:</b>	Don Fraser
<b>Navigator Trophy, May Trial:</b>	Not presented
<b>Judy Rowbottom Ladies Trophy:</b>	Kelli Large
<b>Russell Reynolds Officials Trophy:</b>	Bronwyn Zuber
<b>John Waterer Best Performance by an MG:</b>	Duncan Bearup
<b>Barry Harbottle Club Champion:</b>	Damien Midgley
<b>Arthut Twining Clubman of the Year:</b>	Robin Wilmot



**Major Trophy Winners:** Robin Wilmot, Duncan Bearup, Phil Tilley, Ian Campbell, Shane Manley, and Bronwyn Zuber.

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**SOUTHERN NOTES**

**PAST EVENTS**

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – Annual Concours d’Elegance and Dinner.

The weather was kind and the Parliament House Lawns were once again resplendent. All was in readiness by 10.00am with a splendid display of some 30 cars. Being Salamanca Market Day the display attracted crowds of interested passers-by making the “look and admire but do not touch” cards essential. It certainly added to the exciting atmosphere.

With judging complete the site was dismantled around 2.00pm and we then adjourned to the Civic Club for the AGM where the reports were adopted and the new committee elected.

Next up was the presentation dinner just down the road at SOHO with entertainment provided by husband and wife team, the Daystar Duo who played our kind of music to our kind of levels, attracting many dancers later on during the night. Those that were not so inclined could still enjoy their conversations. The parmigiana could have been a tad smaller although some managed to devour it all, but judging by comments the meals and the service were good. This venue is ideal as it is self contained with its own bar, toilets and a stage area for the band and room for dancing and although there was another function downstairs with 120 bikers, we would not have known they were there!

Next up was the breakfast at Montrose Bay with setting up commencing at 7.30am in brilliant sunshine turning cloudy later but no rain. Here we said farewell to our Northern guests and bid them a safe trip home. Although one on the BBQ’s was a little slow the four cooks and helpers managed to keep the food coming for an enjoyable breakfast among friends.

Bob Leeson



*Photos courtesy of Bob Leeson*



**14<sup>th</sup> November – Wayne Goninon’s mid-week run:**

This month’s run got off to a rather nervous start with Wayne initially planning to organize the event, then realising that although he would be back from Europe, he had other commitments. Lynn Cengia put her hand up, but then had major internet problems so Bob Leeson was next in line but his computer crashed. In the end the lunch venue was arranged by Lynn, the day was organized by Bob, and all communication was via Wayne. What could possibly go wrong?

Actually nothing! Even the weather gods were kind. Despite the threatening skies and forecasts for rain, 5 cars had roofs down and were rewarded with a pleasant dry drive, despite a few drops on the windscreen. In total 36 people in 23 cars enjoyed the run from the CCC church in South Hobart to the Geilston Bay Boat Club via Sorell, Richmond and Grass Tree Hill road. Despite (or maybe because of) road construction on Macquarie St and the airport roundabout, the convoy remained relatively intact except for a certain white MGBGT automatic, which turned off toward Cambridge. Luckily no one followed. This was not the case on arrival at Geilston Bay, as the leader turned onto the obvious road leading to the bay, only to find that this did not access the Boat Club. Consequently 12-15 cars had to U-turn and make their way to a smaller road further along, only to encounter Peter Shaw, who grew up in Geilston Bay, coming from the opposite direction after trying yet a third way to get to the Boat Club. No wonder GPS navigation is so popular!

Once we all settled in at the Boat Club we were treated to a good 2 course meal with multiple options and very good service. It was a pleasure to see Rosemary Shimmin back in action after her surgery and we wish her a good recovery.

Although the rains held off for the return journey, few were brave enough to leave roofs down

Kevin McGuire



*(Photo by Phil Rollins)*

**16<sup>th</sup> November – Dunalley Primary School Fair:**

Only 4 cars accepted the invitation to be on display at the school fair, which was just as well as there was not a lot of space for the display. Brian and Glenda Sharman, MGB; Richard Holtsbaum, MGF; Peter Shaw, MGA coupe; and Kevin McGuire, MX5, all met at the Banjo's in Sorell for coffee before travelling to Dunalley. Whilst there, David Hallam, seeing the cars parked outside, joined us. There was much reminiscing of the early days of the MG Car Club and motor racing.

After driving down in the rain, Dunalley itself was dry and the fair was held in quite pleasant conditions. There were already 2 MGs present when we arrived, both owned by Peter Clark. One was a V8 roadster and the other one was of special interest – an MGRV8 track car project which weighs 770kg and has 540hp. It is almost complete and will be a beast when it finally appears on the track.

At the fair, the most popular activity was a dunking chair, which generally had a big line of kids trying their ball throwing accuracy in order to dunk teachers, parents, and even the local policeman.

Glenda was shocked to see wine for sale at a primary school, but was the first to support the idea. We soon followed! Apart from the standard items like ice cream, sausages, cakes, biscuits, other consumables available were oysters, tacos, homemade lamb pies (more meat than gravy), and veggie burgers. Not the type of school fair I remember!

Kevin McGuire

**COMING EVENTS:**

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Barbeque at the Civic Club. Activities will commence at 6.00pm. Cooking again by our renowned chefs and hopefully help again from the ladies for dessert (Di Leeson will co-ordinate). Lucky door prizes.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006 or Chris Wagstaff 0362 391341

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Wayne Goninon's mid-week run:

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. This is the final run for the year and places are limited

please contact Wayne Goninon: 0408 388 881

For further information

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 Kevin and Irene McGuire 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.

**19<sup>th</sup> 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

**17<sup>th</sup> 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

**17<sup>th</sup> March** – My Slice of Pie? Details to follow.

For further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0362 296006

**14<sup>th</sup> April** – Buckland Hotel? 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 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the MG Car Club on 14<sup>th</sup> 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. It has been suggested that Geoff Dodge, Peter Scott and Bill Griffiths be contacted as a starting point. Secretary will follow this up.

There will also be an article on the club's Facebook page and a mention in the magazine. Craig Large suggested forming a committee to co-ordinate the event. Need to verify members and addresses for mail out.

Bob Leeson

**NORTHERN NOTES**

Congratulations to our Northern members:

Mark Dilger on being elected as MGCCT State President and Col Cleaver for scooping the pool at the recent State Concours Event.

**Update from the November Committee Meeting;** It would be appreciated if members could give event co-ordinators at least **3 days notice** prior to an event they are intending to attend in order for adequate notice to be given to caterers and to ensure the chosen venue has the capacity to cater for that number of persons.

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018** Midweek run and dinner, leave Car Museum at 6.00pm for a short run before dinner at Bolters Restaurant, Prospect Vale. RSVP by 9<sup>th</sup> December to Mike Paine 0407 271 926

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018** Coffee Run, TBA leave Car Museum 9.30am. RSVP by 19<sup>th</sup> December to Frank Brooks 0418 134 262

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019** Midweek run and dinner, TBA leave Car Museum at 6.00pm. RSVP by 6<sup>th</sup> January to Brian Ralph 0447 632 813

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019** Chester McKaige BYO Picnic or BBQ evening at his home “Carrick House” from 5.00pm. **BBQ facility provided BUT BYO chair please.** Leave Motor Museum at 4.00pm for a pleasant tour of country roads via Bridgenorth. RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> January to Col Cleaver 0419 772 554

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019** Coffee Run, TBA leave Car Museum 9.30am. RSVP by 22<sup>nd</sup> January to John Biggelaar 0408 125 199

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019** MGCCT Northern Sub Centre Committee Meeting at VCCT clubrooms Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston, 7.30pm. All members welcome.

**Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** Combined North West & North Sunday Run “Goaty Hill” winery, 530 Auburn Road, Rowella. RSVP by 31<sup>st</sup> January to Terry Jeffrey 0417 344 369

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2019** Sunday lunch run Whisky Distillery, Weymouth, lunch to follow. RSVP 14<sup>th</sup> February to Peter Harper 0417 597 897

**February TBA** Deloraine Car Show

**February TBA** Canberra Austin Healey and MG Tour contact John Biggelaar 0408 125 199

**Wes Saunders**  
NSC Secretary 0407 511 819

## **Past Events:**

### **2018 Westbury Car Show**

A total of 16 MGCCT NSC members attended the annual Westbury Car Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of October, the majority leaving from the National Motor Museum & picking up the remainder en route.

After a beautiful drive through some lovely countryside, in perfect ‘top down’ MG weather, we all arrived at the Westbury Village Green to find the site bulging with all things motoring, ranging from vintage children’s pedal cars to late model Ferraris & an Aston Martin.

The MGs were not disgraced however with models ranging from John & Geraldine Biggelaar’s much admired TF, a number of MGAs, MGBs, Mark’s RV8 and Tony & Mary King’s late model MG6.

We were joined on the run by new members Julianne & Michael Ford in their immaculate red MGB Roadster – welcome folks we look forward to seeing you and your MG on future outings.

Chester McKaige had rested his trusty MGA in favour of his superb Delage, which in most of our member’s opinion was the ‘Car of the Day’.

This event grows in popularity each year due to its beautiful location & the organisation of the local Westbury Rotary Club which managed to raise \$4500 for charity this year.

*Col & Cathie Cleaver.*

John Biggelaar MGTF and Col Cleavers MGA Twin Cam  
*(photo by Wes Saunders)*



**MG Coffee Run Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Octagon strikes back!

After meeting at the Motor Museum our convoy set off for morning coffee and chat at Westbury. Frank Brooks joined with us at Prospect and evened up the numbers 6 MGs, 6 others. Chester McKaige and Terry Sansom joined us at Carrick with 2 more MGs making it 8-6. We owners of Japanese and European marques were gladly out numbered. We then turned onto Bishopsbourne Road for a tour of some of the great roads of the Meander Valley heading towards the famous Great Western Tiers. Not far out of Carrick Christmas dinner almost came early when we encountered turkeys by 4. Knowing that these turkeys defy the odds in living on the road they gobbled their way safely out of harm's way. We ventured to Bishopsbourne and then after passing through Bracknell we turned off Liffey Road and on to Cluan Road for a pleasant cruise to Westbury via Osmaston Road. The red brake lights of the front cars lit up with trepidation soon after turning onto Osmaston Road. In front of us was Bambi most unsure as to how he would get off the road and away from this shiny motorcade. After considering his options, thankfully for us, he jumped the side fence and ran into the scrub much to our relief.

We reached the newly opened "Green Door" café at Westbury and enjoyed a wonderful morning tea of sumptuous delicacies and hot drinks together with the usual banter which included discussion of our close encounters with some of Tassie's finest delicacies in turkey and venison.

A great day was had by all.

*Wes & Jenny Saunders*

**Mowbray Mid-week Dinner Wednesday Nov 14**

Phil and Di Paine RV8, Col and Cathie Cleaver MG ZS 180, **Richard and Phyllis** MGB, Terry Sansom ZT 260, Brian and Jackie Ralph MX5 NC and Wes and Jenny Saunders Zed all left the Motor Museum on a drive through Launceston suburbs to the picturesque Mowbray Racecourse for the NSC Mid-week Dinner and enjoy an evening of spectacular night racing under lights. The newly elected State President, Mark and Angela Dilger came to the Museum "unsuitably mounted" and rushed home to get the RV8 and join us for the evening. Mark was, of course, duly excused.

We parked our vehicles on the Leger next to the Mowbray grandstand and were made extremely welcome by the Chairman and committee of the Tasmanian Turf Club.

We were all treated to pre-dinner drinks and became quickly enthralled with the action packed night of racing. Our members made contributions to the State's gaming pools but many were then rewarded by their new found racing knowledge and omen hunches that enabled them to collect such large amounts of money that a vehicle upgrade may just be in the wings for some.

Col and Cathie Cleaver particularly enjoyed the opportunity to cast their expert eyes over the horse flesh as they were both very accomplished equestrians in Western Australia before their move to Tassie.

We all enjoyed an excellent meal, a few drinks and plenty of usual banter before returning home. Our thanks to the Tasmanian Turf Club for their generous hospitality.

*Wes Saunders.*

**Friday coffee / lunch run- November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Another great roll up on Friday November 30 for our monthly Friday coffee run. This month we added a lunch option for those who wished to extend the time "on the road". We headed down the East Tamar , travelling on some picturesque roads on the way to the Hillwood Strawberry Farm. We enjoyed coffee, cake and berries and a good chat with the 24 members who came along. The "hungrier souls " then travelled over the Batman Bridge to the Riviera Hotel at Beauty Point where we had a lovely lunch - a continuation of great company and good conversation. Lovely to see some new faces on this run- we hope you're able to join us again!

Phil and Di Paine

**N/NW Christmas Party Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at Lake Barrington**

(photo: Ronda Thomas)



*Left: Phil Tilley, John James, Peter Richards*

*Right: Mark Dilger & Rod Hales*

*(photos by Susan Fraser)*



**NORTH WESTERN NOTES**

The combined North and NW Christmas Party has been and gone. It was held at Lake Barrington and was well attended by both areas. Mrs Santa paid a visit and presented presents to all present.

**Winery Run** - Andrew Midgley has offered to organise a Winery Run to the Tamar Valley on **Sunday 3rd February 2019** as a joint run with the Northern Members. This would be a good start to the New Year. More information next month.

**Proposed BBQ** - Keep **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019** free - I am looking to organise a run in our MGs with perhaps a short walk and BBQ. Again – more info later. This month's report has been prepared quickly to enable information to be printed in the December Magazine – hence lack of details.

**Shannon's Classic Car & Charity Run.** – Campbell Town - **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Any NW members attending; meet at the Spreyton Hall Car Park at 9 am as per November Magazine details.

**Suggestions:** It has been suggested that a Melbourne football weekend be one of our activities next year.

Weekend of May 11<sup>th</sup> – Collingwood and Carlton match or if football is not your thing Perhaps the Classic Car Show in Melbourne 11 – 12 – 13 October 2019.

Let me know if you could be interested in either event and I can take it further.

**Exhaust Notes:**

Pressing people to learn things they do not want to know – is as unwholesome and disastrous as feeding them saw dust.

My first – I may get better!!

TC Terry (Jeffrey) (contact details-see Northern Committee)

**Combined North and North West Christmas Gathering**

John and Dawn Irving had arranged for a coffee stop in Sheffield for the North West members prior to travelling to the lake then our early arrival at Lake Barrington saw some cloud cover and a cool breeze so the fires were set and were burning well by the time the Northern members arrived which by then saw an improvement in the weather. The line up of cars was certainly varied with two TCs and a Magnette being the elders of the group right through to an MG6 and an MG SUV. Following the welcomes it was time to light the BBQ and open the picnic basket and with time seemingly to go to fast it was time to welcome a special guest, that's the one dressed in red and on this day Santa had some bling and a bell, Santa's helper was Wayne Jessup.

A thank you to all for supporting the event and on behalf of the North West members we wish you all the Best for Christmas.

*Greg Bannon*



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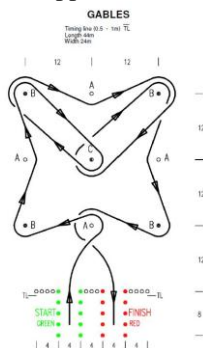
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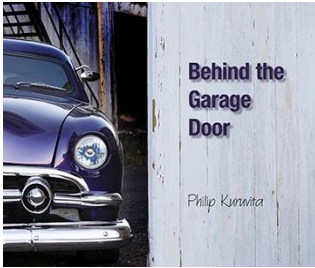
## HELP

### Motorkhana Timing Gear has been mislaid.

If you know of its whereabouts would you please contact Robin Wilmot or any member of the State Committee. This would be most appreciated



## **NEW BOOK REVIEW**



The closed garage door has always held a mystical appeal for the true motoring enthusiast.

I especially love the old barn type doors, the ones that may open to reveal lost automotive treasures, K3MG, the Brescia Bugatti or Vincent motorcycle hidden under layers of dust and old Examiner newspapers.

Tasmania has a long history of motoring, its unique cars, homemade hotrods, original classics and sportscars, its historic racers, the Longford GP track

events, state off road rallies and Targa although not often written about, this state has it all.

Internationally recognised photographer Phillip Kuravita has just released an exciting new book, uncovering some of the special cars and their owners behind local garage doors.

“Behind the Garage Door” is packed full of hundreds of stunning photos of Tasmanian cars and their owners, their history and their stories.

Cars 1916-2016 including Ford, Wolseley Hornet, Nash, Rolls Royce, MGs, Citroen, Renault, Morgan, AC, Cadillac, Holden, Porsche, Ferrari, Mazda, Lotus and Pontiac to name just a few.

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The short history and snippets of information gleaned from their owners adds a personal touch to complement the photos in a way not seen before in a Tasmanian production.

Available at the Motor Museum in Launceston and good book stores, this 239 page hard cover \$49.95 would make a great Christmas gift for any collector of motoring and local books.

*Phil Tilley*

*(Photos from “Behind the Garage Door”, kindly supplied by Philip Kuravita)*



## **OLD NUMBER ONE**



### **Introduced 1925 Number built – 1**

There are differing views amongst Car Historians as to whether Old Number One was the original and first MG built. MGs were built for some two years before Old Number One came on the scene. It is certainly true that this vehicle was the first MG to be built specifically to compete in sporting events. The first cars known MGs

were in fact special bodied Morris Cowleys. Old Number One was first seen at the 1925 Lands End Trial. Cecil Kimber had the car specially built to compete in the trial and this was indeed based on a bullnose Morris Cowley chassis. The rear section was modified, the chassis frame being cut off and having new rails fitted which curved up and over the rear axle to secure splayed rear springs. The engine was a special overhead valve Hotchkiss with a capacity of 1548cc. Tuning amounted to machining and polishing the cylinder head and minor carburation modifications. The 11.9 hp engine was then linked to the standard Morris transmission employing a 3 speed manual gearbox. Fuel was introduced to the SU carburettor by a hand operated air pressure pump located next to the gear lever. The suspension arrangements used a standard half elliptic spring at the front, but with special half elliptic rear springs in place of the normal Morris three quarter elliptic. Tall wire spoke wheels were fitted to the standard hubs by three bolts, braking was standard Morris drum system, both front and rear. The only lighting on the car was by two small sidelights mounted on each side of the scuttle and a single headlight which is not evident on the car today.

The normally high Cowley steering column was lowered by raking the column. Extra instrumentation included a tachometer, fuel and oil pressure gauges along with the standard speedometer and ammeter. The special lightweight body was designed and built by Carbodies of Coventry for Kimber, the final assembly of the car was at the Morris factory in Longwall, Oxford and it was originally registered FC 7900 on 27th March 1925 (a new number FMO 842 was allocated in March 1950 after a restoration, however in 1959 the car was re-united with the original registration of FC 7900). Kimber competed very successfully in the Lands End Trial that year, winning a Gold medal in the Light Car Class. Soon after the Trial the car was sold to a friend of Cecil Kimber's for £300. It was reputed to have only cost £279 to build and is now valued at a figure approaching £250,000 (who says MG's are not an appreciating asset!). Old Number One was later spotted being used to haul a pig food trailer of all things and subsequently discovered in a Manchester scrap yard by an employee of the MG Car Company in 1932 and bought for £15. The car was then taken to the Abingdon factory and restored to be used as a promotion vehicle.

## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, December 2018**

The Nuffield Organisation were the first to adopt the title Old Number One when they utilised the car in advertising and publicity material for the MG Car Company and the title has remained ever since. When the car was restored by the factory the colour was changed from the original grey primer to the colour it is today, cherry red. The car has always featured well in MG publicity material and has been exhibited on numerous occasions at home and also abroad, on one occasion it was shipped to the USA to feature in the 50th anniversary celebrations of MG. The car now forms part of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Collection at Gaydon, where it is generally on permanent display. It is kept in full running order and indeed throughout its life many privileged journalists, historians and enthusiasts have been allowed to drive the car to assess the merits of the car that helped fuel the tremendous following that the marque now enjoys worldwide.

### **Note from Robyn and Bruce Keogh**

After planning and organizing for 6 months June 4 2018 saw Bruce and I flying to Sydney to start a world cruise aboard Sea Princess next day for 106 nights,41 ports in 27 countries. What a wonderful adventure it was,visiting places we had only ever dreamed about!

We were home 10 days when Bruce went to his GP , sent to have a brain scan and next day diagnosed with a brain tumor. A week later Bruce was admitted to Calvary Hospital and operated on October 9. The good news... it was benign. He is now recovering at home...progress has been slow.Bruce drove our car November 26 for first time since his operation..... so it wont be long before we join you all again for MG outings!

We would like to thank all those members who phoned and visited us with offers of help.A special thank you to our drivers who brought us home from Hobart, and back to Hobart for post-op appointment.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year 2019 in our MG.

We certainly won't forget 2018!

Take care and safe driving,

Robyn and Bruce Keogh.

P.S Remember: if you notice signs all is not as it should be,visit your GP.....it may not be due to old age as Bruce thought!



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**DELIVERY AUSTRALIA WIDE**

**G`day all.**

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who responded to my appeal in the September magazine. All suggestions were taken into account and even if I had tried them before, I tried them again. Some of the replies made me feel a bit better given the semi horror stories others recounted to me. After all the tryouts, I finally decided to take the car to Jim Brown`s and also book it in for an electrical analysis at Carswell`s. I figured that having it at Jim`s would allow me to have it on the hoist and be able to work upright rather than flat on my back on the floor. The last thing I tried before trailering [thanks Mark] the car up was to purchase a length of rubber fuel line that would allow me to bypass all the metal fuel lines. After hooking a line from the tank to the pump and another from the pump to the carbies, I turned the car on and the bloody pump did what it should and stopped. After regaining consciousness I thought I should reconnect each piece of metal pipe one at a time to see if they were a part of the problem. You guessed it again, the pump wouldn`t stop. I then put the rubber pipe bits all the way through again and the pump wouldn`t stop. After coming just short of kicking the cat, I put the car away

When the car was safely up on the hoist we again ran a rubber fuel line from a separate container of fuel to eliminate the tank. Pump didn`t stop. Decided to again hook up the metal fuel lines after blowing them out again. Found a bit of rubbish in the tank to pump line that looked like a bit of fabric from the rubber fuel line. This was not there on any of the previous trials as all lines had already been blown out on several occasions. As we connected each pipe we blocked it off to build back pressure and managed to get the pump to stop. This is something that had been trialed previously with varying success but still didn`t stop the pump consistently. After achieving this we brain stormed what in the carbies could cause the pump to run. Figured that as there was no flooding, carbies were OK. We even drained the oil from the motor to make sure the car wasn`t running an fuel/oil mix. Nothing apart from oil.

The next day we took the car to Carswell`s. When we started it that morning, the pump slowed but didn`t fully stop. When we got it to Carswell`s and tried a restart, the pump did exactly what it should do and has continued to do so ever since. [fingers crossed]. Put it on the analyser and found nothing electrically wrong. In fact it ran exceptionally well. Did nothing more to the car. Loaded it back on the trailer and brought it back home. [Was not that confident as to drive it home] Took the car for a run the next day and it did not miss a beat. Pump stopped running each and every time. Given that what we tried out at Jim`s was basically nothing different to what we did at Four Mile on more than one occasion, we are really none the wiser as to what has changed. Had a series of messages from Gary Rayner who suggested there was most probably an air lock in the pump that had finally decided to work its way out. Why it had taken so long to do this is beyond my comprehension. Will do some more longer runs to see if it continues to do the right thing.

Again my thanks to all.

## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, December 2018**

Andrew Kuz.

PS. Took the car on a run to Mathinna with the East Coast Car Club for a car show and a test run and it went like the proverbial bird. That was until I was coming home past the Falmouth turn off and the car just died. Was not a fuel problem thank God but a points failure. As those who own or have owned an A would know, it's difficult to get a tow rope on one. This plus the fact that it started to bucket down with rain convinced me to resort to the RACT. For the 2nd time this year the car has returned to base on a slide tray truck. New points fitted and away we go again, hopefully for a longer period. If anyone sees that Chinaman I ran over, can you run over him again please.

*Andrew Kuzniarski*

### **COMING COMPETITION EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Motorkhana	Bothwell
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Motorkhana	North
Sat/Sun 23/24 Feb	Super Series	Symmons Plains
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Tas Hillclimb Cup	Baskerville
<b>Note: this is the sole event for the Bob Moore Hillclimb Trophy for 2019</b>		
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	State Motorkhana Championship	Bothwell
Sat/Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Super Series	Symmons Plains
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Day	Baskerville
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Motorkhana	Latrobe

### **REQUEST FROM RACE COMMITTEE**

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**COMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

*Events in italics do not attract Club Points*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
Tue, 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SSC Christmas BBQ	Civic Club	Di Leeson
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mid Week run & Dinner	Motor Museum	Mike Paine
<i>Wed, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>SSC-Midweek</i>	<i>Rivulet Cafe</i>	<i>Wayne Goninon</i>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Coffee Run	Motor Museum	Frank Brooks
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mid week Run & Dinner	Motor Museum	Brian Ralph
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SSC-Cryptic Run	TBA	Peter Shaw
<i>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</i>	<i>South East Rally</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Bob Leeson</i>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	BBQ and Run	TBA	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	BYO Picnic/BBQ	Carrick House	Chester McKaige
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coffee Run	Motor Museum	John Biggelaar
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Northern Sub Centre meeting	VCCT Clubrooms	All Welcome
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Winery Run	TBA	Terry Jeffrey
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Run with Austin Healey Club	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Run to Whisky Distillery	TBA	Peter Harper
TBA	Deloraine Car Show	Watch this space	
TBA	Canberra Austin Healey and MG Tour	TBA	John Biggelaar
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March	My Slice of Pie	Civic Club	Bob Leeson
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Buckland Hotel	Civic Club	Ches Bogus

# SQUARE RIGGER NOTES

## All Pre War, T and Y Type MG's.

A couple of great additions to the fleet of Square Riggered MGs now resident in Tasmania. The very recently completed restoration of TD of Alex and Lois O'Grady of Launceston. A magnificent ground up project of the car favoured, fettled, fixed and frowned over by Alex for many a decade. Originally from Sydney, shown here ready for registration. The depth of the project extends to the pic below, a shed bulging with TDs, the other also restored by Alex in tandem, belonging to a family member and completed last year.



The other very recent arrival is this lovely PA brought to Tas by Alan and Trish Briggs. Finished in the traditional Cream Crackers colours with locally built doorless body of the J4 style. A classic midget with a great MG charm and history having won the 1935 Light Car Club of Australia 24 hour rally, prize £7.7.0 (remember that money).

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