

# MG Monthly Motoring News

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# M.G.s. in the HEADLINES

"The Girl Who Has Everything" is the title of a film which was being shown at Pasadena, California. An enterprising local Nuffield Dealer, Mr. Peter Satori, made use of it in an M.G. publicity drive and sent us these pictures.



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**Cover Photo: Jill Maclaurin-Hudspeth’s 1951 TD, MGCC Concours Launceston November 2023.**

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## President's Report

*Welcome to the New Year.*

Not a lot to report this month, the festive season has come and gone, welcome to 2024, wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year, may all those new year resolutions come to fruition.

Susan and I had all the family home to help celebrate Christmas for the first time in a couple of years, our Queensland daughter and family was appreciative of our weather considering the major storms that hit the Gold Coast on Christmas day.

Our competition year starts Sunday the 18th of February with a Motorkhana at Symmons Plains. This will also be the first of the State rounds everyone is welcome, come along and watch the action, may be volunteer to help run the event.

There are plenty of social events listed for the coming months, so get out, take the roof off and enjoy safe motoring while the weather is kind to us.

*Don Fraser*

President



## Ed Says

The surface of the once-black TC was freckled with stone chips gathered over decades; marks of past journeys, each chip, dent and scrape belonging on the vintage car; art to be admired. One dent on my MGF's perfect panel is damage; nothing to be admired. Nothing beautiful about it. A friend swung open the door and my heart sunk as I heard the door strike the timber post; a painful, dull squelch. Don't look now, keep smiling, keep smiling. The dent, a vertical crease, disrupted the fluidity of the curved surface. It didn't belong. On those first days I wore out the garage door hinges coming in at every opportunity, having another look; looking at it from various angles, in different light, running fingertips over it. Could I ignore it, accept it, live with it? Like hell. I no longer saw the car; I saw a dent. The panel-beater listed the process: "I'll remove weather seals, remove door trim, open it, dolly the dent, paint the entire door, clear coat it, reassemble, can do it in four months' time, about \$1500. Next plan. I photograph the damage and send for an online quote from the 'Touch Up Guys'. I promptly receive a call. "Lady, I only brush up chips. You want the dent gone, it looking like new, it will cost you thousands."

Months pass and the dent is still bigger than the car. Then, a business card attached to a notice board works a miracle. 'Reedy's Paintless dent removal'. I call expecting the usual spin, but a can-do Jeff Reed tells me he'll be at my home in two hours. Jeff arrives, offers to make the repair there and then for \$120. Could it be so easy? He attached a tool to the outside door surface and inserted a section of the tool through the window gap. After some adjustments he winds it like a car jack. Jeff removes the tool, checks the electric window's operation, chamois the door and says, 'make it \$100'. I'm stunned. The door is perfect. The paint finish unaffected. A magic wand waved, and I assure you, the child lock is permanently on guard.

Welcome to 2024. In this magazine the Maclaurin family's MG TD takes us on an adventure. Advance your understanding of SU carburettors with Kel Aldred's tips for better performance. Our social events' calendar has outings lined up so get in your MG.



*Jane Attard*



'The MG' at the 2023 MGCC Tasmania Concours, where it was awarded:  
Shannon's People's Choice Concours d'Elegance.

## Relatively Speaking

*'The MG'*

*In 2017 a gorgeous couple with a modern MG, Tony and Wendy, stopped to help us in Epping Forest. 'The MG', as our family called it, was making its way from Melbourne to Hobart.*



*It was full of all things my mother and I could fit from our Whistler residence. The MG was struggling with the overload and had to be aided to stay in fourth gear. We later learned the gear box was rusted to pieces. Incidentally, speaking of pieces....in '89 I met my 'husband to be' and he recalls the MG in bits and pieces stored in our Kombi van! Tony and Wendy transferred all our heavy goods into their car and the next day offered an MG membership form to us. In 2022, Lyn Cengia learned of an MG driving around the eastern shore and popped a note in our mailbox. Recently retired, we had time to join.*

*We've only four runs under our belt but look forward to so many more. This past Centenary weekend meeting lovely welcoming hosts from the north, and sharing time with our fabulous southern crew, was tremendous.*

*The following is an article my late, stunning father wrote to the Vancouver Sun newspaper's Auto-Biography section in the '80's. It provides a fun history of The MG bequeathed to me in 2014. After the article, my parents drove The MG right across Canada and back. They broke down on the last stretch into Vancouver. Of course, they landed right beside an enthusiast and became fast friends.*

*Thank you for the warm Tassie embrace.*

***Jill MacLaurin-Hudspeth***



We have a delightful automobile story to tell you. In 1953, in Fredericton, N.B. while attending the University of New Brunswick as a forestry student, I bought a second-hand 1951MG TD sportster.

It eventually became my means to make my move permanently to B.C. in February of 1956. Prior to that, I had experienced three summers in B.C. as a forestry student, and could not resist the draw of the province with its mountain beauty and magnificent forests. My trip from New Brunswick in 1956 was an amazing challenge in itself. That year

was probably one of the worst for blizzards from coast to coast in a long time. There were major storms in Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Montana – and in Spokane, Wash. I found that all the American passes to the coast were closed due to snowfall. I managed to get through the Hope-Princeton, but through an 80-mile blizzard, with carved snow banks on all sides.





But now- for the good part! In Vancouver, in 1958, my wife to be, Isobel, and I courted in, were married in, and honeymooned in this lovely little car. Some of our wedding “friends” (?) loaded our heater with Limburger cheese...much



to the delight of several Cariboo mouse populations. We followed the gold rush trail, in that MG, from Lillooet to Wells-Barkerville – camping out, mostly, but also being hosted by a marvellous Mrs. Place at her Dog Creek Ranch (32 rooms, plus original A.Y. Jacksons on her walls). And, at Barkerville, meeting Ches Lyons of B.C. Parks fame, and discussion the future plans for that historical park.



Soon, we produced three of our children – and up to that number, still managed to go camping in that little MG (camping gear, sleeping bags, a crib, etc.). But when the fourth came along – that was it. So, the MG went into storage, and the first of three Volkswagen vans became our practical means of transport, to allow now for four children and two wire-haired terriers on frequent trips to our cabin at Whistler.



The MG remained in storage for about 30 years – but Isobel, a long-time artist, saved her money for 20 years and we had the MG professionally restored in 2001 by Octagon Motors, in Vancouver – just in time for it to be part of the 2001 Canada Day parade in Whistler – an appropriate bright red, at that. Reprinted with permission from Post Media, Toronto Canada.

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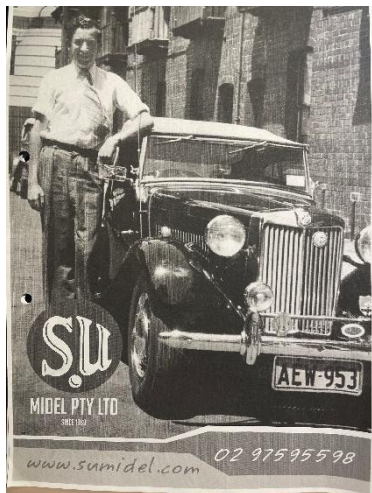
## SU Know How



We hear it so often, **'my MG is hard to start when it's cold'**, it coughs and splutters as the starter cranks the engine. It just goes on and on, and finally you have success. If your classic is fitted with a manual choke cable SU Carburettor set, its operation may well be your problem.

I recently read a great tip to help start your manual SU choke cable classic from cold start. **When you pull the choke cable out, you think the choke is engaged. Try pulling it further. Even maintaining the pulling tension as you turn the key.** It's this last pull that engages the choke jet and pulls the jet down to allow a greater flow of fuel. When you pull the cable, the bulk of the choke cable length, opens the carburettor throttle **to allow more air (not fuel)** to enter and increase revs.

If your carburettor or carburettors had had years of use, it may need a partial rebuild. You can purchase a partial rebuild kit of parts. They include new gaskets, (as slow petrol leaks may have appeared), needles and jets. There are many excellent SU “how to repair” books available. After all, the SU carburettor has been around since 1905 and fitted to millions of cars worldwide.



Where to buy original SU parts is the next hurdle. There is a reliable supplier in Sydney, supplying SU Parts and complete systems. Bill Bressington, the founder of **MIDEL**, was the driving force behind SU in Australia. He served his apprenticeship from 1945 at the then, SU distributors, York Motors. In 1970 Bill set up Partoco Trading which evolved into MIDEL P/L. In 1984 the company saw rapid expansion and moved into their existing premises and modern warehouse facility. Bill’s yearly visits to SU England since 1960, has put MIDEL at the forefront on product

knowledge and range. As parts have diminished, MIDEL also manufacture its own SU carburettors parts. Their web site **www.sumidel.com** is a **great resource for spares and they provide excellent phone advice on Sydney 02-9759 5598**. They provide overnight freight service, and I confirm their excellent customer service and knowledge. My only connection with MIDEL is that of a customer.

I recently finished replacing the needles, jets, cork gaskets and other gaskets purchased from MIDEL for the H4 twin SU carburettors on my MGA 1600. The series of photos here show spare parts I purchased and the various stages of dismantling my SU carbs. Most importantly, **the cork gaskets, need soaking overnight in oil before fitment, to ensure correct fitment**. See Photo right:



Knowing that choke-cabled SU carburettors have generally only 2 moving parts in the main body, is a great comfort if you are considering a DIY project. The jet moves down when the choke is applied, and the piston lifts the tapered needle to allow more fuel to flow. It's really a simple carburettor and well worth your consideration for a DIY service.

*Kelvin Aldred*

Club member



## Northern Notes

### North and North-West Combined Christmas Picnic.



On Sunday December 10th, around 50 members from across the North and North-West gathered at the Trevallyn Dam Reserve to celebrate the Christmas Season. The weather was perfect, the company was great, and the venue was ideal.

Our substitute Santa, (Hope you are feeling better Ruth), did a great job delivering gifts to all those present. Surprisingly there was no one on the naughty list this year.

*Paul Rossetto*





### **Up-coming Northern Events:**

**Jan 14: Bridport Car Show.** 10am -3pm. Meet at Riverside Soccer Ground Car Park to Depart at 8:30am. Lunch at The Bridport Bunker Club 12:30pm.

RSVP to P. Rossetto 0497266076 by Jan 10th. Limited numbers available for lunch

**Jan 20: Run to Chester and Sally McKaige's home,** 6 East St., Carrick. 5pm. BYO. BBQ available. Meet at Riverside Soccer Ground Car Park for 4 pm departure.

RSVP R. Ashley-Jones 0419350811 by Jan 18

**Jan 28: North/North West Combined Mystery:** Meet at Deloraine Caravan Park, at the end toward the swimming pool, at 10.00a.m. There will be a run of approximate 75 km to a picnic spot, within approximate ½ hour of Launceston. All will be revealed on the day.

Bring pen and paper, GPS map (phone will be fine) and Picnic lunch, chairs etc, NO BBQs available.

***Numbers are essential, by January 21st please. Tony & Cheryl Gurnhill; 0408386482, acgurnhill@bigpond.com***



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Jan 31: NSC Committee Meeting. 7:30pm VCCA Rooms. All Welcome

Feb 14: Mid-Week Dinner R. Ashley-Jones 0419350811 Details to follow

Feb 18: Run to Great Lake Hotel. Phil Paine Details to follow

Feb 23: Coffee Run: Details to Follow

Feb 23: Destination: [Loira Vines Vineyard and restaurant.](#)

Depart: Riverside Football Club carpark Windsor Park 10:30

Travel Via: West Tamar Hwy, Rosevears Drive, Gravelly Beach Road to Deviot, then Motor Rd (C729) and the West Tamar Hwy to Loira Vines 3191 W Tamar Hwy, Loira TAS 7270. Travel Time: Approx 40mins

Lunch details: Platters of local produce for one or two persons together with a selection of local wines.

RSVP: Scott Hudman 0499 883 804 by 16 Feb 2024

Feb 28: NSC Committee Meeting VCCA Rooms 7:30pm All welcome

March 13: Midweek Dinner: Ducks Restaurant BBQ. B. Daly Details to follow

March 27: NSC Committee Meeting VCCA Rooms 7:30pm All welcome

March 22: (March 29 is Good Friday) Coffee Run. P. Paine



## North-West Notes

### Past Events

#### 10th December – Combined Christmas Picnic

This year's picnic was hosted by the Northern Sub Centre at the Trevallyn Dam Reserve. Twelve NW members joined the 37 Northern members for an excellent day in the sun. Merylyn and Bob Dawson joined their first run in their recently restored MG TF and had no mechanical issues. Well done, Bob. Unfortunately, Mrs Claus was unwell; too much egg nogg, and had to deputise her gift giving role to Santa. He handled the occasion very well with a few helpers and much merriment from the gift receivers.



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### 14th December – Christmas Dinner Meeting

The final event for the year was the Christmas Dinner which was held in Neville and Lorraine Smith's suitably attired home in Devonport. We had an excellent turn up of 30 members who all provided food to share. We celebrated Michael Smith's 60th Birthday with a festive MG Cake. During the evening donations were received and I am pleased to advise that a total of \$500 was raised. This money has been donated to the Heart Foundation in memory of Margaret Bannon.

*I would like to thank Lorraine and Neville for generously providing their residence for the event which was appreciated by all members. (Couldn't find the keys to the car sheds, Neville!)*



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**Up-coming North-West Events:**

Thursday 11th January – Dinner Meeting

A twilight MG run to Penguin for a meal at Seasons by the Sea is planned.

Meet at the Homemaker Centre carpark for 5.45 pm departure.

Please RSVP to Tim by Monday 8th January 2024.

Sunday 21st January – Port Sorell Motor Show

The Lions Club of Port Sorell, ably assisted by Richard Gamble, is organising a Motor Show to be held at the Port Sorell Cricket Ground. Entry is by gold coin donation, with cars to be parked by 9.30 am till 2.30 pm. If members can attend, it would be a good opportunity to catch up early in the New Year. Enquiries to Richard, 0456 629 499.

Sunday 28th January – Combined North/North West Mystery Run, Deloraine Cheryl and Tony Gurnhill are organising this run. Meet at the Deloraine Caravan Park, at the end towards the swimming pool, at 10.00 am.

North-West members will depart the Homemaker Centre carpark at 9.00 am to travel to Deloraine. There will be a run of approximately 75 kms to a picnic spot, within approximately 30 minutes of Launceston. All will be revealed on the day.

Bring paper and a pen, GPS map (phone will be fine), and picnic lunch, chairs etc. No BBQ facilities are available.

**Numbers are essential by 21st January please. Please RSVP to Tony & Cheryl, 0408 386 482, [acgurnhill@bigpond.com](mailto:acgurnhill@bigpond.com). Please advise if you will be travelling in convoy from Devonport.**

Sunday 18th February – Northern Run to Lake Barrington

More details to follow.

Sunday 24th March – Combined North/North West Run to Great Lake Hotel

More details to follow.

## **Tim's Humour for January**

I start a new job at Hyundai tomorrow. I figured it was a good Korea move.

How do you double the value of a Rover? Fill it with petrol.

What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a pink car? A pink car nation.

A man goes into a service-station and asks, "Can I have a windscreen wiper for my Lada?"

"Okay," replied the man in the garage, "it seems like a fair swap"

Why is Turtle Wax so expensive? Because turtles have really tiny ears.

A pair of jump leads walks into a bar. The barman says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Somebody complimented me on my parking today. They left a note on the windscreen -- it said, 'Parking Fine'.

A glue tanker on the motorway has shed its load. Drivers are advised to stick to the inside lane.

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## **Tim Grant**





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## Southern Notes

### PAST EVENTS

#### 3 December – Bothwell Run



A good turnout for our first run of the summer. We headed off from the Civic Club a little before 10.....which was unfortunately just a few minutes before the last members arrived. Sorry Bob and Di. We all stopped for coffee at *Kempton Mood Food* which was doing a roaring trade, but patience was required from those wanting a hot drink. Bob's choice of parking spots was.....electrifying, but Chris couldn't work out where the nozzle went (see photos!).

Driving on through Melton Mowbray to Bothwell, our next stop was at the War Memorial Park. Alan Briggs gave us an interesting and well-informed talk about the history of the war memorial and its unusual vertical sun dial. Some then walked while others drove around to *Sealy's Cafe* where we all managed to squeeze in for an enjoyable light lunch.



On departure a number of us decided to do the 'round trip' and return to Hobart via Hollow Tree Rd and the Lyell Highway. A lovely drive, with the Derwent Valley yet to dry off and still quite green. It seems every time we do this trip the area covered by cherry trees under netting around Gretna has expanded exponentially.

*Thanks to Chris for organising a very pleasant day's outing.*



## **12 December – Christmas Function**

The change of format from a BBQ to roasts and veggies clearly met with approval, with us being pretty much at capacity for dinner at the Civic Club. Ian Campbell whetted our appetites with garlic bread and marinated prawns, then it was on to ham, pork and chicken with oodles of vegetables. There was plenty to go around so seconds were available for those that wanted it, and we finished off with a great range of desserts generously prepared by the Ladies.



Sincere and grateful thanks to everyone that contributed to the night – Robin, Julie, Zube, Ian, Alan, Steve and Jenny for preparing and cooking the food, Di and many of the Ladies for providing desserts, and the hardworking team that cleaned up afterwards. I don't think many people who enjoyed dinner realised that all that food was cooked and presented in a timely manner despite us having a major kitchen drama when the stove failed. Amazing what you can do with an air-fryer.....and someone who knew how to use it!



## **COMING EVENTS**

### **3 January – Botanical Gardens Picnic**

With no Wayne's Run on in January we will offer an alternative for the first Wednesday of the month in the way of a picnic in the Botanical Gardens. BYO food and drink. Enter via the Northern gate off Lower Domain Road and meet at the Wombat One Bush Pavilion just inside the gate at 12.00 noon. Very informal, no RSVP required.

### **13th/20th January – South East Rally**

Entry is open to vehicles manufactured up to 2014, including motorbikes. The rally will be held on Saturday 20th January, with a classic car display held one week earlier on 13th January at Parliament House Lawn from 9.00 am – no entry form required for the display. Rally entry fee is \$40. Entries close 10th January. The entry form for the rally will be available from the PVCC website, [www.postvintage-tas.org](http://www.postvintage-tas.org) or there are copies of the entry form available at the Civic Club.

### **26-28th January – HSCC 70th Anniversary Meeting at Baskerville**

Members are invited to participate in a static display and in demonstration laps around the track. See the invitation elsewhere in the magazine for details. This is not a club event, so please respond to the HSCC.

### **25th February – Dunalley (Note change of date from that previously advised)**

A run to Dunalley for lunch at a venue to be confirmed (probably The Cannery), with a coffee stop on the way at the Red Square café in Cambridge. Meet at the Civic Club for a 10am departure.

To RSVP or for further information please contact Bob Leeson: 0457 354 645.

17th March – Southport (Note change of date from that previously advised)

Steve and Jenny Huntley will host us for a BBQ lunch at their shack at Southport. Meet at the Civic Club for a 10am departure. There will be a coffee stop on the way in Huonville. The run will be on sealed roads right up until we turn off into Steve and Jenny's shack. BYO food and drinks.

To RSVP or for further information please contact Chris Wagstaff:

0438 055 199.

29th March – 2 April – MG Nationals Tamworth

5th May – Picnic at Ross

It is a few years since the club patronised this event, so this year we will attend the classic cars show and picnic at Ross. Be at the Civic Club in time for a 9.30am departure. We will have a coffee stop in Richmond and then travel to Ross via Colebrook along Mud Walls Road. Bring a picnic lunch or buy lunch in the town. (Note that as at the time of writing the Man o' Ross Hotel is under new ownership and is being renovated. If planning a meal there please check availability).

*Please help the organisers by sending an RSVP as noted above for all events.*

**Mark Harrington**

## **Hobart Sporting Car Club**

**70th Anniversary Meeting 26 -28th January 2024**

### **Invitation to owners of pre 1965 sports and racing cars.**

As part of the 70th Anniversary Meeting, the Hobart Sporting Car Club is calling on owners of pre 1965 vehicles, particularly Sports and Racing cars, to participate in the celebrations. This would provide spectators with an opportunity to see cars from a bygone era in a racing environment. Your vehicle would complement the planned display of some 40 race cars that have competed at Baskerville during our long history. The HSCC is planning to involve your vehicles in static displays at the circuit during the day in the spectator area and in demonstration laps around the track during the Saturday and Sunday lunchbreaks of the TCRC1 meeting.

As this will be a demonstration run, a speed licence and protective clothing and equipment will not be required as you drive the circuit.

Participants will be provided with free entry to the circuit for the duration of the event. If you would like to be involved, please contact George Taylor (HSCC Committee Member) by email ([G.Taylor@utas.edu.au](mailto:G.Taylor@utas.edu.au)) to book your place for this unique opportunity.

*Let's make this a great display of desirable and unique classic motor vehicle for us all to enjoy in our celebration of Baskerville's long and rich history.*

*More details will be provided closer to the event as planning proceeds.*

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## 129th Wayne's Classic Car Run

On Wednesday 6 Dec 2023, 70 people in 40 cars met at the Rivulet Café for coffee before departing on the final Wayne's Car Drive for 2023. This was the 129th time the event was run.



The weather was fine and 22 degrees, so tops were down, and hair was blowing in the wind. We followed a glorious route through Ferntree, Lower Longley, Sandfly, Margate, Howden, Blackmans Bay, Kingston and then the Channel Highway to the University of Tasmania at Sandy Bay. The convoy was led off by Zvonko



Magazin's mighty 30-year-old bright yellow Mitsubishi delivery van, complete with twin exhausts, side privacy curtains (wonder what he is hiding?) and a flashing yellow light on the roof.

The glorious tone of these exhausts (I drove behind Zvonko, so I was treated to his exhaust tone for most of the drive) was not matched by the sluggish performance of the 3 speed automatic drive of the van, so we proceeded at a



rather leisurely pace. Zvonko's rooftop flashing light was an excellent beacon for the convoy until he took a wrong turn near Howden and had to drop back into the middle of the convoy. Whether this was driver or navigator error I'm not sure.

Regardless, we all arrived safely at our destination -The University of Tasmania Staff Club – where the University had very kindly reserved ample parking for us. The lunch logistics worked very well. The first drink was available for collection immediately on arrival, meals were distributed as alternate drop of 3 mains and 2 desserts, and payment was made at the tables. I did not see a single queue all afternoon. Many thanks to Chris Delpero and all other staff at the Club for a lovely table layout, excellent service and absolutely delicious food.

We were pleased to see Wayne's mother, Marguerite, and his brother, Paul in attendance and we received apologies from other members of Wayne's family who were all attending a family function interstate. Paul Goninon spoke some very impactful words about the importance to his family of all of us continuing to keep this event thriving. Long may it continue! (report continued next page)





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Today was an historical moment for Kelvin Aldred, whose white MGA with maroon hood, owned by him for 43 years and now beautifully restored, made its FIRST significant drive since he first bought it. He tells me that it ran perfectly.



I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming drive on the first Wednesday of February 2024.

Cheers for now,

*Paul Haddad* (Soul Red MX5 convertible)



**Lions Club of Bridport  
Show and Shine Car/ Bike Show**

Bridport Village Green  
Sunday the 14th of January 2024

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*Hello everyone!*

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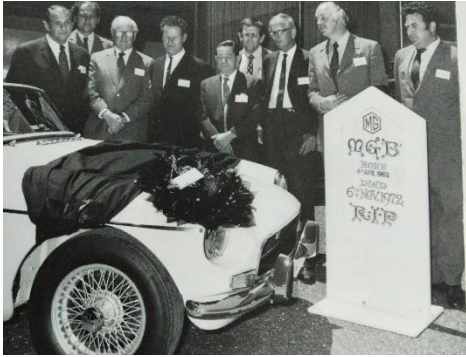
*So, thanks again, and to everyone, have a safe and merry Christmas, and a fun and prosperous new year!*

*Andrew McCurdy*

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## Collector's Corner

Throughout the 1990s 'Drive' journalists persisted with unsubstantiated criticism of the MGF, so in a letter to the editor I responded: "...the paint scratches easily, what next, that MG has been misspelt on the badge?"



Well, thank goodness MG Rover got the MG logo correct because in 1972, BMC Australia didn't. In a theatrical protest before national press, BMC farewelled the last Australian-assembled MGB with a staged funeral and a headstone bearing a hexagon MG logo. Heads should have rolled and the headstone put to use. Trademarks are valuable intellectual property.



Currently selling on eBay is this blue (that's a first) hexagon MG pin. Is this an example of ignorance or an aftermarket manufacturer's ridiculous attempt to evade patents with a 10% design difference?

In his book 'MG Collectables' (Bay View Books 1997), Michael Ellman-Brown featured this jewelled brooch.



The author asks: *'was this jeweller's licence, a deliberate mistake or just a coincidence?'* I wouldn't accept a coincidence. The design of the letters 'MG' on both the pin and brooch is too similar to the letters in Ted Lee's 1923 MG logo. Need to be different or like a stir? The hexagon MG Pin is yours for \$25 but wear it at your peril.

## The Perfect Finish



The black crackle finish, sometimes called 'wrinkle' or 'camera case' finish, is on MGB/C and Midget dashboards. It has a quiet elegance. The restrained, textured black sets off the chrome details and contributes an aviation appearance.

It's also a practical dashboard finish; giving off no reflections or shine and is unaffected by hot sun, unlike timber and vinyl. The black crackle finish is also found on the housing of the MGB/C's automatic Borg Warner gear selector, the radio blanking plate, and the vent outlets.



Black crackle restoration is an easy diy with the paint available in aerosol cans. A common problem is inconsistent texture in cold temperatures. Don't use a hair dryer or a fan heater because the hot air quickly dries the paint to a smooth finish. To gain the perfect finish radiating heat is required. For small parts, a domestic oven is ideal. Pre-heat the oven and place the bare metal panel in the oven for one minute to warm the metal up. Remove the panel and whilst it's warm, spray an even coat of paint. Switch oven off, otherwise the paint will burn, and place the wet painted panel back into the hot oven. Keep the aerosol can away from heat. Watch the wrinkled texture emerge in less than a minute. For large parts such as the dash panel use a strip radiator heater in a confined container such as a metal drum or bricked up corner. In Melbourne, I found 40-degree centigrade days made for the job. **Does Tasmania ever get that hot?**



## Square Rigger Notes

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

That time of the year we are all asking, “where did it go”? So here, a look back over to confirm there has been quite a bit happening with the Square Riggers and considering the Register being just a section of the MG Car Club of Tasmania.



There's support for the Longford revival at Woolmers, MGCCT at Devonport Motor Show and MGs at Westbury, Longford and Sheffield on various occasions.



Your scribe attended Winton Historics, one feature this Austin 7 very comfortable with it's heavy breathing. The bull nose 14/28 MG attended the Pre-War MG gathering at Canberra along with 100 Pre-War, T and Y Type MGs, TCs there shown in the line-up below left.



## **MG Car Club of Tasmania – MG Monthly Motoring News, January 2024**

And the most significant event of the year here in Tas celebrating 100 Years of the MG marque at the Club Concours with 140 MGs showing just a glimpse of the day in the T Type section.

Wishing all a top New Year ahead, keep those wheels turning for great motoring!



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## **Regalia**

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<b>Soft Shell Jackets</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Long Sleeved Polo</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Polo Shirts Ladies</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Polo Shirts, Men</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
Colour Combinations:	Black with white logo Black with red logo, Navy with white logo
<b>Black Vests, Ladies and Men</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
Colour Combinations:	Black with white logo Black with red logo,
<b>Caps</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
Colours:	Pale Blue, Beige, Black, Grey
<b>Cloth Badges, Safety Fast</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Cloth Badges, Tasmanian Logo</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Colours:	Brown & Gold on White
<b>Grill Badges</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
Colour Combinations:	Red & Black Green & Cream Cookies & Cream
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<b>MG Leather backed Key Rings</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Colours:	Black, Brown, Red
<b>Leather Log Book Covers</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

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## **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.

## **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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Vehicle Club registration allows members of a recognised car club (approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles) to use their vehicle in either a club sanctioned event or for general use 30 days outside of club events. These vehicles attract a reduced rate of registration and third party insurance.

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## Life Members

01	Joe Paul (dec)	1969	10	Bill Griffiths	2007
02	Bob Moore (dec)	1974	11	Tony Gurnhill	2009
03	Arthur Twining (dec)	1976	12	Cheryl Gurnhill	2013
04	Ian Wade	1984	13	Greg Bannon	2013
05	Terry Atkinson	1984	14	Bronwyn Zuber	2013
06	Dennis Burgess	1984	15	Craig Twining	2014
07	Chris Ellis (dec)	1985	16	Phillip Tilley	2017
08	John Sluce (dec)	1994	17	Jim Brown	2020
09	Robin Wilmot	1998	18	Peter Shaw	2020

## Club and State Competition Events

Items in **Blue bold type** will have MG Clubman Points Allocated

Entries for Speed events will be via MSA web site

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Co/ord</b>
18 February	State MotorKhana Rnd1	Symmons Plains	MGCC
28 April	MotorKhana	Symmons Plains	MGCC
26 May	StateMototkhana Rnd2	Latrobe	MGCC
16 June	Hill Climb & Supersprints	Baskerville	MGCC
4 August	MotorKhana	Symmons Plains	MGCC
22 September	Club Day & Supersprints	Baskerville	MGCC
1-3November	Historics	Baskerville	



## Club Social Events

*Events in red do not attract Club Points*

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

DATE	EVENT	MEET AT	COORDINATOR
<i>Wed 3 Jan</i>	<i>Botanical Garden Picnic</i>	Wombat Pavilion	
Thu 11 Jan	Run to Seasons by Sea	Homemaker Dev	Tim Grant
<i>Sun 14 Jan</i>	<i>Bridport Car Show</i>	<i>Riverside soccer</i>	
<i>13-20 Jan</i>	<i>South East Rally</i>		<i>PVCC</i>
Sat 20 Jan	Run to Chester	Riverside SGCP	R Ashley-Jones
Sun 21 Jan	Port Sorell Motor Show		Richard Gamble
Sun 28 Jan	N/NW Mystery Run	DeloraineCaravan	Cheryl Gurnhill
<i>Wed 7 Feb</i>	<i>Wayne' Run</i>		<i>Martin Pederson</i>
Wed14 Feb	Mid week dinner		R Ashley-Jones
Sun18 Feb	Lake Garrington		Phil Paine
Fri 23 Feb	Coffee Run		
Fri 23 Feb	Loira Vines Vineyard		Scott Hudman
Fri 25 Feb	Dunalley The Cannery		Bob Leeson
<i>Wed 6 March</i>	<i>Wayne's Run</i>		<i>Bob Leeson</i>
<i>Wed 13 March</i>	<i>Midweek dinner Ducks</i>		<i>Bob Daly</i>
Sun 17 March	Southport		Chris Wagstaff
Fri 22 March	Coffee Run		Phil Paine
Sat 24 March	N/NW Run Great Lake		
29 M'h-2 Ap'l	MG Nat Tamworth		
Sun 5 May	Picnic @ Ross		



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