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President's Report

By the time you read this edition of *The Time Machine*, 80 Club members will have celebrated the past year at the annual Presentation Christmas Luncheon, held this year at the Southport Yacht Club.

We started the lunch with Carole Cooke being presented with her Life Membership Certificate and her new Name Badge, by the Life Members present.



Winners of 2023 Awards were:

President's Award – Ian Rogers, for his work in obtaining the use of the sheds at the Frank Chaston Oval, Gilston, for our clubs use, the purchase of our car trailer and the organising of the twice a month get togethers at Gilston.

Maintaining the Breed – Gary Stevens, for his unselfish work in helping other members maintaining their MGs

Roger Thompson Tray (for member(s) with the highest club event attendance points) – John and Colleen Boyce

The Veovoden Trophy (for member(s) with the highest club event attendance points whilst driving a pre MGA MG) – Denis Land

Concours Winners

Abingdon Motors Award (for pre MGA MGs) – Dave Godwin (TA)

John Thornley Bowl (for post MG TF and pre MG F MGs) – Ray Osborne (Midget)

Modern MG Award (MG F and later MGs) – Perry Collier (F)

Master Class – Ian Wardell (MGC); **Overall Concours Winner** – Ray Osborne (Midget)

Pride of Ownership Winners

Pre MGA MGs – Marlowe Vincent – (TC)

MGA – Allan Ross; **MGB** – Shane Goodwin; **Post MGB** – John Boyce

A full report with photos will be included in the next issue of *The Time Machine*.

Shane Goodwin, our Club Secretary, is negotiating with the Cricket Club (Council's preferred leasee of the Oval facilities) a MOU covering utility and usage costs for our Gilston facilities. Lease and Licence to Use documents will not be signed until the new year following Council approval.

With 2023 coming to an end, members need to think about next year and how you can help the Club, maybe by organising a mid week or Sunday run. John Careless is organising an MG only couple of days in the Tweed Valley in September. If interested in attending this *Tweed on Tweed* event, please contact John. See page 24.

As mentioned in my recent Club Chatter emails, the Club's website is moving to a different (and cheaper) ISP, which the Committee hopes will happen about the time you read this report. The base program has been developed by the founder of MYOCC (Manage Your Own Car Club Online) and British Classic Car Buy Swap Sell.

Our Club membership database will be moved online to the website (behind Firewall) and once all records are considered correct, members will be provided login access to manage your own membership and car details. I expect this to happen in the next month.

My thanks to Sarah Rogers, Committee member Ian Rogers' daughter, for doing the majority of the work in transferring webpage content to the new refreshed website.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the 1st and 3rd Saturday morning at our Gilston Sheds continue to be popular with members to experience the friendship of the MG marque family and help in solving those small problems we all experience in our MGs.

December and January is the time when we visit and get together with family. Lesley & I wish you an enjoyable time, hopefully with family and loved ones.

Lastly, I would like to welcome new members David Kellea of McLeans Ridge (near Lismore) and Brian Hayden of Sanctuary Cove, to the Club.

Yours in MGing
Stuart Duncan
President

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Front Cover

This month's cover is Gary and Lindsey's lovely Lenham Midget replica, against the backdrop of the new entrance signage at the Club Shed. Regular readers will be aware that Council has provided the Club with exclusive use of 2 lock-up garages and use of the adjacent large bitumen apron at the site.

If you haven't yet "experienced" the Shed over the last 12 months, then please come along to one of the 'how to' and 'natter' mornings. They are held from 9 am onwards on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Location is Frank Chaston Oval, Gilston Heights, opposite the public school. No RSVP needed and suggestions for 'how to' topics are welcomed.

The Stanthorpe Wildflower and Wine tour - 30 September to 2nd October 23

The tour started at Arthur Earle Park in Nerang. The MG Gremlins were at work early and attacked Gary and Janet Stephens MGB, it did not want to go on a long run and was being difficult. Gary and Janet returned home to swap for their older MG TF. They then drove to our lunch venue at the Roadvale Pub.



The main group had a pleasant drive under sunny skies to Roadvale and met up with Bruce Kirk in his MGBGT, his navigator for the day was Mark Botham.



They were doing the day run only and returned home after lunch. A great lunch, and a pleasant drive to Stanthorpe for an afternoon arrival at the Apple and Grape Motel, a well presented comfortable motel. After check in most of the group disappeared to view the AFL Grand Final.

Dinner was at the Aussie Beef Steakhouse some distance from home base, so Cheryl had arranged bus transport to and from the restaurant. Great food and good company. The bus transport meant an early return to home base.

Next door a new brewery had commenced trading some days earlier, it was therefore our duty to undertake a taste test and rate the quality of the product. After a taste or two the Brewery had to close, so the session was ended and most returned to their rooms, Cheryl was slow in closing her door and the party continued in her room for some time.



The next day, Sunday, was again perfect weather, thank you Cheryl. Our first stop was to view wildflowers at Girraween National Park some 30 klm drive towards NSW. The interest in bush walking was obvious from the full carparks and people on the trails, the flowers were a little under done from lack of water, but still a fun outing .

The next adventure was a short drive for a wine tour and lunch at the Balancing Heart Vineyard named after a large heart shaped boulder balancing on another boulder in the centre of the farm. This venue is in the middle of nowhere but on our visit they were invaded, our wine tour resorted to grab a seat and order



food, a little disappointing. The MG gremlins struck again as Gary Stephens TF had a flat tyre. The MG pit crew jumped into action and changed the tyre in record time, so we could return to Stanthorpe

Sunday night meal was a short walk across a bridge to the restaurant and it was planned to be short and easy. On close inspection repairs were being done on the bridge pedestrian areas, so access was through the park and over the creek with limited light, all arrived but some only just. The restaurant supplied a TV for viewing the NRL final, which was a nice touch. During dinner we had the pleasant task of wishing Anita Lock a happy Birthday. The food was nourishing, but not inspiring but a good end to a fun day. The football next year for sure.

Monday was a carbon copy of the good weather the tour group dispersed some leaving early others waiting for shops to open. The drive home was easy, some heavy traffic at Cunninghams Gap but most of the trip was in light traffic conditions, ideal MG road conditions .

Thank you Cheryl, it was a fabulous weekend away enjoyed by all.

John Boyce .



Midweek Run - September 13

Some members met at Arthur Earle Park at 9.30 for a run to Jubilee Park, Beaudesert to meet more members for a quick morning tea. Liz Lutherborrow won the road quiz organised by Coral.



We then travelled to the Camel Farm at Harrisville in the Scenic Rim. I was pleasantly surprised by the camels, they were lovely and hand fed by members. Camel products were available too and were bought by those who knew how good they were.





We then went to the historic Royal Hotel at Harrisville for lunch.

Thank you Graham and Coral for a very interesting day.

Carole Cooke



Cars & Coffee - September 18

The Seaway Kiosk, Seaworld Drive, Main Beach was the venue for Cars & Coffee.



Doggy Run, Book Sale, N&N - October 29

Dogs Day Out

After missing out on last years doggy drive, Leo and I made sure to be at this one...however my TC had other plans.

With a minor fuel leak awaiting repairs it's aok to drive, but my tiny dog Leo doesn't fair well with the cabin fuel smell so we decided to attend the run in my other British daily drive.

Up early to pack the picnic and steaks for the after-run bbq, the weather was less than sunny and looked like it might rain. I was almost grateful I wasn't taking the TC...it's not the ideal wet weather mode of transport.



Meeting at the clubhouse at 10am, we had a good turn out of members and fur kids, with Perry arriving in his F with a spare seat and no canine. He was kind enough to offer Leo and I the opportunity to fill the spot and do the dog run in an MG after all.



We all headed off in an MG convoy to Bert Swift Park with canines in tow, following the iconic vision of Janda's head poking out the back window of Jim & Moya's MG.





We set up for morning tea on arrival, letting the pups enjoy the park and run around together while the pawents had a dog quiz, snack, and a cuppa.

After morning tea we took the doggos on a pack walk through the park to the lake, with one fluffy pup deciding an impromptu swim was in order.



Luckily the rain held off for the run, and we all headed back to the club rooms after the dog walk for a byo bbq lunch and book sale.

Thanks to Jim & Moya for organising the run and a great morning was had by all humans and canines.

Marlowe Vincent



Book Sale

Set up was Saturday with many MG Books, other 'coffee table' books and paperbacks available for sale at ridiculously low prices or for free. Many members took advantage of this.

The MG books that are left, including 4 copies of The Immortal T-Series, are stored at the Clubrooms. The 'coffee table' books and paperbacks went to LifeLine.



Noggin & Natter

After a hectic morning members sat down to lunch with some cooking on the BBQ



Midweek Run - October 11

The Mountains to the Canefields Run was organised by Les Wake. We met at Arthur Earle Park, Nerang and drove to Geissmann Oval, Mt Tamborine for morning tea. After a good while we took off to go to Harrigan's Irish Pub at Calypso Bay for lunch.

Our thanks to Les for a great day.



Carole Cooke



At Arthur Earle Park and Geissman Park





*At Geissmann Park
below at Calypso Bay*



Saturday October 7 was Ladies Morning Tea where the gents were welcome too. You could leave from the Clubrooms or the Shed or meet at The Hunted Cafe in Bonogin Valley. Thanks go to John Boyce for arranging this. Unfortunately, members were 'hunted' out of the cafe in the rain to the deck, keeping the inside for 'regulars'.



Midweek Run - November 8 - Marian Valley Picnic

Twenty six members left the Mudgeeraba Clubrooms on the November mid-week run travelling via the twisty and winding scenic route through Beechmont to the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians (often referred to as the Marian Monastery).



The entrance to our meet point was interesting in that we drove down a small laneway to the back of the Monastery grounds to a wide open knoll where our 'camp' was set up.

Upon arrival out came the fold up chairs and an assortment of folding tables. With engineers certification in hand a few tables unique assembly techniques were conquered. Picnic food consumed (almost immediately) as an early lunch gave time for a wander around the interesting grounds.

There are many beautiful icons scattered around the parklands which makes this picnic venue quite unique. The club thanks the Monastery for allowing us to enjoy this unique place hidden in the hills behind the Gold Coast.

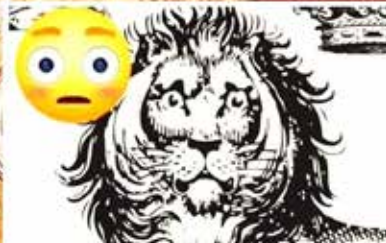


John Careless





Before there were emojis, there were medieval lions.



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Articles, letters to the Editor and suggestions from
members are most welcome

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It is a pleasure to meet new members, we hope to see you as regular
participants at our many outings. You will find us friendly, so just
make yourselves known!

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST MG NATIONAL MEETING & MG CENTENARY CELEBRATION: EASTER 2024 TAMWORTH, NEW SOUTH WALES

As always, the National Meeting in Tamworth will include the traditional elements, such as the Noggin & Natter (Rocker Cover Racing); the Concours (a Ladies Lunch); a Motorkhana; a speed event; an Observation Run; a Kimber Run and a Gala Dinner.

If you haven't been to an MG National Meeting before, this one is for you! It's not a long way away; you will be travelling with likeminded Club members; you will definitely make new friends from around Australia and the time will fly past too quickly for your liking. Ask me how I know?

In 2023, we celebrated the introduction of the first 6 MGs – all with Raworth bodies. In 2024, we are celebrating the introduction of the MG Super Sport range, starting with the 14/28, then the 14/40 up to the Tigress, known as the 18/100.

The trip to a MG National Meeting is often as interesting and exciting as the meeting itself!

The basic plan is to leave the Gold Coast on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 and to overnight in Tenterfield, where we hope to meet up with other MG owners from the Queensland MG Club.

On Thursday, we'll be tourists, traveling along the New England Highway and visiting the old gold mining town of Emmaville and the Transport Museum at Inverell, which will also be our overnight stop.

Friday will be a relatively short day. We'll have breakfast at the well-known Alternate Root Café in Uralla before driving to Tamworth and the Registration Hall at the Entertainment Centre.

Feel free to trailer your MG down if that is what you would like to do.

Hopefully we will bring back a few trophies to add to the excitement of the event!

Please contact Dave and Laurel Godwin on murphgod@hotmail.com or 0412029277 and book your position on the GCMGCC team. You will be so pleased you did!



Proposed GCMGCC Inc. Events

The following are proposed events for the next few months as of the time of writing this report. Please refer to Club Chatter (President Stuart Duncan's fortnightly emails) and Facebook for any updates or additions. If you wish to organise an event please contact Run Coordinator John Careless rjcareless@gmail.com or call / text 0413 250 005 OR John Boyce johnboyce44@bigpond.com.au or mobile 0444 500 071. As a courtesy to the organisers, and the venues, it is important that you RSVP your attendance. Events with a 'P' noted are points scoring events. LSIM stands for the last Sunday in the Month Run.

P 2nd December – (Saturday) Late breakfast BBQ at the Gilston Shed, Frank Chaston Oval, Worongary Road, Gilston (opposite the Gilston State School). Last meet up for 2023. Have a chat, a coffee, and play with some cars.

4th December – (Monday night) - Committee Meeting - Club Rooms 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba. Everyone welcome but please notify the club secretary if you have a point of discussion.

7th December – (Thursday) GEAR (Golden Era Auto Racing) Lakeside Park. An opportunity to race the MG on a track with a bunch of other likeminded people.

P 13th December – (Wednesday) - Gathering of the Faithful - 50 years of V8 MGs. Calling all members with V8 MGs (and all other models as well) to meet for breakfast 8.00am Le Vintage Boutique Café, cnr Hinkler Drive & San Fernando Drive, Worongary. Very interesting Café - great value breakfast and centrally located. Please RSVP John Careless by Monday 11th December for catering numbers 0413 250 005 rjcareless@gmail.com. 50 years MGB GT V8 1973 – 1976; 30 years MG R 1993 – 1995; 20 years MG SV, MG X Power, MGZT V8 Sedan & Wagon; and lots of Roadster conversions and replicas after and in between.

2024

P 10th January – (Wednesday) - Coffee Run to Hinze Dam Café, Advance Town Road, Advance Town for a 10.00 am arrival at the café. Please contact John Boyce by Tuesday 9/1/24 to confirm your attendance johnboyce44@bigpond.com.au or mobile 0444 500 071

The January Mid-week run is vacant as it may be too hot at this time of the year.

P 28th January – (Sunday) - It's All Downhill From Here Run. Meet at Staffsmith Park, Tamborine Mountain at 10.00 am for morning tea. Depart at 10.45 for a drive to Club Beaudesert (RSL) William Street, Beaudesert for lunch. Please contact John Boyce by Friday 26/1/24 to express your interest. Email johnboyce44@bigpond.com.au or message on 0444 500 071.

5th February – (Monday night) - Committee Meeting - Club Rooms 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba. Everyone welcome but please notify the club secretary if you have a point of discussion.

P 6th February – (Tuesday) - A Drive for Coffee to Garage 25 (Espresso Twenty 5), Grand Waterway Drive, Coomera for a 10.00am arrival. Please indicate your attendance by contacting John Boyce by Monday 5/2/24 by email johnboyce44@bigpond.com.au or message on 0444 500 071

P 14th February – (Wednesday) - From the Hinterland to the Tweed. Meet at Hinterland Park, Hardy's Road, Mudgeeraba at 10.00 am for BYO morning tea. Depart at 10.45 for a drive 'out the back way' to the Seagulls Club at Gollan Drive, Tweed Heads West for lunch. Please contact John Boyce by Tuesday 13/2/2024 by email johnboyce44@bigpond.com.au or message 0444 500 071 to confirm your attendance.

The LSIM run on 25th February 2024 requires an organiser at this time .



Tweed on Tweed

The GCMGCC Inc. committee has given the approval to 'put out there' expressions of interest for a new event on our calendar, Tweed on Tweed. As the name would suggest it is an event for 'tweed wearing' participants to drive through the beautiful scenery of the Tweed Shire. A formal expression of interest will be distributed when costs are more finalised.

The easiest way to get across the concept is in point form:

- Offers MG owners the opportunity to gather, socialise, and drive on some interesting roads through some very beautiful scenery.
- Two day event Thursday 5th & Friday 6th September 2024.
- 60 vehicles - MGs only.
- This is NOT a competitive event but will be conducted under the auspices of Motorsport Australia (for Insurance).
- Invited participants must be a member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated club OR the GCMGCC will offer 'event membership' for participants who are not in an MA affiliated club.
- MG owners from any club may enter (but MUST be in a recognised car club).
- Drivers will NOT require a Motorsport Australia licence.
- This is NOT a mini National Meeting type of event. It will be a social gathering of MGs that will complete two runs (loops) from the venue & return. (No timed runs & no questions along the way.)
- Drivers & co-drivers may swap seats.
- Food supplied will be Day 1 lunch & dinner and Day 2 breakfast & lunch.
- 'Awards' will be ONLY fun awards.
- Costs will be kept to a minimum as this is meant to be an event that is accessible for most MG owners.
- Accommodation will be booked and paid for by the entrant. The GCMGCC will notify local accommodation venues and advertise these to the entrants. The GCMGCC Inc. will NOT be responsible for booking rooms.

Venue: Brothers Leagues Club – Murwillumbah

- ALL eating will be done (pre-paid with the entry fee) at this venue. This is to keep everyone in the one location so that the event runs efficiently and on time (hopefully).
- There is a big room (rustic décor) downstairs that fits 130 people with direct access to toilets (& showers), food, drinks and can be used as event headquarters.
- A massive grassed area and a huge tarmac car park are available for parking. Camping is available if required.

The Programme: Approximately 1hr 45 minutes (max 2 hours) for both loops back to venue.

- Book in from mid-morning on Thursday with food supplied. Cars displayed at start.
- Run 1 after lunch & return to venue.
- Dinner & awards (as some may head off immediately after Friday's run)
- Book in earlier on Friday & breakfast supplied.
- Run 2 followed by lunch.
- Total of two loops running at the same time with two groups of 30.
- Cars sent out at 30 second intervals onto alternate loops thereby making a 1 minute gap (as per the law) between vehicles on a particular course.
- Crews alternate the runs on consecutive days.
- Consideration to be given to shortening the runs for the slower (older) vehicles and start them last in each group.

A set of supplementary regulations (rules) will be made available prior to the formal entry documentation being offered.

Those wishing to assist with the event organisation are welcome to contact me.

John Careless rjcareless@gmail.com or ring 0413 250 005.
Clerk of the Course



The photos in the Time Machine have been supplied by Carole Cooke, John Careless, Shane Goodwin, Les Wake, Marlowe Vincent, Dave & Laurel Godwin, Joe Evans, Malcolm Robertson

2023 MG100 Centenary Celebrations in Canberra.

Laurel and I were lucky enough to celebrate the centenary of MG in Italy (Tuscany), France (Epernay) and the UK (Silverstone) this year in RIP, our trusty MGA, so when the Australian Pre 1956 MG Family decided to celebrate the Australian Pre 1956 MG celebration in Canberra, it was a no brainer – Laurel and I decided to attend in our 1937 TA, named Ronnie.

As usual, a “Trip” in an MG often translates into an “Adventure”, and this trip was no exception! Excitement is inherent when driving classic cars. However, as if that isn’t enough, Ronnie managed to add a few extras just for fun. I’ll explain shortly!

Three members represented the GCMGCC: Steve & Judy Woods, Bill Fuller & Zrinka Johnson and Laurel & yours truly.

The idea was to avoid highways and motorways as much as possible, but that isn’t how it panned out! Laurel and I left on Monday 25 September 2023 in Ronnie and travelled down the motorway to meet Steve and Judy Woods at Emerald Beach, near Coffs Harbour. So far, so good. We enjoyed a lovely dinner at “The Woods Motel” and, being “new” friends, talked about all things “MG” well into the night.



The next day, Ronnie, the TA and Tick, the TC left Emerald Beach and drove up the Waterfall Way to Uralla, stopping at beautiful Bellingen for coffee and at Armidale for lunch. The TC was misbehaving, which made the TA look like a sprinter! However, Steve gave the Tick’s ignition a little more advance and it outperform Ronnie from that moment on!

On Wednesday, we stopped in Walcha for morning coffee and I managed to inadvertently put diesel into Ronnie’s tank. Having owned service stations for 30plus years, I felt a little silly, to say the least! Luckily, the service station was an old one with a garage attached, so Ronnie was purged and refilled with “the good stuff” while we partook of coffee and cake at the local bakery.

Continuing down the Thunderbolt Way towards Nundle for lunch, we came across road works, which the Lollipop chap said was “37km of gravel road”, so we did a U turn and took another route to our overnight accommodation at Muswellbrook. Lesson No 1. Problems are only opportunities waiting to be discovered. We found a windy, narrow and hilly sealed road to Dungowan for lunch before taking the New England Highway to Muswellbrook.

On Thursday, we learnt Lesson No 2: that Google Maps do not have the option to exclude unsealed roads when planning journeys. The plan was to drive 305km across country, along B roads to Mudgee for lunch and on to Bathurst. Well, we did the drive, but on mostly potholed and unsealed roads! The drive to Merriwa was potholed and the drive to Mudgee through the Goulburn National Park was stunning but unsealed and very undulating and hilly.

This is where Ronnie shuddered to a halt on a steep pass around a blind bend on a narrow gravel road – and mobile phone reception was nonexistent!

After a few minutes assessing the situation, it was decided that reversing down the pass would be option No 2. So, option No 1 was to try to encourage Ronnie over the top in the hope that a flat bed truck could be called for assistance. The short story from here was that Ronnie soldiered on for 35km to Bathurst, albeit at a very much reduced pace, without a repeat of the gearbox shudder.



A friendly workshop owner in Bathurst allowed me to use his hoist (as it was 5pm, he had stopped work for the day) and the gearbox bung was removed to see if any metal had settled inside the gearbox. To our surprise, the oil was metal-free! We believe we had dodged a bullet this time.

from Canberra - a 6hr round trip – to “ensure” Ronnie made it to the MG100 centenary celebration. What a Champ!

So, Tick soldiered on alone to Canberra while Ronnie’s parents enjoyed the comforts of Ellen Wilson’s 4X4! Thank you, Ellen!

Arriving at the designated MG100 celebration hotel on Friday 29 September 2023, it was exciting to see so many highly polished Pre-War and T & Y Type MGs gleaming in the parking lot with enthusiastic onlookers milling around watching concerned owners fettle their cars. The afternoon was spent catching up with old friends, making new friends and registering for the event. A special mention must be made of the well designed and presented Centenary grille badge that was included in the Goodies Bag.



Later, the bar opened, the caterers arrived and approximately 200 people mingled around chatting while enjoying a never-ending stream of pizzas and lubrication from the bar.

All in all, 98 MGs made it to the gathering.



The following day, in full sunlight, the MGs descended on the grounds of the National Museum of Australia and the layout suggested by the organisers was particularly pleasing. The parking was divided into numerous different areas so that similar cars could be displayed together, such as Vintage MGs; M Type MGs; Triple-M Competition MGs; SVW MGs; Pre-T Type MGs; T Type MGs and Y Type MGs. As MGs are English cars, we were all given Oil Collection Mats to ensure that we took away what we had brought to the display!



T-Series MGs on display

The coffee shop did a roaring trade and people were seen revisiting the displays more than once, comparing notes and discussing their differences!



Triple Ms



Saturday night was designated as Register Dinner night, so the Triple M group, the SVW group, the Vintage group, the T Type and Y Type groups met at different venues in Canberra to enjoy their evening with like-minded people over dinner and a few drinks.



SVWYs and Vintage

Sunday dawned bright but very windy for the "Drive in the Country" event. The MGs were set off at 1 minute intervals on a 95km run through Bungendore to lunch in Central Park in Queanbeyan.



Not being sure of the mechanical condition of Ronnie's gearbox, we took a short cut, thanks to Google Maps and arrived early for lunch, with the benefit of seeing (and hearing) the other MGs driving into the parking area. A light lunch was prepared and served by the Lovely Ladies of the Canberra MG Club and was much appreciated by all.

The afternoon was an opportunity to rest and prepare for the Gala dinner in the Hotel. Around 200 guests streamed into the room as the doors were flung open and as usual, tables were quickly booked to enable old and new friends to sit together. Malcolm Robinson was the MC for the evening and kept us informed as each award was presented between meals.

The list of awards presented are:

The Kimber Award

The Frances Adam Award

The Spirit of Bathurst Award

The Literary Award

The Peter Harper Award

The Claude Harris Award

The Steve Brompton Award

This year's Special Award was the Peter Kerr Award. "Our" Peter was a longtime member of the GCMGCC and was national face for 40 years of the Australian T-Series Association. Peter travelled extensively and established connections with MG T enthusiasts across Australia and around the world.

The trip home to the Gold Coast.

At the conclusion of the MG100 celebration in Canberra, Gold Coast MG Car Club members Laurel and I (TA), Bill Fuller & Zrinka Johnson (TB) and Steve & Judy Woods (TC) spent



a week in the Victorian High Country. Instead of the planned sunny weather, we ended up driving over a muddy mountain pass to Omeo and over Mt Hotham (when it received the highest rainfall on record in a 24hr period).





Torrential rain on Mt Hotham

From lovely Bright, we visited the Bonegilla migrant camp, where Zrinka stayed when arriving in Australia from Croatia many years ago and on to Sydney to see the play, Miss Saigon, at the Opera House.

All in all, Ronnie travelled 2200 miles (3500km) and arrived home on his own steam, but with a long list of repairs needed before he will be ready for his next adventure.

David Godwin



The Peter Kerr Award

Peter was the national face of the Australian T-Series Association and its magazine, T-Type over a period of 40 years from 1982 to 2022. The Canberra MG Car Club and Peter's family have donated a new national Award for exceptional contributions to T-Series. This was presented at MG 100 held in Canberra for the Pre-War MG Register of Australia and the biennial TYme gathering. The Award went to Mike Sherrell for his books, TCs Forever and TCs ForeverMORE.

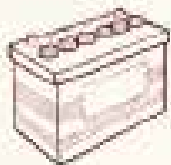


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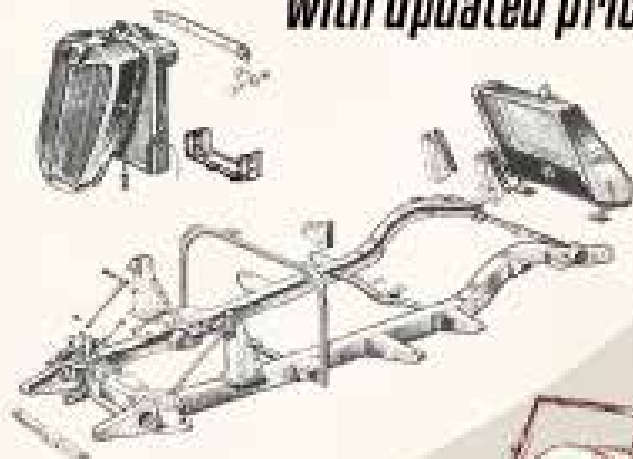
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The Saturday mornings sessions continue to be well supported with an enthusiastic and friendly group of members sharing their experiences and knowledge, we don't fix everything, but we help by eliminate the possibilities and point the members in the right direction. Shane has been doing a great job with his laptop sorting out those invisible faults, which, old time see it fix it, people like me are at a loss to fix in MGFs.

At the last shed morning our President Stuart demonstrated how to wire the fly wheel bolts on early MGs to a group of interested attendees, thanks Stuart.

It was great to see a lovely couple, non members, who had inherited a 1957 MGA and needed some help, saw on the Club's Face book page our Saturday morning and came along, made themselves known and received a lot of help from a number of the members and joined us for coffee. I feel confident that Cory and his wife will join the club in the very near future. Just what we need.

Meanwhile the Bauman MGF has been taken to Gary and Lindsey Stevens place and put on the hoist for ease of working and a group of MGF owners/helpers made the job of removing the complete rear sub frame with motor and gearbox from the car ready for transfer of the ex project Resurrection Motor and gearbox. Thanks to Shane Godwin, Jim Haines, Laurie Kinne, Keith Bailey, Perry Collier and Roger Paltridge for giving up their Saturday to help Gary and myself. A special thank you to Lindsey for making coffee and feeding troops.

In the next issue of TTM I will cover the transplanting and give an update on how it all goes and how well it runs.

Just a note on the Project Resurrection it is in hibernation at the moment, just waiting track testing and for me to find more time among a number of project in action at the moment and save up a bit more money to make a couple more modifications. Hopefully back full bore in the new year.

Ian Rogers

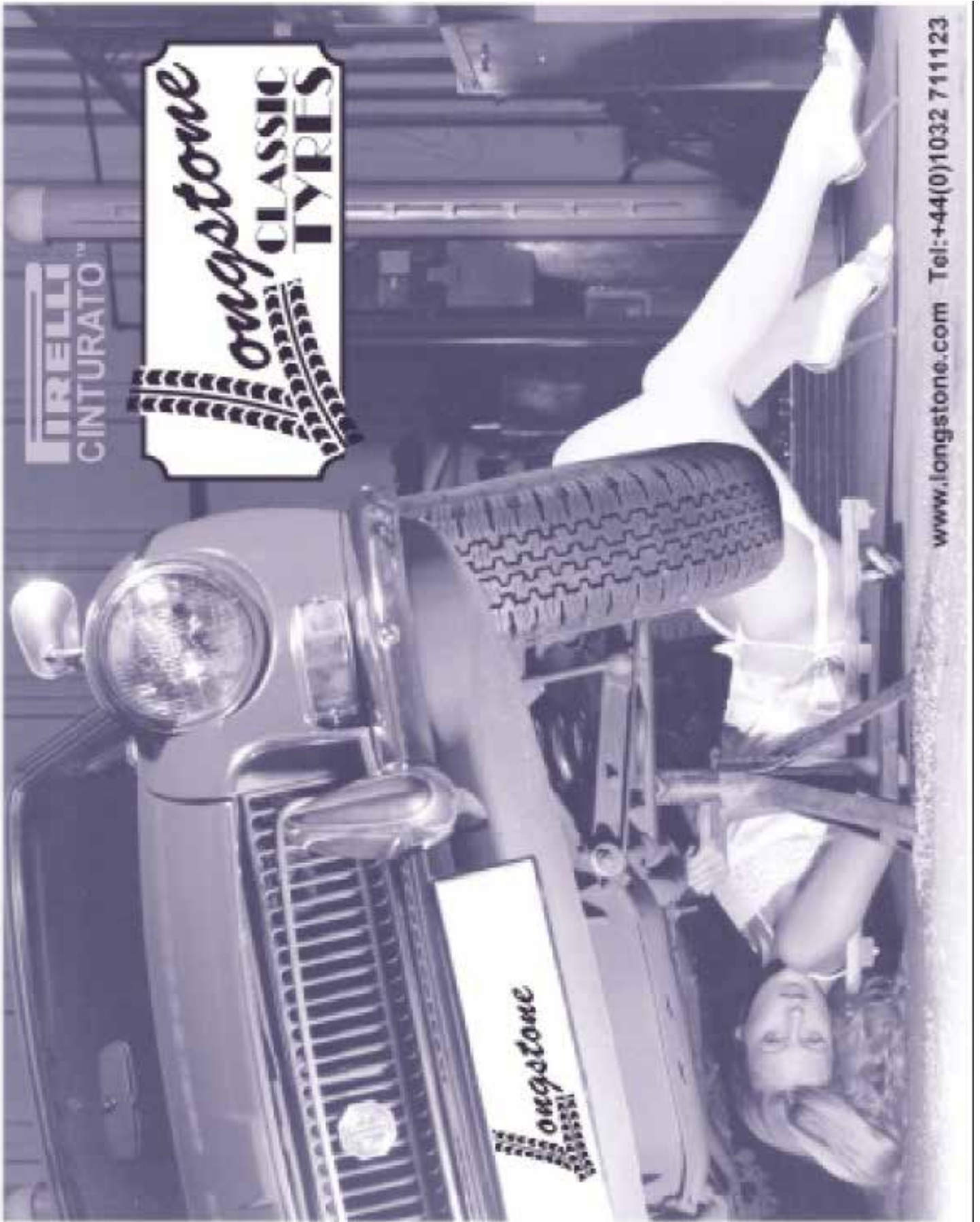


Activities at the Shed



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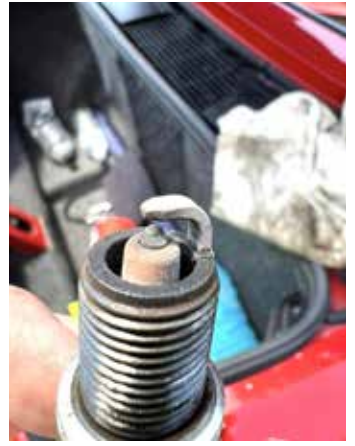




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MG Club Shed II - Project Car Motor Swap - Part 1

When the ambulance made its way up Gary Stevens's street I thought, "Sh*t, what have they done?!"

Thoughts of someone trapped under an MGF flashed into my head as I followed it to Gary's place to "take part" in the MGF project car motor swap. Fortunately for us, but unfortunate for someone two doors down, the ambulance didn't stop at my destination.

I'll come clean – I'm not really the one to document this day, as my mechanical know-how extends to the basic use of a spanner, screwdriver and car wash. But it was all happening at "Club Shed II" when I got there... Gary, Ian and Keith had the mean green MGF machine on the hoist and were in the process of disconnecting lots of things – I could definitely identify the coolant hose as it was producing a lot of pink liquid. My mining industry safety focus kicked in and I saw an opportunity to "assist", getting down on all fours to wipe up the coolant that didn't make it into the bucket... Later I graduated to "undo some bolts on a cable", which led to an advanced course in "bleeding a brake cylinder" under the expert tutelage of Shane Goodwin.

Eventually... eventually... the Rover K Series came out following numerous "Whoa!"s and "Bring it back up"s and "OK, let's try it again"s". Smoko and lunch was kindly served by Coach and Catering Manager Lindsey, after which the next phase of the operation was assessed...

You'll have to ask the real mechanics about the technical details, but it was a fun day of Club collaboration at "Club Shed II". And no ambulances were required!



Classic quotes from the day:

On Jim Haines arrival: "The foreman's here, so it's ok"

"Too much to ask to have the same size bolt!"

"Bring the @\$%& amateurs and this is what you get!"

When the exhausted didn't want to come off: "We could always undo the third bolt..."

"Jim was late, he's the supervisor..."

"You're responsible for climate change..." **Perry Collier**



From right - Keith Bailey, Ian Rogers, Laurie Kinne, Jim Haines, Gary Stevens, Shane Goodwin, Roger Paltridge



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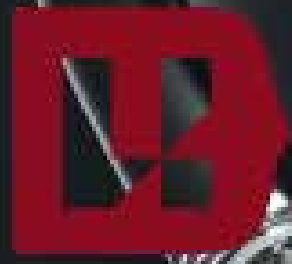
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