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Cover: MGCC Easter rally - Kate Brader handling Midge during the Motorkhana trials.
 Inside front cover: MGCC Easter rally - Top: A stunning day at Cape Egmont. Bottom:
 MGF's lined up in front of the Cape Egmont lighthouse.



Coming Events

Thurs 25 June	Old Speckled Hen Run - Les & Chris Newman Contact: Michael Anderson - e-mail: michael.anderson@xtra.co.nz
Sun 28 June	Cecil Kimber Mid Winter Run, see page 35. Contact: John Grant - e-mail: j.p.grant@xtra.co.nz
Wed 1 July	Noggin N Natter Contact: Chris Ward, details will be confirmed by e-mail.
Fri - Sun 10-12 July	Back Country Adventure Tour, see page 14. Contact: MGCC (Auck) - www.mgclub.org
Sun 12 July	The Surgery Sprints - Manfeild Contact Ron Roberson - e-mail: ron@mgcarclub.org.nz
Thurs 23 July	Old Speckled Hen Run - Lox Lummis Contact: Michael Anderson - e-mail: michael.anderson@xtra.co.nz
Sun 26 July	MGCC (Wgtn) AGM, see page 15 1 - 1.30pm, Southwards, Paraparumu.
Sun 9 Aug	The Surgery Sprints - Manfeild - MG Round, Volunteers needed Contact Ron Roberson - e-mail: ron@mgcarclub.org.nz
Wed 12 Aug	Noggin N Natter Contact: Chris Ward, details will be confirmed by e-mail.
Thurs 27 Aug	Old Speckled Hen Run - Ron Mitchell & Shirley Kelley Contact: Michael Anderson - e-mail: michael.anderson@xtra.co.nz
Wed 26 Aug	Club Night Dinner Contact: Bob Hulena, details will be confirmed by e-mail.
Sun 13 Sept	Daffodil Day Run to Carterton Contact Michael Shouse, details will be confirmed by e-mail.
Fri - Sun 18-21 Sept	MGA 60th Anniversary celebration, see page 5 Contact: George Walter - e-mail: gwalter@clear.net.nz
Sat 26 Sept	Prize Giving Dinner Details will be confirmed by e-mail.
Fri - Sun 13-15 Nov	30th MG Classic Motor Race Meeting Contact Ron Roberson - e-mail ron@mgcarclub.org.nz



President's Note



Firstly our heartiest congratulations to the 3 members of the MG community that received recognition at the MotorSport NZ annual award dinner last weekend. All richly deserved:

Terry Collier a Distinguish Service Award for his services to MSNZ Historic & Classic Commission plus the Lupp Trophy. Details on the criteria for these awards elsewhere in this bulletin. The Barry Carrington was awarded a Technical d'honneur for his contribution to MSNZ V8 championships, NZ Rally Championships and Chief Scrutineer at other events such as our own MG Classics. John Macbeth the MC even had to rely on Terry for a joke on the occasion.

Paul Walbran from Auckland and MGs Motorkhana Extraordinaire is the 2015 MSNZ ClubSport and Gold Star champion. Paul, a long serving member of MG, is also a winner of the California Cup which is held in UK and an international competition. We had Paul and Bronwyn stay with us over the weekend so great to catch up with them.

Ron, Wellington Triumph CC and I as MG Classic Race Register delegate also attended the MSNZ AGM last weekend where at last their new constitution was adopted. The attending Clubs however decided that some reviewing of parts of it was still required. For my sins I ended up on the reviewing committee which was elected at the meeting.

Dave Hewitt, MG Auckland, attended the Federation of Motoring Clubs (FOMC) AGM on behalf of both clubs which are joint members of. There was a lot of discussion around the new Health & Safety proposed regulations that could impact on clubs. Our club along with Auckland made submissions to the select committee and our local members of parliament. More on that when we get clarification however the committee after some consultation has decided to put in place more formal procedures for the "casual" events we run like OSH, Cecil Kimber/Mid Winter runs etc. The Clubs rules will require all drivers to have a current licence and the cars to have a current WOF, Licence and minimum of 3rd party insurance. A drivers briefing to be held before the run and if applicable a lead car and tail end Charlie appointed.

Enough of politics: The 16th MG Charity race was again well run and well attended. See reports and pics elsewhere. Ron and his team as always did a great job and a special thanks to those members that were happy to fill the gapes on the day and take on flag waving. Tony Stern from MG Auckland also assisted here. Tony had a major accident last year at Taupo writing off his lovely Red MGB which we have seen at our November race, it was great to see him "99% fit" again. Gazleys again provided the stunning white MG6 as safety car which Bill Denize and I piloted on the day.

Well the MG3 is fixed after its 2nd misshape and is a good as new. Many thanks to Stan and the team at Sovereign Paint and Panel here in Tawa.



President's Note - continued



The AGM is coming up in at the end of July so only 2 months away. All are welcome to attend and we are always looking for fresh faces on the committee so think about it and ring me or any members of the committee if you are interested or just have a question or two.

Also look out for the Cecil Kimber and best of British with a 'red, white and blue' run at the end of the month plus our joint fun event with Auckland MGCC Mid Winter Run in July. A great way to exercise the MG and meet new like minded people.

Easter was fun fun fun and I even reconnected with MGF fun as navigator on the trial with Nick Wilcox. Gosh those Taranaki roads are amazing in a great handling car. The weather was also kind and the Motorkhana/Autocross course one of the best. Convivial company plus as you will see from the results Wellington team did well. Bill the concourse winner again and Geoff giving the MIDGE death in the speed events. All we need it to have a few more trials and motorkhanas to get some practise in.

The trip up and back with Ron & Shirley MGTF Anniversary, Bill and Rae MGRV8 just added to the occasion with excellent coffee/food breaks along the way. My B developed an exhaust leak over the weekend, flange gasket as it turned out and what a bugger to change. I now have a new head to go on it also just need to fix the Mustangs control arm bushes, plus the ZTTs washer units which requires the front off. No rest for the wicked.

We now have 2 MG3s and 2 MG6s in the club so the modern field is growing.

Yours Octagonally.

Ross

Ross Armstrong



MGA 60th Anniversary 1955 - 2015

2015 is the 60th Anniversary of the release of the MGA. In September 1955 in a thoroughly well planned 'launch' the MGA went on display at the Frankfurt, Paris and London Motor Shows'.

In September this year MGA owners are invited to participate in a 60th Anniversary celebration to be held in Taranaki on **Friday 18 - Sunday 21 September.**

MGA owners should record these dates. Planning is in progress and details will be notified in the near future.

Register your interest with:

Gay Baxter - mg.baxt@clear.net.nz

or

George Walter - gwalter@clear.net.nz



MG Announces New MG6

8th April 2015 - MG's award-winning MG6 has just got even better with the introduction of the new MG6, which offers 'more MG for your money.'

With much higher levels of specification, the new MG6 offers customers up to £3,000 value-for-money improvement over the previous model. This makes the new car truly amazing value with prices now starting from as low as £13,995.00

The 2015 version of the MG6 offers major advances in every area of the car which first launched four years ago. The new MG6 offers improved performance; a striking new design; higher levels of comfort; enhanced levels of standard specification; and key technical advances.

Three new trim levels of the new MG6 are offered – all featuring key upgrades from the out-going model.

The new models are:

New MG6 S - £13,995.00

New MG6 TS - £16,195.00

New MG6 TL - £17,995.00

mg.co.uk

The British MG6 is only available as a diesel. Is it unlikely the new MG6 when it arrives here will only have a diesel engine? - Ed





MG In The Top Ten Again

22 April 2015 - CUSTOMERS PUT MG IN THE TOP TEN FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN THE DRIVER POWER SURVEY

The MG3 is riding high in this year's Driver Power customer satisfaction survey after British motorists voted it the tenth best car to own.

Off the back of last year's success, which saw the MG6 awarded 'best handling' and MG voted as third best manufacturer, the iconic British brand has done it again and proven its well deserved place on the road.

The Driver Power survey, from the UK's biggest selling weekly automotive magazine Auto Express, asked the public 'which is the best car to own?'. More than 61,000 people responded, providing feedback on reliability through to boot space.

Out of 200 cars, the MG3 was voted overall tenth 'best car to own' by customers. In the categories, the MG6, despite losing its first place crown for 'best handling', fought off 196 other models and found itself amongst the prestigious Porsche 911, Porsche Boxster and Subaru Impreza.

Matthew Cheyne, MG's Head of Marketing, said: "We are thrilled to see that once again our customers have praised MG in the Driver Power survey. The support from our customers is greatly valued and we are continuing to go from strength to strength.

"We are really pleased to see that the MG3 and MG6 have performed so well. We expect that with the recent launch of the new MG6, which has already received rave reviews from the media, it will be loved by the customers too and we'll be celebrating another success in 2016."

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Articles

Articles, letters and events write ups for publication in the Bulletin should be sent to editor@mgcarclub.org.nz.

Closing date is now the 20th of each odd numbered month, for publication in the following two monthly Bulletin, six issues per year.

Typed in the body of the e-mail or in a Pdf format attached to the e-mail would be great, but hand-written on anything clean is equally as welcome. Pseudonyms will be used if specifically requested, but please supply a name and address.

Committee members will each contribute a minimum of two per year by roster to ensure a 'wider editorial style'.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this bulletin do not necessarily reflect those of the Club or the Centre Committee.



Barbeque Lunch - March



Paul (Chippy) hosted the BBQ this year at his place in Otaki and a relaxing enjoyable time was enjoyed by everyone.



Editorial

Another 2 months has gone by and there has been a lot of MG activity which you can read about in this issue, hope it inspires you to attend a future event. On the home front I have bought another Morris 1100 off TradeMe to replace the written off one, It was perfect in that it had its registration on hold, had a good rust free body and a knackered engine. I paid top dollar as there was 3 of us bidding on it. I had looked at buying a de-registered 1100, but without number plates you can't prove it had been registered in NZ before and chassis number wasn't on their records either. Even then if it had been it would cost \$500 to have any rust repairs checked and they might require the body to be chemically stripped or sand blasted before you started and as it didn't have its engine that too would need to be checked separately. I decided that route was all too difficult and so I bought the one on TradeMe, I had it shipped to Wellington and soon had the engine and front sub-frame removed. Here is where it started to be less than perfect, removing the sub-frame revealed a couple of spots of rust in the usual suspect areas. A grinder with a wire brush attachment revealed a lot more rust as the metal around the bulkhead air-box looked sound but was in reality paper thin. So I have spent the last 3 weekends welding so the body is now structurally sound. There is still a bit of cosmetic welding to do. Before the new Morris arrived I did a bit of work on the MG, installing the headlining and the front and rear windscreens and putting Q mat (Dynamat) on the floor and bulkhead. The MG is of course on hold now that the Morris has arrived.





MGCC North Island Easter Rally - April



Hi-de-hi New Plymouth

Following a very enjoyable late summer weekend in Mangaweka for the MGF 20th; our household didn't need a lot of convincing that we should make the run up to New Plymouth for the Easter Rally. An added incentive to us as MGF owners was the invitation to meet the growing MGF owner sub-group in Ohakune on the Thursday night. The purpose of the early start, was to drive one of New Zealand's roads less travelled, the Forgotten World Highway that runs between Taumarunui and Stratford.



MG's lined up outside the Flamingo Hotel



Event 1 - Concours with Mark Master's MG TC in the foreground

Come Friday morning, the group of eleven MGFs divided itself into two groups at Taumarunui, with five cars in the 'fast' group heading off first. Five kilometres into the run, one of the 'fast' cars driven by Doug Dingle came to a grinding halt with gearbox problems. What unfolded was a real demonstration of MG camaraderie as that car was towed back to Taumarunui by fellow MGF owner Alan Thorn, with Alan's car thereafter serving both of them for the remainder of the weekend.



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The mishaps kept coming as our own car was forced into the berm by a car and caravan, that wasn't to keen on keeping to the left. Result, LHS discs full of gravel, which took a bit of time to clean out. By this stage the hares' had been passed by the tortoises, which created great mirth over lunch. Normal order however was resumed post lunch, and what an exhilarating driving experience it was, all the way to Stratford, and then on at a more sedate pace to New Plymouth in time for Event 1 of the Easter Rally, the Concours, which the by now seriously dirty MGF's stood no show of winning!



Bill & Rae Denise's Concours winning MG R



Ross & Anne Armstrong's MGB



Geoff Brader's MG TF



Denis & Margaret Christiansen's MG ZR



Ron Mitchell & Shirley Kelly's MG TF 160



Denis & Ross compare notes



MGCC North Island Easter Rally - April



Lining up for the Events 2 & 3

The Saturday in New Plymouth was divided into a morning Motorkhana trials (Event 2) and an afternoon Autocross (Event 3). A wet morning led to slippery conditions for the Motorkhana, while the sun came out for the Autocross, the latter complete with full electronic timekeeping and flying starts. The conditions were certainly testing, and the fields full of competitive individuals, a number of who had been former national champions in such disciplines! With the MGB's and Midgets proving to be very quick, the focus become on performance within class.



Bill Denise



Denis Christiansen



Ex-Editor Anne Jones now of Auckland



Geoff Brader



MGCC North Island Easter Rally - April



Ross Armstrong



Geoff & Kate Brader

All evened out for Sunday's Trial (Event 4), which transpired to be a beautiful day driving Taranaki back-roads, with hoods down. The two days of the Easter Rally came to a conclusion at a prize giving dinner. The top performer across the four disciplines was the MGB driving Graeme Collett, of Cambridge, with Darryl Bretherton (Auckland Club Captain) second in his MGBGT. The most competitive Wellington driver was Geoff Brader, who secured second place in the Motorkhana, and third in the Autocross, and the top performing MGF driver? This accolade went to Doug Dingle, driving Alan Thorn's car. Second; Alan Thorn, therefore giving Alan's car impressive 1-2 finishes.

A great event; jointly run by the Wellington and Auckland MG car-clubs. Like last year's Mid Winter Back Country Tour, there is certainly some fabulous driving to be had in the middle of the North Island. For Gina and me as new MGCC members, it is the exposure to these seldom used roads, and the opportunity to drive them in good company at speed that makes these events truly memorable. Perhaps there is an opportunity for the Wellington Club to produce some exhilarating driving experiences closer to home?

By Malcom Fleming



Malcom Fleming



MG's lined up at Cape Egmont

2015 MG CAR CLUB NORTH ISLAND EASTER RALLY - Results

Car No	Car Name	Car	Centre	Concours		Motorkhana		Autocross		Trial		Class	Total	Placings				
				Total	PI	Total %	PI	Points	PI	Points	Total			PI	Points	Overall	Class	Ladies
1	Andrew Walbran	MG Midget	Akl	91	20	53.1	392.3	1	100	85.78	1	100	129	2	98	351.1	3	1
2	Jennie Walbran	MG Midget	Akl	91	20	53.1	358.5	7	79.8	89.32	7	92.2	129	2	98	323.1	9	3
3	Lily Walbran	MG Midget	Akl	91	20	53.1							129	2	98	151.1	30	8
4	Paul Walbran	MG	Akl	90	21	52.5	368.7	4	85.6	86.5	2	98.3				236.4	25	8
5	Bronwyn Walbran	MG	Akl	90	21	52.5										52.5	36	10
6	Andy Lowe	MG	Akl	124	17	72.3	352.6	10	76.6	93.04	16	85	141	3	97.3	337.2	7	3
7	Bill Denize	MG RV8	Wtn	171.5	1	100	352.9	9	76.8	97.93	21	76.7	903	13	54.2	301.7	13	5
8	Rae Denize	MG RV8	Wtn	171.5	1	100							903	13	54.2	154.2	28	12
9	Graeme Collet	MG	Akl	166	2	96.8	361.9	6	81.7	92.24	14	86.5	93	1	100	3	365	1
10	Ron Mitchell	MG TF 160	Wtn	149.5	3	87.2							1407	16	25.6	4	112.8	32
11	Shirley Kelly	MG TF 160	Wtn	149.5	3	87.2							1407	16	25.6	4	112.8	33
12	Darryl Bretherton	MG	Akl	128	15	74.6	377.9	3	91	87.62	4	95.8	141	3	97.3	3	358.7	2
13	Ross Armstrong	MG	Wtn	134.5	10	78.4	345.7	15	72.9	90.19	9	90.5	450	7	79.8	3	321.6	10
14	Anne Jones	MG	Akl	135	8	78.7	353.0	8	76.8	93.7	18	83.8	789	11	60.6	3	299.9	16
15	Stephen Jones	MG	Akl	135	9	78.7	325.4	23	62.7	102.43	23	70.1	789	11	60.6	3	272.1	19
16	Bob Butterworth	MG	Akl	149	4	86.9	332.9	20	66.3	108.23	24	62.8	900	12	54.3	3	270.3	20
17	Trish Butterworth	MG	Akl	149	4	86.9							900	12	54.3	3	141.2	31
18	Denis Christiansen	MG ZR 160	Wtn	142.5	6	83.1	332.0	21	65.9	92.33	15	86.3	645	10	68.8	4	304.1	14
19	Margaret Christiansen	MG ZR 160	Wtn	142.5	6	83.1	319.1	25	59.7	115.84	25	54.8	645	10	68.8	4	266.4	22
20	Geoff Brader	MG Midget	Wtn	123.5	18	72	380.1	2	92.4	87.15	3	96.9	1140	14	40.7	2	302	15
21	Kate Brader	MG Midget	Wtn	123.5	18	72	327.3	22	63.6	91.33	12	88.2	1140	14	40.7	2	264.5	23
22	Toni Chapman	MG Midget	Wtn	123.5	18	72							1206	15	37	2	109	34
23	Tosh Shiraiwa	MG Midget	Wtn	123.5	18	72	338.2	19	69	89.39	8	92.1	1206	15	37	2	270.1	21
24	Mike DeWit	MG Midget	Akl	126	16	73.5	367.3	5	84.8	91.25	11	88.4	180	4	95.1	2	341.8	4
25	Tim DeWit	MG Midget	Akl	126	16	73.5	348.1	13	74.1	102.1	22	70.6	180	4	95.1	2	313.3	12
26	Mark Masters	MG TC	Akl	146.5	5	85.4										2	85.4	35
27	Gina Jones	MGF	Wtn	132.5	12	77.3							528	8	75.4	4	152.7	29
28	Malcolm Fleming	MGF	Wtn	132.5	12	77.3	322.4	24	61.2	93.81	19	83.6	528	8	75.4	4	297.5	18
29	Doug Dingle	MGF	Akl	134	11	78.1	349.9	11	75.2	88.58	5	93.8	204	5	93.7	4	340.8	5
30	Den Williams	MGF	Akl	121	19	70.6	349.0	12	74.6	88.71	6	92.4	228	6	92.4	4	331.1	8
31	Ree Langdon	MGF	Akl	121	19	70.6	314.3	27	57.4	97.25	20	77.8	228	6	92.4	4	298.2	17
32	Alan Thorn	MGF	Akl	134	11	78.1	342.7	17	71.3	90.48	10	89.9	204	5	93.7	4	333	6
33	Nick Wilcox	MGF	Akl	130.5	14	76.1	347.9	14	74.1	93.51	17	84.2	450	7	79.8	4	314.2	11
34	Lionel Brackley	MG TF	Akl	136.5	7	79.6	316.3	26	58.4				636	9	69.3	4	207.3	27
35	Diane Hughson-Smith	MGF	Akl	131	13	76.4	338.5	18	69.2				636	9	69.3	4	214.9	26
36	CR	Escort	Akl				343.6	16	71.8	91.66	13	87.6	93	1	100	2	259.4	24

Classes: 2 = Midget & pre-56

3 = MGB

4 = post 1980



MGCC North Island Easter Rally - April

CONCOURS EASTER 2015 – A Prequel – via text message

Don't you wish you were here? It's spit and polish time, sussing out the competition. Such fun...

Oh yes indeedly, eating my heart out, what, no concours for me?!!

I AM missing a good laugh with you though. All the rest being bonkers except me and thee.

...the bottom bracket's b***d. The crankshaft's cracked. The flywheel's fff...ailing. Doomed to failure ☹

So jealous! Pop an apple core and an oily bit of flannel nightie in GC's B's boot, that'll help.

Forgot the apples and the shops are shut. I'll improvise

Bill's pants.

He's wearing them. Not a pretty sight otherwise.

Ooh yes, point taken. How about a Magnum wrapper and a wee bit of dog poo? Always plenty of that lying about.

Break for annual trip to Maccas. Used Big Mac carton will solve concours issue.

Perfect!!

Supplied by Ray Denize.

The Mid-Winter Back Country Adventure Tour

BOOK NOW!!!

Be in for a weekend of MaGic roads & Great company!

Date: Fri 10th July - Sun 12th July 2015

Schedule:

Friday 10th: Gather in Taihape and catch up with members from throughout the North Is who will be joining us for the weekend.

Saturday 11th Explore the back roads of the mid North Island at your own pace. You will have options ranging from all-tarmac roads through to classic gravel rally roads - or whatever mix of the two appeals to you. Regroup for a chat and lunch/coffee at a couple of places along the way.

You will also have the choice of either a full-on day covering a lot of distance, or a more relaxing distance, though still over quality roads.

This year we are heading northwest to the excellent driving roads of the King Country.

Good value group dinner Saturday evening.

Sunday 12th Return home via roads offering a similar range of options

Costs: Accommodation is around \$40-\$60 per person per night, depending on how many people share a unit. Registration fee \$20 per car if you book early.

Accommodation preferences are allocated in order of receipt of booking, so book early!

To book, please complete the registration form attached, or on the club website www.mgclub.org.nz



Annual General Meeting

AGM



Sunday 26 July

Bentley Room
Southwards Car Museum
1pm - 1.30pm start

Club members are invited to attend and have a say in the running of the club. Refreshments will be provided

If you have a MGCC trophy the AGM would be a great time to return it.



NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015 MG CAR CLUB (Wellington) CENTRE

I/we

..... (full name(s))

being a financial member(s) of the MG Car Club (Wellington Centre) Inc.
wish to nominate

.....

for the position of

Signed:

Date:



Old Speckled Hen Run - March

The March Old Speckled Hen run was based around visits in the Upper Hutt and Whiteman's Valley area.

Our first stop was a visit to Martin Ferner's workshop to see some of the cars he owns. A retired engineer, Martin is well known in vintage circles and has restored several cars over the years. He had in his workshop a rare 1955 Swallow Doretti of which there were only a few hundred made. Using Triumph TR2 running gear it had a few enhancements the Triumph lacked. Martin recalled it was used as a family second car for many years in the 70s and 80s until he decided to restore it to as new condition.

He also owns a stunning 1913 Minerva which he bought in a disassembled state in the late 60s and spent the next 30 years totally rebuilding it. The time and difficulty in restoring a car such as this was truly staggering and is a testament to his skill and dedication. We were fortunate to see this car as he has just sold it to a new owner in Auckland. Martin is in his 80s and admitted he didn't now feel entirely comfortable driving the car in modern traffic. However, he drove the Minerva in the Austrian Alpine Rally in 2003. This rally was a re-enactment of the original in 1913. It was 2600



1913 Minerva with Martin



Ralph Watson BSA Special with Martin



Martin Ferner's Swallow Doretti



Martin Ferner's Swallow Doretti with Denis, Martin and Bill



Old Speckled Hen Run - March

kilometres in length and climbed six alpine passes.

A 1950s Ralph Watson BSA Special attracted a lot of attention due to its interesting past ownership. You can Google 'Ralph Watson BSA Special' for lots of information about this car). We had to move on to our next destination so we didn't hear much about his 1953 Bentley and a late 1920s Alvis which was hiding under covers.

Our next visit was to Bristol Motors next door to Martin's workshop. We were met by the owner Dave Wilkens who introduced us to mechanic Neale, who acted as our guide. The Toyota Corolla at the entrance was totally outclassed by the other cars in the workshop. A very nice Austin Healey was followed by the star of the workshop, an early 1930s Hispano-Suiza. The car had started its life with a Shah of Persia before finding its way to the U.S. and then to its current owner in Wanaka. The latest owner had driven it to Hawkes Bay for the annual Art Deco weekend and had left it at Bristol's on the way back for them to do some general servicing. Neale said when the car was new it cost one and half times as much as the top of the line Rolls Royce.

Bristol's also had a 1920s Rolls Royce Rolls Royce Silver Ghost with 1930s body which they were restoring and when completed it would be off to Australia. We thought we had seen all there was to see but Neale led us through to a back work shop where more treasures awaited including an early 30s Alfa Romeo, 1915 De Dion-Bouton and another Rolls. It was certainly an eye opener to see the range of unique cars being trusted to them by their owners to work on.

By now it was lunchtime and after a short 30 minute drive to Whiteman's Valley we had a very pleasant lunch in nice surroundings at the Short Straw Café. The name comes from the fact that the walls are made of straw bales, plastered and painted over.

Those on this trip were John and Robert Daniels, Michael and Elaine Anderson, Bill and Rae Denize, Lox Lummis and friend, Ron Mitchell and Shirley Kelly, Bill Pyne and Scott Stevenson, Tony Salter, Graham Tulloch, Gary and Heather Wall, Chris and Wendy Ward and Denis Christensen.

*By Robert and John Daniels
Photographs Scott Stevenson*



At the cafe, with Gary's MG VA



Rolls Royce Silver Ghost chassis with 1930s body fitted, at Bristol Motors, with Michael

Old Speckled Hen Run - April

OSH Autumn Leaves Run Thursday 23rd April 2015

With the MGCC Old Speckled Hen runs happening on Thursdays each month we usually never have the chance to participate on these, but from previous reports they are often very interesting outings and quite well attended. With us being on annual leave and this run heading into the Manawatu / Rangitikei districts it was a great opportunity for a good day out and we weren't disappointed!

Originally we were going to take our MGB which has been 'resting' a bit too much lately and on start up poured fuel all over the garage floor probably due to a stuck carburettor needle valve. However I didn't need much of an excuse to use the RV8 instead.....

We met up with the Wellington contingent at Sanson along with the other MG Manawatu members who also attended. From there a pleasant drive in lovely sunshine and mild temperatures up to the next meeting point at Rata where we met up with two more Manawatu members including our tour leaders, John and Viv Eames. By now we had a nice size group with twelve cars in total and a nice mix with 2 RV8's, 2 MG B roadsters, 6 MG B GT's, an MGF and an honorary MG B-MW!



On track for a great day out!



Hunterville rail station gardens.

After a quick chat and briefing we were off on a very scenic back road off SH1 that looped around and brought us into Hunterville from the eastern side. A short stop was made at the site of the old Hunterville railway station which closed quite some years ago and now has a rather attractive and colourful garden planted there. This was down to an elderly lady living nearby who rather than let the grounds turn into rack and ruin has planted it out with colourful flowers and shrubs etc to visually enhance the area and create a garden for all to enjoy. She accepts donations which she then forwards to St John. What a great thing to do and very community minded.

Lunch at one of Hunterville's cafe establishments followed and with everyone refreshed and refuelled we headed off into the back blocks of the Rangitikei area and the Turakina valley. John and Viv know the area well and took us over lovely undulating and winding back country roads, all sealed apart from the odd small patch of road works here and there. The scenery was beautiful, especially on such a fine blue day with the autumn colours in this part of the country really looking their best and the colourful leaves swirling up behind the cars.



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Apart from the scenery, we crossed various interesting bridges both new and old, the little church at Mangamahu and several local road hazards presented themselves along



A very scenic drive with autumn colours abounding.



No rush today - time to enjoy the weather and scenery.

the way also with wandering sheep on the road, the odd wasp buzzing around the cars, a herd of cows coming along the road - always met with great anticipation when one is driving in a low open top car! One of the best sights had to be the four farm dogs all perched up on the farmers quad bike watching the cattle and the MG's going by - really typified the country side we were motoring through.

Nice to have two RV8's on the road together as well and enjoy the sight and sound of them - it was fun to see what the car looked like on the road rather than just the view from behind the wheel!

A stop to admire the view near Fordell before we all headed on to Whanganui to enjoy the view over the city and river from Durie Hill. This was the finishing point of the run and from here every one split up and headed back on their respective homeward journeys. It was a very good run - well organised, fantastic weather, roads and scenery - a very nice way to finish the summer MG motoring season! Thanks to John and Viv and also Michael Anderson for his organising and continuing support of these Old Speckled Hen Runs - if you haven't been on one yet, give it a go!

Now back to fix the MGB!

Dominic and Jennette Scott Photographs Dominic Scott



Mangamahu church.



Durie Hill - Whanganui



Motor Sport NZ Awards dinner - May



L to R: Barry Carrington, Terry Collier, Paul Warburn

Technical d'Honneur - Barry Carrington

Recognition of outstanding service to the technical department. Barry Carrington is only the 11th person to receive this honour since it was inaugurated in 1992.

Distinguished Service Award - Terry Collier

To recognise service and personal contribution of time and effort to motorsport. Terry Collier is a long serving member of the Historic & Classic Commission of MSNZ

Lupp Trophy - Terry Collier

Inaugurated in 1997 to recognise the competitor who has demonstrated exceptional levels of sportsmanship, of vehicle presentation, and who embodies the very spirit and values associated with Historic and Classic Racing in New Zealand.

The trophy is from a collection of the late Sybil Lupp, kindly made available by the MG Car Club (Wellington Centre). Sybil Lupp commenced motorsport activities in 1947 and by 1952 held 144 trophies to her credit including a 5th in the inaugural Lady Wigram Trophy Race of 1949. It recognises both Sybil and Percy Lupp's contribution to MSNZ.

Terry has competed for many years at MG Classic Race meetings, both Charity event and November Classic race meetings at Manfeild. Also the Skope Classic in 09 at Ruapuna in his MG Midget. More recently he has competed in his beautifully restored 1960 BMC MK2 Formula Junior at Hampton Downs in March. A car he imported from the USA.

We seek your consideration of our nominee for the following special reason:

Apart from racing his FJ and Midget, and previously his MGBGT Terry has been actively involved in organising Classic Race events as the Chairman of the MG Classic Race Committee for some 6 years, on behalf of the Wellington MG Club. In addition Terry has



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been a dedicated member of the Historic and Classic Commission having served since 2004.



Terry has an in-depth knowledge of Historic and Classic vehicles. He was involved with his family when the Levin Race circuit was set up in the 1950s. He was the first person to drive around it on a tractor we believe.

Terry is passionate about the Classic and Historic branch of sport and dedicated to keeping it alive. He is a valued member of the MG Club having served as president and supports many of its events.

Terry has used his in-depth knowledge of historic cars as the basis to write articles for such publications as NZ Classic Car. He was also accredited in 2013 by Goodwood Festival of Speed as a Bona Fide journalist and reported back to NZ on the event.

ClubSport Championship and Gold star trophy - Paul Walbran.

This Championship was introduced in 1994 to combine the disciplines of Hillclimb, Motorkhana and Autocross.



Noggin n, Natter - March

The March Noggin n, Natter saw a break from the usual Waterloo Pub venue. Careful reading of the emailed instructions identified which of the two Johnsonville Countdown supermarkets we were to meet at. Having gone to the wrong one, we were able to direct others to the correct one to meet up with the main group. It was then a short trip to Barry New's car storage facility.

All the cars had car covers over them and we had fun guessing what was underneath each one. It was obvious that the Auto Glym products had been applied to a lot of them. Barry told us all about the wide range of Auto Glym car cleaning and polishing products. He asked for a volunteer car to demonstrate the Auto Glym products on.

Our Previa people mover ended up with a nicely polished front right guard and a clean dashboard and steering wheel. But there was a whole lot of car to go! After Barry had answered our questions and some of us had purchased Auto Glym products, Chris Ward thanked Barry for his hospitality and presentation and awarded him with a bottle of wine.

Denis Christiansen

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Gary Wall's Travelling Cavalcade

"MGCC - The 20th Pre 56 MG Rally – Greymouth & Tour - Gary Wall's Travelling Cavalcade"

24th February – 9th March 2015

This is an article about a very special tour undertaken by 22 people in cars from the 1930's to the South Island to attend the MG Pre 56 Rally in Greymouth and also undertake their own touring as well.

It had some very unique features to it including:

10 of the cars were owned by Gary Wall who delights in having other people drive them. This doesn't happen in any other part of the world so it makes it very special. The other car a 1937 SA owned by Paul & Sallie Turner from Hamilton had been in their family since the 1960's when his father bought it from a Motor Vehicle dealer in the Wellington area.



MG's about to leave from Martinborough to head down to Wellington to get on the ferry



Interislander Wellington - Lined up awaiting the call

16 of the people came from overseas including America, United Kingdom & Australia. So the New Zealanders were in the minority!

All of the drivers were members of their local MG Clubs and all had at least one MG car of their own and in some cases up to six. Most had pre-war cars so understood the 'idiosyncrasies' of driving such a car.

All had been invited by Gary & Heather Wall to drive one of the cars and this process started in the early part of 2014 when invitations were sent out.

All felt it was a great privilege to be involved and understood the uniqueness of the occasion. Some of the drivers had been to earlier MG Pre 56 Rally's in New Zealand with Gary and Heather Wall and in a number of cases this was their fourth time in coming "down under". So the Walls are really doing their bit for tourism etc!

Prior to attending all the drivers had received from Gary Wall a package of material including a list of people attending, the car they had been allocated, route Instructions which also included ferry & accommodation arrangements etc.



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Day 1 - Arrival at Country Life Motel, Blenheim



Day 3 - The "Team" at the Matakai Motel, Murchison - Barbeque and presentation to Gary & Heather Wall

The programme went a bit like this:

Pre Day 1 – Tuesday 24th February

All drivers and partners had arrived in Martinborough to pick up their cars and attended a "happy hour" at Gary & Heather's house in Ponatahi Rd so we could all get to know each other. Afterwards we returned to Martinborough where we were staying to have dinner and get ready for the following day. Note to self – have we got sufficient space for our luggage in the TA. We were soon to find out!

Day 1 – Wednesday 25th February

In our own time we travelled into Wellington to catch the 2.45pm Interisland Ferry to Picton. It's really fun going over the Rimutaka Hill in an unfamiliar car with little idea about its capabilities and trying to understand its idiosyncrasies'. It's a bit like learning on the job!!!! In the end we all arrived at the Ferry in time and embarked. Coming off the other end into a southerly front of high winds and driving rain (welcome to the South Island) we proceeded to just outside Blenheim on SH1 to stay two nights at Country Life Motel. Time for what was to become our "daily happy hour" and then off to dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2 & 3 – Thursday 26th & Friday 27th February

Day 2 was the opportunity for the visitors from overseas to look around Blenheim and environ, go wine tasting or to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre or the classic car museum next door etc or maybe just make sure they were happy with their cars – checking oil and petrol consumption etc!!!! As a matter of interest for those people into car restoration there's a place called Basis at 31 High St Renwick which has all sorts of stuff. Worth a visit or you can look at them online at www.basisnz.co.nz

Day 3 saw us travel from Blenheim to St Arnaud for lunch then on to Murchison to stay the night at Matakai Motels where rather than go out for a meal we prepared a barbeque for the team using the equipment supplied by the motel proprietor. We were also joined by good friends of Gary and Heather – Bill & Loreen Brehaut driving a 1938 VA which Gary had sold to Bill some years ago. During our 'happy hour" Gary & Heather Wall



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Gary & Heather Wall with "Savor the Day" Award

where presented with an award "Savor the Day" and signed by all of the participants attending as a mark of appreciation for all their efforts in continuing an amazing MG story.

Day 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 - Saturday 28th February to Wednesday 4th March – 20th Pre 56 Rally

Day 4 (Day 1 of the Pre-56 Rally) was the run from Murchison to Greymouth for the start of the Rally organised by a Team from Christchurch with registration at Shanty Town some 11km out of Greymouth and off SH6. We stopped at Reefton for lunch and met up with a number of the Auckland

contingent also going to the Rally. Arrived at the Coleraine Motel, our motel to settle in before going onto Shanty Town for registration and scrutineering (some 78 cars and 130 people attending), the Noggin 'n' Natter, welcome and an informal dinner. We also caught up with Pat & Lynette Widdup from Palmerstone North with their 1931 MG M as they had also joined us at the motel for the Rally.

Day 5 (Day 2 of the Pre 56 Rally) saw many of the Team cleaning their cars in the early morning (it had rained overnight as you would expect on the West Coast!!!!) and then off to Shanty Town for the judging of the Concours D'Etat & Display. Back into town after its completion at approx 2.30 pm and the motel had kindly provided us with a meeting room so we were able to continue our "happy hour" before going out to dinner across the road at a local establishment. Joined by Keith and Jo Barclay from Wanaka who drive a 1938 VA Coupe.



MG's parked in the main street of Reefton



1939 VA Tickford being cleaned in preparation for the Concours D'Etat by its driver Rob Dunsterville from NSW, Australia



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5 TA's and 1 TC waiting to be judged for the Concours D'Etat at Shantytown, Greymouth



MGTD's on display at Shantytown



MGA's part of a display of 19 at Shantytown



Part of the Pre War MG's at Shantytown



WA's, VA's & SA's on display at Shantytown



TF's on display at Shantytown

Day 6 (Day 3 of the Pre 56 Rally) was the Observation Trial (made up of tulip diagrams, straight line navigation, questions and observations) organised by Peter Croft from Christchurch. The trial starting from Shanty Town at 9.30am sent the participants all over the middle parts of the Westland District including, Kumara (great hotel there called the Theatre Royal which has recently been renovated and won best Country Hotel in 2014 – also home to Richard Seddon an early PM of NZ) into the Hokitika Gorge



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passing by the memorial at Kowhitirangi to the victims of the Stanley Graham Massacre in October 1941 and Hokitika itself to name a few of the places visited. These trials are not meant to be easy are they??? Then back to Shanty Town via SH6 to hand in your questionnaire prior to 4.00 pm plus hopefully all the correct answers!

The evening dinner arrangement was for Register Dinners for Pre War, SVW & TA (held at Paroa Motel Restaurant – the publican being Bernie Monk the

spokesperson for Pike River tragedy) and the TC/TD, TF & MGA/Z at Buccleugh's on High Greymouth. Each of the Registers had hosts who welcomed the entrants to the dinners – a really good idea which was well received and made the dinners run very smoothly. From all accounts a good time was had by all.

Day 7 (Day 4 of the Pre 56 Rally) was the Autocross & Gymkhana events but as luck



Pat & Lynette Widdup



Pre War, SVW/TA Register Dinner Participants – Paroa Motel Restaurant

would have it Greymouth performed to type with its climatically defined classification – oceanic “evenly distributed, large amounts of precipitation” and it did, so much so, the events had to be cancelled which was disappointing for those who had entered. For those who had not entered it was a rest day!

The evening event was the Dine & Dance/ Prize Giving at Shanty Town with the dress up theme of “Miners & Mistresses”. Needless to say most people took up the challenge but Pat & Lynette Widdup interpreted it slightly differently – not sure what they were going to!!! Buses picked up members from various motels so driving and drinking wasn't a problem. Another good evening and local MG Wellington members who featured in the Prize Giving included George Walter with 1st overall in the MGA/Z class with a second in the Concours d'Etat and a second in the Trial with Jane Hector as navigator. Jane Hector was 1st overall in the Ladies. In the



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Observation Trial David & Kate Hector came 1st in the MGA/Z class. Well done those people.

It also saw George Walter making a plug for the 2017 21st Pre 56 Rally to be held in Whanganui.

Day 8 (Day 5 of the Pre 56 Rally) saw entrants attending the Farewell Breakfast at the Monteiths Brewery.

After the breakfast the Gary Wall Travelling Cavalcade got underway with a quick trip (not) over the Otira Viaduct and Arthurs Pass with a stop at Arthurs Pass for a cup of coffee and to let the engines cool down and check oil consumption. Onwards to Sheffield for lunch and then taking the scenic route SH72 through to Oxford and on to Rangiora for the night.

Day 9 – Thursday 5th March

Soft start for the day with a number of us looking for more oil to top up the cars prior to attending a morning tea at Michael & Fran Chirnside's lovely home at Tall Oaks in suburban Rangiora. Michael has a garage full of MG's some in the course of being restored - he is a perfectionist so you can get the picture as to what they look like. A number of MG Car Club members from the Canterbury and Sydney centres also attended.



Cars parked at Michael & Fran Chirnside home, Rangiora



The workshop at Michael & Fran Chirnside home, Rangiora

After the very sumptuous morning tea and a tour of their property we then left to travel north on SH72 to Amberley. From there on SH1 we turned off onto SH7 at Waipara stopping at the Hurunui Pub for a drink and onwards to Culverdon, Hamner Springs through the Lewis Pass to Springs Junction and then turning onto SH6 to Murchison. Just out of Culverden MGTA38 (Ruby's Car) driven by Michael & Elaine Anderson had a puncture. While sorting out the change of wheel Dale & Jenny Conlon of Nelson on their way to the VCC Rally in Christchurch, saw our plight and very kindly stopped and provided a Trolley Jack which made the job very simple. Other members of our team also started to have mechanical problems with two of the TA's having cracked heads which meant staying in Hamner Springs for the night to try and resolve the problems before



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travelling on to Nelson the following day.

For those who made it to Murchison a barbeque was the order of the day along with the usual "happy hour". Another good one!

Day 10 – Friday 6th March

The morning turned out to be misty with intermittent rain as we prepared to leave Murchison to travel to Nelson on SH6. After fuelling up on the road heading towards Nelson with the weather getting progressively worse and as we got into the outskirts we experienced almost sheet rain and gusting winds which makes driving these old cars somewhat of a nightmare apart from trying to keep ourselves dry!!! Nevertheless we got there only to find we had to go around through the city to get to our motels in Tahunanui as the coastal road was closed due to tide surges. Nelson had been hit by a weather bomb!!! Progressively during the day everyone turned up and prior to having dinner at Ocean Lodge we had our usual "happy hour" outside at Anchor Lodge (the weather had cleared by then) with a card being presented to Paul & Sallie Turner for their 27th wedding anniversary – a very poignant moment!

Day 11 – Saturday 7th March

Opportunity to explore Nelson and surrounding countryside which most of our group took advantage of doing just that – some going into the city whilst others went to the World of WearableArt and Classic Cars Museum and others to Mapua and Kaiterere.

As a number of the cars were now starting to show signs of fatigue after all this travelling some of the group doubled up in the bigger cars (SVW's) to do the tourist thing just to ease the potential problems prior to getting back to Martinborough.

After dinner at a local establishment back to our respective motels to start packing for the next part of the journey back to Blenheim.

Day 12 – Sunday 8th March

Randomly we left Nelson for the drive to Blenheim with stops at Pelorus Bridge for a cup of coffee and a scone then on to Havelock for lunch and a look around the wharf area which has certainly grown in the past few years with a marina and a great café called Slip Inn. Worth a visit if you happen to be passing

Next stop was the Country Life Lodge just out of Blenheim with two of the TA's in trouble and requiring a good amount of

coaxing with large quantities of oil and water. It's interesting the Radiator in the TA's are not under pressure so they can handle a small amount of water boiling without an adverse effect on the engine. In the case of the two TA's it had got beyond that with water and oil being mixed in the radiator because of cracked heads. A challenge to drive and



Richard & Anne Holl (UK) Elaine Anderson (NZ) – Pelorus Bridge, Marlborough



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kitty litter needed on the motel parking area when they stopped!

As this has been the last day in the South Island we all decided rather than go into Blenheim for dinner pizza's ordered in was a good move.

Day 13 – Monday 9th March

Leaving the motel, refuelling and on to Picton for a coffee stop and last minute shopping prior to catching the Interislander ferry Kaitaki for their 1.15 pm sailing to Wellington. The worst effected TA, TAMG36 (George's car) a 1936 TA driven by Don & Marj Phillips of Australia had to stop every 20 minutes to cool down let the oil settle in the radiator then remove it prior to filling it up with water again. It became almost a surgical procedure with Don keeping the engine going, Marj wiping down the bonnet with paper towels as it was spewing oil through the vents, Rob & Denny Dunsterville from Australia respectively pouring clean water into the radiator and holding a plastic bag to receive the oil covered paper towels from Marj. A great "Team" effort! This procedure was repeated every 20 minutes or so at both ends of the islands until the patient arrived back at the Claremont Motel in Martinborough - and oh the relief!



Below decks – Kaitaki

We arrived in Wellington at approx. 4.35pm and then in a sort of convoy drove over the Rimutaka Hill to our motel in Martinborough.

After a clean-up and unpacking the cars we all had dinner at the Circus Restaurant. A great night and marked the end of a fantastic two weeks.

Day 14 – Tuesday 10th March

Drove out to Gary's place to hand back MGTA38 (Ruby's Car) after giving it a good clean and picked up the VW Golf. There is a difference we would have to say but we wouldn't have missed the opportunity because it was one of those things you do in your life time which gives you a great buzz and it is really unique. Many thanks to Gary & Heather Wall for inviting Elaine and me to come.

Farewell to members of the group some of whom left by bus that morning to go to the airport prior to flying back to their respective country's others followed the next day.

Some basic information:

MGTA38 (Ruby's Car) used \$444.29 of petrol, travelled at least 1639 miles and used 3 litres of oil. It was a total delight to drive and we both felt very privileged to do so.

Gary Walls Travelling Cavalcade included:

Gary & Heather Wall of NZ driving a 1939 WA Tourer (Replica)
Wayne & Dee Johnston of USA driving a 1939 WA Saloon



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Chris & Jane Cox of UK driving a 1938 SA Saloon
 Charlie & Jeanine Plain-Jones of UK driving a 1938 VA Tickford
 Rob & Denny Dunsterville of Aust. driving a 1939 VA Pickford
 Don & Marj Phillips of Aust. driving a 1936 TA (Georges Car)
 Ray & Jacqui Mutton of Aust. driving a 1936 TA (Melissa's Car)
 Richard & Anne Holl of UK driving a 1938 TA Tickford (Anna's Car)
 Michael & Elaine Anderson of NZ driving a 1938 TA (Ruby's Car)
 Tony & Debbie Slattery of Aust. driving a 1938 TA (Natasha's Car)
 Paul & Sallie Turner of NZ driving their own 1937 SA

They all attracted a lot of attention with very positive comments by people when we stopped at various places. Many thanks to Gary Wall (the Godfather) and Heather Wall (the Godmother) for all their organisation and co-ordination – it went like clock and we all appreciated it!

PS. The TA cars with the names in brackets are for Gary & Heathers grandchildren eventually!

Michael Anderson - May 2015



L To R: Elaine Anderson (NZ), Paul Turner (NZ), Jacqui Mutton (Aust), Chris Cox (UK), Charlie Plain-Jones (UK), Wayne Johnston (USA), Don Phillips (Aust), Gary Wall (NZ), Richard Holl (UK), Rob Dunsterville (Aust), Tony Slattery (Aust), Ray Mutton (Aust)
 Front Row L to R: Sallie Turner (NZ), Jane Cox (UK), Jeanine Plain-Jones (UK), Dee Johnston (USA), Marji Phillips (Aust), Heather Wall (NZ), Debbie Slattery (Aust), Anne Holl (UK), Denny Dunsterville (Aust), Middle Front: Michael Anderson (NZ)



MG Charity Classic - May

This regular end of season meeting is now heading towards its 18th successive event. The timing, however, has often meant a bit of struggle for entries as people and cars take a refurbishment break before the next season.

This has resulted in a need to also invite along a clubman's or 'Allcomers' class to bulk up the entries and ensure economic viability. This small compromise has meant that the event can continue to provide the more relaxed low key atmosphere needed for older/slower cars and those wanting to try motorsport in a classic oriented vehicle.

Of course, continuing to add to the over \$100,000 contributed to the Cancer Society over the past 17 events is also no mean feat. So congratulations are due to the organisers, volunteers and participants for that.

Despite seriously bad weather throughout the region the previous week, around 80 cars took the track in three classic type groups, an Allcomers class and, for the first time, an Historics group that included Vintage Car Club entrants - Steve Day in his magnificent Briggs Mercury single seater from the 1950s, and Peter Carroll in his marvellous little Austin 7 Special dating from the 1930s.

Perhaps the highlight though, was Tim Rush's 2.5 litre Brabham Climax BT4, one of only four built for the "Intercontinental Formula" in 1963, to be powered by the 2.7 litre Climax engine.

The 'Allcomers' races saw John Mines start his most recent JRM, the normal 1967 model having suffered engine damage in the South Island classic series. He battled all day with the factory built Radicals and sole Reynard Inverter with the latter cars being predictably quick, but the JRM was never that far behind. Interestingly Mines has managed to buy back his very first 1963 JRM, discovered in Christchurch, and this should be seen in next season's Historic events. Jane Stella hung in there in her very straight looking Toyota Trueno and did not let the faster machinery bother her at all, showing that classic race meetings can provide good entry level opportunities for all.

The slower Classics group featured a good mix of cars with Neil Moore in the Jowett Jupiter down from Auckland for a return bout with Trevor Dixon's Humber 80 and David Neale in the MG Magnette. Ray Hartley had abandoned the Porsche 911 for a mildly modified MGF for a couple of 3rd placings and Tammie Boyden got a 1st in her 325i BMW.



Peter Carroll's Austin 7 Special
- Photo Barry Styles



Tim Rush in the ex Brabham Bt4 Climax
- Photo Barry Styles



MG Charity Classic - May

The faster Classics groups saw some close racing with Philip Hehir again giving the rare Alfa Montreal V8 a good run while Don McLean continues to campaign the Datsun 240Z he has raced for the past 30 years or so. Pat Excell's rare and immaculate production Ford Anglia GT went very well as did Natalie Campbell in her faithful and reliable Ford Capri V6.

The Historics group had cars ranging from

Peter Carroll's 1930s Austin 7 Special to a 1983 Formula Ford, but Peter Avery's Brabham BT16 proved to be the quickest of the group because Tim Rush wanted to go easy with the BT4. Estimates put the value of the BT4 in the region of \$350,000, so caution was probably warranted.

Notable about the day was how the Historics attracted a lot of attention in the pits with spectators and drivers in the other classes all wanting to talk about the cars, what were they? where did they come from? What components were used? etc etc. The Briggs Mercury in particular was a favourite with the fans.

The event certainly provides good value for money, a competitor entry fee of \$130, public gate entry of a gold coin donation and a friendly relaxed atmosphere all provides a solid basis for continued cooperation between classics, clubmans and historic racers.

Terry Collier



Neil Moore's Jowett Jupiter & Dave Neill in the MG Midget - Photo Barry Styles



Ray Hartley in his MGF - Photo Stew Wood



MG Charity Classic - May



MG6 Safety car supplied by Gazley Motors



Photographs Stew Wood



Cecil Kimber Birthday Brunch run

Pippa and John Grant have organised a 1 3/4 hour mid-winter run taking in a mixture of town and open country cruising and finishing at a popular venue for brunch.

What: Cecil Kimber Birthday Brunch Run

When: Sunday 28 June

Meet: Motukaraka Point carpark

Time: 8.15am for judging

Bring: A pen, partner, the kids, dog(s), your car (preferably an MG) and your sense of humour. At the start of the run, MGs will be judged for the 'Spick and Span' trophy.

For those who don't know Motukaraka Point, it is off Grays Road, on the northern side of the Pauatahanui Inlet.

To comply with Health and Safety regulations, please ensure:

- You have a current Driver's License
- Your vehicle has a current WOF and registration.
- You have a minimum of 3rd party insurance.

We need to confirm numbers with the café by Wednesday June 24, so please e-mail or phone John or Pippa:

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MG UK MG3/MG6 TV advert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPSz5ZdyABI>

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