



Official Journal of the MG Car Club – Sydney

Opposite Lock



October 2021

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OCTOBER

12 Oct Members Gathering, **ZOOM Meeting.**

All other club activities which had been planned for October have been postponed or cancelled due to the NSW Lockdown.

The remaining calendar events for the year are obviously subject to Covid guidelines, as we move forward.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Board Meeting
- 7 MGA/MGB Workshop **Cancelled**
- 7 North Shore Sporting Club- St Ives
- 9 MGCC Annual General Meeting
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- 14 Club Run, Mt Tomah MGB Registrar, John Clarke
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DECEMBER

- 5 North Shore Sporting Club- St Ives
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President's Report

A very warm welcome to October. Let's hope this month brings better news so we can be out & about in our MGs' again, enjoying the spring weather. I am delighted to announce that our guest speaker for the October meeting will be Associate Professor Anita Heywood from the University of New South Wales.



It was my very great pleasure to be one of Anita's students several years ago when I studied Public and International Public Health at UNSW. Anita's special subject's is immunisation policy and practice.

It is indeed this topic that she will be addressing us on during the October meeting. The purpose of this lecture is to give you an unbiased update on vaccines, how they are developed, tested, trialled, and brought into practice. Additionally, Anita will spend some time discussing herd immunity, what percentage of the population is needed for it to be effective and how you maintain it. Importantly the guiding principles of the concept.

Please support this talk as we are very lucky to have Anita address us. Please login in from 7:15 pm, the meeting will commence at 7:30 pm and Anita will begin her presentation at 8 pm. There will be time for questions after her presentation. A running board with log in details will be sent prior to the event.

As you will appreciate we are still waiting for news from the Government as to how lockdown will be gradually eased. Whilst it is unlikely that we will be holding a physical member gathering till the Christmas Party in December, we do hope to start conducting Club runs commencing on 14th November with a run to the Botanic Garden's at Mount Tomah. Please see page 13 in *Opposite Lock* for details.

You may ask why wait, given that we are expected to come out of lockdown on 11th October? Current advice is that there will be a restriction on the number of participants per run to 20. The Chief Registrar and I meet earlier this week and have formed the view that conducting Club runs of 20 is simply not practical. However, organising your own outings in October makes a lot of sense, filling in your log books.

Our AGM is set for 9th November and I encourage any members who would like to become a Club official and fill any current vacancies to contact myself or any current Board Member. We are a voluntary organisation run by willing members and welcome new blood and new ideas. Please see pg 8-9 for details in *Opposite Lock*.

Current advice is that the Wings Over the Illawarra will be proceeding as planned on Sat 27th -Sun 28th November. As advised earlier the Club will be conducting 1 & 2 day runs to this event. If you wish to stay overnight, would you please contact either myself or John Clarke ASAP so that we can advise Michael Hough of total numbers. Expect a running Board next week with accommodation options.

It is proposed that we will run the annual Christmas Party in the same format as last year. Covid restrictions permitting. Full details will follow in the next month, please note that the event will be a Show and Shine starting at 4 pm, followed by cocktails and pre-dinner drinks around 6 pm then dinner & entertainment. Bookings will be via Wild Apricot.

We will follow up with detailed instructions shortly.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Zoom meeting this month, Tuesday 12th October. I'm sure you will enjoy the presentation from our very special guest speaker Associate Professor Anita Heywood of the University of New South Wales.

Charlie Frew

Membership

A big thank you to all members who renewed their membership so promptly. 75% of our membership had renewed before the 1 July renewal date, you have made my job so much easier this year!



A reminder to any members who have not yet renewed their membership, to do so as soon as possible.

If you have not yet renewed you will by now have received a reminder letter explaining that this copy of the *Opposite Lock* will be the last one sent to you and your membership will be archived. It is important to know that if your car is registered under the concessional registration scheme and you are not a financial member of the club as of July 1, then even if your car is registered to a date beyond this, you are not registered and insured under the rules governing Conditional Registration.

Could I also ask all members please, if you have not already done so, to update/complete your personal and car(s) profile details. This is especially important if your car is on concessional registration plates as in the not-too-distant future Brian Woolmer will be letting us know of a new streamlined plates registration procedure which is dependent on your details being up to date.

If I can assist in anyway with membership renewal or updating your membership profile, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sheila Trotman

Membership Secretary 0410 504 132



Welcome all to the MG Car Club Sydney

Please make yourselves known to one of the members so that we can ensure you meet up with some like minded MG enthusiasts!

Graham Ford	TF
Will French	MGB
John Malins	RV8
Darren, Priscilla, Clare & Sarah Macpherson	TC, TF
Mark Chance	MGB
James & Leanne McMaster	Y-Type



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MG SHOW & SHINE 2021

To celebrate our rich heritage and bright future, we are delighted to invite you to MG Motor Australia's annual Show and Shine event.

As a valued MG customer, your participation will not only help us to showcase the wide range of MG vehicles in Australia, but also help contribute to a worthy cause that gives back to the community. This year, we are proudly supporting Australian Red Cross, with each submission equalling a \$30 donation.*

HOW TO ENTER
From 15th September – 15th October 2021, scan the QR code to enter up to 3 images and your favourite memory of your MG.

Australian Red Cross

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Monthly Club Gatherings are held
 the second Tuesday of the month at
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October 2021 Cover:

Warwick Gordon Smith's MG on a Mid Week Muster run last year to Bobbin Head, picture taken by Greg Fereday.

October 2021 *Opposite Lock*

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September Members Gathering via Zoom

It was a pleasure to have Harry Hickling as our guest speaker for our September Members Zoom meeting . Harry beamed in from Melbourne and entertained us with his stories of his collection of vintage cars, their history , triumphs and rescues! He finished his presentation with sharing a video with our members of the "crash testing " his company had performed on the modern MG's ,with some pleasing results.



"Christie", MGSA 2337

Christie had been shipped to England to take on the challenge of the 2019 Paris Biarritz Rally – to win the coveted Charles Jarrott Trophy.

Driver Keith Hickling, Navigator Beck Butler

Harry's other MGSA is "Charlie" MGSA 1885.

Pictured here at the Concours in Melbourne



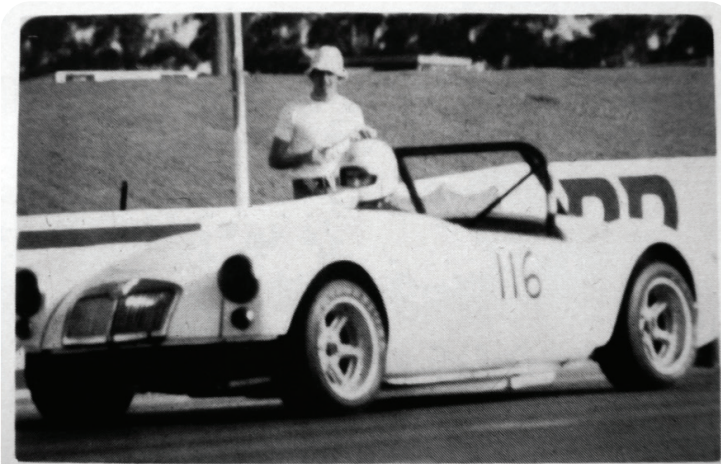
"Christie & Charlie"
MGSA

Harry and his son Keith Hickling

Easter Meeting 2021

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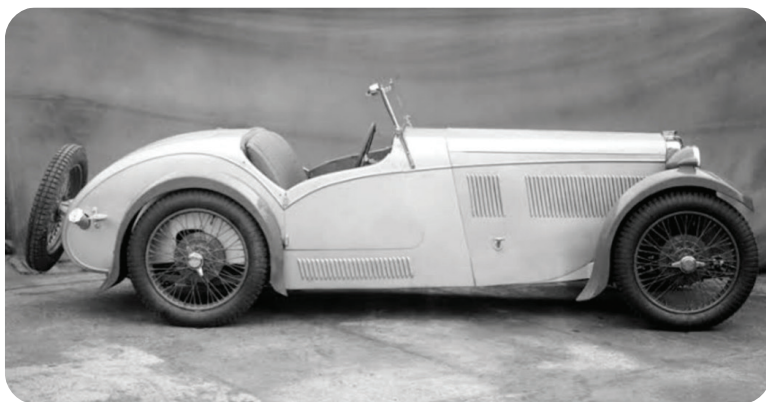




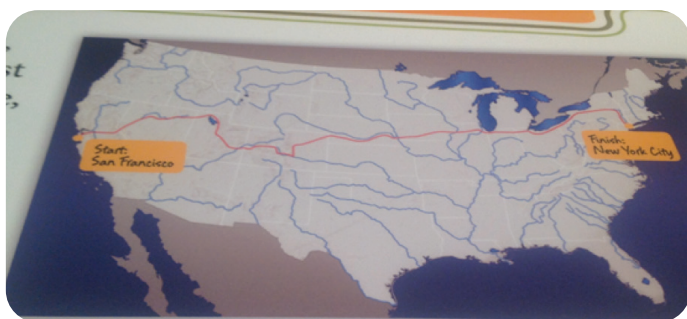
Geoff Bell's Twinny racer - Natmeet Sydney



Twin Cam YD2 2448. Geoff Bell's Twinny Racer- Natmeet Sydney . Now owned by Harry and driven here by his wife.



1933 Stiles Threesome MG Magna F0861. Arnold Glass campaigning FO 861 at Marsden Park, NSW Reg TG 841



What Next?

2022 Perth to Sydney (Postponed from 2021)

2023 Pebbel Beach and the Great American Road Trip.



The MG Car Club Sydney, wishes to thank Harry for sharing his stories and car experiences with us all, for a most informative and entertaining evening.

Hilary Wren

Notice Of AGM – MG Car Club Limited

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Limited will be held at Strathfield Golf Course, 52 Weeroona Road, Strathfield 2135 on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.45 pm or via ZOOM to be advised via a running board a week prior to the event taking place.



Business

- To accept the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting, Posted in Dec 2020 *Opposite Lock*
- To elect Directors for the year 9th November 2021 to 8th November 2022.
- To receive and consider the Balance Sheet, Statement of Profit and Loss and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors in respect of the twelve months ended 30th June 2021.
- To transact any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution.

Please Note

- Only current financial members of the above Club shall be entitled to stand for office, vote or nominate / second candidates for election.
- A current membership list will be available at the Meeting.
- Any current financial member entitled to vote and unable to attend in person is entitled to appoint a proxy, utilising the Proxy Form below or a facsimile of the same.
- Any current financial member may nominate a qualified person (one only) for election by using the Nomination Form in this magazine or a facsimile of same.

Nomination Form

I (Name)

being a current financial member of the MG Car Club Limited, hereby nominate

.....

for the position Director at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 9 November 2021 and at any adjournment thereof.

Proposer(Name)

Signed Membership Number.....

Seconder(Name)

Signed Membership Number.....

Acceptance

I Membership Number hereby accept nomination as a Director.

*NB: The completed form must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days before the scheduled date for the Annual General Meeting.
Email to secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au or hand to Secretary or President the October Members Gathering.*

MG Car Club Limited - Proxy Form

We, as financial members of the MG Car Club Limited, hereby appoint

.....(Name)

of.....(Address)

As my proxy, to vote for me, on my behalf, at the Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Limited to be held on 9th November 2021 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed thisday of 2021

Members Name..... Member Number

NB. The completed form must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 48 hours before the scheduled time for the Annual General Meeting.

MG Car Club Limited – Other Club Positions

In addition to the positions of Director, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 9 November 2021 and at any adjournment thereof the following positions are to be filled.

N.B. there is no form to be completed for these roles.

Please just advise the President, any Director or the Secretary before or at the AGM.

Email secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au

Club Officials

Club Secretary
All British Day Coordinators
Breakfast Runs
CAMS Representative
Club Plates
CMC
Illawarra Register
Coordinator Library

Mid Week Muster
Member Liaison
Membership Secretary
Points Scorer
National Meeting Coordinator
Rally
Regalia
Regularity Social Secretary

Model Registrars

Pre-war
TC
TD
TF
MGA
MGB

Postwar Saloon
Magnette
RV8
F & TF Modern
C & V8
Midget & FWD Post 2010



MG Car Club Financials 2020-2021.

The Board is pleased to present the 2021 Financial results for consideration by members.

These will be posted on the website during October.

2020-2021 has seen the commencement of some of the initiatives that the Board has developed, such as investing in the refresh of the membership platform via Wild Apricot and the MG Car Club Sydney Website.

After breaking-even in 2020, the Club has achieved a mild surplus in 2021 which has been made possible due to the continued online distribution of *Opposite Lock* and the lack of sponsored Club events due to Covid.

There has been significant investment in the upgrade of online infrastructure which will support the Club's activities into the future, as unfortunately, Covid restrictions have restricted the ability of the Club to invest in further initiatives to reinvigorate participation in Club activities during 2020-2021.

The Board is confident that the Club is now in a far more stable financial position to drive our future, as we start to move forward away from Covid restrictions.

Elizabeth Sutherland. Treasurer



Historic & Classic Rego during Covid Brian Woolmer



Service NSW has classified Historic and Classic Registrations as non-essential services. If you go to a registry to renew your vehicle they may refuse to process it for you.

If your car is due for registration from June 28 up until October 31

they have provided a mail in alternative. Send or email copies of your documents to the Club's Plate Registrar as usual. When you receive your Historic Vehicle Declaration back from the Registrar (or the CMC for Classic Rego) mail it along with your other renewal documents to Service NSW PO Box 21 Parkes NSW, 2870. Include a cheque for the rego fee (\$46) and provide a phone number so they can contact you for a credit card approval. If you are happy to post a credit card authority then do that instead of the phone option.

Service NSW will return your registration by post.

As of October 31 all Historic vehicles that remain due for registration will be classified as 'Suspended' for a period of 3 months and will be treated as unregistered. Accordingly these vehicles must not be driven until registration is renewed. A pink slip will be acceptable to re-establish registration (rather than a blue slip) provided it is not more than 6 months old.

You are only permitted to drive your unregistered vehicle on a public road to obtain the Safety Check or for another purpose directly associated with the registration process.

Once you have received the Safety Check, you will be able to renew your vehicle registration with the existing plate, at no additional cost.



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POSITIONS VACANT

We are a volunteer club and rely on our members to fill positions.
Can you help? Please contact any of the Directors.



The cars are not released till after the air show finishes, and then there's usually a big traffic jam, so I really don't plan to get home till quite late after WOI!

Please don't let me put you off attending I just want you to understand the reality of becoming one of the WOI 2021 display items with your car. It's a great day with terrific aviation assets both on display and flying and lots of good ground exhibits, food stalls and souvenirs for family and kids.

The Illawarra register's program remains temporarily suspended during the current NSW Govt Covid lockdown policies, so all events have been cancelled at least till the end of October, whilst we await easing of restrictions.

Forever optimistic, we believe the restrictions will have eased sufficiently by November, so we have scheduled an MG Car Club Illawarra Register run for the Saturday 27 Nov 2021.

Wings Over Illawarra Sat 27 Nov 2021

Again, I want to invite you to attend as a participant for our long-delayed Wings Over Illawarra 2021 event- which is now rescheduled for Sat/Sun 27-28 November 2021. (Note:- I have again re-checked with the event organisers, and at the time of writing this article, mid Sept 2021 the event is still scheduled to take place.

You must however prebook yourself to get your car registered to attend and get an admission pass.

To book:- please go to:-

<https://wingsoverillawarra.com.au/get-involved/classic-vehicle-registration/>

I have already registered the MG Car Club of Sydney as a Club attending WOI 2021, so please register your own car and attendance using that Club option. You can attend on both days if you wish, but we are requesting that you commit to Sat 27th Nov to attend.

You can only register to attend through the WOI website as above, and you will need to provide a valid email address so you can receive both confirmation of your booking and a ticket attached to the e-mail.

To gain entry on the day, print your ticket or show it for scanning at the entrance gate, or by showing the same image on your smart phone.

Directions for attending and joining the car display are already up on the WOI 2021 website

Some reminders of the conditions for attending in a display car:-

- When you register you and your car are free, but you need to pay extra for any other passengers

- It is a very long day as

We need to be in place quite early which means an RV of about 0815 near the Albion Park Rail airport (we used Hungry Jack's at Yallah last time so at least you can get breakfast!)

Booking Accommodation

At the last monthly meeting of the Club, our President raised the prospect of making this a significant club event with a Friday-Sunday commitment of (e.g. attending Wings on the Sat and then a trip e.g. to the Southern Highlands on the Sunday.)

Some locally based advice- the large attendance at WOI every year quickly uses up all the available accommodation for the whole weekend, and most of the booking options will only accept a 2 night booking e.g. Friday and Saturday- simply because they can sell every room many times over that weekend.

So whilst we are deciding what the Club event might be, I recommend the following as excellent options that are less well known, and provide car spaces next to the accommodation:-

- Bulli Beach Caravan Park- the beachfront cabins here are modern and superbly located and of very good standard with two cafes nearby to get breakfast.

See:- <https://www.wollongongtouristparks.com.au/bulli/>

- Corrimal beach Caravan park- similarly located but not quite as nice as Bulli and has its own cafe.

See:- www.wollongongtouristparks.com.au/corrimal/

- Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort- well-appointed cabins, and also with shop and restaurant on site.

See:- <https://www.wslr.com.au/>

- Windmill Motel Woonona – an older motel comfortable and on the old Princes Highway.

See:- <https://thewindmillmotel.com/>

- Novotel Northbeach- the 'up market' option in Wollongong with a superb beachfront location and underground guest parking.

See:- https://all.accor.com/hotel/1654/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

My advice is if you are not planning on a long 1 day of drive down for an early start, attend WOI and then drive home, then I recommend that you book a 2 night stay for Friday 26 Sat 27 Nov by booking through the above website(s)

Please support it if you can, and book early and come on the Saturday to show off your MG!

Some Photos of Previous Wings Over Illawarra events

Michael Hough Illawarra Registrar

Club Run - Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens

Sunday 14 November 2021

Join us, if you are fully vaccinated on our first end of Lockdown Run from Windsor to the beautiful Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens. There an area will be set aside for us on the BBQ Lawn where you can enjoy your self catered picnic lunch, use the BBQ facilities, or avail yourself of the on-site cafe. After lunch you will be free to wander around and enjoy these spectacular gardens



Meet: 9:30 am on Mosses St. **McQuade Park**, Windsor (opposite St Mathew's Church) for a **10:00 am departure**.

Bring: Bring your MG, picnic or BBQ lunch, chairs and picnic rugs. (Limited tables will be available on the lawn.) Please ensure you have your vaccination certificate.

Cost: No Cost (The hire fee for the BBQ Lawn will be covered by the Club)

Bookings: Bookings are to be made via the MGCC Sydney web-site (mgcarclubsydney.com.au). Go to the Calendar, find the event and click register. Numbers are limited.

Organised by the MGB Register (John Clarke, parclose@optusnet.com.au). All welcome.



2022 MG National Meeting

“MGs by the Lake”

Bulletin 2_ - September 2021



Planning is progressing well for MGs by the Lake and much has happened since our first Bulletin. We have confirmed arrangements for all of our competition and social venues and detailed planning for all events is underway.

Expressions of Interest

Thank you to everyone who has visited the NatMeet 2022 website and provided your contact details via the “Express Interest” form. All of you should have received this Bulletin directly to the email address you provided.

If you are considering attending and have not yet completed an expression of interest then please go to the website, click on the “Express Interest” button and provide your email contact details.

At the time of writing this Bulletin we have received over 160 EOIs representing more than 300 people, including over 280 who have indicated that they are likely or very likely to attend.

Maximum Numbers of Registered Entrants

The very strong response received so far has prompted the organising committee to carefully consider the maximum numbers of entrants that we can cater for at each event. Assuming that covid-19 restrictions allow a “traditional-style” NatMeet event, then the limiting factor for overall full competition and social entries will be the capacity of Club Macquarie’s auditorium for the evening social events, which will vary depending on the specific covid restrictions in place at the time.

We may need to consider alternative registration options that might enable more people to attend and participate, but perhaps in different ways to those we have been accustomed to.

Given the uncertainty of predicting covid outbreaks, lockdowns and other government restrictions, we intend to make final decisions regarding the meeting towards the end of 2021. We are quite confident that the meeting will be able to proceed in some form, barring a lockdown affecting Lake Macquarie or closure of state borders.

Details of the registration options available and the process to be used, including payment and refund arrangements, will be determined and published at the time when registrations open.





Covid-19 Considerations

“MGs by the Lake” will be run under a Covid-19 Safety Plan registered with the NSW Government.

The National Cabinet has recently announced a 4-stage transition plan for the gradual removal of Covid restrictions in Australia and a return to “normal” life. Each stage of that plan is dependent on increasing levels of vaccination, and at each stage restrictions are likely to be less strict for those who are fully vaccinated. It seems likely that some form of “vaccination passport” will be implemented to enforce these restrictions.

For these reasons the event organisers strongly urge all intending entrants to “roll up your sleeves” for the covid vaccination at the earliest possible opportunity. This will improve the chances of the event proceeding and will also reduce the likelihood that you personally will be prevented from attending due to restrictions, illness or lockdown.

A Reminder about Accommodation

As mentioned in Bulletin 1, MGs by the Lake will coincide with the Australian Deaf Games being held in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, and this will create additional demand for accommodation in the area.

A list of hotels, motels and apartments that are convenient to most of the event venues is provided on the NatMeet2022 website, and we strongly encourage clubs or individuals to make reservations as early as possible to secure your preferred accommodation.

We have heard that some clubs have already reserved large blocks of rooms at some of the listed venues.

We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Lake Macquarie at Easter 2022.

REMEMBER, to ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the “Express Interest” button and provide your contact details to be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.

Contacts for more Information:

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Secretary - Fran Hodgson - mgnatmeet2022@gmail.com



To celebrate our rich heritage and bright future, we are delighted to invite you to MG Motor Australia's annual Show and Shine event.

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CHANCE TO WIN OVER 40 AMAZING PRIZES!

Full submission details and T&Cs are available at <https://mgmotor.com.au/show-and-shine-entry/>
*MG Motor donation will be capped at \$20,000 in total.

MG Motor Australia rallies its owner community with return of virtual Show and Shine

MG Motor announces return of virtual 'Show and Shine' a celebration of MG vehicles and the passionate community that surrounds them

All entries support Australian Red Cross

Event takes place from Wednesday 15 September - Friday 15 October

MG donating \$30 for every vehicle submitted

Sydney, Australia, 15 September 2021: MG Motor today announces the return of its virtual Show and Shine experience. Following the success of last year's inaugural event, the month-long celebration will pay tribute to generations of owners, stretching back to the brand's rich motor car heritage, through to its rapidly growing base of modern MG customers.

This year's Show and Shine will run for a month and will once again be completely virtual, with every vehicle submitted earning Australian Red Cross a \$30 donation from MG Motor.

In a time when many of us have been living more at home, the event provides an opportunity to spotlight the many colourful stories, cars and owners, who hail from all walks of life. Amid an unfolding pandemic, Show and Shine was created to unite MG owners nationwide, many of whom would in normal times be active participants in various physical car shows around Australia.

"Following on from the success of our event last year, we're delighted to continue with what we hope to be a long tradition with our virtual Show and Shine," said Peter Ciao, CEO of MG Motor Australia and New Zealand.

"The past year has taught us the value of connection, commonality and celebration of the things that really matter. That is why we're again rallying our MG family together to going not only celebrate each other, but also support the wider community and Australian Red Cross."

Supporting those in need has always been a key priority for the MG brand.

Since relaunching into the local market, the marque has been actively involved in charitable affiliations with the South Western Sydney Hospital District, Mission Australia, the Salvation Army and Australian Red Cross.

MG Motor invites its owners, enthusiasts, and fans to get involved and submit their MG.

To take part visit: MG Motor - Show and Shine

The URL to the competition landing page is: <https://mgmotor.com.au/show-and-shine-entry/>

2022 MG Calendar Supporting MG Foundation Victoria



The foundation are launching an appeal to assist with further upgrades to the historic Rob Roy Hillclimb track.

The hillclimb track history goes back to 1936, and at the time of construction, Rob Roy was one of 3 purpose built hillclimb tracks in the world, the other were Shelsey Walsh and Prescott in the UK.

Recently the MGCCV won a State Government sponsored community motorsport grant of \$495,000 and the MG Club of Victoria is contributing an additional \$100,000.

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My TF Story

Ray Johnson



Owning an M.G., particularly a T Type, brings with it a number of enjoyable and fulfilling experiences. The visual, the driving experience, for some the mechanical tinkering, for the capable and bold, what is commonly termed, "a ground up full restoration" and for those of us not fortunate to possess such skills, the sheer pleasure in keeping our T Type M.G.s in showroom condition.

To top all this off a growing interest in owning them and the benefits that such a custodianship can offer.

It would come as no surprise to all that at some period during our past we owned one particular motor vehicle that massaged our ego and became a collectable that today delivers investment potential and best of all, is capital gains tax free.

With me it was more than one. It began with a Holden FJ Ute, then a Ford Prefect, followed by a Vauxhall Velox, then came my first M.G. TF, an "S" Series Valiant, an XP Falcon, a 1967 VE Valiant Ute, (quite a rare vehicle today) a second "S" Series Valiant.

Then came the modern sedans and SVUs which are never likely to deliver the slightest investment potential.

Their future lies with the crusher at the scrap yard.

As I am now retired, I have found life to be as busy as ever, however my interest in owning a classic motor vehicle and the demands that can bring, was sparked by a long term friend who had recently purchased a new Ford Mustang; not really a classic and not a purchase I would entertain.

Nevertheless that's where it began.

Out of the collection of cars I had previously owned, the M.G. TF stood out and as a retirement interest, it was definitely the pick of them all.

It was 1968/69 when I first owned an M.G. TF and that was before life's responsibilities took hold. After parting with it, in 1970, having made a \$50.00 profit, I was oblivious as to its growing collector appeal. At the time a car with wooden components, frame and floor and those sometimes troublesome SU Carbies, was something of a turn off.

Not today; the uniqueness of such are features. You only have to observe the current interest in the T Type M.G.s and their increasing value to be drawn closer to ownership and so today I am the proud owner of another 1954 M.G. TF 1250 Roadster, and very pleased to be so.

My endeavours to purchase another M.G. TF commenced back in early 2019. I had already become a member of the M.G. Car Club Sydney after looking for a Sydney club online.

Initially the motivation to join a club was to source an avenue to a reliable purchase as I was apprehensive about buying one through Carsales.Com etc., and contact with club committee members seemed to be the best way to start my search.

I really had no idea of the extent of benefits and assistance that club membership offered. Help was forthcoming which led me to a quality vehicle previously owned by a fellow club member.

References were provided and after inspecting an Ivory coloured TF for sale through the club channels, I decided against it as the colour was at odds with my memory of the red TF I had owned 50 years back.

Next came enquiries with another club member, that person being a collector and a British car enthusiast. He needed to make room in the overflowing workshop and storage environment at his residence.

I was referred to the owner by the club President (of the first club I joined) to whom I am very grateful.

I made contact with the owner and the more we conversed the more convinced I became that his TF was the one for me.

However a problem arose! He had committed to placing the car with Shannons Motor Auctions, to be included in their upcoming auction less than 2 weeks hence.



As luck would have it the Shannon's facility is close to where I reside and I was able to view the soon to be auctioned TF several times, but I was unable to take it for a test drive. One couldn't help but want it just because of its looks.

The Shannon's detailer had prepared the TF to almost showroom standard and its pre-auction mechanical inspection had registered as an 8/10, of course it had the customary British Car oil leaks; they were minor, with all that good news I considered the chance was worth taking.

Now convinced that I should endeavour to secure the car I enquired with Shannons to establish if a pre-auction purchase was possible.

The response was positive providing their expenses to date were reimbursed. More phone calls with the owner and Shannons, an agreement with the owner to split the Shannons expenses, further negotiations, and a deal was struck. The red M.G. TF was soon to be mine!



driven my newly acquired M.G. TF.

In addition it became apparent, via a clogged fuel filter, that the fuel tank was in need of a clean out and chemical treatment to prevent any rust build up. The tank was removed, treated and reinstalled, a further delay.

Finally after six weeks and having parted with \$36,000, my TF was ready to be collected. A drive at last!

It was a bright sunny day and I was off to complete the pickup. I had no expectations as I was still a little foggy about my previous TF and how it felt to drive.

I finalised the bill and it was time to take possession.



Remembering all the steps required to start a manual motor vehicle, knock it into neutral, turn the ignition key, the ticking of the fuel pump brought a smile to my face, then out with the choke followed with a tug on the starter knob. My TF came to life and off I went like a kangaroo, bouncing out of the workshop. I was feeling like a 17 year old learner.



The interior in black. Not original but a common practice in the 60s.

I was both excited and apprehensive, I had no expectations or even a memory of how it felt to drive a vehicle that was now, 66+ years old. It had been 50+ years since I last drove one, in fact, I don't recall at all how it drove back then, considering they were only 16 years old at the time.

It must have been satisfactory, as I did buy it back then. It was just a knock around car and did not stand out as much as they do these days, in fact some of the younger people today ask "What is it?"

Small children, including my grandchildren, look at my TF in amazement, remarking to any accompanying adult, "Look at that cool car!"

Having finalised the sale and to have the new registration arrangements put in place, a pink slip was necessary.

As the TF was still with Shannons I arranged for the mechanic who had carried out the pre-auction inspection, to pick it up in order for a pink slip to be prepared at his workshop and I would pick it up from there.

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One month later and I still had not collected, touched or

I was only 20 metres up the road when a vehicle reversing out of a business driveway, not looking, caused me veer onto the other side of the road and I thought "where's the bloody horn?"

I couldn't even recall where it was on my previous TF, it wasn't till I bumped it by mistake that I located where it was mounted.

That near collision set up the scene for a very cautious drive home. Arriving unscathed I backed up the drive and as I did a number of neighbours in our complex appeared and I was flooded with questions whilst my TF was being admired. I knew at that point I had purchased a special car.

My TF Story- Continued



As the interested neighbours began to disperse I finally had time alone with this stunning little red machine. I was finally hands on in a way I could look closely at all aspects of my M.G. TF, which revealed areas where it's age was showing, some blemishes here and there, but all well within my capabilities to put right.

There is no doubt that the Shannons detailers and photographers are talented in their respective fields and prepare a car to look as though it had just rolled off the production line.

As is the case with the purchase of many a classic vehicle it generally comes with some evidence of its history, receipts and photographs etc.

Among the documents I had been given were receipts indicating that an engine overhaul had been carried out in 1997 along with other receipts for various parts consistent with normal wear and tear repair works. It was pleasing to note that the car had been maintained as demands arose.

There was no indication of any restoration works, because of that I feel the vehicle is an honest 1954 M.G. TF 1250 Roadster. However in one aspect the car is not quite truthful as the compliance plate shows the production line colour as being black, not M.G. red.

I confess do prefer M.G. red. And the black interior was obviously not original. Nor were the brake drums and the chromed wire wheels, but I think they enhance the look of the car.

The accompanying registration documents show that the previous owner had owned the car since 1994. One slight disappointment however; the numbers don't match!

What comes next for this proud TF owner? Limited space and the lack of specialised mechanical skills, will not stop me from attending to all other repair issues, within my capability, as they arise.

With the unlimited assistance available through M.G. car club membership, repair and improvement activities are well supported.

With this in mind all T Type series owners regardless of skill levels, can look forward to continuing and long term enjoyment along with the pleasure that these cars offer. In addition to enjoying outings, my TF will provide my wife and me with plenty of satisfying moments; and for me alone by keeping it looking good and in perfect working order.

Since acquiring the car I have become a member of 3 M.G. owner's clubs, first with the M.G. Car Club Sydney as well as the MGRA and the more recently formed TTORC.

The later 2 clubs memberships have revealed to me members with a high level of mechanical skill and dedication within the club, all of whom who display these attributes, leaving a novice like me and hopefully a few others, in awe of their capabilities.

I sense there is an expansive pool of knowledge and practical skill willingly shared amongst members which can only enhance the continued interest and preservation of these captivating vehicles.

For me, I find the basic uncomplicated engineering structure, of the T Type in particular, apart from the engine and the drive train, to be a welcoming challenge when repairs and adjustments are necessary. Even the basic service is not a difficult task for those of us who are not so mechanically proficient.

For me it's a learning experience that I'm willing to embrace.

The T Series from the M.G. production lines is unique and holds pride of place in the sports car arena. A British creation that has enriched our lives from its beginnings to this day.

And so, the T Type club members who are drawn to them by their beauty and share a common interest, will continue to carry a strong urge to secure that beauty into the future for those that follow, to continue to enjoy.

Encourage your connections, particularly those who are approaching retirement, to engage in an interest that will reignite their youth and will put purpose into their retirement for years to come.

Encourage them to RETIRE WITH A T TYPE M.G!

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Ray Johnson



Does a perfect man
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A BEER FOR V8 OWNERS

Here is a beer for all the MGBGT V8, RV8 and ZT 260 owners amongst us.

"Never Late in a V8" is a limited release beer from Last Rites Brewing Company in Tasmania.

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Rev Heads Drool !!



A car-obsessed UK dentist who has amassed Britain's biggest private car collection is selling the whole lot for £100 million. James Hull, 53, who founded the James Hull Associates chain of dentists, owns more than 450 rare and classic cars, ranging from multi-million pound rare Jaguars to Winston Churchill's Austin, and a Bentley once owned by Elton John.



With no room to park them all near his home in Kensington, West London, he garages them in vast warehouses in Herefordshire, but has now decided to sell. None of the cars is cheap, but a buyer with particularly deep pockets is needed, because Dr Hull says he is determined to sell the 457-strong

collection as a whole.

He is hoping a buyer will come in with a £100 million-plus offer, making it the highest value car sale in Britain.

With cars represented from every decade since the 1930s, the collection includes a Jaguar D-Type, worth in excess of £4 million, a similarly valuable Jaguar C-Type, and Lord Mountbatten's Mini Traveller, as well as a super-rare 1950s Jaguar KXSS.

The collection also includes a Humber which was owned by the judge presiding over the Profumo Affair and a 1961 Jaguar E-Type which belonged to Britain's world motorcycle champion Mike Hailwood.

Dr Hull, who made his fortune pioneering cosmetic dentistry in the UK, has battled cancer three times in the past four years, earning him the nickname Lazarus to friends. He travelled around the world to track down some of the rarer models in his collection,



shipping them back to Britain and then having them stripped down before rebuilding them.

He said: 'It's the culmination of a life-long hobby. Each car has its own story and all have played a part in the history of British motoring. It's part of our heritage.'

'I'm merely a passionate custodian of this hugely significant part of British history and, with luck, I will succeed in finding a home that can not only be enjoyed and treasured by the British public but also be admired by visitors from across the world.'

A number of Dr Hull's cars have appeared at motor shows around the world, competed in the Mille Miglia Italian road-race, and even been used for the Queen's 80th birthday parade.

There are also dozens of cars which have won concours awards, and a collection of British campervans from the 1940s, 50s and 60s, as well as early Land Rovers, classic Range Rovers, and a Sinclair C5 from the 1980s.



The collection, which is being sold privately, has already had a 'huge amount of interest' from private buyers and consortia, from overseas as well as nearer to home, but Dr Hull hopes it will remain in Britain.

Graham Searle, from the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club, said: 'Dr Hull is a well known Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club member with an immense passion for Jaguar cars'

'Most of his cars are very original or restored to original specification with great attention to detail, and over the years he must have won more concours awards than any other Jaguar collector.'

'He does immense service to the classic car movement in keeping these cars in top condition, and the sale of the collection will attract enormous interest from around the world.'

'We of course hope that whoever buys them allows them to be seen and enjoyed by enthusiasts for years to come.'

He was devastated in 2006 when vandals broke into one of his warehouses, before hot wiring the Jaguars and crashing dozens of them. Police later said they had 'treated the cars like dodgems'.



Over the past decade, prices for classic cars have shot up, outperforming every other investment and sending the value of the collection soaring.

If he finds a suitable buyer,

Dr Hull will need a new hobby, but he's not yet sure what it will be. He said: 'I'm a collector, so who knows what will turn up next. My wife hopes it will be something smaller like stamps.'

Submitted by Robert Smith

2022 Shannons Sydney Classic

2022 Shannons Sydney Classic - Sydney Motorsport Park

13th August Morgan Super Sprint and display setup

14th August Club Display and Concour

As you know, the Shannons Sydney Classic 2021 was unable to be held due to the Covid Restrictions Greater Sydney was under.

The Show was postponed, as we negotiated with ARDC for another available date.

Originally, we were looking for a date in November or perhaps early December, unfortunately SMP is fully booked for those weekends, so we moved our aspirations towards April/May 2022.

We have now heard back from ARDC, and after considering their prior bookings, and commitments, they were unable to offer us any weekends in the first half of 2022.

They have offered us the weekend of 13/14th

August 2022, and the Committee has agreed.

So as with the Tokyo Olympics, SSC 2021 will now be held on the 14th August 2022.

Prior club bookings, tickets, etc. will all be valid for the new date.

Please tell your members to put their tickets somewhere safe that they will remember.

Some have suggested putting the tickets in their logbook, so as not to misplace them.

We are sorry for any inconvenience, Covid has affected us all in many different ways.

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EUROPEAN EVENT OF THE YEAR 2022

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<https://eeoty2022.mgcarclub.be/>

The MG Car Club Belgium is organising the European Event of the Year (EEOTY) in Newport, Belgium from Sunday, 26 June until Friday, 1 July 2022.

Two hotels with sea views, one in Newport and another in Ostend are available for participants.



Registration

Registration will be available on

<https://eeoty2022.mgcarclub.be/> as of Saturday, 6 November 2021

The registration is based on a "first come first serve" basis.

After registering, a message will be sent to the first 251 participants.

To complete the registration a deposit must then be paid within a week. Within 10 days a code will be sent.

This unique code allows you to book directly your hotel room.

The financial settlement of the stay is therefore entirely done through the hotel.

Also, special codes for camping and mobile home programmes will be available. A covered parking is provided and is included in the participation price of the EEOTY -2022.

With the Covid situation in mind, it is also important to mention that a cancellation insurance is provided by the hotel. This insurance is included in the hotel fee.

The price for the European Event of The Year 2022 includes 3 meals a day, all visits and activities.

Offer

The EEOTY team offers you an unforgettable experience. From Sunday to Thursday.

The guests of this event will enjoy beautiful tours, scenic and historic places

Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage City

There will be four groups of approximately 65 cars. Each group has its own specific colour. Each group will drive a different tour each day. Each day the tours will start at the same location, Nieuwpoort Marina.

Environmental Aspect

To compensate for the CO2 emissions, a small contribution is included. We will plant trees in Nieuwpoort.

Programme

Sunday 26 June 2022

From 9.30am on, welcome and final registrations.

Check-in at the hotels 'Sandeshoved' in Nieuwpoort and 'Royal Astrid' in Ostend.

In the afternoon, a visit to the city of Nieuwpoort is planned. Sandwiches are provided for lunch.

In the evening a welcome drink and dinner in both hotels

A first group of 65 cars will attend the Last Post ceremony in Ypres. Transport to/from Ypres is by bus.

Monday 27 June 2022

4 round trips (each trip with about 65 cars) / all the costs for the activities are included in the participation price of the entire event.

Bruges guided tour of the city and a boat trip on the canals of Bruges.

Belgian coast and Zeeland (Netherlands) with magnificent scenery (Polder- Coast Route)

Belgian breweries and specialties (Bier and Pekkerstour)

Yser Frontline & Ypres Salient Tour

In the evening the Last Post for group 2

Tuesday 28 June 2022

Same as on Monday, but a rotation for the rides and the Last Post for group 3

Wednesday 29 June 2022

Same as on Tuesday, but a rotation for the rides and the Last Post for group 4

Thursday 30 June 2022

Same as on Wednesday, but a rotation for the rides. Gala dinner at Ostend Casino

Friday morning 1 July 2022

Checkout

Lockdown & Locks

Lockdown has given me the opportunity to fix one job that had been annoying me but had been put on the 'to do' list as I was not sure how the issue was to be fixed!

When I put my green MGB on the road a couple of years ago the ignition key would only operate in the ignition and glove box – it would not operate either the door or boot locks, and I had no key for these, as they came from different 'parts cars'.

A search on Google and I was ready to attack the problem. First the locks had to come out of the car. The boot lock is easy, just unscrew the internal large locking ring holding the lock and handle to the boot lid and away it came. Door locks came out after removing the waist rail, window winder, door handle, door pull and the multitude of screws holding the door card to the door.

Mine is a pull handle car, and the lock is held in the door by a large clip on the inside, and after removing this the lock together with a connecting rod simply pulls out. (Push button handle cars have a slightly different system, but the cylinder and barrel operate in the same way).

The connecting rod is held onto the lock cylinder by a circlip, then another circlip holds the cylinder in the barrel.

The boot lock has a small bolt holding an actuating lever onto the end of the lock cylinder, then again a circlip holds the cylinder in the barrel.

With the cylinders removed it is easy to see how the locks work when the key is inserted, and I found that two of the cylinders operated correctly with the ignition key, but a build-up of dirt was stopping the cylinder rotating in the barrel, so a quick clean fixed two of the three!



Picture 1 shows the cylinder without the key, and the five spring loaded 'pins' are extended and stop the cylinder rotating in the barrel.

How Much are Your Vinyl Records Worth?

Vinyl records are one of those collectible items that can involve a fair amount of digging (as a tour of local garage sales or an estate lot might reveal) or are highly curated (i.e. someone else is sourcing the hard-to-find, mint-condition, albums for you since most collectors aren't snapping up records just to keep them in the plastic sleeves and out of direct sunlight).

Despite the advent of streaming music, there's solid proof that records aren't ready for their last spin at all. If you're sitting on records that you wish to sell, or starting to dip your toe into the market as you build your own collection, it's important to know that the value of vinyl has surged tremendously in recent years. Their ability to captivate a wide audience filled with 20-somethings as well as those who recall turntables in their bedrooms as a teen is part of what makes this sector of collecting so intriguing. Below are a few notable examples of the prices that certain vinyl records have commanded at auction, including the most valuable vinyl records. According to Statista, 27.5 million vinyl records were sold in the United States in 2020 – a 46% increase over the previous year.

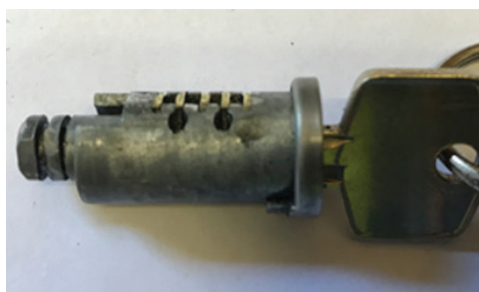
The current market for vinyl records

First off, don't fret, great bargains are still to be had. For example, in June of this year, Invaluable.com hosted a vinyl-record auction featuring the debut 1989 album, *Pretty Hate Machine*, by industrial-rock band Nine Inch

Greg Fereday



Picture 2 shows the key inserted, and the five 'pins' should all be flush with the surface to allow the cylinder rotate in the barrel.



Picture 3 - After a quick grind to those 'pins' still extended and now the same key works all locks!

There is still enough length on the 'pins' to stop the cylinder rotating without the key, although it may make picking the lock easier – but who is to know!

Re-assembly and putting back in the car is the reverse of removing, but locating the connecting rods to the locking lever in the car is somewhat of a 'fiddle' as it has to be done by touch. It is important to put Loctite on the small bolt of the boot lock, as should this come unscrewed and the lever fall off there is no way to open the boot without causing expensive damage! (It is wise to check this bolt is tight on your car)

Now if only I could find a locking fuel cap with the same style of lock I would only need one key instead of the two I now need.

Greg Fereday



Nails, with the starting bid at \$25 and from EJ's Auction & Appraisal in Glendale, Arizona.

But collectors know that the winning bid usually soars much higher. In fact, several auctions in 2021 commanded very high bids, like a signed copy of The Beatles' Sgt Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band, which eventually sold for £28,000 via Bonhams (May 2021).

Obviously, having a signed album spikes the value, as does any limited-edition artwork from a well-known name like Jean-Michel Basquiat, Banksy or Shepard Fairey. In fact, Basquiat's artwork that adorned The Offs' first album in 1984 was auctioned on Invaluable in October 2020 for \$1,400 with an estimated \$2,000 to \$2,500 value. It came from a private collector in New York City and was handled by Stanford Auctioneers. Around the same time, eBay was auctioning off the same record, with a buy-it-now offer of \$9,075.

Kristine Hansen- In Good Taste

Submitted by Robert Smith

MG Motor UK Sells 20,000 Cars



August, MG held a 1.6% share of the UK's new car market and achieved 2.2% of the nation's total registrations in the last full sales month.

MG Motor UK Commercial Director, Guy Pigounakis, said: "To pass the 20,000 milestone with three-and-a-half months to go is incredible news and it shows just how popular our new models are with the British car buying public, and also how engaged and driven our dealer network is as the brand continues to grow.

"MG is rapidly establishing itself as a major player in the UK car market and a highly desirable franchise for dealers, as evidenced not only by our record sales, but also in the sustained growth and geographical spread of our dealers across the UK, who are doing

The 20,000th car – a Battersea Blue MG ZS – was sold privately by OC Davis MG of Camarthen, taking the brand above the landmark figure for the first time and beating the 2020 sales volume of 18,415.

a great job in engaging the public with our amazing brand."

In 2020, MG saw a sales rise of 41% over 2019, while at the end of August the brand had achieved a 65% year-on-year growth in new registrations, driven largely by new models such as the MG5 EV and MG HS Plug-In Hybrid. MG also has the highest pure EV mix of any manufacturer selling both electric and ICE models. As of the end of

MG currently offers six models in the UK including three plug-in cars – the established MG ZS EV, the game-changing All New MG5 EV, and MG HS Plug-in Hybrid, all backed up by MG's comprehensive 7-year manufacturer's warranty and fast-developing dealer network.

*Note: Press release courtesy of MG Motor UK.
Submitted by Ros Bastian*



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Goodwood's first post-lockdown breakfast club took over the West Sussex circuit yesterday (Sunday 1 August 2021), with a very well attended classic car-themed gathering, fueled, as ever, by bacon rolls, sausage baguettes and the like, and washed down with more than 5000 cups of tea and coffee.

A friendly atmosphere prevailed at what was for many their first meet in more than a year, but what impressed more than anything was the number and diversity of classic cars on display, it really was jaw-dropping.

More than 10,000 people enjoyed the event, which featured around 1000 pre-1981 vehicles parked in the paddocks and also along a mile stretch of the famous circuit. Here we present just a flavour, really just the tip of the iceberg.



Submitted by
Robert Smith
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I attended a car show today and my little Midget drew some admirers.

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Others stopped by to say the name Midget was politically incorrect and what a silly world we live in.

I guess midget racers and midget subs are also on the offensive list; perhaps (since I don't understand such things) I am on it as well!

Jim Gude. Tehachapi California. 1974 MG Midget.

Submitted by John Clarke



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Covid Innovation - Gear Knobs for MGs



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When no alternatives were available, I have commenced turning Australian timber gear knobs. They have 3 coats of flooring, 2 pack clear gloss enamel, then polished.

There are many types of beautiful timbers available, so people can ask for various colouring, ie Red Gum, Box Gum, spotted pine, Tassie Oak and London Plain etc.

Prices start at \$110 each depending on the insert and the timber requested, plus freight.

A few people have seen them and ordered, in Sydney and Perth and I have had several inquiries from the UK.

I found a supplier also for all of the gear pattern inserts or I can put the MG logo on them, depending on the customers requirements.



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Classifieds - Cars



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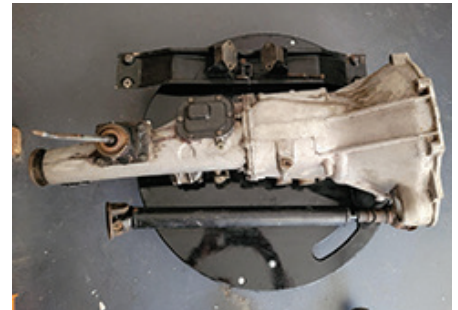
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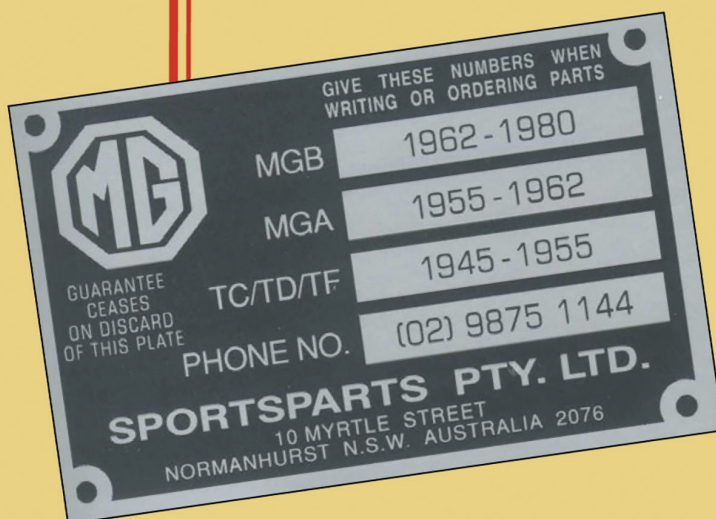
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