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May President's Report

I have just returned from the breakfast run to the Boathouse in Patonga organised by Julie Porter-Stephens. I am sure there will be a report elsewhere in Opposite Lock this month, so while I will say it was a great run, I will leave it up to others to fill in the details.

What was pleasing about this run is that there were a number of members who attended that I have not seen on too many runs before, including new member Sheridan Evans in her lovely MG Midget.

It was great to see you all.

One of the good things about our Club is that we have lots on for you to enjoy in your MG. Coming up this month we have our Member's Gathering at Strathfield Golf Club, Don Young's Touring Run to the Great Ocean Road and Halls Gap, the Club Run to the Nepean Dam, organised by our Magnette Registrar, Peter Baldry, and the CMC Motor Heritage Day.

So, get out your MG and join in the fun. And if you haven't been to an event before, don't be bashful, come along and introduce yourself.

You will have seen in my column before, and elsewhere an ad in the magazine that we desperately needed a couple of volunteers to organise our Concours & Display Day in October and our participation in the fabulous All British Day in September.

My calls have been answered and I would like to thank Jacques Calluud for coming forward and volunteering to organise the Concours and John O'Neil for volunteering to organise our participation in the All British Day. Thank you both.

But of course, they will also need your help on the day with these events, so don't be backwards in coming forward when they ask for your assistance.

And while on the All-British Day please note that it will not be held at the King's School this year. The event is moving to the Hawkesbury Showground and will still be held on Sunday September 15.

We have also had David Dyer offer to keep our Club Facebook page up to date with interesting photos and snippets. Facebook is an important channel for us to reach not just our members but others in the broader MG community.

We have been a bit slack in the past in keeping this current and interesting. However, David can't develop the content on his own, so please send him your photos and other information. You can email him at: david@modernclassiccars.com.au and don't forget to cc Seth & Hilary so we have a constancy in our communications .

Well that's it from me for another month.

So get out your MGs and enjoy all of the wonderful runs and activities we have for our members.

John Clarke



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!

Lucy Berwick MGF & TF

Mark Franklin TF

David Hodge MGA

Deb Hodge MGA

David White MGB

Steve Reissis MGB

Active members 834



So, you have bought a 'new' MG, or you have unearthed one long lost in the garage or you have finally finished that 'long, long, longer than you expected restoration & decided to now join the club.

We want to hear your story!

Please send a short story about your car by email

and do not forget some pictures!

to: editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au





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May 2024 Cover:

Syd Reinhardt's MGTC winning second place at the National Concours.
Photo. Hilary Wren

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May Members Gathering. 14th May Strathfield Golf Club

Our speaker for the evening will be Colin Stacey, a Brit who has been in Australia for 40 years. Colin was born London 1940's and educated at Clarks Grammar School and then University of Hawaii Business Studies.

Married with two children Colin migrated with family to Australia 40 years ago. Colin's interests are family, classic cars, antiques, mechanical watches, eating & drinking.

Until retirement Colin was Export Manager for Rheem/Solahart travelling mainly to the Gulf, China, Korea, India & A.S.E.A.N. he's maintained his interest in classic cars having imported two to Australia, an Alvis TD 21 and the Gilbern G.T.1800, the latter of which he shares with his son Clive.

Colin will bring the Gilbern G.T. 1800 to club events having nearly completed its restoration. The Gilbern is closely related, its running gear being pure M.G.B save the rear suspension which is live axle, trailing arms, Panhard rod, coils and dampers.

Colin expressed his appreciation at the warm welcome to the club together with the interest shown in "your kissing cousin" the Gilbern G.T.1800 watch this space.

Matt Crawford



Magnette Run to Nepean Dam Sunday the 5th May



Meet at the Dam at 10am for morning tea followed by lunch around 12.30
BBQ is available for those that wish to cook their lunch and hot water is on tap.

There is a covered area with tables and benches

All models and marques welcome

PS. This run was originally going to Wentworth Falls Lake, however parking costs were prohibitive.

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National Motoring Heritage Day

Sunday 19 May 2024
Berry Showground, Berry NSW
7:00am – 2:00pm

Theme – Fashion and transport through the years 1900 to 1990's.

Displays of Vintage, Historic & Classic Vehicles & Bikes.

All ages & marquees welcome.
Awards for best period costume.
Judging 9am – 12noon

Entry Fees – cash only at gates
Vehicle \$10 Spectators \$5 Family \$10

Enquiries & registration
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Hosted by Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club Inc.
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Car clubs and private entries to be received by 7th May.

Shops, restaurants, accommodation, wineries, stay for the weekend in Shoalhaven.

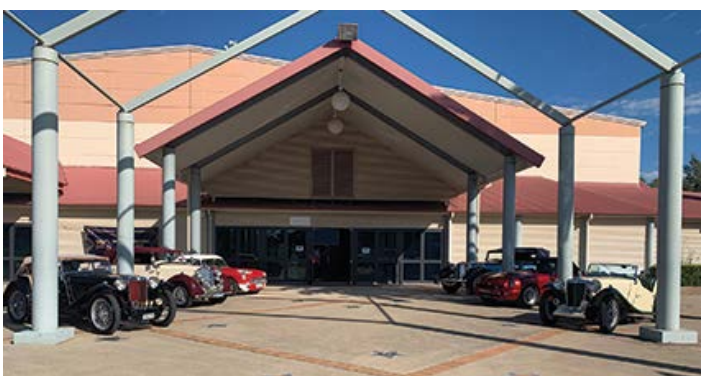


Tamworth National Meeting Celebrating 100 Years of MG



In preparation for the National Meeting in Tamworth the NSW Committee held a meeting every 2 weeks from the middle of January to ensure we got the Centenary Event over the line. Our final meeting was at Stuart Ratcliff's workshop on Sunday 17th March, ten days prior to the event kicking off, where we did pre-registration for the Sydney Club to iron out the bugs for registering 270 MG enthusiasts in Tamworth. Hilary

Registration & Scrutineering at TRECC

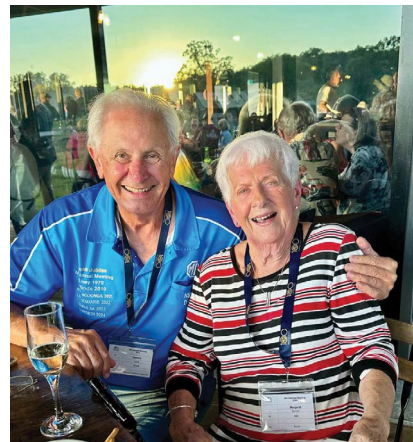


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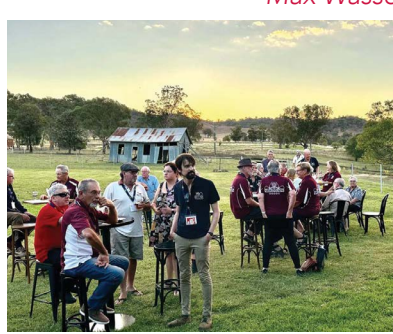
Friday night saw all the National Meeting participants heading for Dungowan Station, a working sheep & cattle farm, which is also a brewery. The fabulous function venue is attached to the old shearing shed.

With wide verandas overlooking green paddocks and comfortable seating for all, this was a perfect venue for this casual get together which signaled the beginning of a great National Meeting which exemplified fun and friendship.



We were greeted by bar staff who poured each a complimentary drink of choice and then wandered inside to sample wonderful grazing boards of meats, cheeses, olives and other delicacies. Then, throughout the night, staff wandered among the guests with platters of delicious finger food.

The highlight of the night was, of course, the Rocker Cover racing. Results in June *Opposite Lock*.
Max Wasson



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Tamworth National Meeting Concours

I have never seen such a big mischievous grin on Ros Bastian's face as she approached me at our Sunday evening dinner in Tamworth. Um, this looks like I could be in trouble.

"I've been waiting years to do this to you" were her words. "Finally, I get the opportunity to tap you on the shoulder to do something. What a role reversal". "Congratulations, you get to write an article on the Concours for *Opposite Lock*". I had no time to plead my case before she had run off to congratulate another unsuspecting club member on their volunteering to write an article on another aspect of the Natmeet.

Fair play Ros, but you could have at least encouraged me by providing a glass of nice red!

The primary organising committee for the Concours comprised Stuart Ratcliff & Andy Leondiou. They made a couple of ventures to Tamworth scoping out various possible locations. Initial agreement with the local Council was for an area known as Bicentennial Park. Site measurements were made & a concept layout of cars by class completed. All good. Well, it was until a call to Stuart from the Council said that they had plans to undertake a replanting of the park & it would not be available to us over Easter. No panic, just find another location to accommodate some 150 cars & 250 attendees for the day! An alternate location of Gipps Street Sports Fields was scoped out & agreed with Council. Next steps – access suitability, field measurements, preliminary layout plans & agreement that the space could work for us.

It all sounds so easy doesn't it!

As entries were received once registration was opened the fine tuning of the Concours layout progressed. Again, it sounds so easy, doesn't it? The new venue, which was a little bit further away from the city cafes, shops & facilities meant that we had to provide a food van, toilets & tents to accommodate officials for the day as well as shady places for entrants to cool their heels whilst their cars were being judged. No problem for Stuart & Andy, organised without any fanfare.

With the amount of "stuff" to be transported to Tamworth for the Natmeet it was decided the best option was to hire a truck. This was arranged & a team of volunteers assembled at the Club storage facility & then move on to Stuart's workshop to load up the truck with all the paraphernalia such as regalia, medals, trophies, bollards, witches hats, line marking equipment, rocker cover racing track, tools etc (plus some surprises that the Concours team had up their sleeves).

Eventually we all arrived in Tamworth & a final inspection of the site undertaken on the Thursday. We needed some additional resources from the Council by way of a few tonnes of gravel to smooth out the car entrance to the fields & a dozen extra rubbish bins – the Council were most accommodating in providing same.

Our team of volunteers got busy marking out the fields & allocating classes locations. At the same time our secret Matchbox Display Box commenced construction (see separate article following this from Stuart Jonklaas re the building of the Matchbox).

Display day arrived & with his usual efficiency Stuart had us all at the field (at 5.30am with the field floodlights on of course) to undertake final duties – erection of tents, placing coloured helium balloons around the Concours layout to direct entrants to their appropriate class area once onto the field (this was a great idea & worked very well as we were able to easily direct cars to their correct

locations via a series of coloured balloons & volunteer marshals).

All cars were in place on time & the judges briefing held at 9.30 am. At the briefing all judges were provided with flat caps & old-fashioned dust coats (embroidered of course in honour of the event).

Thanks to Stuart Jonklaas for arranging these.

Action began & all scoring checked after the judges handed in their score sheets before being passed on to Chris & Wes for entering into the scoring system.

Class winners were called to bring their cars to the front line for the outright class judging (Pre MGA, Post TF, Modern). Class & overall results were published in April *Opposite Lock* and are also on the club website. Congratulations to all entrants & prize winners.

Stuart was also determined to secure sponsorship for the Concours to make this aspect of the National Meeting. He called on some of his personal business suppliers who gladly came to the party. Special thanks go to Action Coaches, Frontline, bplighting & Reckless Brewing. By way of recognition you will have seen some special framed printed mesh banners (some 3.5m x 2.5m) featuring Old No 1, An MGB & RV8, & a new Cyberster that we had made to acknowledge their support.

Stuart & Stuart didn't stop there though. They made approaches to MG Motor & the local MG Dealer to support the event. They were successful in both approaches with the local dealer providing us with two new MG's for our use over the entire Natmeet & MG Motor providing sponsorship \$ for the Concours. MG Motor also engaged their publicity department who sent two representatives to join us at Registration & the Concours. They mixed with & interviewed many of the event attendees as well as taking photos & videos. You may have already seen a small compilation that they have put up on Facebook of our event.

We look forward to working further with MG Motor to promote our historic marque.

All in all a fabulous Concours & event overall. As has been said many times these events rely & are successful only due to the work of our dedicated volunteers.

Thanks so much to you all for whatever event you assisted at. He'll be embarrassed I know to read this, but on behalf of the Concours volunteers I want to thank Dom David for providing us with Bacon & Eggs rolls & coffee to keep us going on both the Thursday & Friday of set up ☺.

Stuart, Andy & Stuart, so very well done. You have certainly set an extremely high standard on how to run a Concours event with your new initiatives & special touches. A fitting tribute to celebrate 100 years of the Marque & a very big challenge for those running forthcoming Natmeets.

It's just such a pity that the matchbox that took two days to erect took only two hours to dismantle & pack up!!!

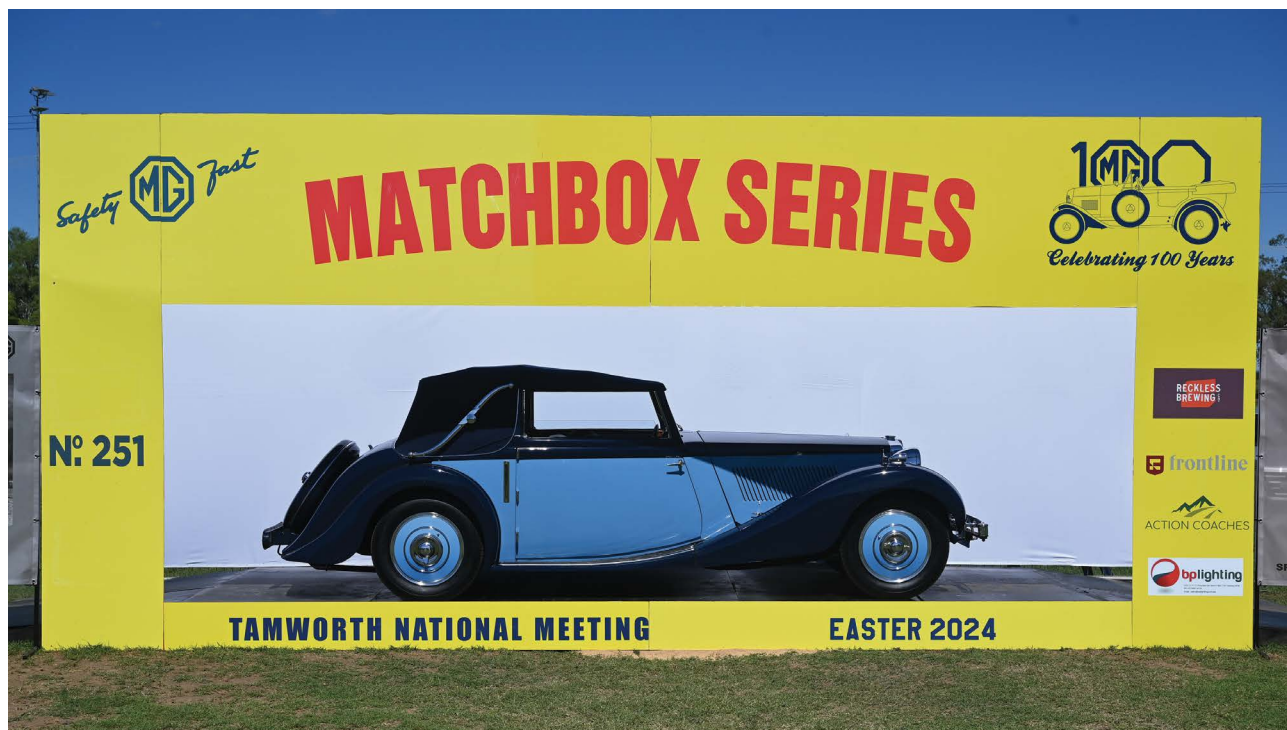
A great Natmeet was had by all attendees. Truly, The Marque of Friendship. And what a great result by our NSW Club, especially coming second in the Wratten Trophy. For those who represented our Club, well done & for all of us the challenge now moves to Albury for the 2025 Natmeet where we need to encourage more entrants from NSW for us to bring home the Wratten Trophy which we haven't held since 1998. We can do it.

And finally, I look forward to that glass of fine red that you owe me Ros!

Robert Smith



To Build a Matchbox!



A casual phone call from Stuart Ratcliff one sunny afternoon was all it took to instigate the biggest construction exercise since the Hoover Dam. He said, "Have a look at the picture I just sent you and see what you think." Then the words just slipped out of my mouth, "We can build that. Dead easy!! "

And so it began, with pictures and measurements of a set of goal posts some 350 kms away, measured by a trusted measurer. The front of the matchbox measured in at just under 7.5 meters and the scaled height ended up at about 3.3 meters!

The hunt was now on for suitable building materials and after lots of false starts, I decided the sign guy who sign writes all of my coaches needed to have his day spoilt, so I broke the news to him that he needed to print this sign and fix it to something we could erect when it arrived in Tamworth. At this point I left him rocking in the corner in the foetal position sucking his thumb. (He also had to do it "Cheap"). A big shout out to Michael McIvor at Valley Signs and Printing in Grafton – he truly never faltered; he did however think I had finally lost it.

So away we went, mentally working out how this was all going to come together, when another victim arrived on the scene. A mate of mine who overnights with us on his way home to the Gold Coast made his usual comment of "What project have you got for me this trip?"Well, he did not know what he was in for!

We built the platform and ramps for the cars to drive onto, that fit behind the goalposts, in one Saturday morning. It was a huge task due to the weights involved requiring carpentry skill and engineering design which, once built, was then dismantled to a point where we could transport it to Tamworth on a car trailer.

Finally, the day arrived, and the aluminum sign-written Matchbox frame was delivered to our workshop. Well, it was huge! The sign writer had never actually seen it laid out in one piece, as his workshop wasn't big enough.

We then went through the process of making brackets to attach all the pieces together and braces to stiffen the panels and then load it onto the car trailer to get it to

Tamworth where the fun started. Little did we know how much more stiffening it would need once we had it up.

Easter Thursday was the day of reckoning. We arrived at the Gipps Street Sporting Complex, then proceeded to put the jigsaw together and attach it to the goalposts. Thank goodness we had a multitude of helpers as a 7.5m x 3.2m sign is not the easiest thing to handle. Then, as soon as we got the whole thing upright, the wind hit us and so did the realisation that we had to brace it, or it would be destroyed. It was also at this point that we discovered the goal posts measured differently at either end, the ground sloped away at the back of the platform and a myriad of other challenges that we did not strike on the lovely level, protected workshop floor!!!

This is where the Army of very skilled and capable helpers, stepped in and constructed braces, tied it down with ropes until it was fixed and did the most fabulous job attaching it all to the goalposts. Thank God for cable ties! The final pieces were put in place early on Saturday morning before the Concours and the Matchbox was complete and it looked amazing! We had bravely left the frame up for two nights with lots of visits overnight to make sure it was safe and were very relieved that nobody decided to graffiti or vandalise it.

To say these helpers were amazing would be an understatement. I won't name you all, as you know what happens, but you know who you are, and I hope I thanked you all personally over the weekend. You made Mr Ratcliff's vision come to fruition.

I saw lots and lots of photos being taken, and I am sure Scott Bailey has plenty for you to look at as he took most cars that went through if not all of them.

I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did making it, something that made our Concours that little bit different.

Stuart Jonklaas



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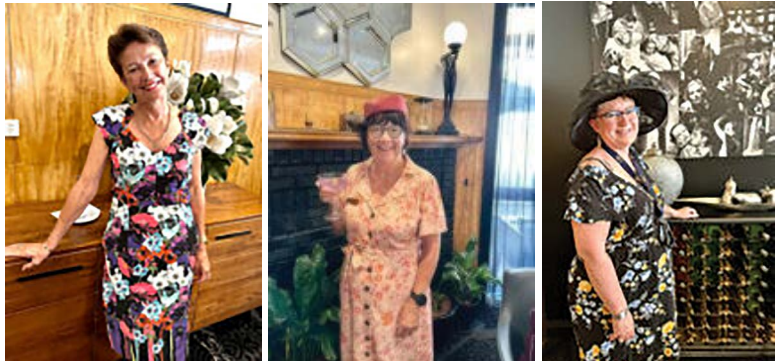
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Ladies Luncheon

After a beautiful morning with all the chrome glistening in the sunshine at the Concours de Elegance, at Cross Park, the ladies attending a luncheon at the 'Deco' restaurant, meeting outside the MG red marque. The ladies met to walk the short distance to the restaurant.

A very pleasant walk to the restaurant, crossing the bridge at Cross Park and then onto town. I remember walking past the beautifully made Peel Street bronze statues of iconic singers Slim Dusty, Joy McKean, John Williamson and Smokey Dawson. A



deco attire, setting the scene for the occasion.

There were approximately 30 ladies in attendance who obviously enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with other ladies from around the country, eating good food and having a break from the Concours.



beautiful suitable tribute to these country singers.

We arrived at the Deco Wine Bar & Restaurant which is CH Boutique Hotel's beautiful in house restaurant, located in the beautifully restored Peel Street heritage wing. The restaurant's dining room was in an art deco theme, very private and the staff were very helpful and pleasant. Thank you to some of our ladies dressed in art



It was agreed that the ladies' lunch was a great success and should be continued at future MG National meetings.

Thank you to the Sydney club organisers Margaret Crawford & Hilary Wren for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Susan Perry.

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You are encouraged to renew your membership, along with any family members, before this date to keep your membership current. Please consider paying by credit or debit card as it is administratively much less work for our volunteers than paying by EFT or cheque.

Please note for those of you with cars using the Conditional Registration Scheme (which covers Classic and Historical vehicles) that membership of a recognised Club is a NSW legal requirement of this Scheme. If you are not a financial member of the Club, then MGCC cannot legally sign the Declaration Form (either 1259 or 1835) and you are in breach of the law if you continue to operate your car whilst not being a financial member.

As in previous years, our membership system will automatically send you an email reminding you that your renewal is due. The email will contain a 'renew now' button. By clicking this button, you will be directed to your profile page where you can check that your personal and car details are complete and still up to date, then follow the prompts for payment where you can pay on line by the preferred method of a credit card.

You can also renew your membership at any time by logging into your profile via the MGCC website <https://www.mgcarclubsydney.com.au/> click the Members button, log in and then the renew

button and follow the prompts to action your renewal.

Whichever on-line option you choose, a confirmation of your renewal and a payment receipt will be automatically forwarded to you by email. Your profile will also be automatically updated to reflect your new renewal date, as will your membership card.

In a world of ever-increasing price rises we are delighted to say again this year that there will be no increase to the fees, they will remain unchanged and are as follows:

- Renewal Individual Member \$100
- Renewal Family of two \$115
- Renewal Family of three \$130
- Renewal Family of four \$145

We appreciate your support and involvement with the Club and look forward to your renewed membership for the coming year.

The on-line system should be simple to follow to renew your membership. If, however, you do encounter difficulties you can contact me either by email or phone.

Lynn Callaud Membership Secretary

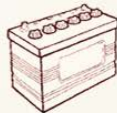
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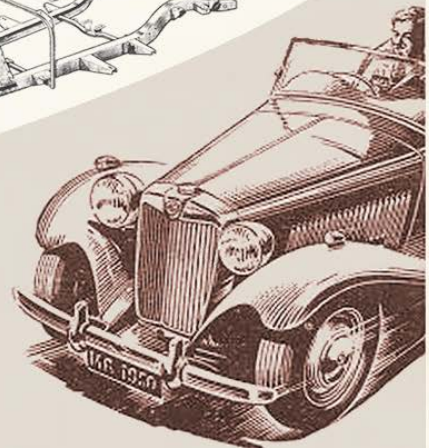
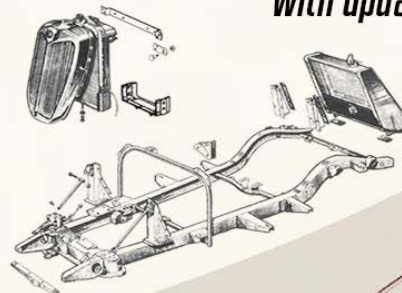


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National Meeting Motorkhana

Easter Sunday 31st March 2024 saw the first of our Motorsport events, the Motorkhana, held at Gunnedah Aerodrome and the Gods must have looked down upon us because we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day.

After a picturesque drive from Tamworth to Gunnedah, we were greeted by a very organised team of officials, headed by the Gunnedah Enthusiasts Car Club who have the licence to run events at the Aerodrome.

A very impressive lineup of competitors had two runs at the three courses on a very hot and, at times, challenging tarmac, with gravel flying and MGs doing what they were meant to do.

The smiles on the faces of the competitors were a testament to the events popularity and the joy of throwing your MG around a group of witch's hats in the right (or wrong) direction.

The meeting was a great success and largely event free, except for the odd mechanical or overheating moment (a bit of water in my RV8 and it came away unscathed!) and with one car losing a very nice brass pipe at the start of one of the courses - which has yet to be claimed!!

Our Club was well represented in both the MGB GT V8 and the MG RV8 classes with three competitors in each, plus one each in the MGTC and MG Specials (post TF) classes with valiant efforts and a swag of trophies to boot:

Class D: MGTC

3rd Place – Syd Reinhardt



Class R: MGB GT V8 and Costellos

- 3rd Place - Stuart Jonklaas
- 4th Place - James Jonklaas
- 5th Place - Granville Harris



Class Y: MG Specials (post MGTF)

- 6th Place - Zig Bluzmanis

Class ZA: MG RV8

- 2nd Place - Suzie Jonklaas
- 3rd Place - Ian Hazeldine
- 4th Place - Max Wasson



A huge thank you to the event organisers and officials for a fabulous day and we look forward to the next National Meeting in Albury where we can do it all over again.

Suzie Jonklaas



ECONOMIC VALUE STUDY OF AUSTRALIA'S HISTORICAL VEHICLES SECTOR



This study into the economic value of the Australian motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicle sector was commissioned by the Australian Motoring Heritage Foundation (AMHF) and produced by economic and advisory consultancy, The Mercurius Group (TMG).

It sets out to measure the contribution of the motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicle sector to the Australian economy in terms of output, value added, jobs and wages/salaries.

Executive Summary

Introduction

This was done in three key steps:

- an analysis of the fleet of Australian motor vehicles to derive an estimate of how many motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicles are in existence;
- a survey of motoring enthusiast historical vehicle owners (through motoring clubs across Australia) to determine their average annual spend on their historical vehicles; and
- the use of a recognised input-output model of the Australian economy to estimate the impact that direct spending by motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicle owners has on the economy.

The team at TMG has extensive experience in conducting economic value studies – for major events, industries and assets. Our team has carried out economic evaluations of the Olympic Games, the Ashes cricket tests, the Rugby World Cup, the Australian Casino Association, Sydney Airport, Fox Studios, various transport assets and development projects as well as various industries seeking government support.



About the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation

The Australian Motor Heritage Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of Australia's collective motor knowledge. We are particularly concerned with the historical knowledge that exists in the thousands of motor clubs across Australia but we are equally concerned to preserve our history of motor racing, of motor cycling, of aviation in all its forms and of road haulage by truck or bus.

We have created a library for this express purpose. It is a research library and we are aiming to make our information available in digital form as widely as possible. Our book and magazine collection has tens of thousands of volumes. We also have a substantial and growing collection of audio-visual items that includes photos, brochures, prints, film and videos.

We can assist anyone who has a genuine interest in Australia's motor heritage.

We do not want to be 'just a library' (although that is a significant part of who we are). Rather, we seek to foster social cohesion through public seminars, lectures and informal gatherings which share our passion for motoring with the widest possible audience. Indeed, we will play a role with overseas foundations and heritage centres having similar objectives.

Motor vehicles have always played a key role in the physical, economic, and social development of Australia. We are dedicated to protecting this heritage through operating a library and including by:

1. Recording and cataloguing the heritage and history of the use of motor vehicles for transportation and mobility.
2. Collecting, preserving, and exhibiting items of significance to this motoring heritage, for the benefit of the community, and making those items available through use including through lending, display and making available for reading (including over the internet).
3. Fostering public awareness and interest, through developing seminars, programs, and publications to educate Australians in this heritage.
4. Creating an educational resource for universities, TAFE colleges, schools, academics and historians; the Australian nucleus for the automotive and advertising industries, journalists, preservationists and inventive entrepreneurs; to be a resource for Australia's thousands of car clubs and a centre for community engagement.

Summary

Our main conclusions are:

1. It is estimated that there are approximately 970,000 motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicles in Australia out of a total fleet that we estimate is around 21.8m vehicles (4.4%);
2. A survey distributed via 834 motoring clubs across Australia was determined as the best way to access and communicate with these historical vehicle owners about how much they spend on their vehicles and related activities each year;
3. 6,296 people responded and those people in turn owned 19,200 historical vehicles. This is one of the largest data sets TMG has ever worked with to determine economic value;
4. The owners of these vehicles spend, on average, \$10,240 each per vehicle owned – around 12.5% more per vehicle (excluding financing costs) than owners of regular vehicle;
5. The three largest areas of expenditure (of the 19 surveyed) on motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicles are mechanical repairs, parts & accessories and bodywork;
6. By multiplying the number of motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicles by the average spend estimate derived from the survey, we can deduce the total amount spent in 2022 on motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicles in Australia;
7. The motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicle sector has a much bigger economic footprint than most people imagine. Once all related expenditures are considered, the aggregate direct turnover of the sector is \$9.92b;
8. This \$9.92b expenditure also has two “multiplier” or “indirect” impacts on the economy – a supply chain effect and a consumption effect. This means that each \$1 spent on an historical vehicle has more than a \$1 overall impact on the economy;
9. The total value of expenditure on motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicles is – including direct and indirect effects - \$25.2b;
10. The impact of motoring-enthusiast owned historical vehicle expenditure creates 78,670 jobs across the country (42,150 direct and 36,520 indirect);
11. Those jobs generate \$6.2b in wages and salaries (\$2.8b direct and \$3.4b indirect); and
12. The motoring enthusiast-owned historical vehicle sector’s value-added (i.e. contribution to Gross Domestic Product) is \$11.4b (\$4.3b direct and \$7.1b indirect).





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2025 MG National Meeting Albury Wodonga



The 2025 MG National Meeting will be hosted by MGCC Victoria and will be held in the twin towns of Albury – Wodonga. After the fabulous showing and attendance by NSW at Tamworth I am sure we can continue to wave the NSW flag and have a terrific contingent in 2025.

Thanks to Dom David for booking the two motels below. We have reserved rooms in both motels so if you are planning to come to the 2025 National Meeting a good idea would be to reserve your room now to ensure you will be staying with the NSW contingent.

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And what does Victoria have to say about 2025?

'They're waiting for us in Albury-Wodonga and they've been very patient. Originally the venue for the pandemic-cancelled 2020 National Meeting, the twin cities on the Murray will finally welcome us for Easter 2025.

We've got a great program of events and venues in mind and planning is well advanced.

"To get things started, we will be using a venue in Wodonga called The Cube for our Noggin 'n' Natter and Rocker Cover Racing. You will know how to find it on Friday evening because you'll have been there for Registration and Scrutineering earlier on Good Friday.

Saturday theme night and Monday night's presentation dinners will be held at one of the major entertainment



and hospitality venues in Albury providing a great space for our premier evening events.

The Concours will take place on Easter Saturday at Gateway Lakes Park, on the Victorian bank - rive gauche - of the Murray River. It's a great open space with plenty to do after you've checked out all the cars. There's some boutique shopping and refreshment venues at the nearby Gateway Village, along with nature walks along the river bank. Food and coffee vans will be available on the Concours site also.

The scenic roads, hills and valleys of the region provide everything a sporting motorist could wish for. The area is replete with historic towns dating back to the gold rush. The scenic Murray River and Hume Weir, winding country roads including the longest remaining section of the old Highway 31, running through towns complete with period shops. What could be better for the Kimber Run and Discovery Run? Be ready for a walk through some of these historic towns to answer the Discovery Run questions, have a refreshment and soak in the atmosphere.



Sunday will be Motorkhana Day for the competitors and the patterns will put all of our memory capacity to work once again. We have a few venues to choose from to suit our motorkhana and will pick the best.

Monday will be Sprint Day at the Logic Centre driver training facility in Barnawartha, a short drive south of Wodonga. This is a great facility with a challenging track and will provide plenty of fun for our sprinters.

Before and after tourism opportunities are nearly limitless in the area, so if you can arrive early or stay a few days you'll be rewarded with some wonderful experiences. Albury and Wodonga have great museums and galleries, along with fine restaurants to enjoy.

Take the time to see Lake Hume, paddlesteamers on the Murray and the north-east Victoria wine and gourmet food region. Fascinating places like Beechworth, Milawa, Chiltern and Yarrawonga are all within easy reach.'

This is sounding like a fun few days, so we need to ensure a strong NSW contingent in 2025. Over the coming months I will try to provide some information about interesting drives to and from Albury – Wodonga and will keep you informed of all that Victoria has planned.

Ros Bastian MGSCC Nat Meet Coordinator

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Breakfast Run to Patonga

Our thanks to Julie Porter Stevens for organising a fabulous Breakfast run to Patonga Beach on Sunday 21st April. A good turn out with well over 40 members on the run to this beautiful location.

Welcoming Eric and Helen Ostler in their beautiful Black MGA, twinning up with Robert & Jill Smith's Black MGA.

We had a great drive up the old Pacific Highway, slight misty rain as we reached the Central Coast, but then cleared for a beautiful Autumnal day.

Hilary





There were many other visitors that morning- so we couldn't park the classic cars together, so the pictures attached are mainly of the people who attended and the interior of the Book Barn and Café. We all enjoyed a very pleasant coffee break and then went and purchased for too many interesting books!

Berkelouw Book Barn itself seems to be thriving- with modernised and extended facilities (a winery and accommodation and functions) as well as the extensive book collections for sale. For full details of the Book Barn see:- <http://berkelouw.com.au/stores/book-barn>

Many of us then chose to drive the small number of extra Km into Berrima, where again we found a pleasant historic building located café and enjoyed lunch, with all then departing early to get home before the very thick traffic became impossibly heavy. I chose to return to the Gong via Macquarie Pass and had a surprisingly good run

On a personal basis, I can strongly recommend this Berkelouw location as a very pleasant country venue to attend and enjoy – as long as you don't try to get there the morning before the Easter holiday break!

Here is a list of the remaining Illawarra register events for 2024:-

May Sunday 19 Motoring Heritage Day Berry

July Sunday 21 Christmas in July Mt. Keira Scout Camp

(NOTE- this event may now be under threat for 2024 only, as the venue is currently closed for major renovations and repairs, and we will keep you posted)

September Thursday 26 Visit to Graham Lord's workshop, Mittagong

November Thursday 28 Lunch run to Greenwell Point

The Illawarra Register events are usually morning events- culminating in a lunch option, except for the Christmas in July lunch function. Please put the attached dates into your diary, and I hope to see you at the remaining events in 2024.

Welcome to another month of classic motoring, and I hope your collection of classic vehicles are in good health, and you are enjoying taking them for a run.

The combined Illawarra Registers of the Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia and the MG Car Club Of Sydney, combined for a run into the Southern Highlands on the Easter eve Thursday morning, and had a very enjoyable time at the Berkelouw Book Barn near Berrima, followed by lunch in historic Berrima.

Our combined registers' organiser Ron Critcher had booked morning tea for our group, and as some were coming from the Illawarra and some from Sydney, a small convoy of 2 X Jags, a Mk 5 and a Mk 2, and 2 X MGF's - left the Fairy Meadow "Maccas", and then battled the (not really surprising) pre-Easter break heavy traffic through to the Hume Highway, where we established there was no one waiting at Pheasants' Nest and again entered a very busy traffic flow which persisted till we went through Mittagong, took the Wombeyan Caves exit (the old Hume Highway) and then had a very pleasant, low traffic run to Bendooley Hill, where we turned in to the (recently very modernised) Book Barn , Café , winery and accommodation.

Michael Hough Illawarra Register





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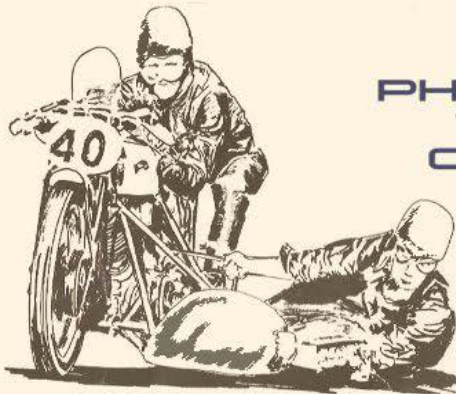
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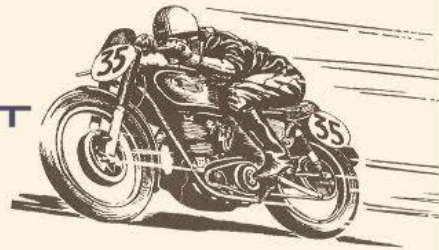
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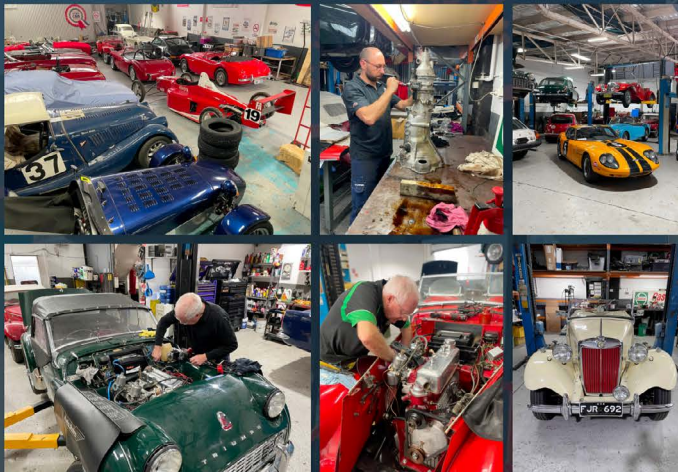
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Moss Motors and Rimmer Bros are being merged by a U.S.-based private equity firm that has announced making "simultaneous investments" in the longtime British car parts suppliers.

Moss Motors, with locations in Goleta, California, and Petersburg, Virginia, catalogs more than 50,000 parts for a number of British cars, including MG, Triumph, Austin-Healey, and Jaguar, as well as the Mazda MX-5 Miata. Founded in 1948 by Al Moss, the company in recent years acquired Jaguar parts distributor XKs Unlimited and U.S. competitor Victoria British Ltd. Moss employs 240 people in six facilities across the U.S., the U.K., and France, serving more than 140,000 customers in over 100 countries.

Rimmer Bros, based in the U.K., supplies parts for Jaguar, Land Rover, MG, Mini, Rover, and Triumph. Founded in 1982 by Bill and Graham Rimmer, Rimmer Bros stocks more than 52,000 genuine, OEM, and aftermarket parts, primarily shipped directly to consumers. It operates one facility, in Lincoln, U.K., and has expanded its catalog to cover modern Land Rovers, as well as more recent MG-Rover cars. With 80 employees, it serves 100,000 customers in more than 150 countries.

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Classifieds - Cars



1968 MGB MK2 Convertible

Indigo Blue

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Restored to original condition in 2013.

Used locally for Car Club events.

Price: \$28,000.

Contact: Albert Johnson

0418 968 004



MGTF 1948

Is offered in original condition from the same owner for the past 53 years.

It was purchased by the present owner in 1971 in a partially restored state. The current owner finished the restoration and finished the car in red.

Receipts for repairs and maintenance available.

Location: Chatswood

Price: \$40,000

Contact: Jim Connelly

02 9412 39 41



1970 MGB Mark 11

Overdrive. Very good condition. Only 87,000 genuine miles.

Chrome wheels and new tyres. On club plates.

Must be sold.

Price: All offers considered.

Contact: Geoff Pearson,

0413 536 930

geoffjpearson@icloud.com



MGY 1949

2nd Place in Class 2022 Sydney Concours, Registration MGY949

Black with red interior this car is a superb example of the MGYA Class. Acquired by the current owner and was meticulously restored. Comes with full service history and receipts. A range of spare parts are included with the car or can be purchased separately for \$250 the lot.

Location: Sydney

Price: \$30,000 ONO

Contact: Peter Sutherland

0419 314 295



MG TC

Harry (of Holden Dealer Team Fame) Firth's Hill climb car. Not raced since extensive restoration.

Extractors, "locker diff" bucket seats

Very good condition

Location: South Coast NSW

Price: \$40,000

Contact: 0474 365 354



1955 TF 1500

Concours condition.

Meticulous restoration

Location: South Coast NSW

Price: \$40,000

Contact: 0474 365 354



1949 MG TC

Excellent condition heaps of extras,

Aero screens, finned brake drums, 16-inch wheels, Quick release Radiator cap, 1500cc motor.

Many new parts, very low mileage since full restoration.

Location: South Coast NSW

Price: \$40,000

Contact: 0474 365 354





Red MGA

If you are looking for a Concours standard MGA, this is not the car for you. If, however, you are looking for something lots more fun to drive, while retaining the MGA panache, this may be the car for you.

The car has had a complete rotisserie restoration with every broken, worn and old part replaced or restored and upgraded.

The car runs the following upgrades and improvements:

- 5-speed manual
- 1950cc five bearing MGB engine, professionally built and balanced
- Steel crank with Carrillo steel conrods
- Roller rockers and forged pistons
- Port and polished HRG Cross Flow Derrington Head
- MSD
- Mapped Autronic throttle body EFI
- Custom ceramic headers
- Large capacity aluminum radiator with electric fan (runs cool in traffic)
- Four wheel Wilwood disc brakes
- Competition CW&P (4.4556)
- Quaife LSD
- Hoyle coilover front suspension
- Composite rear springs
- Konis with panhard rod
- Subtle widened front and rear guards running 205/60 tyres on Minilite 15" wheels
- Steel floors
- Period correct race seats with extra rear travel
- Halogen headlights
- Momo steering wheel

Price: \$60,000.

Contact: Tim Sullivan

0435 727 869

tim_sullivan@hotmail.com



1969 MGC GT

Primrose yellow tourer.

Manual with overdrive.

Full engine and mechanical rebuild in November 2021 by BMC Performance.

New leather seats, new tyres, new brakes, new exhaust and full suspension rebuild. New fuel tank and full pump. New electronic ignition.

Drives magnificently.

Air conditioned.

RWC. Fully registered with custom plates available. Full history & Heritage Trust Certificate.

Chassis GCDI/6595G

Engine 29 GRUH/4198

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We have moved to Perth from Canada and I need a daily driver. I have had it since 2016. Service records go back to 2007.

One of only 258 Oxford Blue RV8's this originally shipped to Japan then imported to Australia and certified by the authorities in Sydney, Nov 1999. It went to Melbourne then to Perth.

Maintained in top notch form by me (I am the current North American MG Enthusiast of the Year), Co-chair of MG2010, 2015 and Chair of MG2022.

Driven only 3-4 months per year since 2016 when we visited Perth. Always garaged.

Custom tow bar for bicycle carrier. (Not certified for trailer towing).

Aftermarket Radio/CD player

Recent Service

- complete head rebuild in 2018.
- ceramic coated extractors 2018.
- 5 tyres 2018,
- clutch master 2018,
- rebuilt heads and head gaskets 2018,
- new triple core radiator, coolant reservoir tank 2018,
- new clutch 2021
- new gear shift lever bushings 2022
- new front end poly bushings 2022
- new electric fan, new pulley belts 2023,
- new windscreen 2023
- Dyno tuned to 160HP.

Price: \$49,500

Location: Perth

Contact: Peter Mittler



Classifieds - Parts



Hudson Supercharger

NEW

Fully refurbished Judson supercharger for MGA for sale.

Housing honed, end plates resurfaced, all new vanes, bearings and seals.

Complete with rocker cover with built-in oiler and fully refurbished original glass bowl Holley carburettor.

Spare intake manifold, all spacers, bolts, etc. different sizes pulleys to change boost levels, manuals.

Will fit MGB.

Price :\$6,000 ONO

Location: Dulwich Hill

Contact Christophe 0402948817

1christophe.roose@gmail.com

Toneau Cover & Rocker Cover Plate

Toneau cover, requires new zipper slide otherwise in good condition (hardly ever used).

Steering wheel: small blemish on one spoke but otherwise in fair condition.

Rocker cover plate: good condition.

Price: All three items \$500 . Neg

Contact: Robert Fitzpatrick

Bateau Bay, Central Coast NSW

0405 781 608

patnbob88@gmail.com



MG Boot.

Ideal for a restoration. Has 2 very small dents, and a little bit of surface rust at one end. There is mechanism on the inside but no button and there is no Octagon.

Price: Make an offer, cash only

Location: Pick up from Bathurst

Contact: Bob Bell : 0408 793 955



Set of MG TF or early MGA wheels
Have been refurbished before new tyres were fitted.

I removed one tyre to inspect condition of wheel.

Fitted with Michelin tyres, about 70-80% tread, 7 years old.

One wheel has a slight difference in the hub profile.

Price: \$50 each or \$200 the lot.

Contact:ianfrost@dodo.com.au

TF Radiator Shell False Nose
including Medallion and Dummy Cap for sale.

Picked up at a Local Swap meet is in very good condition however not appropriate for my TD.

Price: \$250.

Contact: David Suters

whipstick02@gmail.com

Wanted

MGB steering wheel

Original type for an aprox. 1974 model with no slots in the spokes wanted in good condition.

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Price: \$80

Location: Dural

Contact: Bruce Smith
0410 867 509

MG TC New Weather and Interior Replacement Kits in Black.

Brand new parts purchased in 2023 from Brown & Gammons UK. These parts are now superfluous as I am selling my 1948 TC. Prefer to sell as a job lot but will consider individual sales, consider any reasonable offer.

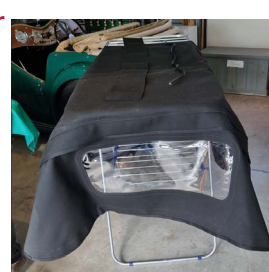
Black Mohair Hood 1 rear window hood, trim, piping & fittings Part #. TCWE1001AD Cost \$970

Black Mohair Tonneau – Full tonneau with a centre & side zips by wheel arches. Cost \$655

Black Mohair Half Tonneau
Cost \$ 590

Black Mohair Side Screen Covers.
Need to fit to existing side screen frames & windows. Cost \$970

Black Interior Trim Kit – Vinyl TC. This includes all interior trim items in black including wheel arches, piping for door panels & around dashboard, doors & behind seats as well as sheet for side screen cover back panel behind seats. Kit Cost \$1440.



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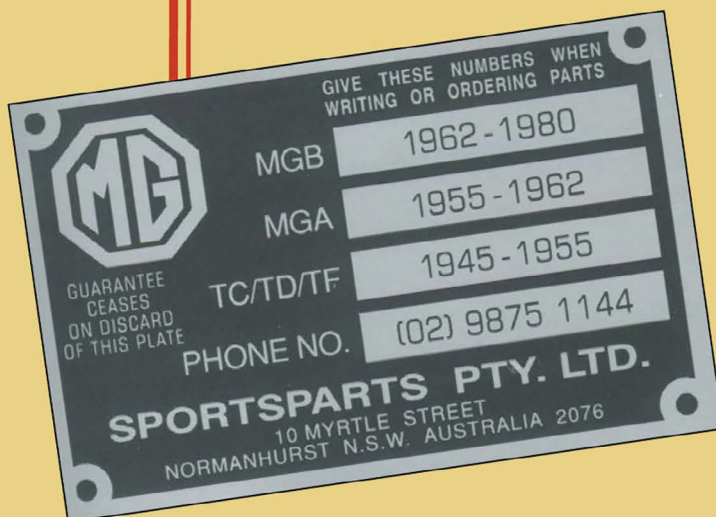
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