



August 2023 Newsletter

Presidents Update

With us halfway through the Winter hopefully everyone is keeping themselves warm and dry especially the MG Vehicles.

Well, a busy time coming up with the AGM in a few weeks' time at the Coach and Horse Inn in Lawrence on Saturday the 19th of August commencing at 10.45 am. Hope to see a great turn out and lots of people putting up their hands to stand for Committee. This is your Club so it is your opportunity to come on board and assist with the running of it, so everybody please give it serious consideration. Over the year we have had a couple of members stand down from committee duties, so we need them replaced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Russell Hawkes for acting as our Bulletin Editor as you know this is a very important job to keep all the Club Members informed. If anyone has any information, they would like to share with Club Members please email it through our secretary and she will send it to Russell. We have had a wee bit of issues with our web site but now I believe it is all up and running the way it should be, but we are always looking for interesting information to add to it. Once again please contact our Secretary with any articles you may have of interest.

To date I have had no input with any technical articles to add to the Newsletter, nor have I had any Buy Sell or Wanted items, I am sure this is something we can build on over the next year

Don't forget voting, voting, voting, you will all have your voting papers by now so please act upon them, hope to see a great turn out in Lawrence, take care happy MG Motoring.

President Bill.

New Members

We welcome new members to the Club.

Mark & Nicola Wilkinson.

Recent Activities

John & Jacqueline Nobels Shortest Day Run June 2023.

A lovely Winter's afternoon on 25th June we arrived at Fairfield for the start of the Combined Morris Minor Club and MGCC run organized by John and Jacqueline.



After socialising while waiting for everyone to arrive, off we went to Waihola and the BYO afternoon tea and more socialising - it was a pleasant surprise to have two of our new members John and Lawrence on the run with us and I think they enjoyed it as much as everyone else did.



Coming Events

Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held at The Coach & Horses Inn, 7 Ross Place, Lawrence

Saturday 19th August 2023 commencing at 10.45am

Details Below



MG CAR CLUB

OTAGO SOUTHLAND CENTRE INC.

AGM 2023 Invitation

Dear Members

Firstly, thank you all for your support during 2022/23. The MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc. (MGCCOS) relies entirely on the voluntary work and contributions of its members and its executive team, in ensuring the Club continues to contribute to the enjoyment of all members.

We welcome you all to the AGM which will be followed by a Luncheon, Annual Prizegiving and Social Time. The Formal Notification of the AGM and the Agenda for the meeting is attached. **Submission of Motions for Discussion** – the Committee does not believe that there are any contentious issue to be discussed at the AGM. However, as noted formally below, Members are invited to submit motions for discussion at the AGM. If any member wishes to have an issue discussed less formally, then please contact the undersigned as soon as possible to have the issue added to the agenda. Members should note that the AGM should be to discuss pre-notified business. However, if a particularly urgent issue is raised on the day it may be discussed at the discretion of the Committee.

Looking ahead...

We want all members to make a positive contribution to the development of our club. We hope that you, our members, will continue to support the MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc. in its bid to make sure that all our voices are heard and included in discussions. We look forward to your continued support in 2024. Please help us in providing an inclusive club for all members, and if you can, come along to our Events during the year. Please note we are always looking for new additions to our club as well as to our executive team so, **make your voice heard!**

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of your Committee

Ngairé Donaldson

Secretary

ngairemgcc@outlook.com



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Agenda

1. Welcome and Safety Instruction
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM
4. Matters Arising from Minutes
5. Reports
6. Financial Statements
7. Setting Subscriptions
8. Election of Officers
9. Election of Committee
10. General Business
11. Meeting Closure
12. Prize Giving
13. Lunch

Meeting Closed

Next MGCC O/S AGM2024

Election of Officers and Committee

An executive of five Officers and a Committee of a minimum of one and a maximum of five is required. Nominations must be for one or more of the specific positions:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Club Captain
Committee Members

Nominations for President will not be accepted unless the nominee is a member of the retiring Committee.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the AGM unless insufficient nominations have been received by due date.

All nominations must be on the specified nomination form (as below) and in the hands of the Secretary by August 12th 2023

MG Car Club (Otago Southland Centre) Inc
2023/2024 Officers and Committee Nomination Form

I/we wish to nominate

For the position of

Proposer Signature.....

Secunder Signature.....

Nominees Signature Date.....

Email to:- The Secretary, MG Car Club (Otago Southland Centre) Inc.
Ngair Donaldson ngairemgcc@outlook.com Dunedin, by August 12 2023
Copy for further nominations

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Official Proxy Form

This form is for any member who wishes to but is unable to attend the 2023 AGM of the MGCC O/S meeting to be held at The Coach & Horses Inn, Lawrence on August 19 2023 and wishes another member to attend as their proxy.

I (name) of (place) being a Financial Member of the MG Car Club Otago Southland Centre Inc hereby appoint

..... (name) as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf

at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on the 19th day of August 2023.

Signed this day of 2023

Name of Member:

Signature of Member:

Name of Witness:

Signature of Witness:

Further Afield Tour 8th to 10th March 2024

Early Announcement



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(OTAGO·SOUTHLAND·CENTRE)·INC.¶



WELCOME TO THE 2024 FURTHER AFIELD (CENTENNIAL) TOUR

When? —on Friday March 8th and finishing by lunchtime on Sunday March 10th.

Where? — beginning on the 8th at the Brydone Hotel (formerly Queens Hotel), Thames Street, Oamaru, with a social hour followed by dinner at 7pm.

Departing by 9am for Saturday's tour to places **further afield**.

How — we will be able to accommodate 20 cars with more accommodation available if required

We need names and numbers by September 30th with a deposit of \$50 payable by November 30th to confirm catering and beds.

Why? - Well, aside from the usual fun of the run, we'll be celebrating the mid-Twenties when Cecil Kimber and his band of Merry Men, (and a young lady, of course) laid the foundations for a sporting marque that would provide fun, friendship and fantastic motoring at a price many could afford. MGs were the original "*safety fast*" sports cars!

Activities. - There will be numerous activities, so we suggest you brush up on your MG history; develop some 1920s style croquet skills; then get your most embarrassing/ interesting/ exciting and (probably) very rare disastrous MG anecdotes together. Make your stories just two minutes long and bring some photos for a display board.

Note — this call for bookings is early as accommodation has been surprisingly hard to find for March next year and we want to be in a position to confirm with our hosts by November 30th. Plus we are reluctant to limit numbers.

We want you to pencil these dates in early to make this a great MG Centenary occasion.

Graeme & Kate Rice - gkrice@xtra.co.nz – text 021 549 850 or 027 4884 589.

Note - Can you please send your expressions of interest to Ngaire and NOT to Graeme and Kate because they are away overseas and cannot receive them. Ngaire Donaldson ngairemgcc@outlook.com

Article by Russell Walker for the MGCC Newsletter

MG100

I was always hopeful that I might be able to attend the UK "MG100" celebration in 2023. The last time Marie and I had been in the UK was 2018, so by 2020, it was time to visit again. COVID, however put a spanner in the works for that trip. Then our planned 2022 trip was postponed as our daughter and her partner were joining us for Christmas in NZ that year. These delays however worked in my favour.

So, 2023 it was. And hey presto there I was online, booking my ticket to the opening of MG100 which was being held at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon on May 27th.

We based ourselves in nearby Stratford-upon-Avon which was less than hour away from Gaydon by bus.

The 27th dawned fine and warm as I let myself out of our Air B&B and no sooner had I done so when it started. There it was; an MGK3 driving along right in front of me. As you will be aware a K3 is one of the most rare and iconic MG racing cars of all time. Only about 30 plus a few prototypes were built and they are worth a King's ransom to buy.



As I arrived at Gaydon, it became clear that today's event was going to be well supported. To be honest I was rather overwhelmed by the sheer number of MGs on show and the large numbers of people attending.

It was wonderful to see so many early MGs, many of which I had only ever seen in photographs. The general standard of the cars was right up there with the best of them. I certainly wouldn't have wanted to be a concours judge trying to separate out the winner from a long lineup of outstanding examples.



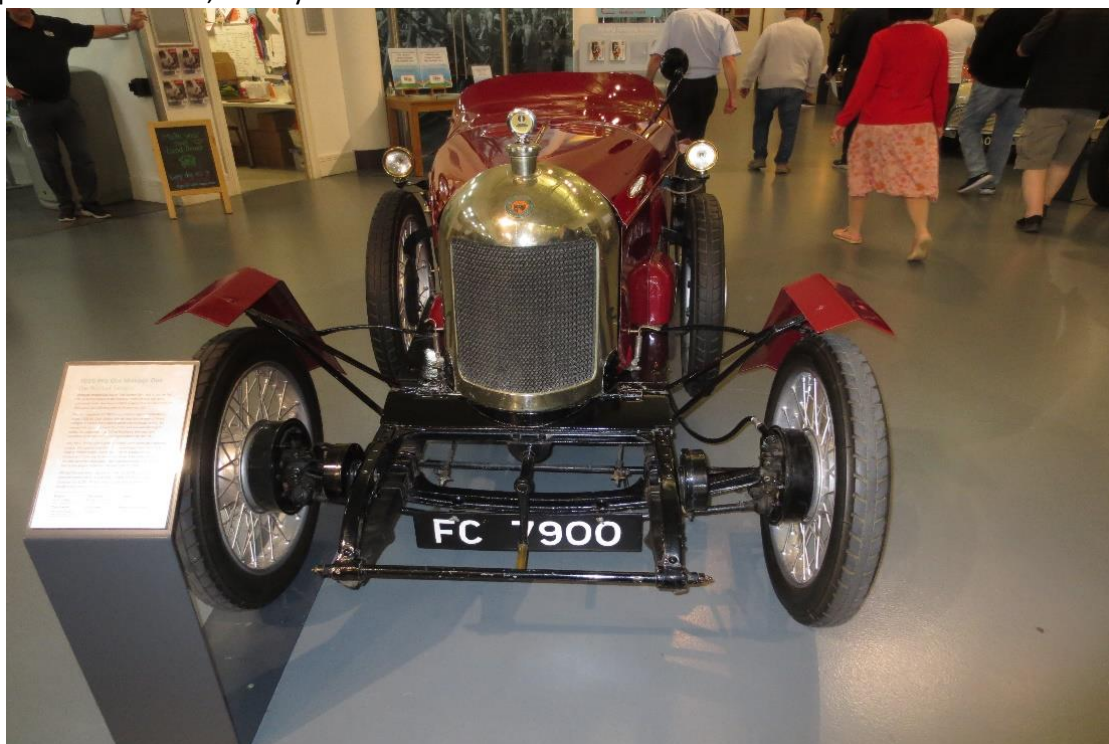


Some of the custom-bodied MG cars were rather interesting, such as this example. It kind of looks like it has a “bustle”!

At the other end of the condition scale was this very used (and no doubt enjoyed!) T-type, with teddy bears and other detritus on show. I would love to know its history and I kind of hope it's not going to be restored one of these days. In this condition it's probably almost unique.



As you would expect, in the Museum itself, Old Number 1 was there... of course it's not actually number 1 as it was produced in 1925, three years after the first MGs were created.



... as was this well-known MGBGT with the “split” personality. Really interesting to examine.



And for Thunderbird fans, Lady P's car was on show:



This was one of my favourites, a “Cream cracker” trials MG.



While I didn't recognise any MG people from NZ among the throng, I'm sure there would have been some attending the event. No doubt a number of accounts will emerge over the coming weeks and months.

We often find today that the world is a very small place and MG100 was no exception. I shared a table over lunch with an English couple who owned a rather nice TC. Upon hearing that I was a New Zealander, they piped up to say that a cousin of theirs lived in, of all places, Dunedin!

MG Cyberster

On show in the Museum was a Cyberster prototype in camouflage paintwork. I'm sorry to say that taking photographs of the car wasn't permitted. The photo below has been taken from the Web instead. Up close it's an amazing looking car.

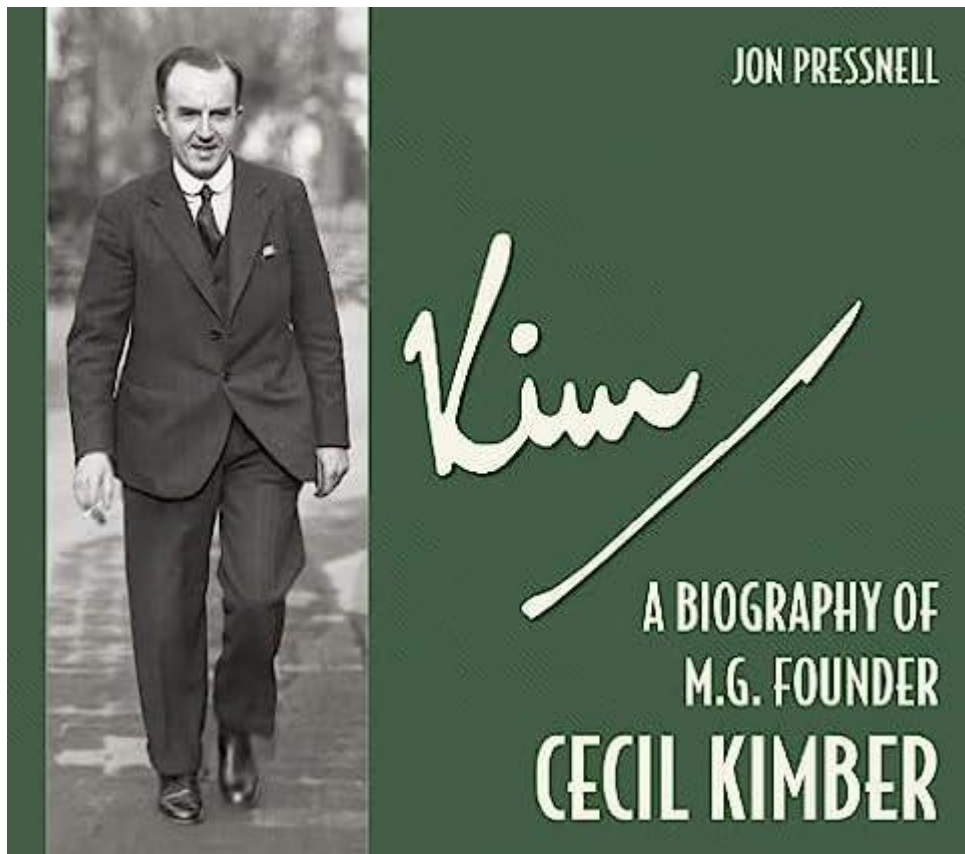
It's significantly larger than the traditional MG sports car and is expected to sell for between \$100,000 to \$120,000, and probably more in NZ. At this price it's probably not really aimed at the traditional MG buyer. Nevertheless, it would still look rather good in the garage.



You could swear it was smiling at us!

Kim: A biography of MG founder Cecil Kimber

Orders were being taken at MG100 for this wonderful 536-page bio of Cecil Kimber. There was a viewing copy on display. It looked amazing. I decided there and then that I must have a copy once I get back in NZ. Publication is due in August 2023. While I see that the price is in the order \$230. I'm still of a mind to have one! It would be the pinnacle of my MG book collection.



Overview from the book

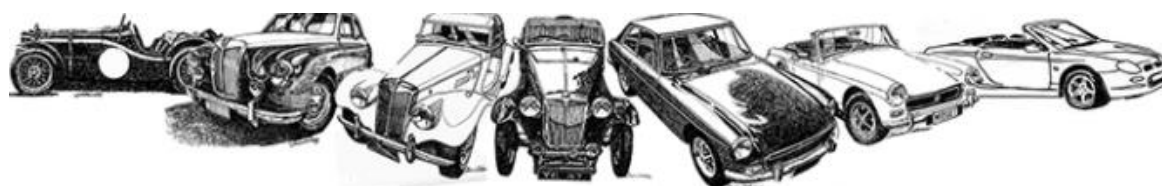
A ground-breaking biography of M.G. founder Cecil Kimber.

M.G., the world's most-loved make of sports car, was created in the 1920s by Cecil Kimber - invariably known as Kim. Rising above disability, with his energy, enthusiasm, and vision, Kimber became a leading figure in the British motor industry. Initially placing sporty bodies on Morris' chassis, within a few years he had built M.G. into the leading European manufacturer of sports cars, with an impressive record of competition successes. He survived industrial upheaval only to fall victim to the venomous internal politics of M.G.'s parent company. Sacked from his high-profile job, he was preparing to bounce back when he lost his life in a needless accident. (Ed. In a train crash at Kings Cross Railway Station in London)

Respected businessman, wayward husband, fallible parent - Cecil Kimber was a man of surprising contrasts. Here for the first time is the colourful story of the man behind those famous initials.

I'm sure that other memories will come back to me in due course, but I'm so pleased I was able to attend the event. Thanks to Marie for allowing me to take a break for a day from our travels.

Russell Walker



Club Committee

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