



November 2023 Newsletter

Presidents Pontification –

Welcome to my second newsletter.

At our first board meeting for this financial year few things came up that are of interest for you as club members. Editor Russell Hawkes got initial quotes for name badges. Both quotes in my opinion are very competitive as I know from being treasurer of the Wanaka Rotary Club, badges for that organisation are about double the prices quoted to Russell. Russell is still working on design, and he may be able to tell more in this magazine at some date.

Club Captain Clive is proposing that Concourse Cup be a people's choice over a number of events and the winner will be the owner of the car that gets most number of points over these events. Personally I think this idea has merit

Our Xmas BBQ is on the 3rd December at the Millers Flat Camping ground. Unfortunately Paddy and I will be in the Chatham Islands on that Date. The run scheduled for the 19th of this month has not eventuated due to circumstances beyond Clive's control. You should have all received an email about this and anyone with ideas to contact him.

On a more personal note I have been giving the Lotus a good check over and service. This is because Paddy and I have entered the Rallye Monte Carlo organised by the Banks Peninsula VCC. The basis of this is that you visit a number of destinations, each worth an allocated number of points. The maximum is 300 points the places we plan to visit are Glenorchy, Cardrona, Makarora, Bendigo, Omarama, Mt Cook, Methven, Southbridge and ending in Duachauvelle between 2.15 and 2.45. Once reaching Duachauvelle points start to be deducted due to mishaps (missing mudguards etc) or time penalties (arriving late after 2.45 or being too slow on the two compulsory driving tests) not completing the driving course completely, not having emblems (supplied in mailed kit) or not flying the Monte Carlo flag. We are intending to leave Glenorchy at 4am. Apparently the whole day is huge fun with the wild card being the judges can change the rules at any time. !!! The Lotus was chosen over the B due to it being able to cover more Ks in an hour. As I was working on the Lotus (been told this means Lots Of Trouble Until Sold) I was reminded of my youth when many weekends were devoted to car maintenance and cleaning. The modern motor cars are a far cry from this with most services stretched out to 15000Ks. This I find incredible considering how many moving parts go to make the whole. I have read that a piston is designed to travel at a maximum of 25 metres a second. Getting back to my youth and car maintenance, a lot of knowledge (some at great expense \$\$) was gained and the satisfaction of curing problems was immense I found this knowledge invaluable when I had a Contracting business. The Jag does get me stumped now and then due to it having some microcomputers.

I am not sure if Russell is intending to have another magazine out before Christmas, so in case this doesn't happen, I wish you a very pleasant Festive Season and as the saying goes in the Motorbiking world, "keep the rubber the right side up."

Rod Pemberton

President

New Members

Welcome to new members who have joined the Club in the last couple of months. We do hope you enjoy your membership of the Club and can take part in the various activities.

Rod and Anne Ward

Jenny Hayes and Wade Taylor

Recent Activities

The only activity since the last newsletter was the Garden Visit on the 22 October. There has not been a report received for inclusion in the newsletter. Perhaps for the next one in the new Year.

Coming Events

Sunday 19 November – Short Notice Run. Was separately circulated.

Hi to all my friends in MG motoring.

This is a late (very) notice of a Sunday run for members in the Dunedin area (or visiting the area)

We were going to conduct a run in Central Otago but unfortunately due to the travel plans of our destination host this run will have to wait until next year.

As a consequence, we have a spare Sunday, so I am proposing to conduct a run (penultimate for 2023 with just the Christmas BBQ to conclude the year) on Sunday 19th November.

This will be an afternoon run to an afternoon tea venue, starting at the Unity Park car park at 1.15 for a 1.30 start.

Please reply to Ngaire confirming your participation before next Wednesday (15/11/23)

Sunday 3 December Christmas BBQ

Millars Flat Holiday Park

1670 Teviot Road Millers Flat

Please R.S.V.P. to Ngaire by the 27 November.



8th to 10th March 2024 - Further Afield Tour

Please remember you need to register for this event. Deposits needed to be paid by the 30 November so if you haven't done so yet then you may need to plead with Graeme, Kate and Ngaire to be included.

It promises to be a great event so get booking.

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

Sunday 25 February – Dunedin Brit & Euro Car Show



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ALL BRITISH & EUROPEAN
VEHICLES WELCOME

Registration \$20
Pre-register online \$10

ALL FUNDS TO CHARITY

Hot food & coffee
available

**Brighton
Domain**

**SUNDAY
25 February
2024
11am - 3pm**

See our Facebook
page for updates and
pre-registration

Cars set up from
8.30am

<https://www.facebook.com/dnbriteurocarshow>

Registration Form 25 February 2024

Please send completed rego form to:
8 Mosgiel St, Morningside, Dunedin 9011
or email dunedinbriteurocarshow@gmail.com



One entry form per car and the disclaimer **MUST** be signed.

There will be **NO REFUNDS**, this is a rain or shine event.
For further information please contact Dunedin Brit Euro Car Show: dunedinbriteurocarshow@gmail.com, on our Facebook page or call us on 021 02673734 / 0274 584062

DOGS on leash and **NO GLASS** by order of DCC. **ROAR.**

8.30am -11pm: Registration (Gates open at 8.30am for car set up, show vehicles must be on the grounds prior to 11am for judging.)

11am – 3.00pm: Car Show with prize giving at 1.30pm.

Hot food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day from various stall holders.

EntryFee: **\$10 per vehicle pre-registered** (money **MUST** be seen with the completed registration form by February 19th) **this is the faster and much preferred option.**

\$20 per vehicle registering on the day.

Cars are automatically entered into judging/prize giving as part of their entry fee though must be parked by 11am to be included in the judging. Parking is organised by arrival time - arrive together to park together!

If depositing funds via internet banking: Dunedin Brit Euro Car Show, 06-0909-0020871-00
Please use first initial and surname in 'particulars' & car registration number as 'reference'

Dunedin Brit and Euro Car Show Entry 25 February 2024:



FOR OFFICIAL USE

OwnersName: _____

Address _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ .Model _____

Registration No: _____

Total of \$ _____ has been paid by **BANK TRANSFER / CASH** (please circle one)

INDEMNITY CLAUSE: In signing this form I acknowledge that entry into this event is at my own risk and further agree to abide by all rules governing this event and respect fellow entrants, officials or any other person and to hold free from liability the organisers, landowners, event sponsors and their helpers. Furthermore I will be held accountable for any damage to grounds and other people's property that is done by myself.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Note From Your Committee

As this will be the last Newsletter for 2023 the Committee wish you all a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable Safety Fast MG New Year.

Article from Russell Walker

The parts list story from the Club Archivist

As a member of the Club since 1974, when I bought my first MGBGT, I've managed, as a member, to accumulate a good old pile of Club Newsletters, event instructions and various MG articles, all of which I've been happy to add to the Club archives.

One document that I'd forgotten about, until recently, was a list of BGT parts from 1984 that was suggested to me might be worthwhile buying and putting aside with an eye to the future, firstly, for maintenance purposes and secondly for a rebuild, if it was ever needed.

The list was put together by Lawrie Steere of M.G. Service Centre (I was living in CHCH at the time) and it makes interesting reading, particularly when you see how ridiculously cheap MG parts seemed to be at that time. I didn't in fact buy any of the parts, I don't recall why not, but I'm pleased to say I never needed to replace any, except as noted below. And of course, the remanufacture of parts to original specifications has exploded over the years to support MG owners so it probably would have been a poor decision to accumulate a pile of parts and spares that wouldn't have been required.

In the 43 years that I owned my 1976 BGT, only one part failed, and that was the water pump (covered under the warranty), and this was quite early on in its life.

Fast forward to 2013, brake and clutch fluid had leaked out around the bulkhead and lifted the paint in the engine bay. So, the engine needed to come out to allow for a complete repaint under the bonnet. I removed the engine (well it was Kevin Carter really), but I did help him somewhat (or was I more of a hinderance to him? Only Kevin will know and he's too diplomatic to say). You will be pleased to know that Kevin did put the engine back in for me and an outstanding job he did do indeed.

While the engine was out of the car, we took the opportunity to instal a new clutch kit.

At the same time, I had a general tidy up of the external paint work, with the result that the car was awarded second (equal) in the 2014 MG Car Club Nationals (held in Dunedin, you might recall). Interestingly, the winners were Otago/Southland club members – Selwyn & Lou Wills for their outstanding TD, while the other second place getter was Lawrie and Jenny Steere for their wonderful twin-cam A. Both wins were well deserved.

Many members of the club were rather surprised when in 2019 I sold MG 1801. Having got the car back to original condition (some people said it was actually better than new and they may well have been right), I found myself not wanting to use the vehicle in case I got stone chips ... or worse. I decided that I needed an MG that I would be happy to take on events and not worry too much about getting stone chips etc. I had my heart set on a modern TF.

So where is the TF you might ask? Well, I had an epiphany at about that stage. Which as you know can be rather painful if not treated.

What led to this epiphany? From reading what was happening across the world in terms of climate change it was clear that the world had too many people, consuming too much and spewing out too much carbon into the atmosphere.

So, I sold my old C-Class Mercedes as well, and ended up with only one car, my CLK. And joy of joys, it was wonderful not having to worry about more than one car. Also, the CLK is getting a bit tired but I didn't mind at all because I do lots tramping and it was still an ideal vehicle for travelling on rough roads and tracks heading to tramp the back blocks. And so, it has been this way for a few years now. Every now and then I think about getting that TF but worry about my getting in and out of the car as I age and the bones and joints start to seize up.

Best regards from the Club Archivist.



MG1801 posing for its publicity photos.

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