



February 2024 Newsletter

Vice Presidents Message –

Welcome to another year of what we hope will be trouble-free MG motoring. What a start it's been with the weather throwing everything at us but in the way of heat, humidity, intense short rainfall, and some pretty good winds to go with it. Petrol prices didn't end up as bad as had been expected so hopefully the MGs have had some exercise.

You may have noticed that this message is not coming from your President Rod. They are currently swanning around overseas, and the MG Newsletter will be the last thing on his mind. So, it's a bit of a ramble from me to start the year.

The Club run to Millers Flat for the Christmas BBQ was a great success. MGs, a couple of Jags, a motorhome and various other modern vehicles brought 39 members or friends to the Millers Flat Camping ground where a very social gathering took place. The weather not the usual hot and dry expected in Central Otago but still very pleasant to sit outside for our lunch and chats.

Secretary Ngaire produced one of the highlights for me when the Christmas Cake was unveiled. What a great job she had done. The other highlight was the reaction from members to receiving their new Club Name Badges. Even a couple whose name had been spelt incorrectly were not too unhappy and the replacements have been sorted. So an encouragement to members to come along to a Club run. The new name badges will be available to be picked up. They are quite smart.



The next Club run is back to Millers Flat to visit amongst other things the Old Bakehouse. For



those who have not been through this facility before it's worth the visit.

And now a little news from further north. A couple of our ex-members Dot and Wayne Lee

moved to Blenheim a couple of years ago. They took with them a really nice MGTF (Red) and an even nicer early MGB Roadster (White) they had purchased from Grant Ward one of our Club members. Well, the MGTF left their fleet in the name of practicality and a lack of garaging, but the MGB remained. Wayne was really loath to see that one go, however it seems the time came when a further change was required and the B was sold. Its now residing in Central Otago again and we will hopefully see it on a run shortly. What replaced the B in Blenheim. Well it's still white and does have a retracting roof. We trust you get as much pleasure out of this as your MGs gave you.



Till next month when hopefully Rod will be back Happy and Safe MG Motoring.

Vice President Russell President

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Recent Activities

Sunday 3 December Christmas BBQ

Club Captains Report.

Ngaire and I left Dunedin at 8.30am for a run to Millers Flat. Weather was overcast with occasional drizzle which had cleared by the time we arrived to find Russell and Raewyn Hawkes already on site with their camper for a couple of days relaxation.

We were welcomed by the camp owners Wanda and Daryl Whipps and directed to a grass camping area they had reserved for our cars to park. We were given the use of the camp kitchen with a roofed gazebo adjacent and a large gas BBQ.

All who attended were very impressed by the camp and its facilities. The weather slowly improved and by early afternoon was very pleasant.

I was very pleased with the turnout of members and MGs. We had 13 MGs of various models and a total of 37 members and 2 guests. Members came from as far afield as Ashburton, Wanaka and Invercargill (and Dunedin of course).

A very enjoyable day and a much-admired Christmas cake which was also very delicious.



Attending

- 1 Clive and Ngaire Donaldson
2. Sue Allum
3. Alistair and Dawn Falconer MG
4. Russell and Raewyn Hawkes
5. Ross and Margaret Weir
6. Sue and Allan Rowsell MG
7. Ken and Ellen Clutterbuck MG
8. Graeme and Bev Brensell
9. Suzanne Anderson and Tom Whiteside
10. Debbie Bishop and Guest MG
11. Don and Karna Carter

12. Lawrence Montague and Jane Wilson
MG

13. Barry and Val Mills MG

14. Ross and Bev Middlemass MG

15. Reiner and Christine

16. Ron and Kathleen McCorkindale MG

17. Bill and Brenda Botting MG

18. Kevin and Doreen Carter MG

19. John and Jacquie Noble MG **Apologies**

Rod and Paddy Ann

Rod and Anne Ward

Peter and Marilyn McBurney

Darren Munro and Hayley





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Auto spectacular – Saturday 14th October 2023

On Friday 13th October we set up the MG Club Otago Southland Centre display, we wondered if we would have enough cars to go ahead. Thank you to each of these for providing cars - Cooke Howlison MG4 - the very latest MG4 EV, Kevin - MG3 2020, Ray – MG VA 1937 and Clive – MG F 1996 for our display.



On a lovely sunny Saturday morning the public started filtering into the event. It was a lovely day meeting old and new members, answering questions from the public and viewing cars of all shapes, sizes, and ages.

Our club did exceptionally well in the fact that we gained 3 new members, liaison with 4 other car clubs, promises of combined runs to be held with other marques and a booking for our club to celebrate our 100th Centenary in the Autospectacular next year.





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Coming Events

Sunday 11 February 2024. – Millars Flat and Surrounds

Organised by Ross Middlemass.

11.00 AM. Millers Flat, Bake House, immediately in front as you cross over the Blue Millers Flat Bridge, from SH 1.

- Have arranged this to be open and a talk and tour of its history from local Barbara Withington. •
Although very compact, quite interesting, some small produce, jams, for sale.
- A donation of \$6.00 per person is required EFTPOS will be available.
- This should take about an hour.

12.00 PM. Have a picnic lunch near the river below the Blue Bridge.

- Bring your own lunch, drink, and seats etc.

- There is a track to this picnic area on the left-hand side of the War Memorial.
- There are no WC facilities here, but there are facilities on the road opposite the camping ground.

1.00 to 1.30 approx will travel up the Millers Flat side about 4km to visit Marcell & Pat Garden, reasonably new garden.

- There is a 200m gravel drive going up to the house with plenty of asphalt parking. Marcell will give a guided tour, or free to roam around.
 - Maybe some small plantings for sale.
 - There is a donation fee of \$5.00 per person so please have the correct amount in cash. •
- Thinking, a hard area to establish in, so linger, before setting off home.

Any queries give me a call 0274 360 097.

Regards Ross Middlemass.

A note from Secretary Ngaire

As we are still holding Car Badges, Key Fobs and Caps for members who ordered them, these will be distributed to members as they attend our events.

Sunday 25 February – Dunedin Brit & Euro Car Show

If interested, please see Registration Form included in the last Club Newsletter

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.

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**A little highlight from the Christmas BBQ.
Presented by Secretary Ngaire.**

My Gorgeous Auto (MGA)

Sitting in the garage,
65 years old,
Hiding under cover,
Keeping out the cold.

I'll be taken for a spin,
Nothing I like better,
Watch my chrome grill grin.

Like my current owner,
I was born in '58,
His hair is getting thin and grey,
My soft top's in great shape.

Now the weather's warmer,

I've had a good life really,
Two hundred thousand miles,

Twenty-one previous owners,
And many, many smiles.

I know I'm not so fast these days, Slow and
not too nifty,

I much prefer the country lanes, At speeds

I'm quite the head turner, even now, I have around the fifty.
a certain sheen,

Wheels with spokes and classy colour,

Wanted Item

British Racing Green.

It's time to smell the roses, A slower pace
of life,

Hood down, wind in hair,

Lose the trouble and the strife.

Hang on a mo, what's happening? A wash,
blow dry and wax, My bumper's got a
sparkle, He's even paid the tax.

Hoping owner 22,

Will provide some TLC,

Cos, I want to make 100,

For I'm an old MG.

I'm sure he wants to sell me, Trade me in
for something new, A new fandangled
electric MG, Chinese through and through.

Ronald Allan is looking for a Front Screen Frame for a 1977 roadster. Please contact him if you can help at
allantelfer0@gmail.com

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