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I must first wish all members a Happy New Year which I hope will be prosperous and full of motoring enjoyment, and devoid of increased taxes, extra speed limits, mechanical failures and the like.

By the time that you receive this newsletter you should have had a copy of the new M.G.C.C. publication which is still going to be called "Safety Fast". I think that we must be grateful that an effort has been made to produce it. If there is nothing about the Ulster Centre in it, it is because I was not told about it until long after the closing date for copy.

We will be holding a Film Show on Tuesday 28th.January at 8.Op.m. at North Rugby Club,Ormeau Road.There will be a selection of films to suit all tastes (I hope). Bring wive,friends,sweethearts or mistresses - BUT COME !!!

There could be a few more members turn up at our Noggin 'n Natter on the first Thursday of <u>each</u> month at the Stormont Hotel. A pleasant evening has been had by those who have turned up. Write the dates down in **yo**ur diary or calendar NOW.

There will be, subject to R.A.C. approval, a driving test meeting in March-more details later- and we intend to have this as the first of a series of 4 driving test events to be held each year. I hope that there will be Trophy for the best overall performance of all four meetings.

We are getting our Enthusiasts Cup which has been kindly donated by the N.E.Centre in February, and of course points for competing, or helping, at any of our meetings will count towards the winning of this. There will be some representatives going over to Yorkshire for the N.E.Centre Annual Dinner/Dance on 1st.February to collect this Trophy.If any members wish to go, at their own expense, please contact me and I will furnish more details.

I had a Christmas card from Charles Batham in S.Africa where he has started an M.G. club.and he sends his kind wishes to everyone.

Mike Wilson and myself paid a visit to a Mr.Erskine at Ballygowan to see his selection of cars,which are for sale.He has,apart from Rolls Royces,a Lagonda(or was it a Sunbeam?),an Allard,several M.G.'s ranging from M.amd PB to TC, TD, andTF. Contact Mike or myself for instructions on how to get there. My advice is to go if you are thinking of changig your model,or even adding to your collection, BUT---HAGGLE:!

Nicolas Murray,24,Castle Place,Omagh, has a large stock of spares for XPAG engines and Y type parts. He will be only too pleased to let you know if he has any part you may want. Ivan Wallace still wants to know if you have any spares you will part with. Drop him a line if you have.

The membership is gradually creeping up and stands at 27 to date. May we extend a welcome to the following new members :-

Paul West Johnston, Edgehill College, Lennoxvale, B.9, TD PZ 1167
Peter Robinson, 1 Magill's Avenue, Carrickfergus, MGA 370 GME
Miss Maureen Spratt, Karind, 3, Westmount Park, N'ards. MGB Yellow 826 TZ
and Mrs. Heather Thomas (wife of Mike Thomas) who has joined as a Family Member.

If any of you do have wives, do think about the Family Membership of the M.G.C.C. available at only 10/- per annum.

Talking about subscriptions, I am sorry to say that these have now gone up to 42/- p.a. and membership will now run from 1st.February to 31st.January.Assimilation to this new scale for existing members whose sub. falls due after 1st. Feb.this year will be made on a sliding scale.

Please remember that I want short articles, letters, or news of any sort for inclusion in the Newsletter.

REMEMBER THESE DATES :-

Tuesday 28th. Jan. Film Show. North Rugby Club. Thursday 6th. Feb. Noggin 'n Natter Stormont Hotel Thursday 6th. March " " " "

The Ulster Automobile Club are holding a film show on 6th.Feb.also at the Stormont Hotel at 8.Op.m.(Admission 2/6) so why not make a night of it.

Don't forget to write if you have any queries. Safe Motoring.

Mike Armstrong