

# THE M.G. CAR CLUB

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September Newsletter, 1969.

Dear Member,

At the time of writing it is difficult not to be mindful of the recent disturbances in Ulster. However, at the moment, peace seems to have returned and it is pleasant to look forward to our programme of events which are detailed elsewhere.

Although I have not received official notification as yet, we are now recognised by the R.A.C. for the organisation of closed competitive events, and the dates for these up to March 1971 have been claimed and allocated. With membership still increasing it is to be hoped that keen competition will be seen. The Autotest meetings after February 1970 will all count towards the Leslie Porter Trophy.

Talking about membership, I would urge those members whose sub. is due for renewal, to do so without any delay as this saves considerable administrative trouble both here and in Abingdon.

We have had two events since I last wrote and reports have been sent in as follows:-

Picnic. "This was held at Castleward on 6th. July. The weather was sunny but showery. Of the 33 people who attended, there were 17 members, 6 non-members and 10 children. The food was ably organised by Eileen Wilson, Cynthia Sherwood and Jennifer Armstrong and was ample, excellent and varied. After a bout of purchasing 'goodies' in the pottery and jewellery shops, a walk round the pleasant grounds raised everybody's appetites for the picnic. The food was served and enjoyed by everybody, especially the children. Jack Armstrong, from the N.E. Centre, supplemented the gas stoves with a fire, much to the appreciation of the kids." The event seems to have been popular and an excellent opportunity for a family outing. The charge was 4/- a head for adults and 2/6 per child. Our thanks must go to the organising ladies.

Barbecue. "The Full Moon Barbecue lived up to its name and was held on a fine warm evening with a full moon on 29th. July. A group of cars met at the gates of Stormont and were set off by Roger Nethercott at intervals on a mystery tour to the venue. After a run via Dundonald and the Hollywood hills, everyone met at the beach at Crawfordsburn. Sausage rolls and chicken soup were cooked by Barbara Nethercott and these were washed down by beer. An otherwise very enjoyable evening

was only spoiled by the small number of members attending, after a promise of a much larger attendance. "Points towards the Enthusiast's Trophy have been credited to Noel Corry, Alison and Ross Phinn, Brian McTear, Gordon Jackson, Bill Sherwood, Roger Nethercott and Ivan Wallace. If any other members were present and wish to claim points, please do so in the next few days. Roger and Ivan deserve our thanks for their organisation and the time and effort that they put in. Our thanks also goes to Barbara Nethercott for so ably coping with the appetites.

Both these events broke even, and a small profit could have been made by a ~~xxx~~ greater turnout. Our policy is not to try and make a fantastic profit from our events, but to keep the cost as low as possible and hope for a small profit. Our financial position is always somewhat precarious and there are no funds for any extras such as, for example, the purchase of a few stopwatches, some small trophies for the winners of events and so on.

The Noggin 'n Natters continue to be popular and can be thoroughly recommended for a pleasant evening out as well as being an opportunity for picking someone's brains on a mechanical problem.

The points for the Enthusiast's Trophy are increasing and the situation is becoming interesting. They are shown on a separate sheet.

It is hoped to form a "scrapbook" of Centre activities with reports and pictures of centre ~~x~~ interest. Also a library of manuals, data sheets, technical articles, books etc. is envisaged. Any contributions of manuals articles of interest, photographs and so on would be very welcome. If necessary, photostat copies can be taken so that the original can be returned to its owner. Any suggestions on this subject will be welcome.

Remember that Ivan Wallace is the spares secretary and if you have spares available or wants, please let him know (Address: 13 Lismoyne Park, Belfast 15, Tel: 76111).

Does anyone know of the whereabouts of an MGA 1500 or 1600 engine? If so, please contact me.

I have price lists of spares, mainly T-type, for Toulmin's and Octagon Sports Cars Ltd.

May I welcome the following new members (there may be others who receive this newsletter and who are not mentioned but have recently paid their sub; don't worry, your form has not yet reached me from Abingdon) :-

Michael Gardiner,	62 Kings Road, BT5 6JL	TC	GZ 4781
Brian McTear,	7 Hillcrest Gdns., BT5 5ND	TD	PZ 721
Clifford Mason,	Long Cottage, Portballintrae,	MGB	CIA 4470
Wilfred Orr,	19 Castlehill Rd., BT4 3GL	TC	KZ 8084

Finally, I would urge all members to attend the A.G.M. on 15th. Sept. where, apart from electing your committee for the next year, any grievances, criticisms, suggestions or otherwise can be aired. I would hope for at least a 75% turnout.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Armstrong, Secretary.

Forthcoming Events.1969.

- Thursday, September 4th. Noggin 'n Natter, Stormont Hotel, 8.0p.m.  
Monday, September 15th. Annual General Meeting, Stormont Hotel, 8.0p.m.  
September, date to be announced. Barbecue.  
Thursday, October 2nd. Noggin 'n Natter.  
Friday, 24th. October. Showtime Dinner, Hyde Park Hotel, 7, 0p.m. for  
 7.30p.m. followed by Dancing and prizegiving. Anyone interested in  
 going should contact me. This coincides with the Motor Show.  
Saturday, 18th. October. Gymkhana (details to be announced.  
Thursday, November 6th. Noggin 'n Natter.  
Thursday, November 20th. Indoor Rally.  
Thursday 4th. December, Noggin 'n Natter  
Saturday, 13th. December. Production Car Trial.

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- Thursday, January 8th. Noggin 'n Natter (Note -this is the 2nd. Thurs)  
Saturday, January 24th. Autotest (new name used for Driving Test)  
Thursday, February 5th. Noggin 'n Natter and Film Show.  
Thursday, 19th. February, Indoor Rally  
Thursday, March 5th. Noggin 'n Natter  
Friday, March 6th. Annual Centre Dinner/Dance and Prizegiving.  
Thursday, April 2nd. Noggin 'n Natter  
Saturday, April 4th. Autotest (First in series for Leslie Porter  
 Trophy)  
Saturday, June 20th. Autotest (2nd. in series for L. Porter Trophy)  
Saturday, August, 29th. Autotest (3rd " " " " )  
Saturday, October, 3rd. Autotest (4th. " " " " )  
Saturday, December 12th. Production Car Trial

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- Saturday, February 27th. Production Car Trial.

Points for Enthusiast's Trophy as at 1st.Sept.1969

W.Sherwood	60	
M.Wilson	51	
M.Armstrong	50	
R.Nethercott	45	
I.Wallace	43	
N.Corry	42	
G.Jackson	40	
Eileen Wilson	35	
Jennifer Armstrong	32	
I.Milligan	28	
Carolyn McDevitte	24	
Patricia McKay	24	
Alison Phinn	22	
R.Phinn	22	
Margaret Murray	21	P.Robinson 21
K.Murray	21	
Ann Slip	20	
P.Slip	20	
P.Minnis	18	
F.Jelly	17	
G.Gibson	15	
J.McBride	14	
P.Johnston	12	
E.Calvert	10	
I.Dunlop	10	
I.Hamilton	10	
N.Greer	9	
Valerie Power	8	
M.Thomas	7	
B.McTear	7	
V.Scott	6	
Heather Thomas	5	
A.Phillips	5	
B.L.Ardill	4	
R.Carruth	4	
G.Donaldson	4	
N.Murray	4	
Gail Creighton	2	
Margaret Erskine	2	
D.Nichol	2	
J.Wilton	2	
M.Gardiner	2	
T.Kelly	2	
W.Orr	2	