

# THE M.G. CAR CLUB

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Abingdon-on-Thames, England

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Annual General Meeting, Ulster Centre, 15th. September, 1969.

## Secretary's Report.

During the first year of the Ulster Centre's existence, steady progress has been made in several directions.

Membership has trebled and stands at about 55 at present.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, which was held in November 1968, activities have been varied. The Committee has met on 7 occasions and the Centre has been represented at a meeting of the M.G.C.C. Council in London and also at meetings of the N. Ireland Association of Motor Clubs.

After some delay the Centre was recognised by the R.A.C. on the 1st. August, and the first event under R.A.C. Competition Rules is scheduled to take place in December.

There have been 10 Noggin 'n Natters which have been held on the first Thursday of each month at the Stormont Hotel. These have proved quite popular with attendance in the 20's on several occasions

Two Gymkhanas have been held, the first in March which attracted 7 entries and the second in June which did slightly better with 10 entries

One Film Show was held in January with an attendance of 21

One run to the Bishopscourt Motor Racing was held at which 15 members attended

An evening social run was held in May to which members of the Renault Owner's Club were invited. This produced a turnout of 7 M.G. Car Club entries and 9 Renault Club entries.

In early July there was a Picnic outing to Castleward Park with 33 people present of which 17 were members.

At the end of July a barbecue was held at Crawfordsburn with a disappointing turnout of 8 members.

A fairly full programme of events has been planned for the coming 12 months and there is room for other activities according to Member's wishes.

An attempt has been made to keep Members informed of the Centre's activities through the medium of a bi-monthly newsletter, of which six issues have been produced and circulated to all Members and also to numerous potential members.

A register of available spares has been kept and has been used.

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## Secretary's Report (continued)

The Centre has received two Trophies which were donated at the Inaugural Annual Dinner in April. The "Leslie Porter Trophy" was donated by Leslie Porter Ltd. and is to be awarded annually to the member putting up the best overall performance in a series of 4 driving tests and who drives an M.G. car. Because the R.A.C. recognition was delayed this trophy will not be awarded until 1971. The second trophy was donated by the North East Centre of the M.G. Car Club and takes the form of an "Enthusiast's Trophy". A points system has been devised and the cup will be awarded annually to the member with the highest score. The points 'year' runs from 1st. February until the subsequent February in order to coincide with the subscription year.

Many lessons have been learned over the past year and doubtless many more remain to be learned, and organisation of events will improve as experience is gained. The ultimate success of any venture depends on the participation of Members and it is to be hoped that Member's enjoyment of Centre activities will continue to increase as the Centre enters its second year.

Finally, I am very grateful for all the help I have received from Members over the past year.

*M. J. Armstrong*

M. J. Armstrong, Hon. Secretary, Ulster Centre M.G.C.C.