

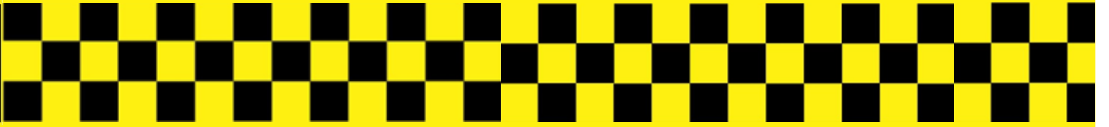


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Photo of Bruce and Peter Miles

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The Editor is always looking for articles of interest for the *Sprite Torque* magazine.

If you have an interesting story about your adventures and ownership of your pride and joy, a technical article, tips or would just like your car featured then please contact Elise Manewell. All articles welcome, whether it is about your Sprite, Midget, or even your BMW.

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2016: Barry Taylor (Dec), Ian Jenson, Barry Cockayne, Les Payne, Bill McLennan

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By the time you get this report we would be well into the first quarter and looking towards our Winter runs.

Sharon and Avis have put together an excellent social calendar and with a lot of praying, we should see a strong roll up on each event.

We have been pleased to see new members turn up and while you may not know them, I hope we make them all feel welcome.

We are not far off our SCCA Super sprint to be held in April at SMSP South Circuit. David has continued on all things motorsport and while being primarily based in Melbourne he still represents the SCCA.

We will, as always, require our band of merry men and women to help with Flag Marshalling duties on the day. Bruce Pearce has already put up his hand to sort out the dummies on the grid and Barry and Leah will be there as well. Avis and Elise always jump in and help with paperwork along the way.

Please let me know if you can help in any way at all.

Leah and I continue to be busy and we have now sorted the hill out under the power lines. The grass has started to come through and it should hold the water back and perhaps channel it in the right direction.

We have had a number of trees curl up and die with all the wet that we have had and we need to consider what to do with them in the coming months.

I have enjoyed the cars turning up for Historic Rego and I can say with clarity that everyone has been wonderful.

I have seen some very tidy Sprites and Midgets along with some very well presented non marque cars. My neighbours have been impressed with the variety and quality of the cars that frequent our place.

Ray and I have been tinkering with stationary engines while recuperating from a few minor ops and we hope to get into the BBQ trailer in the near future.

It needs panel work, the Rollers that Ray made attached to the frame and then some serious tarting up along the way. A cut down windscreen and a shortened roll bar will see us being able to carry this on the roof.

Elise has put together a great magazine and we should see some more articles published. Leah and I have come across a gaggle of Magazine articles that came from the bundle of mags that Ross gave out at the AGM. I have enjoyed reading them and running through the pages.

Enjoy your Sprite and we hope to see you on the road

Regards

Greg

Minutes of Monthly Meeting 10th January 2023

Venue: The Hills Club

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

Present: Committee members: Greg Holden, Graham Wells, Rod Pringle, Scott Gibbs, Ross Reichardt, Dennis Maher, David Baigent, Avis Fowler, Elise Manewell.

Members: Harley Pringle.

Apologies: Barry Cockayne, Steve Rivett.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Graham Wells circulated the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted David Baigent, seconded Dennis Maher. Carried.

Business Arising: Nothing other than items later in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Maher thanked Les Payne for the hand-over.

General Account:

Opening balance	\$29,386.00
Deposit	\$1020.00
Payments Xmas Party	\$3,405.00
Closing balance 31/12	\$29,386.00

Savings Account:

Opening balance	\$46,194.75
Interest	\$34.80
Closing balance 31/12	\$46,229.55

Business Transaction Account:

Opening balance	\$16,630.16
Deposits:	\$1050.00
Payments: Transfer Debit Acct	\$4,000.00
Bank fee	\$3.00
Closing balance 31/12	\$13,677.16

Debit Account

Opening balance	\$236.80
Deposits	\$4,000.00
Payments: Gallagher Insurance	\$559.62
Snap ST	\$572.10
Postage ST	\$90.61
Snap envelopes	\$667.48
Hills Club meeting room	\$90.00
Regalia	\$1086.80
CMC CVS rego	\$150.00
Fair Trading	\$50.00
BBQ Trailer	\$757.90
SS Catering	\$339.87
Closing balance 31/12	\$539.90
Total Cash in Bank	\$87,447.61

Moved accepted Rod Pringle, seconded David Baigent. Carried.

Secretary's Report: Graham Wells reported correspondence:**Incoming:**

- CMC re log books and run sheets (circulated)
- E-petition Wakefield response
- Sprite Club SA minutes etc

Outgoing:

- Fair Trading annual return.

Coming Events: Avis Fowler reported that Sharon Allen has accepted the position of Social Secretary with Avis assisting.

Next events:

- Sunday January 15th Meet and Greet at Glenorie RSL Club.
- February 3-5th. HSRCA at SMSP.
- Saturday February 11th Fish & Chip Run to Woy Woy with Mini Club.
- Sunday March 5th Breakfast ron to Gledswood Country Club.
- Sunday March 19th HARS Tour.
- Sunday April 2nd SCCA Supersprint at SMSP.
- Saturday April 22nd Blue Mountains run to Bilpin
- Sunday May 21st National Motoring Heritage Day
- June 9-11th Sydney Classic Historic Race Meeting
- Christmas in July. Details TBA
- Sunday August 20th Shannons Day SMSP
- Sunday October 8th Bathurst Day.
- December. Club Plate Inspection Day
Christmas Part & AGM.

Membership: Ross Richardt reported.

- 337 current members.
- No new applications this month.
- Ross advised he will be overseas for two months around May-June. After discussion it was decided that we will run the membership renewal notice in Sprite Torque from May. Ross will prepare the notice.

CSCA & Competition: David Baigent reported.

- HSRCA is next events.
- CSCA series has proven difficult for some clubs with the Wakefield closure. The Morgan club has pulled out of the series. There will be five Supersprints starting with SCCA at SMSP, MGCC Newcastle at Pheasant Wood, Lotus at SMSP (replacing Morgan event), MGCC at Pheasant Wood, Jaguar at SMSP and Triumph are organising an event at Sydney Dragway

Regalia:

- Scott Gibbs showed some examples of merchandise available on the proposed Drop Shipping site. All present agreed with the concept. Scott will check out the procedure for setting up a site. The next stage is to get a web-site to upload to. Scott and Ross Reichardt will investigate the web-site set-up.
- Avis Fowler reported that the umbrellas have arrived and will be put in Sprite Torque.

Sprite Torque: Greg Holden asked David Baigent to pass our thanks on to Elly Baigent for the work she has done on the magazine. Elly has prepared a magazine for this month. Elise Manewell has prepared a magazine for next month. Deadline for magazine articles will remain at 20th of the month. Greg Holden outlined the procedure for getting the magazine through the web, print, postage cycle.

Web-sit and Facebook:

-Harley Pringle advised we have 1000 members on Facebook.

-Greg Holden commented on the quality of the web-site and the need for an upgrade. Rob Howes is not an experienced web person. Ross Reichardt said he would be happy to look after the web. Scott Gibbs said he was interested in assisting and working with the regalia. Greg Holden to discuss with Rob Howes.

-Ross said he would do the e-mail links for the new committee members.

-There was a general discussion on who does Chimp Mail. We need to have a number of people trained to do it. Rod Pringle said he was going to show Sharon Allen how to send out events messages. Greg Holden said he would look after setting up a training session for those involved.

Beyond Bitumen: Rod Pringle showed a sticker promoting the 60th anniversary of SCCA that he could use on the car. Moved David Baigent, seconded Greg Holden that the Club donate \$500 and support the cost of the stickers. (Rod to advise Greg of cost). Carried.

Supersprint: David Baigent advised that the April 2nd date for SMSP is only “pencilled in”. David to contact ARDC and get the date finalised. Once this is done we can call for volunteers.

General Business:

-Ross Reichardt queried the use of family memberships. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

-Avis Fowler queried putting phone numbers on Facebook. All agreed this should not be done.

-David Baigent gave a standing apology for not attending meeting, other than Zoom, when he is in Melbourne. Moved Graham Wells, seconded Greg Holden that this be accepted. Carried.

-Greg Holden advised that over 90 HVS/CVS renewals have been done this year-end. Of these 43% were Sprites or Midgets. Greg has had discussions with Terry Thompson of CMC about the new CVS form and changes to eligibility. One topic of discussion is the use of superchargers under HVS, period or modern and whether they give power increases greater than the allowed 25%. This will be subject to club review in the future.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Next committee meeting is February 14th, 2023 at 7.30 pm. Venue. The Meeting Room, The Hills Club, 2-6 Jenner St. Baulkham Hills

MINATOR mag wheels, 13" x 5", with tyres

Here are four UK-made Minator wheels fitted with Dunlop SP Sport LM704 tyres, 175 x 70 R13. We recently removed these from a car because the owner wanted to fit Performance Hotwire wheels.

Both wheels and tyres have had very little use. The outside face of all wheels is perfect with no scratches, no kerb damage, and they look new. There are some minor cosmetic scratches on the inside where the tyres and wheel weights were touching the tie rod ends, but you can't see that once the wheels are fitted. The tyres likewise are near new with full tread depth and no uneven wear.

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Laughs for the month



MEET AND GREET AT GLEORIE RSL

It was short notice when the social team (Sharon and myself) decided to have a short drive culminating in lunch at Glenorie RSL. It was a short media campaign with a chimp mail and Facebook advert which resulted in 33 people joining us for lunch.

The drive started at McDonalds at McGrath's Hill. We headed along Windsor Rd before turning onto Annangrove Rd to reminisce as we passed Amaroo Park for those of us who were lucky enough (read old enough) to compete there. Then we headed across to Marayla via Bluegum Rd, Pitt town Rd through McClymonts Rd before heading up Cattai Ridge Rd to Glenorie.

Those who enjoyed the drive arrived just as those who opted to meet us there also arrived. After a short look at the cars, we headed inside to enjoy the cool as it was particularly hot.

Sharon, who knows the chef arranged for us to have the small alcove area so we could chat and eat. Lovely meals and good friends made for a great afternoon.

We decided to run a raffle of club regalia items. On offer, we had a 2023 calendar from the Sprite and Midget Club in UK, club keyring, cooler bag etc. Prizes were shared around with Scotty Gibbs picking up the prized calendar.

Meeting us at the start were:

Bruce and Peter Miles (Bugeye), Steve Dive (Mk2), Les Payne and Dianne Rankin (BMW 2002), Bruce Taylor and Maree McMahon (Mk3), Denise and Scheryl Maher (Mercedes), Paul Hunt (Sprite Mk3), Michael Meadows (Mk2) Who didn't love Michael's new little puppy?, Avis Fowler and Beryle Taylor (Mazda)

Those heading straight to the RSL were:

Scott, Kelly and Kaiya Gibbs (Nissan), Sharon Allen (Subaru), Ryan, Kirsty, Olivia and Sienna Allen (unknown), Gary Pope (unknown), Rod Pringle (Mk2), Madonna and Harley Pringle (Falcon)

Colin Dodds was a surprise guest as he was celebrating several birthdays with his family.

If you were the green Sprite that came for a look and carried on, we would have loved for you to join us.



Photos taken by
Scott Gibbs at
the Meet and
Greet event

Meet: Bruce Taylor's Sprite

I brought the car in late 2001 from British and Continental cars at Habberfield, unregistered and needing some minor rust repairs.

Work on the car did not start until mid 2002 as I had to replace the garage due to a leaky roof. Once I started on the repairs, I found (as we all know) the rust was worse than it looked. The more I dug into it the worse things got but by then there was no going back. It probably would have been easier to get a new shell but I pushed on.

After making up a rotisserie I stripped it back to bare metal and the fun started.

Some time passed as the repairs progressed slowly due to work commitments, finances and health issues.

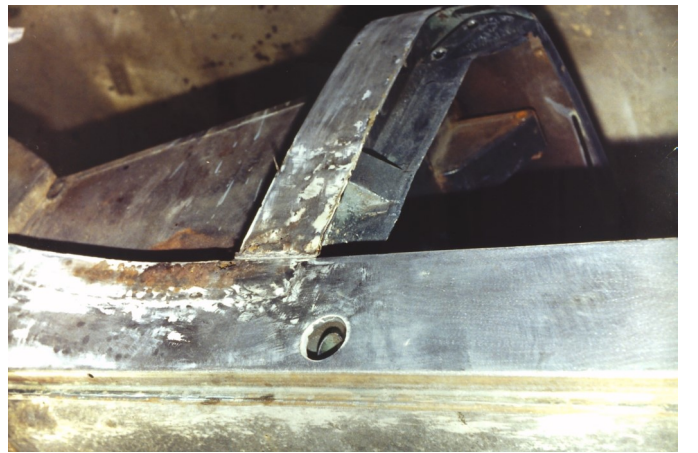
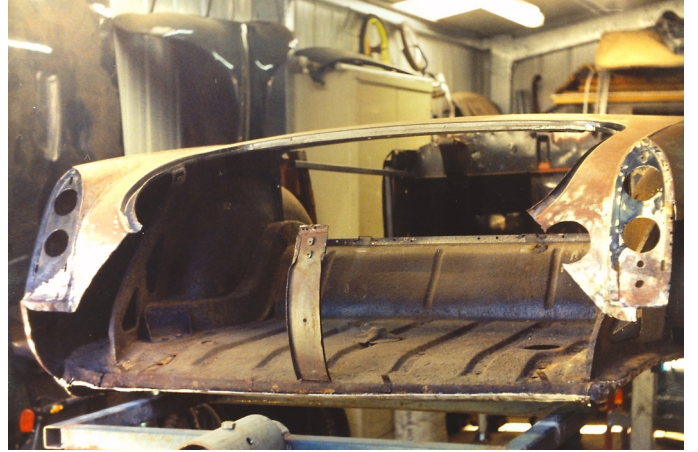
All work and paint was done at home by myself except for the last coat paint. A friend who is a painter applied the top coat just to be safe.

While the motor was out I had the head done to be able to run unleaded and upgraded to electronic ignition, new wiring and an alternator replaced the generator. All mechanicals were refreshed or renewed as needed but there was nothing major there. I refreshed the interior trim (seats were okay) and fitted new carpets also.

Finally I was ready to get back on the road and Colin passed his expert eye over the car and gave it the all clear.



Photos taken by Bruce Taylor



Beyond Bitumen




It is that time of the year again & we are looking for donations for this great cause, only a month to go, 24th to 27th March 2023 **TEAM SPRITE BEYOND BITUMEN**

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Rod & Harley Pringle Team Sprite 044 8009223

2023 Rally

Beyond Bitumen Rally 2023 Trip Details. Mudgee to Medlow Bath. March 24th - 27th 2023

Thursday Night.

We'll meet up at Oriental Hotel in **Mudgee** for Registration, as well as an Orientation Session for first time participants. Thursday night is always a good time to catch up with mates from last year and dream about what might happen this year. Mudgee is about 4 hours from most parts of Sydney.



Friday.

We'll be setting off from **Mudgee Showground** on the outskirts of Mudgee. We'll have you on some dirt roads as soon as we can get out of town. We will tackle Coolah Tops and parts of the Pillaga Forest. After a hearty lunch put on by a local service group we will arrive in Narrabri for our overnight stop.

Saturday.

Heading west out of **Narrabri** this morning we will be driving through classic grazing country on our way to the great unknown. Lunch will be at a little country town that will be thankful for the economic boost we will provide. We'll cruise a few more country roads before we head back to **Dubbo** for some more country hospitality and an overnight stop.

Sunday.

We'll head west out of **Dubbo** this morning before we turn south and finish up at **Orange** where we will have our Sunday Night Awards and Auction Dinner. This is the highlight of the event and gives us a chance to focus on why we are all involved in the rally, and what it means to us personally.

Monday.

Monday morning will see us heading east down some lovely rural lanes, for a final taste of dirt road driving north of **Bathurst**, before we arrive at the Hydro Majestic **Medlow Bath**. You can either grab a bite to eat at the Pavilion or head off to nearby Katoomba or Leura. It's a comfortable 90 minutes back to Sydney from here, so you'll be back in your own bed at home on Monday Night.

Rod & Harley Pringle Team Sprite 044 8009223

HSRCA 2023 CALENDAR

~~NEW YEAR HISTORICS~~

~~SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK, 3 - 5 FEBRUARY~~

SYDNEY CLASSIC

SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK, 9 - 11 JUNE

SUMMER FESTIVAL

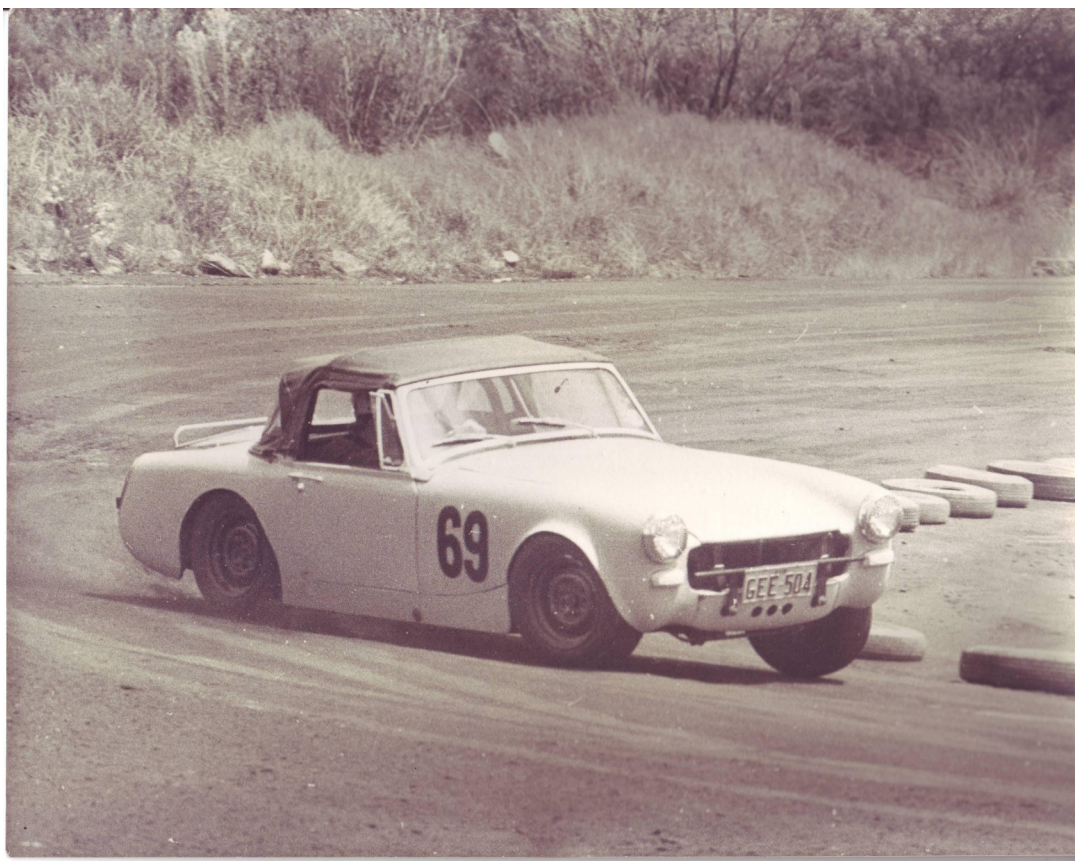
SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK, 24 - 26 NOVEMBER



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Here is a photo taken at Amaroo Dirt Circuit in the mid 60's.

Do you happen to know the car, driver, or owner? Perhaps you were at this event way back in the 60s and have some memories you can share.

Over the next few months we are looking to hear from members to see whether they know anything about the cars pictured in this feature each month. One of our longstanding members Max Squires has rounded up a range of SCCA photos taken when he joined the club in 1964.

If you see a car that you know, or know the owner, let us know at editor@spriteclub.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023

Breakfast Run to Gledswood Hills Country Club

Meet: Eastern Creek Quarter Shopping Centre
(Cnr Great Western H'Way and Rooty Hill Rd)

Time: 8:00am for 8:30am departure

Breakfast starts at 9:30am for those who wish to meet us there.

91 The Hermitage Way, Gledswood Hills NSW 2557

Contact Avis 0412051594 to let us know if you are coming

FRIDAY 9TH-SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023

Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023

HARS Tour with the Mini Car Club

Visit to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society at Albion Park.

The HARS Aviation Museum is unlike many other you may visit. Admission includes a guided tour through the premises, which owing to the hangars being "working" hangars, requires and escort. The advantage of this approach is that you will have the opportunity to go behind the barriers and you will be able to experience the aircraft and other displays in a way that is not possible elsewhere.

The tour takes 90 mins and the museum fee is Adult \$25, Concession \$20. Entry will include a guided tour through all displays and hangars, with limited access to the Boeing 747-438.

On arrival we will enjoy a morning tea in Café Connie at \$7.50 per person and then commence a tour of the facilities and aircraft with an opportunity to park our cars under the wings of the 747. Lunch will be provided at Café Connie at \$13.50 per person.

Travel to Albion Park Airport on Sunday morning, meeting at McDonalds Heathcote (cnr Heathcote Rd and Princes H'Way) at 8:30am for 9:00am departure.

RSVP before Sunday 12th March

Avis 0412051594

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

Sprite (SCCA) Supersprint

Sydney Motorsport Park South Circuit (Day event)

We are looking for some volunteers to help make our event run smoothly on the day. If you think you can help out in any way contact Greg president@spriteclub.com

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

Blue Mountains Run to Bilpin

Meet: McDonalds Peachtree (Cnr Castlereagh Rd and Peachtree Rd)

Time: 12:30pm for 1:00pm departure

Afternoon Tea at Bilpin

SATURDAY 22ND-SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2023

All Historic Mallala

MAY 2023

TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY

Meet: McDonalds Thornleigh

Time: 7:30am for 8:00am departure

Breakfast on the Nothern Beaches (Dee Why)

We will be heading via Mona Vale Rd, McCarrs Creek Rd onto Dee Why. Parking meter costs apply.

FRIDAY 25TH-SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023

Historic Winton

JUNE 2023

THURSDAY 9TH-SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023

HSRCA Sydney Classic Historic Race Meeting

Watch some fabulous cars up close and personal as they compete at Sydney Motorsport Park. Walk around the pits, talk to the drivers, enjoy the atmosphere of classic car racing.

Watch Team Meyer or Team Hotz or Team Sebesfi. See David Baigent, Brian Weston and Greg Prunster take on the might of the Porsches, MGs, Shelby and Alfas. Or see how consistent Tamie Hotz or John Croft can be in their cars.

TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023

MGCC Newcastle (MGNEW) Supersprint

Pheasant Wood, Marulan

JULY 2023

TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

TBC—Christmas in July

AUGUST 2023

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2023

Lotus (CIA) Supersprint

Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner GP Circuit

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023

Shannons Classic Display Day at Sydney Motorsport Park

SEPTEMBER 2023

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

MGCC SYD (MGCC) Supersprint

Pheasant Wood, Marulan

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023

Bathurst 1000 Day

Way back when, the club used to have a social day watching the big race at someone's home. Guess what? We are bringing back the Bathurst. Watch as a group on the big screen. Enjoy fellow enthusiast's company, cheer and commiserate your favourite teams as they take on the Mountain this year.

Location is Glenorie, time to be confirmed as details of the race become available. Bring a chair, bring a plate, bring your passion for Bathurst.

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2023

Jaguar (JDCA) Supersprint

Sydney Motorsport Park North (Druitt) Circuit

NOVEMBER 2023

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

DECEMBER 2023

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023

Committee/Club Meeting

Attendance at any of the club events listed in the calendar is not required to be entered into your HVS/ CVS logbook.



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Photos on back cover

Top: Photo of Bruce Miles' Bugeye
taken by Scott Gibbs
Bottom: Photo of Ingrid Scharping's
MG B taken by Michael Benton

