

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 2016

- **MG Car Club (Auckland Centre) Incorporated**
- **MG Motorsport Register Auckland Incorporated**

Volunteers

Similar to past years, MGCC remains one of the most active Clubs in the country, offering a variety of events for all its membership. With our large membership, it is important that we offer as many chances as possible for people to get out and enjoy their cars and continue the presence of the MG marque out in the general public arena.

There are always stand out events, but to name a few; the National Rally in Taupo as organised by the Auckland Centre was a great success and saw a number of drivers experience their cars in the way intended for the first time, Far North yet again proved its popularity with over 40 cars attending, the MGF tours are well supported, the excellent Ellerslie Concours with MGCC having the winning display and showing well in the various judging classes, the inaugural Brit & Euro car show and the Pre56 events were also popular.

Social events continue to be a big part of the event calendar with participation increasing across the board, especially with the MidWeek Gallivants and the MidWinter Adventure.

Last year we ran a motorkhana jointly with the Mini Car Club that was very successful and is being repeated in 2016. It is hoped this event will become a regular feature of the calendar. The two hillclimbs were very well attended and for the first time in a couple of years provided a positive return from a financial perspective. MGCC submitted a discussion paper at the recent Motorsport NZ AGM to introduce a Regularity Hillclimb as an official MSNZ event. This type of event was run in the past and hopefully with its introduction it will provide a new introductory level sporting event for those that want to try something a little more competitive.

The coming year may offer some challenges for our more advanced Sporting events. While MGCC, being a volunteer organisation, is excluded from the new Health & Safety legislation, it is possible that there will be an indirect impact through councils and the like requiring additional documentation/information for events. This will just add further time to the effort required to put these events into practice. Further, identifying suitable venues for the clubs grass events (autocross and motorkhanas) remains a challenge, although the Club remains extremely grateful to those venues we do have access to on a regular basis. Following on from the two very successful track days in 2014 and 2015 a big disappointment has been the significant increase in costs necessary to run a Track Day in the Auckland area. Looking further afield, to Taupo, does seem like the only valid option for a track day to keep entry fees at what is accepted as a reasonable level, but obviously comes with other costs.

The final word must again go to the regular people that put their hand up to help as volunteers or organise events for the club. This effort is imperative for the continued success of MGCC.

See you out there in your MG.

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