



2009 NATIONAL MEETING

GEELONG

10th – 14th April 2009

BULLETIN No. 4

Thank you for joining us and approximately 500 other M.G. enthusiasts for the 2009 National Meeting. We look forward to catching up in Geelong.

This Bulletin covers information that will assist you in being prepared so you do not get “caught out”. Your Registration Pack will then provide all the necessary detailed information.

HELP: If you have a problem you can contact Don Woods on 0409 249 780 or Ian McKenzie on 0412 313 806 who will be only too happy to assist.

REGISTRATION

Registration is at the Geelong Conference Centre located in Eastern Park, at the eastern end of Malop Street Geelong. (Map attached). There will be plenty of MG signs and people to direct you. Registration and scrutineering will be from 9.30 am till 4.00 pm on Friday 10th April 2009.

Registrations have now closed

Supplementary Regulations are available on the natmeet website at:-

<http://www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet09/Register.asp>

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

CAMS Permit No: 309/1404/02

Entry for this event is near close and final catering and accommodation arrangements are currently being completed. The Victorian organising committee is busily completing the final touches to all its events so that all members of Australian M.G. Car Clubs and visitors from overseas can look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the competition and Social events organised in the spirit of “**Safety Fast**”.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO COMPETITORS OF BOTH THE MOTORKHANA AND HILLCLIMB EVENTS, There has been reason to make minor changes to the original supplementary regulations:

Motorkhana: -- Change to key officials

Be advised that there has been a change of Clerk of Course for this event, namely Ian McKenzie (CAMS Lic no 9892196) with Matt Baragwanath as assistant.

Mt Leura Hillclimb: -- Change to key officials & Increase in 'entry cap'

Be advised that the event secretary for this event will now be Kaye Thatcher. Due to the large number of entries still coming in for the speed event, we have applied to CAMS to increase the numbers of vehicles being allowed to run. Be advised that the maximum number of competitors to the hillclimb event will now be 150.

NOTE: Due to both the motorkhana and Hillclimb event being heavily subscribed for competitors, we have had to split the field into half and stagger the starting times.

Please refer to the event programme for the commencement timing of your class.

In the last week, a statement clarification document was released in relation to the minimum requirements of seatbelts and rollbars at this meeting. **(See below)**

The context of this statement will be adhered to to its full extent at this meeting. If you are unsure of the effect of these rulings on your car, contact Derek Reed (Chief Scrutineer) on 0438 267 432 or his e-mail address is dre80216@bigpond.net.au. **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE.**

SCRUTINEERING

You are to register **before** lining up for scrutineering which is in the area immediately behind the registration building. Cars will be scrutineered in line with the events in which they have been entered. A "Scrutineering Check Sheet" has been provided for you to check all the items yourself and will need to be presented, filled out by yourself, to the scrutineers.

Please note the following requirements:

Statement and Clarification with Regard to Rollbars, Seatbelts, Wooden Steering Wheels and Fire extinguishers

Mount Leura Hillclimb

1. Rollbars

- ❖ CAMS Manual (Schedule J) states that vehicles competing in speed events below State level don't have to be fitted with a safety cage structure. However, if a rollbar is fitted which is not CAMS approved, the Chief Scrutineer may pass such a non-complying rollbar for competition if he is satisfied that it is safe (Para 9).

2. Seatbelts

- ❖ CAMS regulations (Schedule I) requires that all vehicles competing in a club or multi-club speed event be fitted with a minimum 3 point lap/sash seatbelt (see Table 2)
- ❖ Under the historic regulations (see 5th Cat 3.1.6), seat belts are not compulsory for cars logbooked in Groups Ja, Ka and Lb, and "competitors are free to use a belt of their choice...".
- ❖ In simple terms CAMS regulations state that all cars competing in the Mount Leura Hillclimb will be required to have a 3 point seatbelt unless they have a Historic Logbook that specifically allows them to run without a seatbelt.
- ❖ As per the CAMS manual it is highly recommended that all cars, including Historic logbooked cars, should have seatbelts fitted. Anybody running in a historic logbooked car that wish to run at Mount Leura without a three point seatbelt will be required to sign an additional disclaimer.

3. Wooden Steering Wheels

- ❖ See below an extract from the CAMS Manual.

Schedule B

EACH AUTOMOBILE (EXCEPT A SUPERKART) SHALL, OF NECESSITY, IN ANY SPEED EVENT OR RACE BE:

13. fitted with a steering wheel not incorporating any wood, unless such is the original component of the

automobile:

- ❖ Please note the underlined section above. Drivers of cars fitted with wooden steering wheels will be requested to sign a disclaimer that the steering wheel is an original component.

4. Fire Extinguishers

- ❖ See below an extract from the CAMS manual.

1. Each automobile in any competition other than non-speed events must be equipped with a fire extinguisher which complies with the following conditions and is properly fitted at a suitable location.

1.1 Hand held fire extinguishers:

(i) must remain restrained under an acceleration of 25G;

(ii) must be capable of removal by the driver (or crew, where applicable) without the aid of tools.

(iii) must be inspected by scrutineers at least once every six months, or otherwise prior to competition. This involves visually checking the unit and its mountings for damage, checking the pressure of the contents, and shaking the container to check for settling of the extinguishant. Where practical the extinguisher should be weighed.

- ❖ Please note that the fire extinguishers must conform to AS1841 which requires that the fire extinguisher must be serviced every 3 years. It is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle to have the extinguisher either serviced or for it to be less than 3 years old.
- ❖ It is suggested that normal self tapping screws may not be able to conform to item (i) and that the extinguisher should ideally be mounted in a position that can be reached by the driver whilst sitting in the driving seat.

Motorkhana

Seatbelts

- ❖ CAMS regulations (Schedule I) requires that all vehicles competing in a motorkhana require cars to be fitted with a minimum of a lap belt (Type D in table 1)

Observation Run (Competition Event)

- ❖ Cars must be roadworthy.

Kimber Run (Tour)

- ❖ Cars must be roadworthy.

The organising committee of the 2009 MG National Meeting understand that these CAMS rules may cause concerns to some participants. However these rules have been in place for some time. As CAMS affiliated car clubs the organising committee is running this event under the CAMS rules as stated above in order to ensure that we are covered by the CAMS insurance policy.

If you are unsure of the effect of these rulings on your car, contact Derek Reed (Chief Scrutineer) on 0438267432 or his e-mail address is dre80216@bigpond.net.au.

LICENCES

An “Event” licence may be obtained at registration (cost \$45.00), but it is preferred if all licences are obtained prior to the NatMeet. This will “speed up” the registration and scrutineering process.

If any Centre has overseas competitors, their licences should be checked for acceptability with your local CAMS office before the event.

A CAMS competition licence is not required for the Concours or Kimber Run only. You are able to have a car entered and judged in the Concours with a social entry. Please advise us at registration to receive a Judging Sheet.

TRAILER and CAR STORAGE is available. Ask at registration for details.

MAGAZINE and PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Entries are to be submitted at registration on Good Friday.

The Rules for these competitions are detailed in the Supplementary Regulations. The maximum size of any photograph is 250mm x 200mm (10” x 8”). Larger photographs **will not** be judged.

REGALIA

Regalia orders can be collected at Registration. There will be limited Regalia available for sale at Registration.

There will **not** be any discounting of regalia during or at the end of the meeting.

RAFFLE

There will be a NatMeet raffle of various items mostly car related. See the display at registration. Tickets are \$2 ea or 6 for \$10. Look out for the ticket sellers. It will be drawn at the Presentation Dinner.

DRINK VOUCHERS

Drinks can be obtained with pre-sold vouchers. The vouchers can be purchased at registration or at the venue, look out for the sellers with the flashing “Smiley” badges! Be prepared, get them early.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

All social functions will be held at the K D Stewart Centre, Deakin University, Waurn Ponds approximately 6km from the Geelong CBD. (Map attached).

CAR WASHING

Car washing facilities are available through one of our supporting sponsors. See the advertisement below.

SHOPPING TOUR

Payment for the DFO shopping bus tour is required to be made at Registration on Good Friday to confirm your booking. The bus departs Rippleside Park on Saturday at 10 am.

EVENTS

Good Friday

NATTER'n'NOGGIN

From 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm at the K.D. Stewart Centre.

It will not be necessary to eat beforehand as finger food will be provided in quantity. Drinks will be available by voucher. We do not expect anyone to leave hungry.

The Rocker Cover Races will be held during the evening. Entry and scrutineering at 7.30 pm and racing at 8.00 pm. Make sure your special rocker cover is there!

Easter Saturday

CONCOURS

The Concours will be at Rippleside Park, Bell Parade, Rippleside.

Gates will open at 8.00 am, cars in place 9.30 am, judging commences 9.45 am. Finalists judging will commence at 2.00 pm. Class trophies will be presented on the day.

The shopping bus departs at 10 am and returns at 3pm.

THEME NIGHT

This years' theme is Masked Carnivale. It's party time! Let your hair down and your imagination run wild! You could be mixing with Zorro, Beagle Boys, The Phantom or some mystical person from antiquity. Don't forget your mask.

The venue is the K.D. Stewart Centre and kick off time 7.30 pm.

Easter Sunday

HILLCLIMB

Mt. Leura, Camperdown.

We are using the Mt. Leura Tourist Road which will be closed for our event. This venue is used for Australian and Victorian Hillclimb Championship Rounds as well as other club events. It is quite a challenging course. Camperdown is approximately 1hr. 20mins from Geelong. (Map attached).

The entry list will be split into 2 groups as follows:

Group 1

Classes	N O P Q R S T U V W ZA ZB ZD ZE
7.00 – 8.00	Scrutineering
8.00	Drivers Briefing
8.15	Familiarity Run
9.00	Competition Start

Group 2

Classes	A B C D E F G H I J K L M X Y Z
11.30 – 12.30	Scrutineering
12.45	Drivers Briefing
1.30	Familiarity Run
2.00	Competition Start

Class trophies will be presented on the day. Catering will also be available.

OBSERVATION RUN

The start will be at the Geelong Conference Centre. There will be a measured distance nominated in the route instructions at the start of the event.

Entrants will be divided into 2 groups for 2 separate routes, as follows:

Group 1

Classes	A B C D E F G H I J K L M X Y Z
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Group 2

Classes	N O P Q R S T U V W Z A Z B Z D Z E
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7.45 Drivers Briefing

8.15 First car away.

Tonight is a free night, arrange a gathering with other MG enthusiasts and get to know each other. Geelong has a great variety of eateries and places of interest on offer.

Easter Monday

MOTORKHANA

The venue for the motorkhana is the car park at the Barwon Valley Activity Centre, Barwon Heads Road near Mount Pleasant Road. Entrants will be divided into 2 groups as follows:

Group 1

Classes	N O P Q R S T U V W Z A Z B Z D Z E
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7.00 – 8.00 Scrutineering

8.15 Drivers Briefing

8.30 Competition Start

Group 2

Classes	A B C D E F G H I J K L M X Y Z
10.30 – 11.30	Scrutineering
11.45	Drivers Briefing
12.00	Competition Start

The test patterns (3) and direction are shown on the web site and will be detailed in the NatMeet program.

KIMBER RUN

The start will be at the Geelong Conference Centre.

8.45 Drivers Briefing
9.00 First car away.

PRESENTATION DINNER

The culmination of the 2009 NatMeet will be at the K.D. Stewart Centre where all the perpetual awards and the remaining trophies will be presented reaching a climax with the announcing of the winners of the Nuffield and Wratten awards.

The dinner is fully catered, drinks included. As usual you can dress to impress.

Doors will open at 6.00 pm, to be seated by 6.30 pm.

AFTER MEETING EVENT

There will not be a hillclimb at Rob Roy on the Wednesday after the NatMeet. There were insufficient numbers committing to the event through our competitor survey.

This NatMeet has been made possible with the generous assistance of our major sponsors:

RACV
LSV
Winter and Taylor (Geelong)
City of Greater Geelong (Ward Allocation)
Zagame
Australian Clothing

Also our subsidiary sponsors:

Motoractive; Armor All; Würth; MGB Sporting Car Services; The Healey Factory;
Australian Classic Wire Wheels; Garage King; Elfin Sports Cars; Howard Instruments;
Shannons, Squekie Car Spa; Pickard's of Melbourne; MG Abingdon; Barwon Water;
Vintage Wiring Harness Cool Drive, Mike Harbar - Car Artist.

We look forward to being your hosts for the 2009 National Meeting.

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ATTACHMENTS

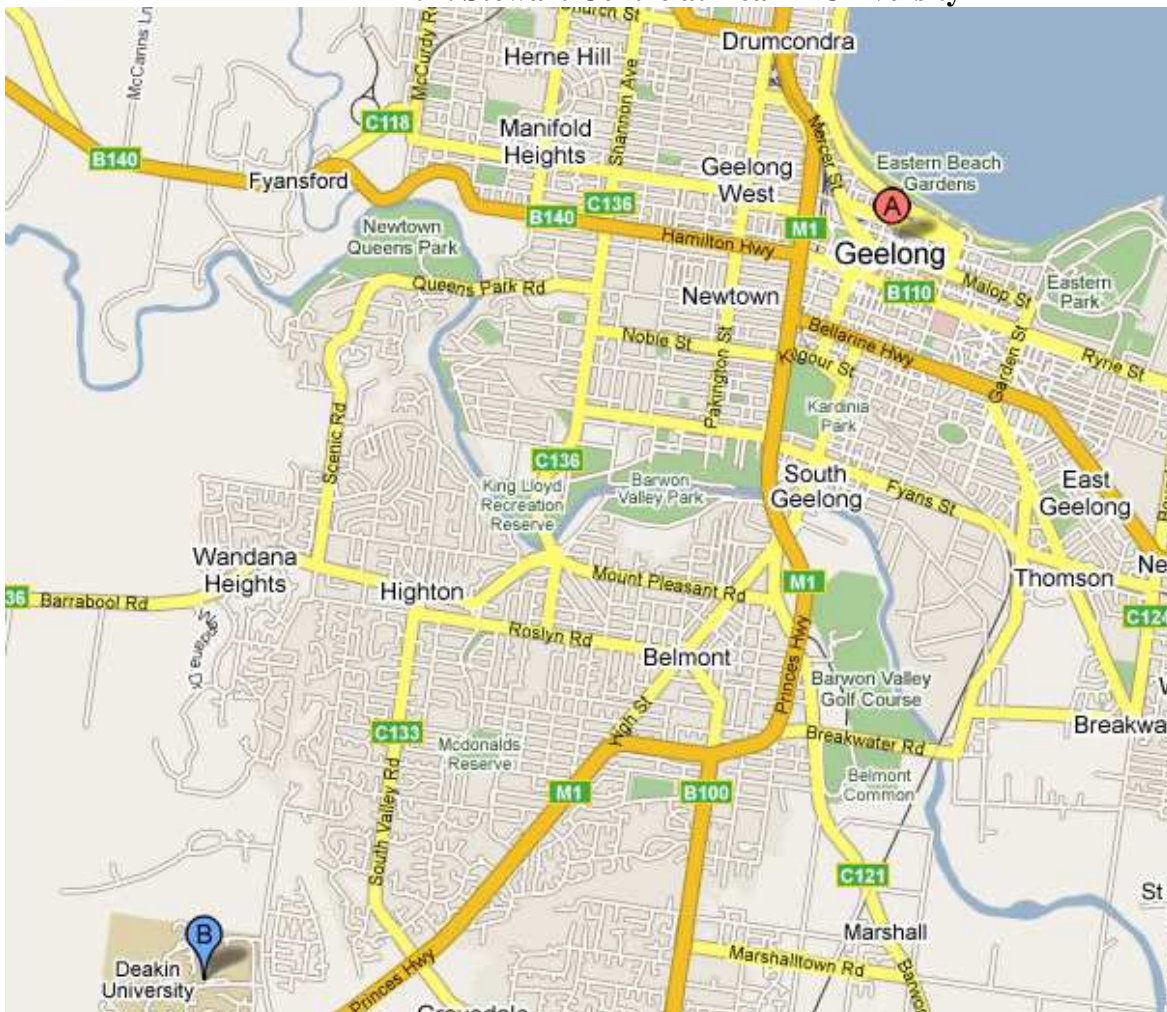
Attachment 1

Geelong Conference Centre



Attachment 2

K.D. Stewart Centre at Deakin University



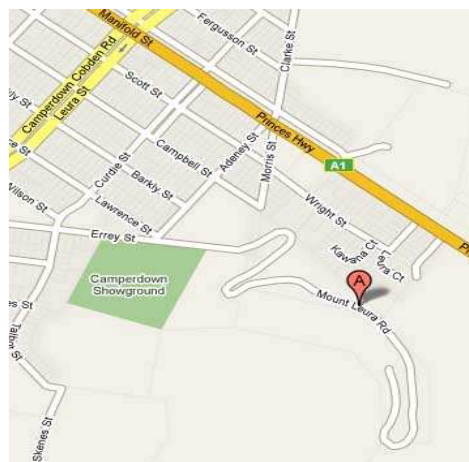
Attachment 3

Road map to Camperdown



Attachment 4

Hillclimb



Car Wash

Clean your M.G.

Squeekies
CAR SPA

Cnr Latrobe Terrace & Noble St
Open 24 hours - 7 days a week

The advertisement features a classic blue M.G. car on the left. The central text reads "Clean your M.G." and "Squeekies CAR SPA". Below this is a hand-drawn map of a street grid with a red arrow pointing to the intersection of Latrobe Terrace and Noble St. The bottom of the ad is decorated with blue bubbles.