

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
From Stephen Marlow

Octagonal greetings!

I was pleased that our May Monthly General Meeting was both entertaining and informative. I think that the meeting, with some visuals on the screen beforehand a very interesting car out the back, worked very well but if you have other thoughts please let me know.

Thanks to David McNabb for the National Meeting slide montage before the formalities got underway, and Dick Manning and John Illingworth for the month's display car – the only MG Maestro Turbo in Australia. Dick is promising another unique car for the June meeting.

During the May MGM we also broadened the 'General Business' agenda item into an Open Forum to hear ideas from those present. A number of things came up and these will go to the Committee at its June meeting. I'm always open to new ideas – please feel free to email or phone me with your suggestions. One of the ideas was to have guest speakers, which I think is terrific and I'd like to hear your ideas about who you'd like to hear from. John Illingworth talked about his Maestro last night and it's a great story. Having a guest speaker will also provide a story and photos for the website and magazine – it's a win-win.

The point was also made that it's one thing to come up with ideas, but they will need putting into practice, so the underlying thought for that is, get involved. One recurring point was how well the website is working – thanks to John Kemp for this. But the website – and the magazine – are only as good as the stories that are submitted, so please, have a think about what YOU can contribute. And any info you write – and photos – should go to both John and Laurie.

Your Committee is working very hard and as we move into MG's Centenary Year we're about to establish a small working group to coordinate our activities in that regard, which will include a Centenary Cecil Kimber Run in November. In the Centenary context, we are in contact with the organisers of the Adelaide 500 to determine if we can get some form of participation. I'll keep you posted.

We're also about to have a look at the Club's Rules and ensure they are up to date and reflect the direction we're moving in. There is provision in the Rules for a couple of positions which aren't currently filled so we'll be looking at that too, and any other positions the Committee feels would be useful. Even though we're still in the first half of the year the Committee has turned its thoughts to a Christmas Party or similar event.

Arthur Ruediger has taken on the role of looking after the T & Pre-War Register but we still need someone to do the same for the MGA/Magnette Register. Ken Burke has been working hard on this but we still need a name – please think about it.

Since my last report I've been on my first Breakfast Run (Chris and I had a great time – thanks to everyone who organised and took part) a T Register Meeting, and a Lunch Run. And I WILL get to a motorsport event in the near future.
That's all for now, cheers!

Safety Fast!
Stephen Marlow, President.