

## Successful May Three Day Tour

Scone Palace proved to be an excellent starting point for this year's Tour. Sixty seven MGs lined up in front of the Palace, while participants indulged in tea, coffee and bacon rolls before car No1 the 1931 F-type of Ian and Isobel Goddard was flagged off by Brigadier Melville Jameson the Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross. It took over an hour before the last car left the grounds heading towards Glenshee then Braemar and over to Ballater to the lunch stop. The weather was dull as we set off, but it soon started to brighten up as we embarked on the famous Cock Bridge to Tomintoul road, over the Lecht and following the Whisky Trail to our over night stop at the Newton Hotel Nairn. The evening meal was followed by an MG quiz set by David and Mary Stewart, which was rather dubiously won by Bob MacGillivray's table.

The Sunday morning weather was some what better than expected as we set off for Culloden Battlefield, where we split into two groups one heading around the Black Isle the other round Loch Ness before meeting up again at Fort George and back to Nairn through a dust storm, which must have been the only place that did not have rain. After the meal that evening we were entertained by a group of talented young musicians called TMC Folk led by David Bowen, who to everyone's surprise were first class and managed to get everyone on the floor dancing including our guests from south of the border.

On the Monday it was back down to Scone Palace via Carrbridge, Aviemore and Dunkeld for tea and scones before our goodbyes. Everyone agreed it was an excellent weekend, and it was great to see such a large contingent from south of the border, the main group again this year being fourteen cars from the Yorkshire Centre, and as far a field as Devon and Cornwall and one car from Holland.



## Caledonian News

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### Welcome to the Caledonian Centre Stand

Welcome to the Knockhill Speedfair from the Caledonian Centre of The MG Car Club. The cars you see here today are a selection of our members cars pre 1981, as required by the event. A true reflection of the MG cars owned by our members range from a 1931 F-Type through to two 2007 registered MG TFs, and hopefully we will see many more with the production lines at Longbridge rolling once more, with the Marque being saved yet again, this time by the Chinese company NAC.

The Caledonian Centre was primarily a sub Centre of the Scottish Centre, it came into being in 1991 when some of the Scottish Centre members, mainly from the west side of the country wanted to be more involved in the social side of MG's as opposed to the competition side, which was the main stay of the Scottish Centre, that was set up in 1933. The original Committee Members were Ashley and Laurina Strachan,



George and Carol Cooper, Iain Wright, Alasdair Boyle and Colin McLachlan who was co-opted after the first few months, and called themselves the Caledonian Group. The Group were given Centre status in February 1992 and changed their name to the Caledonian Centre, which covered Central, Strathclyde and Dumfries & Galloway Areas. The Centre organised Treasure Hunts, Gymkhana's, Technical Evenings and One-Day Runs. The main event of each year was the May Two-Day Run which attracted some thirty cars in its first year and fifty in the second year from all

over Britain. This event is still run today but over the years it has evolved into a Three-Day event with sixty seven entrants this year.

Over the intervening years the Scottish Centre has become inactive, which leaves only the Caledonian Centre to represent the MG Car Club in Scotland. The Centre holds events each month in different areas throughout Scotland, from the Chilly Willy Run on the 1st of January (MG optional) to the November Nosh. The highlight of the year still being the Three-Day May Tour, Why not come along and join us at one of our events, visit our web site on [www.mgcaledonian.org](http://www.mgcaledonian.org)

## August Amble - Keeping the Nautical Theme

The August Amble will consist of a short run of some 40 to 50 miles, starting from the House of Binns on the A904 between South Queensferry and Linlithgow at 1.00pm on the 19th August. Keeping to the nautical theme we will head towards the Bridge Inn at Ratho near to Edinburgh Airport, where we will board the Pride of the Union barge for a three and a half hour Dinner and Cruise at a cost of £30 per person. The menu offers a choice of three starters, four main courses and three sweet courses followed by tea and coffee. The Canal Boat Restaurant seats up to 36 passengers comfortably, there is a full bar, central heating and toilet facilities on board. The standard cruise route is from Ratho to Almondell Aqueduct by Broxburn where on a clear day the views are breathtaking.

The Run is being organised by Tom Bryce and with the limit on the number being 36. Book now! A deposit of £10 per person is required when booking, so contact Tom now on 01506 890707 or book via the web site.



## OCTOBER LUNCH MEET AND RUN - Sunday the 21st

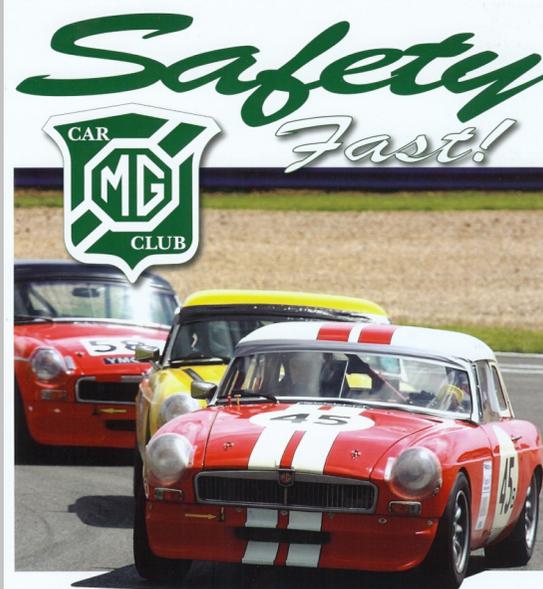
The Run will leave from Elliott's Restaurant, Main Street, Prestwick at 10am. The run will take us through Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway, with a lunch stop at Castle Douglas and finishing at Langholm Farm Shop Symington just outside Prestwick. Contact George Frame on 01292 261999 or see our web site.

## NEW LOOK SAFETY FAST

This month saw the launch of the new look *Safety Fast*, following the decision taken at the March Council Meeting to terminate the contract with publishers Octane Media, who produced and packaged *Safety Fast* with MG Enthusiast, in favour of reverting back to an in-house magazine.

An editorial team was set up headed by Director, John Day assisted by Andy Knott in the Club Office and John James who has done so much to develop the T-Register's Magazine.

Instead of doing all the "nitty gritty" each month as we did before the contract with Octane Media, we have engaged a contract publisher, to solicit the advertising, assist the editorial team with layout as required, print and distribute the magazine. The result is a 100 page magazine packed with News, Features, Technical Information, Profiles, Racing & Competition Reports, Adverts, Overseas & Centre Updates, and Register Reports, along with a whole lot of other information you would expect to see in a quality Club magazine.



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## SEPTEMBER 2-DAY RUN

This Run as in past years books out early, at this time there is only one room available at a cost of £53.50 pp Dinner Bed & Breakfast. The Run will leave from the Green Welly Shop at Tyndrum at 11.00am on the 22nd. The route will take us through Glen Coe and over on the Corran Ferry and around the Moidart Peninsula to our overnight stop at the Isles of Glencoe Hotel in Ballachulish. Contact Keith Middleton on 01786 825665.