

You Can do Motor Sport in your MG!

Ever watched racing at Knockhill and thought "I wish I could do that". Well perhaps Knockhill is a bit too much to chew at the start but there are less expensive alternatives.

Many of the drivers in classic cars competing at Knockhill started in sprints and hillclimbs. For these events you will need a licence from the MSA (about £40) and a race suit and helmet (about £350 new but Ebay can supply used items).



As far as your car is concerned the only requirements are that it should be safe and if old enough should have an

MOT. It will be checked over at events by scrutineers who will give you as much assistance as you need.

Other than that you need to join an MSA recognised club (the MGCC Caledonian Centre is one!) and then apply to enter your first event.

Sprints and Hillclimbs are all run on tarmac roads with only one or two cars on track at any time. If there are two then they are well spaced out so there is no danger of collision. Events are run "against the clock" so the quickest car in your class wins!



These events are run in central Scotland at Kames in Ayrshire and Forrestburn, just off the M8 and elsewhere at Doune, Fintray House and Alford Aberdeen and Golspie.

I started some years ago in a completely road going MG Midget and now run a more developed Turner MG. Other drivers use MGBs, Metros and V8s but any car will do. **For more info check; <http://www.scottish-sprinting.co.uk/begin.html>**

Have a go!

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WELCOME TO CULZEAN COUNTRY PARK

by Mike Howlett

On behalf of the Caledonian Centre of the MG Car Club we welcome you to our stand and trust you like our presentation of the MG marque. You will see a selection of the many cars that our members have throughout Scotland. We have over 320 members within Scotland with MGs from the 1920's right through to the very latest. Virtually every model and variant is available. Some very rare, technically advanced and special cars are available within our membership ranks.

The MG Caledonian Centre organizes many lovely scenic runs throughout different areas within Scotland. However for the first time we are incorporating several, selected static shows within our large programme of monthly events.

This is the third major show we have attended this year. A selection of cars was chosen for each event and there will be members on hand to give advice on all aspects of MG ownership. Those thinking about purchasing any type of MG or needing any MG advice are welcome to speak to our knowledgeable and experienced members who will be happy to assist and help in any way.

Our current entry list for this event has a diverse range of MGs from a



rare 1934 MG Midget PA, **the** affordable sports car of it's age with a tiny 847cc OHC engine, to an even rarer 2005 MG SV-R, a true supercar with a carbon fibred body shell and a 5 litre V8, made by MG just before the closure of the business. We also have three T-types, the successors to the famous pre-war overhead cam Midgets. The T-types were made and developed from 1938 to 1955 and we have a TA, TC & TF.

These little cars were tremendously popular, particularly in the USA and helped Britain's export drive after WW2.

The next generation of MG sports cars were the MGAs, made from 1955 to 1962, and we have several examples for you to see, both roadsters and coupes. As well as the normal cars, we are showing two of the rare and exciting MGA Twin-Cam models, a type that is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. They were incredibly technically advanced for the 1950's having twin overhead cam engines, alloy cross flow high compression heads, Centrelock Dunlop wheels and 4 wheel Dunlop Disc brakes and all the performance modifications available at the time. Worldwide there are only a few roadworthy examples around and we are fortunate to have two for our display here today.

Also from the 1950s, take a look at the MG Magnette ZB, a very luxurious saloon car with excellent performance in its day. With the leather upholstery and wood trimmings the interior of these cars is a nice place to be, and they are still perfectly able to be used in modern conditions.



The infamous twin cam engine - exciting performance, oh so fickle!

From the 1960s and 70s, we have the most successful sports cars made in Britain, the MGB and the MG Midget. The red 1966 MGB shows how the car was when first produced, and the other models demonstrate the development of the marque, including an example of the MGB GT, a stylish and practical 2-seat coupe. Don't miss the red MGB V8 conversion, a popular modification

September Saunter - Sat & Sun 27th & 28th Sept.

This year's Run will start from Dobbie's Garden Centre Cumbernauld at 10 for 10.30am.

The route will take us on a mystery tour of Argyll with the over night stop at the Loch Fyne Hotel outside Inveraray, at a cost of £60 per person Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.



As this proves to be a popular weekend, book now! See the Web Site or contact Dave and Mary Stewart on 01383 860470.

using the Rover V8 engine and giving the old car really up-to-the-minute performance. MGBs and Midgets are still practical fun cars and many users drive them all year round. They are tough and reliable and very affordable, with cheap running costs.



We have a Maestro 2.0 litre EFi from the 80s, and an RV8 roadster from the 90s, both excellent drivers' cars. Bringing us up to date, you can see a mid-engined MG TF, and an MG ZS sports saloon.

For more information on the centre and our future events, you can visit our web site at www.mgcaledonian.com. For information on the MG Car Club, go to www.mgcc.co.uk.

Production Car Trial - Sunday 26th October

The Caledonian Centres first PCT (Production Car Trial) will take place at Bonaly, which is just off the Edinburgh City Bypass.

If you would like to take part in a non damaging branch of motor sport, then this is your chance. The trial is open to all types of MGs which will be divided into separate classes.



Car preparation is not a problem as your standard road going MG will only need good road tyres and a secure battery. That's it, what could be easier!

Come along and enjoy a fun day out. See the Web Site for more details or contact Andy Baillie on 0131 440 0799



YOU CAN JOIN THE MG CAR CLUB HERE TODAY!

The MG Car Club caters for all makes of MGs from the Old Number One to the last super car produced the SV-R