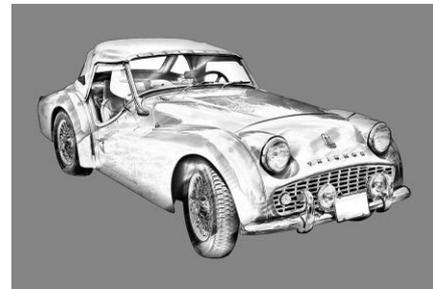




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2018 December



*Wishing all members a very merry Christmas and a happy,
healthy and prosperous new year.*

OUR MEETING VENUE IS UPSTAIRS AT THE COMO HOTEL, CANNING HWY, COMO
Starting 8.00pm second Tuesday of the month

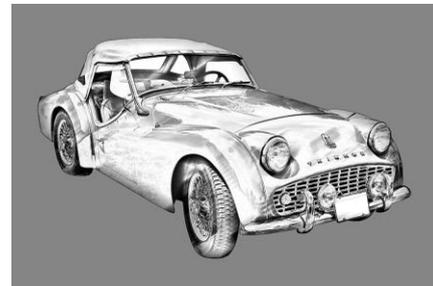
Come along a little earlier for a pre-meeting drink or a meal.

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Trump Magazine - Glen and Denise Farquhar wait in eager anticipation for your articles and gossip for publication in our quarterly club magazine TRUMP. We never ruin a good story with the truth so use your imagination to entertain our members and send in your articles which will earn you club points. Contact for any articles is (trump@tsoa-wa.com).

Editorial Comment:

A CRACKING GOOD TIME....well maybe not for some. Andy Hamilton, who has a reputation for meticulous preparation of his TR7V8 had an unfortunate incident recently where the front left stub axle broke part way through an autotest course. This put a sudden halt to him continuing, but a reminder to us all that our cars with major suspension and sticky tyre up-grades transfer extreme lateral (sideways) forces beyond the design criteria of our cars.

Then, just the following day, a member who had a slight bend in the left side vertical link of his track prepared Spitfire asked me to attempt to straighten it. (left side again???? Is there a pattern here?) Upon inspection, we noticed the coarse thread which screws into the lower trunnion displayed signs of cracking. With nothing to lose, a jig was made up to support the forging. Force was applied to straighten, and the coarse threaded section broke!!!!.

Needless to say, those of us who drive our cars on tracks or circuits are aware that mechanical failures are a fact we can't ignore, but by good grace won't happen us. It would not be practical to have all stub axles crack tested. Where up-graded stub axles are an available after market option, it would make good sense to consider these. Always an individual choice but a subject worthy of sharing so this choice is as informed as it can be. I haven't included rear hubs here, but these are also under high load too, so a simple check to ensure no free play is a good start. They should be free to rotate but no movement indicating bearing wear. These would usually require specialist involvement due to 'crush' type bearing pre-load. A salient warning but not one we should be terribly distracted by. A good maintenance routine and some simple check should be carried out regularly.

Our WA contingent at the QLD National returned with glowing feedback and an appreciation for the efforts of the organising committee who took on the task by default. Afterwards, our members then drove down the east coast, which as an 'add on' increased the national experience. Makes perfect sense to include a touring holiday while at an eastern national, enjoying and enhancing the experience.

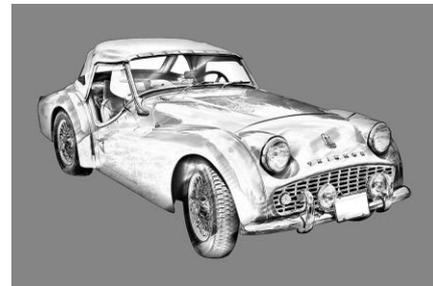
COMPETITION:

- **Motorplex Sprint** – Sunday December 2nd. – With the unfortunate clash with an event at Barbagallo, this may have influenced entries on the day. Those who did enter had a great time with only a few DNS's or DNF's. The aforementioned incident re' the Hamilton axle was most significant, an MG managed to 'kiss' the chain mesh fence, luckily only minor damage. Stormin' Stan Stokell 'smacked' the curb buckling a wheel but apart from that the rest of the field were unscathed. We were joined by a couple of Porsche club members who are becoming regular entrants at our event. It was quite pleasing to see the 4 cylinder ranks well represented. And well done to Andrew Markich would took top 4 cylinder honours in the nicely sorted TR7.
A full summary of results is on the web site. Mark Dobson took top spot overall.



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Coming Up

- **Midvale Speed Dome** – Sunday Feb 3 – Details closer to the time

CAMS Report:

Nothing to report this month.

SOCIAL:

- **Christmas in the Park - Saturday 15 December** - Synergy Park, May Drive in Kings Park. Under quite threatening skies earlier in the day, it was pleasing to see around 40 members gather in their finest Christmas garb. The rain stayed away and although a bit humid, it was otherwise a very pleasant outing. Our members welcomed visitors from the Triumph Car Club who fitted in nicely chatting to TSOA members who I am pleased to report made them very welcome. With only limited alcohol, but with plenty of picnic food, it was time to pass around the chokies and sweet stuff. This gesture alone was a good ice breaker for our visitors who didn't escape some of the amusing antics our club is renowned for.

Coming Up

- **Hair of the Dog Saturday January 5 2019**
Come at around 5:30pm. Bruce and Di Pollock's humble abode, 7 Northward Road, Roleystone. There is plenty of parking on the verge and on the property. We have a commercial BBQ for the non-vegans but please bring everything else including a chair. We encourage you to bring a plate to share, if you intend to bring a plate, please email the very lovely Di and advise to avoid duplication of dishes.
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GENERAL BUSINESS:

2019 TSOA National Meeting – The 2019 competition organisers visited Busselton and Nannup shires recently to present the competition events operations manuals. We discussed the overall format at each location with specific emphasis on using our own authorised officials. Earlier discussions inferred we would need to engage professional traffic management providers. This would be at significant additional cost which we argued would not improve safety or reduce risk since we have officials who possess the relevant experience necessary to comply with our event permit pre-qualifications described in the operations manual.

Both councils reiterated their enthusiastic support. The next phase is to prepare a formal traffic management plan. The event applications have been submitted so our competition dates are now locked into their calendar.

Club name badge suggestion

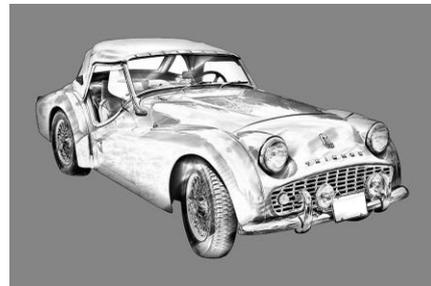
A mention at November meeting asking members to consider wearing our name badges was met with a mixed response, but with a slight majority (judging from the show of hands) that this be initiated with an incentive. This could be by way of an additional club point. The thrust for this suggestion was to foster an easier introduction and identification process for those who are not known to us as TSOA members. Seems this will be an inevitability so if you can't locate your name badge, club registrar Dave can arrange a replacement at your cost. Excuses such as "mine dropped off the dash and fell into the heater" will not be accepted.

A couple of 'get wells'. Sorry to hear Rod Nolan recently had a minor stroke but we understand he's on the mend so expect to see (probably hear him first) at a TSOA event soon. Life member Don Whisson also spent some time in hospital with gall stones. Pleased to report he didn't bring them home with him. Don was looking quite chipper at the Christmas picnic in the park. Good thing he has the very lovely Margot looking after him.

Associate member Bruce Abrey is also recovering after heart surgery. Bruce and his family were on-lookers at our recent autotest event with daughter Sharon piloting the Spridget.



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NEW MEMBERS:

We had a minor 'flurry' of new members this past month; please welcome the following to our club ranks.

Paul Morgan (now there's a famous classic car name) introduced by the Markich's. Paul has a TR6.

Following in dad's footsteps, welcome also as an associate member, Sharon Abrey who we're predicting will give the blokes a run for their money in the well sorted Spridget. Sharon is no novice to motorsport having a very successful motorcycle racing history.

Kim Meynert was inspired to join after spectating at Kwinana autotest. Kim has a convertible Herald and is keen to drive the wheels off it at our events (look out Stan Stokell) Kim is related to member Chris Meynert.

Mr J Armenti (sorry don't have a Christian name or what car??) was unanimously included in member ranks.

The above new members are in for a very good time regardless of social or competition preferences.

Lucky Lottery (raffle) Rallfemeister Dave just keeps raising the bar. What an outstanding range prizes this month. Despite your editor buying swag of tickets, it was Carol Power who took the spanner set and decorative wrist watch donated by Toolmart as first prize option. Many were hoping she would have grabbed the bottle of bubbly, but as a no drinker it was always going to be those spanners. Subsequent prizes were again compliments of Kostera tyres who continue each month to provide highly valued prizes. I understand some of those stubby coolers may become 'collector items'?? Who can say?

	<p>KOSTERA'S MOTORSPORT TYRES KALAMUNDA Call the 'Count of Kalamunda' (that's Stuart Snr)</p>
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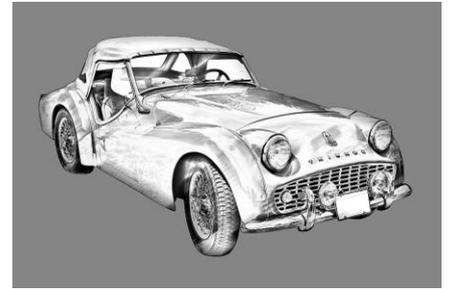
TSOA WA Up-Coming Events Calendar

Jan	Sat	5	<p>Social – Hair of the Dog 7 Northward Rd Roleystone. Come at around 5.30. Plenty of parking Contact Di – 0408 978 528 (email is best) dianne.pollock1@bigpond.com</p>
Feb	Sun	3	<p>Comp – Midvale Speed Dome – details closer to the time.</p>
	Sat	16	<p>Social – World Famous TSOA Fish n Chip run. Adams Café Torino's corner of West Coast Hwy and North Beach Road, No booking, just order and find tables together. Make your own way there; arrive at 6pm to watch the sunset. Contact 0439 922 701 or email hillersd@gmail.com by Tuesday 12 February so we can advise the café of numbers.</p>



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