Dear Mt Cotton Hillclimb supporter

As the restrictions on movement and gathering are relaxed after the COVID-19 pandemic the MG Car Club of Qld. Inc. is looking to restart its activities at the Mt Cotton Hillclimb.  Below is our proposed schedule for our activities at Mt Cotton for the remainder of the year.  We have given up on trying to host the Carric Accounting & Business Services – Tighe Cams Mt Cotton Hillclimb Series this year and will instead focus our efforts on holding the Queensland and Australian Hillclimb Championships.  The Queensland Championship will now be run over the weekend of the 15th and 16th of August (the Friday the 14th is now a public holiday in Brisbane) with the Australians remaining on the original dates of the 5th to 8th of November.  To give competitors the best opportunity to prepare for these two premier events the club is proposing to run a mixture of Test ‘n’ Tune hillclimbs and the Interclub Challenge Round.  We have chosen to stick with our original dates that were set at the start of the year and by doing so this will allow other clubs the ability to run/host their own events without clashing dates etc.  We believe that this is the only fair thing to do given current situation with COVID-19.

* **Test ‘n’ Tune hillclimbs** **– Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th of July**
  + The club is planning on hosting 2 x 1day Test ‘n’ Tune hillclimbs over the weekend of the 25th and 26th of July.  Each day will be a separate event and will be limited to 40 competitors each day.  Each competitor will be able to bring one ‘plus 1’.  We need 20 officials and other workers to safely run an event at Mt Cotton.  It is envisaged that the government restrictions regarding the maximum number of people allowed at such a gathering will still be 100 people.  If things change between now and then we will update you.
  + The club’s ‘Return to Race’ plan has been submitted to Motorsport Australia and we are hoping to receive a positive reply early next week.
  + Each competitor will be allowed to enter either the Saturday or the Sunday (both days will be starting at 8:30am and will run until approximately 3:00 pm).  Should we be undersubscribed we will open up entry for both days.
  + Entry will be via the MSA online system only.  You will also have to register your ‘plus 1’ including their contact details.  For anyone who needs assistance with the online system you can contact me (Richard Mattea 0488 224 105) and I will talk you through the process.
* **Queensland Hillclimb Championship – Friday the 14th to Sunday the 16th of August**
  + Hopefully the maximum maximum number of people allowed to congregate at the one place at the one time will have increased by August which will allow the club to host the 2020 Queensland Hillclimb Championship.
  + Should we still be at similar limits regarding the number of people, the QHC will be cancelled and we will host a Test ‘n’ Tune hillclimb instead along the lines of the above.
  + Entry will be via the MSA online system only.  You will also have to register your Pit Crew including their contact details.  For anyone who needs assistance with the online system you can contact me (Richard Mattea 0488 224 105) and I will talk you through the process.

* **Interclub Challenge – Saturday the 26th of September**
  + Due to the impacts of COVID-19 Motorsport Australia will not be running a club challenge this year.  However as this hillclimb event also doubled as a round of the Interclub Challenge the club will still be hosting a hillclimb on the day, so get your club team sorted!
  + Entry will be via the MSA online system only.  You will also have to register your Pit Crew including their contact details.  For anyone who needs assistance with the online system you can contact me (Richard Mattea 0488 224 105) and I will talk you through the process.
* **Test ‘n’ Tune – Sunday the 27th of September**
  + To try and maximize competitors track time in the lead up the 2020 Australian Hillclimb Championship we will host a Test ‘n’ Tune hillclimb on the Sunday after the Interclub Challenge.  This will give competitors one last opportunity to sort themselves and their cars out prior to the Australian Championship.
  + Entry will be via the MSA online system only.  You will also have to register your Pit Crew including their contact details.  For anyone who needs assistance with the online system you can contact me (Richard Mattea 0488 224 105) and I will talk you through the process.
* **2020 Australian Hillclimb Championship – Thursday the 5th of November to Sunday the 8th of November**
  + This year the Australian Hillclimb Championship is to be held in Queensland and promoted by the MG Car Club of Qld. Inc.
  + This is the premier event for Speed Hillclimbing for the year.  We are expecting a strong entry list.  We are aware of a number of new cars that have either been recently purchased and/or under construction for the Championship.
  + More details regarding the event will be released in coming months.

As you would be well aware all of the above is subject to the current and future situation(s) regarding gatherings and social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.  The MG Car Club of Qld. Inc. is determined to do everything that can be done to ensure that the events listed above happen.  Things may have to change or be abandoned etc. if the situation regarding COVID-19 does not continue to improve.  The club will continue to provide you with updates as to the above.

My very best wishes to you all.

Stay safe and keep washing those hands!

Regards

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