



## MGs and WWW

**MG Car Clubs of New Zealand 2012 National Rally organized by MGCC Wellington Centre. Waitangi weekend will feature Wheels and Wings in Wairapara from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Following the 2002 Nationals which celebrated 50 years of MG clubs in New Zealand all agreed to have a bi-annual Nationals meeting to be held alternately in each island.

MGers are coming from both islands plus entries from UK, Australia and the USA have been received. Overseas entrants will be using borrowed MG for the event.

We have entries from over 150 MG owners who'll be bring around 100 MGs ranging in age from 1930s to current models. We are also working with MG New Zealand to have the 1<sup>st</sup> of the new MG6 models in the country to be there if it arrives in time.

The theme for 2012 links classic and vintage cars and airplanes as we are basing our activities around the historic Hood Aerodrome in Masterton, Wairapara. The Concourse will see both cars and planes on display.

Set in the heart of the Wairarapa (means 'glistening waters') one of New Zealand's top wine producing regions, featuring nice scenery, cute towns and even their own Stonehenge.

Rally activities will include:

- a. Registration with BBQ on Friday evening for all entrants.
- b. **Saturday** begins at 9:45am with a street parade through Masterton Township to Hood Aerodrome for the concours where all cars will be on display until 4pm. Many of them competing for 1<sup>st</sup> place plus the "People's choice". This is followed by a themed dinner that evening at Hood. Attendees will be dressed as Vintage Aviators or drivers from the mid 1990s. The public is most welcome to attend this and not only view the wonderful display of vehicles but other activities such as plane ride and the Vintage aircraft museum will be open.
- c. **The major event** of the weekend however is the **Balloon Trial** which will be a 1st to New Zealand and only ever done 3 times before in the USA. It will be an early start that day with a breakfast at the airfield and the balloons set to fly at 6:30-7am. Competitors will then follow the flight path of the 5 balloons and collect a playing card from each one. The best poker hand wins but a few other tests will be added in to make it more fun. Can you imagine up to 100 MGs endeavoring to keep the balloons in sight and be the 1<sup>st</sup> to collect 5 cards. This will be followed by a well earned brunch at a local winery before the afternoon events take place. As balloons are reliant on weather conditions an alternative program is in place to use Monday as the back up day.
- d. Other activities will be an Autocross (Sunday PM) and a Motorkhana (Monday AM) for those who want to display their driving skill. The weekend will wind up with a Prizegiving dinner on Monday and farewell breakfast Tuesday morning.
- e. 2012 is also the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGB. There will be over 40 MGBs covering all the varieties including the rear BGTV8s and Brayshaw examples which were built in NZ under license in the mid 90s.

The head quarters and accommodation is centered on the Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairapara and Hood Aerodrome.

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