

Peter Hall Memorial – 6hr Modern Regularity Relay at Mallala Sunday 1 May 2016



This year's Regularity Relay event dawned as a perfect day for motor sport. Clearing showers and cool temperatures that eventually fined to a beautiful mild and sunny autumn day. Perfect.

The club entered 2 teams with 4 drivers in each. The plan was for 2 drivers in the 1st team to share 1 car (3 cars in all) and the 2nd to consist of 4 cars and 4 drivers. But, as is common in motor sports events, the best laid plans..... One of team 2's driver's succumbed to flu, leaving us 1 car and 1 driver short.

To fill the void, Ray Dicker came to the rescue by taking on the enormous task of cross entering his car in both teams - as if competing in one 6 hour event is not enough!! Oh, Ray too - ably assisted by Ian Duncan - was also our club's 6hr Regularity Relay Event organiser! And.... speaking of huge efforts, Rob Jones competed as usual in his trusty NA in addition to which he ALSO nominated as Team Manager for the team in which he was competing!! Huge effort guys!

Ray and Rob's efforts do however typify the team-ship that is required to post an event such as this. In addition to the obvious need for cars and drivers, the club is also required to provide timing crews (4 per team - 2 in the tower and 2 on pit wall), 1 person per team to attend to the requirements that surround scheduled (and unscheduled) changeover of cars and drivers, 2 team managers and 1 "runner" per team to assist the MSCA in hosting the event. 14 volunteers in all.

This year it was great to see a number of new faces including a couple of relatively new club members. Sincere thanks to all of you. Without you we simply could not participate in this event which is a showcase for both our club and the amazing MX5's that we represent!!

This year our club entered a variety of cars, ranging from Ian Duncan's recently further modified NA (drive shared with his son Andrew), Marque Le Maistre's incredible (325K) NA, Don Richards' NB SE (turbo), Rob Jones' ever consistent NA hardtop, Ray Dicker's Silver NB and Fletcher Bolton's recently acquired (near standard) Limited Edition Black NC - Nice. Team 1 comprising Ian, Andrew, Marque and Ray finished 14th out of 28 teams and team 2 with Don, Rob, Fletcher and Ray finished a very creditable 9th. An overall excellent result.

Congratulations and many thanks to all. A great event, great results and an all round great day.

