

MGCCHK 25th Anniversary Dinner

New & Current Members meet the Club's Founding Members!

MGCCHK 25th Anniversary Dinner and Display 25 October 2006 @ The Repulse Bay *(Garden and Forecourt)*

The evening was warm with clear skies and palm trees swayed gently in the lighting of the hotel. So sets the scene of a memorable evening, with dinner served under a large marquee and immaculate classic cars rumbled their way up the driveway and on to the forecourt display area. **Colin Barlow** organised this excellent event for about 80 members and their guests booked in with special guests arriving from overseas.



Nick Ratcliff, our current Chairman, gave a short address followed by **Colin Barlow** who as MC introduced the guest speakers.



Guest speakers were:



John Norman, who came especially from the UK for our special 25th Dinner Anniversary event. He was the founding chairman of MGCCHK and at the time (1981) was a policeman. The inaugural MGCCHK meeting was held at the Wong Tai Sin Police Officers Club. He is still very active in MG circles.

Jeff Hesslewood, a well known motoring correspondent, who reports on F1 racing and has submitted many articles to the SCMP on cars and motorshows. He has known our founding chairman for many years.

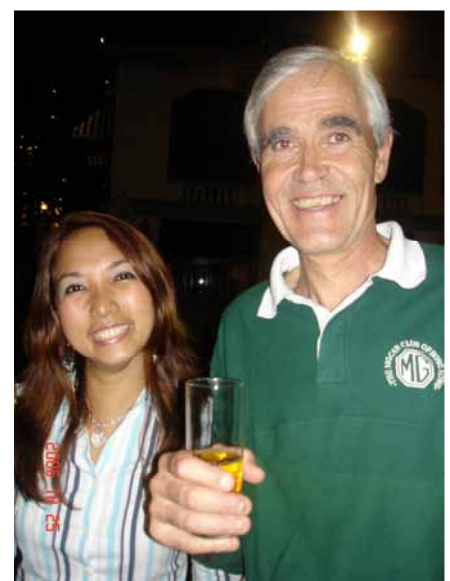
Bryan Ditchman, also came over from the UK just for this event. He joined the club in the mid 80's, and is the V8 register member of the MG Car Club of UK.

Mike Kunz, was our Chairman between 1996 and 1998. Mike was and still is very active in anything MG. He flew in from UK via Singapore (with a meeting two day prior to the dinner) just to be a part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations.

Mark MacAlpine also regaled the club's history to the dinner guests.

Tony Bentham who had flown in from UK just for this event, and as another past chairman and active member, also gave a rousing reminiscence of the good times. We can all remember Linda's great cooking for their Natters & Noggins.

Cocktails



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CAR DISPLAY



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11 Classic cars lined up included a variety of MG's including this years 25th Anniversary Concours winner, Colin Barlow's MGA with special plates (MG1959) and a couple of non-MG's, a Triumph TR3 and a Morgan.

Thank you to all car owners of the car display for taking the effort to polish the Hong Kong dust from their bonnets as they were a delight to view and attracted much interest from the club members and locals passing by.

**STAR of SHOW
Colin's MGA 1959**



Even at the dinner, Colin could not resist the temptation to check the engine idle level with expert car restorer Richard Hawkins.



Bryan Ditchman finishes his inspection of the MGA apparently satisfied that all is in order leaving Tony Bentham to ponder further.



Ennio Wong's MGB



The Morgan



Mike Button's MGB



Mike Burrell's TR3A

