

# MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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A line up of early MG's at this year's showday held at Kitty Hawk last month

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No new members this month

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# FROM THE WORKBENCH

This month's newsletter is a bit later than usual, but with Showday taking place on the last Sunday of the month, and my getting back the day after this is the earliest it has been possible to get it out. My apologies to those that have been waiting for it with baited breath...

A massive thank-you must go to those that were involved, and attended, what was a very successful showday. I was most disappointed to be in airports on that day., but all the reports I have received have been incredibly positive, and I think that the performance bodes well for the Indaba next year. On the topic of the Indaba, please have a look at the second Indaba Newsletter at the back of this usual newsletter for details of the latest goings on. Planning is in full swing and we are looking forward to a great event. If you have not yet registered, please do—it is going to be an unforgettable event.

Although disappointed to miss the June pub evening as well as the showday I think that our time away for the club was well spent. Bronwyn and I managed to take in a day of the Brooklands Double Twelve, and MG Live! while we were in the UK before going on to Sweden for work. Both events were incredible, but MG Live! was quite something - Bronwyn and I were incredibly fortunate to be able to attend the event this year, but it is certainly something that we will be making an effort to attend again the future, and it would be great if some of our Northern Centre friends were able to join us... Hitting the ground running after spending two weeks out of the office unfortunately means that I haven't had the chance to put together a story on the topic for the newsletter, but I will be doing a picture-presentation at the Noggin this month.



With the previous month being taking up with showday preparation we are breathing a collective sign of relief, but things are by no means slowing down. The Noggin and Pub Evening will take place as usual this month, on the 6th and 17th respectively, with the monthly run taking place on the 26th. Claus and Dave are arranging for a run out towards Brits for that day, and the details will be finalised after the Exco meeting and full details will be communicated via e-mail and Facebook to all interested. Claus' runs are always very well arranged and thought out and we hope to have good attendance. Who knows—I might even have a running MG by that stage! Here's holding thumbs.

Looking forward to seeing many people and that events this month.

Octagonally,  
Steve Grover





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Trevor	Beddy	170
Steve	Eden	170
Jay	Westaway	170
Dave	Westaway	160
Bronwyn	Grover	145
Sharleen	Putter	130
Sharleen	Putter	120
Geoff	Cunnington	110
Bernard	Mostert	110
Julie	Angerson	110
Mike	Brown	100
Hazell	Eden	100
Richard	Grover	100

# Combined Centres Weekend in Drakensburg

Combined Centres Weekend Away  
The Nest - Drakensburg  
8-10 August 2015

Following on from a very successful event in 2013 another combined centres event will be taking place at The Nest over the long weekend in August 2015.

The event is a relaxed event with no fixed programme, and a coming together of the KwaZulu Natal, Johannesburg and Northern Centres. The resort offers Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, and Dinner inclusive within the price of accommodation. Time is available to enjoy the local sights and attractions, to catch up with old friends and to make new ones.

Bookings are to be made directly with the hotel, and enquires may be sent through our representative, Gary Chapman on ghachapman@gmail.com, or 082 653 1888.

The cost for the weekend is R800pppn inclusive of all meals, with the exception of drinks bought at the bar.



# Combined Centre's Showday

## Under the Crash Hat

### 28 June 2015

Dave Westaway

Mist, thick mist, even thicker mist, why has the traffic stopped? Has there been an accident because of poor visibility? Ok, just another stop and go because of roadworks. Eventually I got to Kitty Hawk airfield just in time to help the early birds with the final set up. No sooner had we assembled the arrivals table the convoys started to roll in. Standing in anticipation as to how many people would brave the cold weather it was great to see such a flow of vehicles so early in the morning. Right, back to setting up and getting ready for the judging. With the help of a few people and a nice hot cup of coffee on the table I managed to get the PA??? system plugged in and working, in the confines of the lounge at home it sounded great but out there in the open nobody could hear a thing, oh well lesson learned, store that info into the brain so as not to fall into that trap again.



Cars all in place judges deployed, time for another cup of coffee and some breakfast before the running starts so that George can commence with the scoring. All our judges did a fantastic job and managed to get finished ahead of time which gave Pepi enough time for the Concours d'elegance and Comique. Well done to all who participated it was great to see this format being revived. My only worry was that the yellow submarine did not appear, I hope it didn't hit an ice burg on the way in! Congratulations to all the winners of the various classes your hard work didn't go unnoticed, all the cars looked really great and made the judging so much easier.



Thanks to Dad (Jay) for all the hard work in organising the event and to all the judges, scorers, helpers and all who got involved in whatever way to contribute to what turned out to be a fantastic day with our fellow MG friends. I think the official count was 63 MG's, very good considering the weather. (Someone asked me why we didn't organise better weather, my reply as always "we drive British sports cars, we arrange British weather" thank goodness it didn't rain.) Have a look on our Face Book page at some of the photos taken by Jooste Myburgh, they are fantastic, thanks Jooste.



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# Upcoming Events

## **Natter 'n Noggin MG Live! Report Back Monday 6 July 2015**

The usual Natter 'n Noggin will be supplemented by a presentation on MG Live! 2015 and the sights at the event.

Please join us for a social evening with friends.

Date: **Monday 6 July 2015**  
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**  
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse  
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road  
Menlo Park**

## **Pub Evening Friday 17 July 2015**

The June pub-evening will be of the same format which has now become a standard. Now that we are in winter we are having fewer braai's and more indoor, pre-prepared meals. Join us for a meal at a nominal cost - R25 to R30. The bar will be open from 17:30 until late.

The event is open to all who would like to attend - members & non-members, friends and family. It is a wonderful way to wind down after a long week and enjoy the company of like-minded friends, free of the stresses of day-to-day.

Also - nobody has to cook if you come to the pub evening!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: **Friday 17 July 2015**  
Time: **17h30 onwards**  
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road  
Menlo Park**

## Forthcoming Events in Brief

Point allocation c=Clubman, v= Victrix/tor Ludorum, RR=Regularity Rally, HR=Historic Racing

### July

Mon 6	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Possible MG Live! Report Back Clubhouse 19h30 onwards	c
Fri 17	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse from 17h30 onwards	c
Sun 26	Winter Rally / Treasure Hunt	NC	Details to follow by e-mail & Facebook	c/v

### August

Mon 3	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30 onwards.	c
Fri 7 to Sun 11	MG Gathering at <i>The Nest</i>	NC/JHB/ KzN	Gathering at the nest. See N/L body for details	
Thrs 13 to Fri 21	MGA Tour	National	MGA Tour	
Sun 23	Monthly Run	NC	TBA	c





**Our Sponsors so far - get your Logo in here ASAP!**



You are invited to join us for the 2016 Indaba.

The event will be held over 3 days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th September 2016.  
Registration forms are available on the Club Website

Concours, and other competitive events will take place, we will provide you with the opportunity to visit some places of interest in and around Pretoria.

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## Indaba Newsletter No 2 July 2015 Just 14 months to go!

Welcome to the second issue of the 2016 MG Indaba Newsletter.

We will use this forum to update those who have already registered, and, to advise those who have not, of the latest news.

Registrations are still open.

### Sponsorship

We are happy to announce that Alan & Denise of **The Sports Car Centre**, Johannesburg, have come forward as the main sponsor for this event. Many of us are familiar with them, and their business of supplying parts for our MGs and other classics. We are excited to be working with them.

Aroma Coffee ([www.aromacoffee.co.za](http://www.aromacoffee.co.za)) will be bringing their truck to some of the events, and for those with a "stronger" thirst, The Cockpit Brewhouse ([www.thecockpitbrewhouse.co.za](http://www.thecockpitbrewhouse.co.za)) will be providing uniquely branded beers.



Further sponsorship is being investigated to allow for an even more MaGic event.

### Venue and accommodation

To further improve the enjoyment of the event we are pleased that we have secured a new venue for the evenings.



This is at Villa Africa, one of the nominated hotels. This removes the need, for those staying there, to travel in the evenings. There are a total of 45 rooms available, ranging from R850 to R1200 per night B&B. There are 3 family rooms which will accommodate 2 adults plus 2 children at R1050, or 3 adults at R1190. These prices are at 2015 levels, but will be negotiated with the hotel, when final numbers are available. Some have already been booked by Indaba entrants, so don't delay in registering and booking.



The closest other hotel is The Willows Country Lodge about 3 km away. Transport, from here to the evening venue, will be provided. Hence, no longer do entrants need to worry about driving in the evenings. Hotel bookings will be handled by the 2016 Indaba Team, so let us know your

preferences as soon as possible. You may, of course, stay at home if you wish, and travel each day to the events.

We will be supplying route maps for those travelling from outside Gauteng and who wish to avoid the Johannesburg freeways. "Chaperones" will be available to lead small groups.

## Proposed Programme

### Friday:-

Registration is envisaged to be an all-day affair allowing those that want to register early to do so. After registration you may check-in to your accommodation (from 14h00). For those not staying at Villa Africa, return at 17h00 for welcoming snacks, followed by a relaxed evening meal with friends old and new.

### Saturday:-

This is the "Showday" for the event and will be hosted at Kitty Hawk Aerodrome.(www.fakt.co.za), a short drive, less than 20km from the hotels.

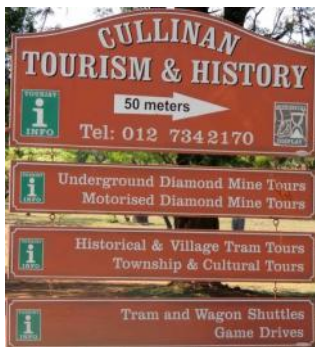


Here we will hold the Concours, including d'état, comique and d'elegance, Driving Tests and Rocker Cover Races. A picnic lunch will be provided. Full restaurant and bar facilities will be available also. The aerodrome will be active for the day, and we will have Harvards, Tigermoths and other aircraft flying in and out. Hopefully some flips will be available (for your own account). Classic motorcycles will also be present so the day will be full of interest for petrolheads. For those less interested in planes and automobiles, there will be a shuttle to a local upmarket shopping centre, which has a wide range of shops and restaurants (even an ice skating rink). There will be some free time in the afternoon

before meeting for dinner and dancing at Villa Africa.

### Sunday:-

After breakfast we will congregate at Kitty Hawk for a briefing prior to departing on one of a choice of scenic drives which will include a short treasure hunt for those who wish to participate. A "circular" route of maximum 150 km has been identified, and includes Cullinan Diamond Mine, Nan Hua, the largest Buddhist temple in Africa, Sammy Marks house and museum, Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum, and an Italian WW2 POW Cemetery. Game



drives will also be available. Lunch venues (for your own account) will be identified.

The day will end with the Prize Giving Dinner at Villa Africa.

During the weekend we will be meeting with The Kungwini Welfare Organisation as part of our Community involvement initiative, details for this are still being finalised.

All this for only R4500 per couple (R2500 single) excluding accommodation. Registration forms are available from [www.mgcc-north/indaba2016](http://www.mgcc-north/indaba2016). Registra-

tions will close at the end of September 2015 to allow us to finalise the event.

**If you haven't registered do it today.**

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact us at [indaba2016@gmail.com](mailto:indaba2016@gmail.com)

