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No new members this month

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

This month's newsletter will be short... Unfortunately between work, MG's, and cold weather there has not been too much time for writing for the newsletter.

We had a turn-out of 5 MG's for the run, and 7 for the afternoon's activities, for the June run and treasure hunt. The route took us out of Pretoria from Kitty Hawk to Cullinan where we stopped morning refreshments to thaw out a bit, and then back via Rayton to the clubhouse for a braai. The event was very well coordinated by Dave Westaway and Claus Pille, and having clues to look out for and a route schedule to follow made for a very interesting event. A massive thank-you from those of us that attended to Dave and Claus, as well as to Jay for opening the club and offering us "the usual refreshments", as well as the Avos from the tree in his backyard.

After an extended time off the road it was wonderful to be back behind the wheel of the MGA! With a fully redone valve train she seems to be running very well, and with the new second-hand radiator running cool, although given the ambient temperatures I would be very worried if that wasn't the case.

The event was won by Steve & Hazel Eden in their MGA. All those years doing regularity rallies have clearly paid off! Gary and Heather were second and Bronwyn and I were third. I am glad to confirm that there were no divorces resulting from the event & that everybody left on good terms—although there may have been some points that were touch & go during the middle.

The pub evening was relatively well attended despite the colder weather that we have been experiencing, and we enjoyed the soup & gluehwein prepared by Claus - I hope that Claus is not still drinking the gluehwein, although we could have used some more at the run the following week. (The temperature was 1°C when we left Johannesburg for Pretoria and I think it was 4°C when we arrived - cold in an MGA)

The coming month will hopefully be our last "Winter Month" because spring should be well with us by the time we get to September. The month is a busy month for those of us who have FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) with the gathering at The Nest (8-10 August), the MGA Tour (13 August onwards...), but pub evening (14 August) and the club run (23 August)... I think that there may still be availability at The Nest, so if you are interested in attending make enquiries soon—it promises to be a great weekend, and we hope to see many members at the other events as the temperature heads out of the blue.

I must also mention **Cars in the Park** which is once again being hosted at Zwartkops Raceway on Sunday 2 August. This is always an interesting day out and the POMC has made a real effort to ease the congestion this year. They have reserved the usual area for us along side the pit-straight, and it would be wonderful if some of our members went to support their worthwhile cause.

In addition to all of the events which have taken place, we made an exciting announcement with regard to the 2016 Indaba this month. All of the details have been sent to you if you have registered, but the announcement letter is attached to the newsletter for those that haven't registered, but in summary we have managed to reduce the total cost of the event to R3800 if registered before 30 September! If you haven't registered yet, please consider doing so, it will be a wonderful event and is a great opportunity to meet old and new MG friends. Bronwyn and I attended our first Indaba in 2010 as new members and it was a great initiation to the club and an opportunity to meet new friends - we won't miss one in the future, and would advise any MG enthusiast to attend. It will be a wonderful event.

Finally, I must hang my head in shame and admit that I have not yet written the article I promised to do on Brooklands and MG Live! in June - I will retire to the garage to flog myself with a 1/2 shaft... (and try to put one together for next month!)

That's all for now—hope to see you at MG events this month!

Octagonally,

Steve Grover





PRETORIA OLD MOTOR CLUB
CARS *in the* PARK

Celebrates 36 years of Excellence

AT



on 2 August 2015

GATES OPEN AT 08H00 FOR SPECTATORS

Admission: Adults - R100, Children under 12 - Free

More than 100 clubs will participate and will collectively be displaying over 2 500 vehicles

NEW EXIT from the parking area via Erasmia

NEW PARKING AREA south of Zwartkops entrance next to R55

Buick Club 15th anniversary exhibition

Display of racing cars raced at old Grand Central and old Kyalami tracks

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Upcoming Events

Cars in the Park

Sunday 2 August 2015

Cars in the Park will be hosted by the POMC again this year, and will be hosted at Zwartkops raceway. They have gone to a lot of trouble to communicate the changes in access and visitors parking for this years event, and are predicting reduced congestion.

They are advertising of a display of Old Kyalami and Grand Central Era Racing cars which could be very interesting to see, and expect to have over 2500 cars on display!

Date: Sunday 2 August 2015
Time: 06H00 for Exhibitors & 08H00 for Spectators
Where: Zwartkops Raceway
R55
Cost: R100/adult for non Exhibitors children under 12 are free.

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.

Upcoming Events

Natter 'n Noggin Social Evening Monday 3 August 2015

The usual Natter 'n Noggin will take place on the first Monday of the month.

Please join us for a social evening with friends.

Date: **Monday 3 August 2015**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Pub Evening Friday 14 August 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 14 August 2015**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Upcoming Events

Monthly Run Hartebeespoort to Brits Sunday 23 August 2015

The August run will run out of the Engen Garage at the 4-way stop at the corner of the R512 and the R104 at 10:00 for a run out towards Brits for an a la carte or buffet lunch. These are road that we haven't done a run on before, and it be a good event.

We will send out detailed instructions a map closer to the event.

Date: **Sunday 23 August 2015**
Time: **10h00**
Where: **Meet at Engen Garage
4-way stop cnr R512 & R104
Hartebeespoort**

Table Raffle

Noggin on Monday 7 September 2015

Remember the Table Raffle in the Clubhouse at 8pm Monday 7th September 2015.

Please donate any MG items for which you no longer have a need (spares, tools, memorabilia, books, regalia, . . .) but also any other items which might interest members. Anything at all.

Either bring them to the Noggin at around 7pm that evening.

Buy raffle tickets (singles or books of ten tickets). The raffle master will draw numbers at random, and the ticket holder may come forward and select any (yes ANY) one item to take home. And so on until the tables are empty.

Date: **Monday 6 September 2014**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

August

Sun 2	Cars in the Park	POMC	See details on Page 5	
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	
Fri 14	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17h30 onwards	
Sun 23	Monthly Run	NC	See Details on Page 8	c

September

Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin Table Raffle	NC	See Details on Page 8	
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17h30 onwards	
Sun 27	Monthly Run	NC	Details to follow in Newsletter	

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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 3 July 2015 Just 13 months to go!

Dear MG Enthusiast.

We are extremely pleased to announce that, due to the generosity of our major sponsor, it has become possible to reduce the cost of the 2016 MG Indaba.

For those that register, R502 fee paid, before September 30, 2015, the Indaba cost has been reduced to a total of R3900 per couple excluding accommodation. A saving of R600. (Single entries have been reduced to R2300)

Hence your total cost for the event is likely to be less than R6600 per couple, including B&B accommodation at Villa Africa.

For those who register after September 30, the cost will be R4250, a saving of R250.

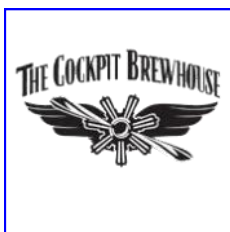
We have simplified the accommodation process, and for those who request an hotel, we will fill Villa Africa first, and any overflow will be accommodated at Willows Country Lodge. Bookings will be made on your behalf by the Indaba organisers.

Final accommodation costs should be available around the end of September when we have a better indication of the numbers, as we will be negotiating the rates on your behalf. As mentioned earlier the **total cost will be under R6600 per couple all inclusive.**

Registration forms are available on our website www.mgcc-north.co.za/indaba2016, or on request from this e mail address.

A revised payment plan will be issued shortly.

Regards, the Indaba 2016 Team



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