

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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MG's lined up at Kitty Hawk after the Petit Fly-in was cancelled

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New Members

We take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the club:

- Ken Gould - MGA's (3x)
- Roger & Liezl Hill - MG TC
- MG TF
- MG ZR
- Tobie Weeber - MGA Coupe
- Robin Clark - MG P-type
- MG Magnette
- MGA
- MGB GT

I am sure that all members will join the Exco in welcoming these members to the club, and we hope to see them at many events in the future.

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PETIT VINTAGE & CLASSIC FLY-IN

3 OCTOBER 2015

The September run will be taking place on 3 October 2015 - not the usual 4th Sunday of the month - because we would like to attend the *Petit Classic & Vintage Fly-in*.

We attended this event, unofficially, in October last year, and it was a great success. So much so that we have decided that it should be an official run for 2015. Last year there were around 150 aircraft which flew in, with a great many of them doing displays and numerous touch & go fly-ins.



We have arranged a convoy which will leave from the clubhouse at 08:00 sharp. This will be lead by Pepi in the P-type, so it should make for very impressive convoy! Depending on whether folks are in a particular hurry to arrive we could break this up into two separate convoys - a fast group and a P-type group - but we will leave this arrangement to be finalised on the day.

The organisers of the fly-in expect to have **aircraft arriving from 07:30 onwards**, so if the clubhouse is not on your way to Petit you are welcome to go directly there. There is obviously value in being there early, as you want to see the aircraft land and taxi into position. The coordinates for the airfield are: S26 05.095 E28 23.401

At last year's event there was a shortage of vendors selling refreshments, and we found that we were not adequately prepared. Taking on board the learning from last year, we suggest that you **bring your own refreshments**. Perhaps something warm from the morning and something cold for the afternoon (or late morning...). It may also be worthwhile **bringing along some folding chairs** if you wish to give your legs a break during the day.

The committee will arrange for a Braai (or two) to be available for members to braai some meat for lunch, so if you would like to **join us for braai** please bring your own meat along.

The day promises to be most enjoyable, and if last year is anything to go by it will be a day you will not want to miss if there is any petrol running through your veins!

Key details are:

Date: 3 October 2015

Time: 07:45 (for 08:00 departure) at the clubhouse

OR

07:30 onwards at the airfield

Location: S26 05.095 E28 23.401

FROM THE WORKBENCH

This past month has been one of the quieter MG Months in a while, with the Petit Fly-in Rained out we had a smaller turn out to the event which was then moved to the familiar Kitty Hawk—where a good breakfast was had and coffee was consumed.

We returned to our favourite format for the Pub Evenings last month. This involves standing around a braai with a beer in one hand watching Gary braai meet. Attendance was good, and all those that came through had a good time. We were joined by some of our Triumph Club friends, which was nice. We are looking forward to more well attended pub evenings in the future. Next month will be more of the same—possibly burgers or pregos on the braai. If you haven't yet joined us for a pub evening before please do. It is a most relaxing way to end off the week and start the weekend - it also means that nobody needs to cook on a Friday night, which is always a good thing!

The past month also included the bi-annual Piston Ring Swop-Meet. I finally managed to buy my 1¾" carbs for the ongoing MGB engine build, so I was quite happy with the day's activities. Unfortunately the weather wasn't great, but this had not deterred the crowds at all!

On the MG front I have started the much needed "rectification" required to get the B Roadster back on the road following a motivational speech from Claus at Kitty Hawk. Currently waiting for "bits" from Alan & Denise and then it shouldn't be too long before the car is back in active service.

This coming months we have two club "runs". We have decided to attend the Petit Fly-in which has been rescheduled to 3 October, and we have the famous Jacaranda Run on 25 October. The details for both events are in the newsletter and we hope to see you there.

Before I sign out, I hope that you will take the time to read the note in the newsletter regarding the charity drive which we will be hosting. As a club we have long spoken about putting something back into the community—This is a good project to get that ball rolling, and to make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate. If we all pull together this could make a significant change in the lives of those at Phyllis Robertson home.

That's all for now.

Octagonally,
Stephen Grover



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MG Car Club Northern Centre Charity Drive 2015

This year's Christmas party will be pretty much the same as the very successful 2014 party - see the event write-up for that under upcoming events.

This year however we would like to get the kids attending giving a little of their time to help people less privileged. Before the man of the day arrives in his red sleigh we are going to show the kids how to make decorated sweet biscuits. These together with the donations we would like to give to the people staying in the Phyllis Robertson home.

The Phyllis Robertson home is an establishment that cares for about 65 mentally and physically challenged people. The home was last subsidised by the Lotto in 2012 and thus finds it difficult to make ends meet. The monthly contributions by guardians/parents of the inhabitants is not enough to hold head above water.

So from the MG club we would like to make their lives a little brighter this year by organising a Christmas function.

And that is where we need your help PLEASE!!!! For the next months leading up to December at each of our Noggins and each of our club rides we ask all members attending to please bring along something nice and smelly (like a his or hers deodorant/small packets of tissues/his or hers soaps/ his or hers hand creams or face cloths).

These we'll wrap together so that eventually every person in the home will get a present with his or her name on it. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS CHARITY EVENT THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN, I promise it is for a good cause.

Greetings

Claus

Upcoming Events

Monthly Run Petit Classic & Vintage Fly-in Saturday 3 October 2015

Please see Page 4 for details of this exciting event!

Natter 'n Noggin

MGA Tour Feedback / Presentation

Monday 5 October 2015

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

George Dehlen and Steve Eden will be providing feedback, and entertaining us with tales of the recent MGA tour, which covered some 4000km over the course of 10 days. Please join us for an entertaining evening with friends, and perhaps generate some enthusiasm for future tours and the upcoming Indaba!

Date: **Monday 5 October 2015**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park

Pub Evening

Friday 16 October 2015

The September pub-evening will be of the same format which has now become a standard.

The cost will be nominal - R25 to R30, and 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 16 October 2015**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road**
Menlo Park

Jacaranda Run

Sunday 25 October 2015

This is once of our most popular annual events which takes place around the city of Pretoria to look at the famous Jacaranda Trees in full bloom.

The run will be followed by a Braai, for with the club will provide the fires, or a picnic if you would prefer at the clubhouse. The bar will be open and we should be able to enjoy the summer weather which we anticipate will be upon us!

We will meet at the Union Buildings, on Government Avenue, for a 10:00 departure, and will follow a route through and around the city before ending up at our familiar clubhouse. The event is normally joined by other clubs, and the Johannesburg Centre has declared the event their official event for October so there should be a strong MG presence on the day.

Please join us for a great day out enjoying your car.

Date: **Sunday 25 October 2015**
Time: **09:30 for 10:00**
Where: **Meet at the Union Buildings, Government Avenue, Pretoria.**

Upcoming Events

Table Raffle

Noggin on Monday 2 November 2015

This is an event which has proved very popular during the past few years. At the Noggin on Monday 2nd November we will be holding a Table Raffle in the Clubhouse at 8pm.

What?

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.

When?

Bring them to September Noggin or deliver them to the Clubhouse before the afternoon of Monday 2nd November to allow time for the organizers to set up the tables before the Noggin that evening. Alternatively contact George at 0824921806 to collect them from you.

How does it work?

Buy raffle tickets (R2 each) – many of them preferably – 10 is a good start. 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 2 November 2014**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**
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Christmas Party

Saturday 5 December 2015

Last year we held a very successful Christmas party, were we arranged for a Jumping Castle to entertain the Children (and some adults...), Santa Claus arrived aboard a 1950's XPAG powered Sleigh, and wonderful time was had by all. This year we will be running a similar event, and hope that you will join us.

The event will be held in the afternoon of 5 December, and will take the format of a Bring & Braai, and we will contact members directly to arrange for salads and sides.

The idea is as follows: If your children\grandchildren are attending please buy a present for not more than R100.00 and wrap this and indicate with big bold letters the name of the child. Father Christmas at his age has a problem on reading small print !!! Hand this to Julie or myself if the kids are not looking. Then later Father Christmas will arrive during the course of the afternoon and hand out the gifts.

For the adults attending please get a unisex present to the value of between R50.00 to R80.00 for a "Secret Santa", which will be coordinated on the day.

More details will follow as we get closer to the date, but for now—please diarise 5 December.

Date **Saturday 5 December 2015**
Time: **12h00 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**
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Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

October

Mon 5	Natter 'n Noggin MGA Tour Feedback	NC	Clubhouse 19h30 onwards	c
Fri 16	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17h30 onwards	
Sun 25	Jacaranda Run	NC	See details on Page 16. Meet at Union Buildings 09h30 for 10h00	c

November

Mon 2	Natter 'n Noggin Table Raffle	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 onwards See Page 8 for details	c
Fri 13	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 21	Proposed Driving Tests	NC	TBD—see upcoming newsletter	c/v

December

Mon 2	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 onwards	c
Sat 5	Christmas Party	NC	Clubhouse 12:00 onwards See Page 8 for Details	

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