

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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New Members

Welcome to Pierre Moderiaan (MGA). You are most welcome in our club, and we hope that we will see you often on club events.

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

This month we had two very well attended events, the Petit Fly-in and the Jacaranda Run. The weather was wonderful for both events, and it was great to see so many members out and about in their cars. It really is wonderful to live in a country such as ours where we have such great weather to enjoy our cars in. A big thank-you to all of those who were involved in the organisation and coordination of these events.

This coming month we have the driving tests which will be hosted at Kitty Hawk in preparation for the Indaba which we are hosting there next year. It should be a great day out and a good opportunity to put your driving skills up against others in the club. We will be doing the driving tests in the morning while the air is still cool & dense—hopefully before the fuel vaporisation the plagued Pepi and I during our dice down Francis Baard Street during the Jacaranda run!

Also this month is our annual table raffle—there is a not about this elsewhere in the newsletter, but I am really looking forward to the event as it is one of the most enjoyable noggins of the year. The evening depends on everybody working through their houses and bring all manner of things to the club which can then be raffled on a “first-drawn-first-picked” basis. All articles are welcome, household goods, workshop goods, MG related items, anything that you can think of. Please donate generously, and join us for an enjoyable evening. George has advised that some of Peter Noeth’s books have been donated for inclusion on the table raffle, so there those will be worth taking home, and if Bronwyn has her way some of my books will also be on the table!

The pub evenings are now taking place each month, and there is a great regular crowd who attend each month. If you have not joined us before at one of these events it really is worth making the effort to head out. It is a great way to put a punctuation mark at the end of the week, meet new friends and socialise with old ones. The pub evening is always on the second Friday after the noggin - so this month it will be on the 13th - let’s hope that nobody is superstitious.

On a different note, members who read the newsletter regularly will know that the this past year has been a challenging financial year for the club. We suffered numerous unforeseen expenses such as electrical failure of the distributing board, loss of goods and extensive damage to the club due to two separate burglaries, and the resultant installation of an alarm system and the monthly subscription to an armed response service. All of these elements have caused us, as an Exco, to feel it is necessary to increase the subscriptions for 2016. Steve Eden, our treasurer has put together a not in this regard which is published in the newsletter. We hope that we can count on your ongoing support into the coming year.

Besides that, there has been minor progress on the MG’s sleeping the garage and all going well it will be 3/4 by the end of the year! I suspect that 4/4 will be some time off given the amount of work waiting ahead of me on the J2, but that’s okay - 75% is just fine with me...

That’s all for now.

Octagonally,
Stephen Grover



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Jacaranda Jottings

From the Treasurer

You will know from previous Newsletters about the crime issues we have experienced this year. To protect our assets while the Clubhouse is empty, and ourselves at meetings, we decided that we had to install an alarm system, and subscribe to an armed response provider. In addition to the entry alarms and beams, we have strategically placed panic buttons for emergency use.

This obviously comes at a cost, and we obtained quotes from service providers, and ended up with Fidelity Security.

The alarm system installation cost around R16 000, and the armed response costs R450 per month. A lot of money for a small club like ours, but in today's crime ridden world we felt it essential. In addition to this we have had some maintenance issues with the Clubhouse, especially the electrical DB board, the ceiling and the fridge.

Repairs and replacement stock after the break-ins has also been costly.

Fortunately, the club has had a few good years, and we had the capital available to cover all these extra expenses.

However, we must also realise that the monthly costs to operate the Clubhouse have also been increasing. The cost of electricity, water, rates, the lease and gardener/cleaner etc are all rising continuously.

The unfortunate consequence of all the above is that we need more income, and whilst we can try to run fund raising events, we need to ensure our viability with an increase in membership fees.

In terms of the Club constitution, the Exco is empowered to increase the fees once per year. The last increase was from January 1st 2015. The Exco has therefore decided to set the membership fees, from Jan 1st 2016, at **R330** per year, for a full member and **R180** per year for country members and others. Joining fees will rise to **R180**.

A discount of R30 on each of these amounts may be applied if payment is made by EFT.

As stated above, these fees apply from January 1st 2016. Any membership renewals prior to year end, will be at the current rates of **R250** and **R125**, respectively. (**Plus R25 if paid by cash or cheque**).

I realise that this is an increase for the second year running, but we did not foresee the crime and other issues that occurred.

Please pay promptly to support your club, and save yourself the increase for another year.

Come to the events, and Noggins, as the income generated also helps keep the club going.

Drive your MG

Steve

Banking details

FNB Account – MG Car Club Northern Centre, acc 62363284359, branch 252045.

Please pay by internet transfer. Please give your name as reference.

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

AGM - 1 February 2016

In terms of the Constitution of the MG Car Club Northern Centre (MGCC-NC) notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the MGCC-NC will be held on Monday Feb 1, 2016 at the Clubhouse, 26 Umgazi Road, Menlo Park Pretoria, at 20h00.

In terms of the Constitution three existing Committee members must be carried over to serve on the 2015 Committee. These will be advised at least 1 month prior to the AGM. Nominations are required for a minimum of a further four candidates to fill the remaining positions.

Nominations, signed by the nominator and nominee, must be submitted to any Exco member before 20h00 on Feb 1, 2016

Any member, wishing to add an item to the AGM agenda for discussion must submit a suitably motivated request, signed by five members, to the Secretary before January 25 2016.

Nomination Form for 2016 Committee

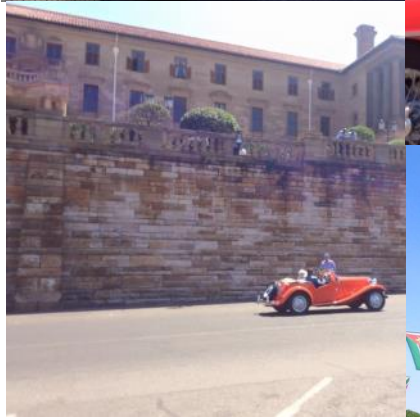
I, Being a member in good standing of the MG Car Club, Northern Centre, hereby nominate to stand for election to the Club's Executive Committee.

Nominator Signature:..... Date:

I accept the nomination and agree to serve on the committee if elected.

Nominee Signature: Date:

OCTOBER IN PICTURES



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**
 Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
 Menlo Park

Pub Evening

Friday 13 November 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 13 November 2015**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road**
 Menlo Park

Upcoming Events

Driving Tests

Sunday 22 November 2015

Please join us for our annual driving tests this year.

This years driving tests will differ from the previous two years, in that this year we will be holding the driving tests on a tar surface which may suit those that like to keep the underside as clean as the topside! The tests will be structured towards classics, but all are obviously welcome.

Please join us before the event for a bit of breakfast, and/or after the event for some lunch and a cold one!

Date: **Sunday 22 November 2015**
Time: **10:00 start. Arrive earlier if you would like Breakfast**
Where: **Kitty Hawk Airfield**

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**
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
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Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

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 22	Proposed Driving Tests	NC	Kitty Hawk 10:00 Start	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 9 for Details	

January

Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 onwards Social Natter	c
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 24	Monthly Run Chairman's Run	NC	Details to follow Proposed run to SAA Museum in Germiston for Tour & Lunch	C

February

Mon 1	AGM	NC	See Notice in Newsletter Page 6	c
Fri 12	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	

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