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The Mostert's MG TC and the Boeing 747 "Lebombo" at the SAA Museum during the January Run.

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New Members

No new members this month...

We are looking forward to welcoming more members in the new year.

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

Another busy month of things MG is reported on in the newsletter. I hope that you enjoy the contents, and the reports on the activities either reminds you of the good time had, or encourages participation in events in the future!

This past month we had the first Noggin of the year, which was well attended. It was good to catch up with friends after the festive season. We also had the first pub-evening of the year, which was catered by Hazel and Steve Eden, and the Mostert family added additional spice by agreeing to show their newly acquired TC in the club house. I know that I keep beating this drum, but if you have not yet come to one of our pub evenings you really should make an effort to attend. They are wonderful ways to connect with the likeminded friends, and wind down after a long week!

We also enjoyed participated in an event at the Phyllis Robertson Home, and did a run to the SAA museum. Both of these events are reported on in the newsletter, and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Finally, some members took up the “last-minute” offer of special priced tickets to attend the Passion for Speed event at Zwartkops on the last weekend of the month. As always this was a great event, and great to see that South African historic motorsport has such great momentum at the moment. The showing, and performance, of the MG’s was impressive, and once again I was struck by how many more MG’s were competing than other British marques! We salute the enthusiasts who continue to “Maintain the Breed” by keeping MG’s on Track!



The Mostert's TC and Cobus Kanfer's Rubber Bumper MGB. The first and the last of the post-war MG's to be produced at Abingdon



Members Robin and Liesel Clark with the Magnette at the Zwartkops on 30 January, ahead of the 2nd Heat of “Little Giants”.

The coming month includes the AGM, advertised below. Please attend this to ensure that you attend this to make sure that you have a say in the discussions around the future of your club!

Also scheduled for this month is a Work Day at the clubhouse. We need to give the clubhouse a bit of a spit & polish ahead of the year, and we would like to encourage members to join for a morning of honest work and a braai at lunchtime before heading home. This will take place on 6 February, and it would be appreciated if you would let me know if you are planning to join us so that we can plan tasks appropriately.

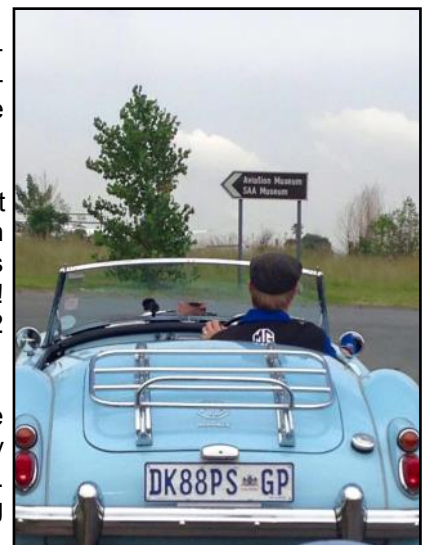
We also have the Awards evening, which will be held at the February pub evening this month—taking place on the 12th. Please join us to support the members who have outdone themselves over the course of the last 12

months, and to be involved in the general festivities of pub evenings.

Plans are proceeding well for the Show at Brooklyn. We have received great support from the Mall, and are looking forward to a good event. The details are elsewhere in the newsletter, and please let us know if you are able to assist with the event in anyway possible.

On a personal note both the ‘A and the ‘BGT are running well—the B resplendent with new/second-hand Miniators fitted and fresh Michelin rubber! I have been amazed by the effect that the new rubber has made to the drive of the car! This means that we’re back up to 50% running, and all is well in the Grover household! The challenge remains to get up to 75% soon as it will be some years before the J2 is ready for the road, but that’s okay.

Finally, I would like to make two comments regarding membership. By definition the Exco has a limited insight into the club. We know what activities we enjoy and try our best not to become “Stuck-in-a-run” when it comes to events and activities. However, we are always open to new ideas, and are willing to overhaul our thinking if need be. Should there anything which you feel that we could be doing differently, or better, please speak to us - this is the only way that we can improve the experience of members within the club.



Behind the Wheel of the Prized 'A on the way to the SAA Museum. Honoured to lead the convoy on the way there!

Also, with the start of the new year, I would like to encourage members to become involved in the club. I am fully aware that it can be challenging to come to events when you feel that you don't know anybody, or if you haven't attended an event for some time, but the real value in the club comes from becoming involved and attending events. The full value of the club can only be unlocked through attendance and involvement!

We hope to see more members at events during the course of 2016. This is an indaba year, and it is going to be a busy and exciting year for the club!

Octagonally,

Stephen Grover



Members enjoying a Guided Tour of the Boeing 747 "Lebombo" with Cobus Kanfer at the SAA Museum on 24 January.

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 2016 Committee. Exco members Pepi Gaspari, Steve Eden & Stephen Grover will be carried over to serve on the 2016 committee. 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:

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Stephen Grover

The Club gathered, overcast and early, at the clubhouse to rendezvous before a driving in convoy to the SAA museum at Rand Airport.

The convoy made steady progress from the clubhouse through a bit of rain, and arrived at Rand Airport just after 10:00. The old Transvaal Aviation Club (TAC) has recently been redone into a somewhat trendy bar, and is well worth stopping in at if you find yourself in the area.

We enjoyed a buffet breakfast, before heading across the museum to enjoy the static displays and the aircraft on the tarmac. A tour of the indoor museum was given by museum staff, before heading out to tour the aircraft.

Fellow MG Enthusiast and Johannesburg Centre member Cobus Kanfer, who is a registered 747 mechanic with SAA, provided a tour of the two 747's on display.

Finally, some members headed home while others retired to the bar for some Castle Lager Tank Beer, or other cold refreshment.

All in all a great day was had by all. Our thanks must go to the museum—they are doing a wonderful job of maintaining some unique South African heritage, and we were glad to be able to support their cause!



PHYLLIS ROBERTSON HOME

Stephen Grover

On Saturday 16 January the Club went to the Phyllis Robertson Home to deliver the goods collected over the course of our year-end celebrations, and to take the residents of the home around the area in our cars.

The Phyllis Robertson home is a care centre which aims to provide high quality care for people with disabilities, either mental or physical. The residents were all very excited by our cars, and were thrilled to be taken for drives in them.

A convenient 2 km circular route was used for the drives, and this route was drive over a dozen times by each car. By the end of the driving activities all residents had been in most of the cars, and family members and staff had also been take around.

After the driving a Braai was held and all people in attendance enjoyed a Boere-wors roll and an ice cream sponsored by Boksburg Lake Rotaract who were also assisting.

The day concluded with "Christmas Packs" being distributed and the residents were all thrilled with their gifts.

The day was enjoyed by all who attended, and it was truly a humbling experience for all who attended. We so often take our abilities and facilities for granted, and it was eye-opening to see how others - less fortunate than ourselves - are able to enjoy themselves and embrace life.

I would like to thank all of the members who made the event possible by either donations of goods or time, as well as the Phyllis Roberson Home for allowing us to spend the day with them.

More information on the Phyllis Robertson Home may be found at: <http://www.phyllisrobertsonhome.co.za/>



ZWARTKOPS PASSION FOR SPEED

Stephen Grover

Following an emails set to the club during the week of the event advertising that we could obtain tickets to the season opening race at Zwartkops on 29/30/31 January a e-mail was sent to members and a contingent to attend as assembled.

Historic racing certainly is a big business the world at the moment, and South Africa is no exception. The pits at Zwartkops were completely packed with interesting cars. There really was something there for everybody, ranging from 1970's Chevron's and Lola's through to MG Enthusiast Roger Lewis' TC Special—Hedgehog. What is strikes one when walking through the pits at these event is the incredible manner in which these cars are turned out! Many of them appear as though they would be more at home on a councour lawn than on a race track!



There was a strong MG field entered. These ranged from the TC special mentioned above to Robin Clarke's ZB Magnette, the MG Car Club (Johannesburg Centre) MGA and Chris Chamption's Twin Cam. Several MGB's were also competing, including long-time MG Enthusiast and friend of the Club Roger Pierce in his familiar yellow racing BGT.

Racing was close, entertaining and continuous for the whole of Saturday and a good day out was had by the members that decided to take up the special offer.

None of us experienced any problems gaining access to the track, and exit - despite the large number or spectators leaving - was well managed and free of overheating incidents.

All it all it was a wonderful day out, and possibly something which we - as a club - could consider doing more often during the year.





Upcoming Events

Natter 'n Noggin & AGM

Monday 1 February 2016

As announced on Page 6 we will be holding our AGM on 6 February 2016. Please join us to be part of the decisions to be made in taking the club forward into the next year.

Besides the formalities the usual Natter 'n Noggin activities will take place and facilities will be available.

Date: **Monday 1 February 2016**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Clubhouse Workday

Saturday 6 February 2016

In order to keep our clubhouse looking as pristine as our cars we need to spend a bit of time giving it a bit of a spit and a polish ahead of another year's activities.

Please diarise February 6th as a clubhouse work day. We are planning to start working early, from say 09:00 and work through to lunch-time. After the work is done, we will light a braai fire and enjoy some club fellowship with a few cold beers (perhaps not the first ones for the day...)

If you are interested in joining, please contact Stephen Grover such that arrangements may be made for provision of some tools and supply from home.

Date: **Saturday 6 February 2016**
Time: **09h00 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Pub Evening Awards Evening

Friday 12 February 2016

Following the same successful format as last year, please join us for the Annual Club Awards Evening which will be held during the February Pub Evening in the Clubhouse.

More details will follow closer to the date, but we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: **Friday 12 February 2016**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Upcoming Events

Brooklyn Mall MG Show

20 & 21 February 2016

The club has decided to partner with Brooklyn Mall for the hosting of a show of the Club's vehicles at the mall on the weekend of the 20th and 21st of February. This will be the club's monthly event.

We have developed put together a list of vehicles and have approached some of the owners of the cars. However, we could always use additional vehicles for display, so if you are interested in showing a car please contact Stephen Grover or Trevor Beddy.

In order to gain maximum coverage from the event, we require "guides" in the form of members who will be able to spend some time during the weekend at the mall at the stand in order to interact with the public and answer any questions which they may have. We will be grateful if you could speak to either Trevor or Stephen if you able to make yourself available for a few hours over the weekend.

The mall have kindly offered to host us for a snacks & wine on the Saturday evening from around 18:30. This will be our monthly "run", and all are welcome to come and enjoy the cars and hospitality.

So in short:

1. Please let either Trevor or Stephen know if you are prepared to show your car over the weekend.
2. Please speak to either Trevor or Stephen if you are prepared to volunteer your time over the weekend to act as a guide.
3. Please join us for diner on the evening on Saturday 20 February 2016.



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February

Mon 1	AGM	NC	See Notice in Newsletter Page 4	c
Sat 6	Clubhouse Workday	NC	Clubhouse from 09h00 onwards See Notice on Page 9 for more details	
Fri 12	Pub Evening and Awards Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sat 20 & Sun 21	Brooklyn Mall Show	NC	See Page 10 for details, and keep an eye on e-mail for more details	c

March

Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	

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