

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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Members and Friends of the Club at the MG Timeline hosted by the Club at Brooklyn Mall on 20 and 21 February 2016

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New Members

We would like to welcome the following members to the club:

- Willem Nel (MGB GT)
- Keith Schroder (MGB, MGB GT & MG TD)
- Rosa Kimber (MGB GT)
- Andrew, Hayden, Douglas Lawson (MG TC, YT and MGC GT)

We look forward to seeing you at events in the future.

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

What an incredibly busy and satisfying month February was with all things MG.

The month kicked off with a productive and interesting AGM hosted at the clubhouse. We had good attendance and some strong discussions around the way forward for the club and the clubhouse lease. We have a few new ideas and suggestions regarding the Clubhouse Lease, and we hope to give an update soon on what steps have been taken.

We are also glad to welcome Bernard Mostert onto the Exco. It is great to have some new ideas on the committee, and we are looking forward to his, and Marelize's, input on the future of the Club.

The Saturday following the AGM was spent doing some housework at the club. The trees received a trim, both storerooms were thoroughly cleared out, and we worked through the magazines which have been collecting dust in the corner for some time. I managed to resist temptation and only brought some of them home... We would like to thank all those that assisted on the day.



Alan Uzzel hanging some club Regalia at the work day in February

As advertised in the newsletter we held our annual awards evening at the February Pub Evening. There is a brief feature about the event a bit further along in the newsletter, but congratulations must go to all those that won awards for their performance and contribution to the club in 2015. It was a great year.



Some of the cars on display at the MG Timeline hosted at Brooklyn Mall.

We then proceeded to have what must go down as one of the greatest MG events in a long time, at Brooklyn Mall, over the 20th and 21st of February. To everybody that assisted with the event I must extend a massive thank-you. The event was well organised and efficient, friendly and informative, and most of all showcased what a good example of "The Marque of Friendship" the Northern Centre is!

A very special vote of thanks must go to Trevor Beddy for the many hours which he invested into the event, correspondence with the Brooklyn Mall management and arranging for the cars which were to be on display. We must also thank the Brooklyn Mall Management for their generosity and kindness in assisting us with the hosting of the event—nothing was too much trouble for them. We have also been featured in various issues of the *Rekord* - with yours truly being quoted as Stephen Grocery in all accounts.

We are also glad to welcome a number of new members to the club this month. Some joined at the Brooklyn Event which goes to show the value of the event to the club. Welcome to the new members! We look forward to seeing you at events in the future.

After a hectic month, Bronwyn and I took the 'A off to Dullstroom, where we were greeted by the usual highlands mist. The 'A ran beautifully, and certainly makes a trip away about more than just the destination! We stopped on the way home at the *Classic Car Africa* "Classics and Shakes" event at the Lollipop Roadhouse - what an interesting collection of classic cars and owners!

This coming month we have a slightly slower month. There are numerous public holidays which overlap with our usual events, so we have decided to take it slightly easier. The usual Noggin and Pub Evenings will take place, but we have decided to combine our monthly run with the POMC British Car day, which will take place on 13 March at Pioneer Park. It would be wonderful to support the POMC, and to have a really strong showing of MG's!

As we head into the "mini-holidays", please drive safely and take care out there. Enjoy your MG - however you choose to do so!



The 'A on a farm outside Dullstroom, making the journey part of the break.

Octagonally,
Steve Grocery

2015 AWARDS EVENING

Stephen Grover

The club hosted our annual awards evening at the Clubhouse on the evening of 12 February 2016. The evening was made extra special by having Dave Wheeler's exquisite MG YT on display in the clubhouse.

We must also thank *The Sports Car Centre*, Alan and Denise, for sponsoring the first round of drinks for those that attended the event (from the beginning...)

This is the second year that we have combined the awards presentation with a pub-evening. It seems a most appropriate way to celebrate the achievements of the club members by doing so in our home, with our friends.

Our congratulations go out to those the members who won awards for their performance in club events and contribution to the club during 2015. **We salute you!**

The award winners were as follows:

- Victor Ludorum: Gary Chapman
- Victrix Ludorum: Heather Chapman
- Clubman Trophy: Claus Pille
- Magonette Trophy: Claus Pille
- Speed Event Trophy: Gary Chapman
- Circuit Racing Trophy: Robin Clarke
- Cats Eyes Trophy: Gary Chapman
- Condition Concours Trophy: Julian Pringle
- Driving Tests Trophy: Gary Chapman
- Mike Ashman Trophy: Jay Westaway
- BGT Trophy: Geoff Cunnington



The Club Trophies—all engraved and ready to be awarded.



Dave Wheeler's Rare MG YT on display in the clubhouse. One of only 877 produced.



Gary Chapman, winner of the Victor Ludorum, Speed Events, Cats Eye, and Driving Test Trophies.



Heather Chapman, winner of the Victrix Ludorum Trophy.



Claus Pille. Appropriate winner of the Clubman and Magonette Trophies.



Geoff Cunnington. Winner of the coveted BGT Trophy.



Jay Westaway. Winner of the Mike Ashman Trophy for Enthusiasm for things MG over the past year.



Robin Clarke. Winner of the Circuit Racing Trophy. Appropriately with a picture of RA0255, as rebuilt by Ralph Clarke,.

MG TIMELINE AT BROOKLYN MALL

Stephen Grover

The idea for an MG Event to be hosted at Brooklyn Mall was first discussed in October 2015. It was felt that it was high time that the club hosted an event which would allow us to put something back into the community, and to raise the public profile of the club.

The event was the brainchild of untiring Club member Trevor Beddy, and following several meetings between Trevor and the Management of Brooklyn Mall the Committee joined to discuss the finer details. A date was agreed on and we were "All Systems Go".

The rest, as they say in the Classics, is History. A "dry run", on a very wet evening was held early in February to finalise the layout, and the event was held over the weekend of 20 and 21 February. The cars were in position from Friday evening.

All the cars arrived over the course of Friday afternoon, and into the evening. A parking area had been demarcated for The Club. Each car had been allocated a number and a sequential parking bay to allow for a seamless entry into the mall.

With everybody briefed and in high spirits, it was time for the cars to be driven, or pushed, into position and arranged as per the "Master Plan". Pushing the J2 in, and then driving Pepi's P-type through Brooklyn Mall is not something that I am going to easily forget!

Soon all of the cars were in position, and what a MaGnificent line up it was! We had the marque represented from the MMM cars through to the MG-Rover Generation cars produced up to 2005, including some very special cars along the way. The full list of cars on display, with their associated custodians, was as follows:

1. 1933 MG J2 - Stephen Grover
2. 1934 MG K1 - Peter Posniak
3. 1935 MG PA - Pepi Gaspari
4. 1937 MG VA Tourer - Martin te Groen
5. 1949 MG YT - Dave Wheeler & The Lawson Family
6. 1948 MG TC - George Dehlen
7. 1949 MG TC - The Mostert Family
8. 1950 MG TD - Trevor Beddy
9. 1953 MG TF - Gordon Ellis
10. 1957 MG Magnette - Robin Clarke
11. 1957 MGA Coupe - Dave Wheeler
12. 1959 MGA 1600 - Esra Martins
13. 1961 MGA Twin Cam - Frank Netterburg
14. 1965 MGB Tourer - Trevor Beddy
15. 1972 MGB Tourer - The Mostert Family
16. 1980 MGB Tourer - Claus Pille
17. 1972 MGB GT - Steve Eden
18. 1972 MGB GT (Stripped) - Avril & Richard Grover
19. 1980 MGB GT - Stephen Grover
20. 1979 MG Midget - Annette Craddock
21. 1968 MGC GT - The Lawson Family
22. 1974 MGB GT V8 - Gordon Ellis
23. 2003 MG TF 160 - Heather & Gary Chapman
24. 2005 MG ZR 120 - Ashleigh Chapman

A most impressive line-up of MG cars throughout the production run, and a wonderful illustration of the evolution of the brand.

With the cars in position, all that remained was to position the information table, effect and commission the television



Pepi & Claus providing detailed instructions regarding where to drive and park on Friday Evening.



The Cars all arranged ahead of the "Drive-In" on Friday Evening.

which was to play audio-visual features for the duration of the weekend, and to position the information boards. Brooklyn Mall had been kind enough to print information sheets for us detailing both the history of the Marque as cars evolved, but also the individual details of each car on display. These made for very interesting reading for those who attended the show.

Once everything was said and done, a quick bite to eat was had by those attending, and we were on our way home for a night's rest ahead of the big weekend.

Both days were well attended by the public, with much interest being shown in the cars by young and old alike. We were glad to welcome representatives from the Johannesburg Centre to come through and see the show which their northerly neighbours had put on.

Participants were treated to complimentary tickets to attend the *Brooklyn Bubbles* event which was being hosted on the same weekend. This was enjoyed by all who attended, and provided a welcome break to those who had been on the stand for most of the day.

In the evening the Mall hosted the club for a cheese and wine reception, where a wonderful time was had by all. We also took the opportunity thank Trevor and the representatives of the mall for all the work which they had put into the event, and to wish Trevor a very happy birthday, as the Saturday was also his birthday.

Sunday followed the same theme as Saturday, with more interest in the cars and the stories behind them. Word had spread though Pretoria about the event, and there were some interesting MG Stories which emerged during the day.

As Sunday wound down we had a good opportunity to reflect on the weekend's activities. A good time was had by all who were involved, and it certainly furthered the reputation of both the Marque and the Club. I am sure that it is something which we would consider doing again in the future.

The event has also been covered by the Pretoria Rekord. Their coverage may be found here: <http://rekordeast.co.za/82964/classic-mg-cars-displayed-at-the-shopping-centre/>



Socialising and relaxing after a busy day at the evening reception hosted by Brooklyn Mall.



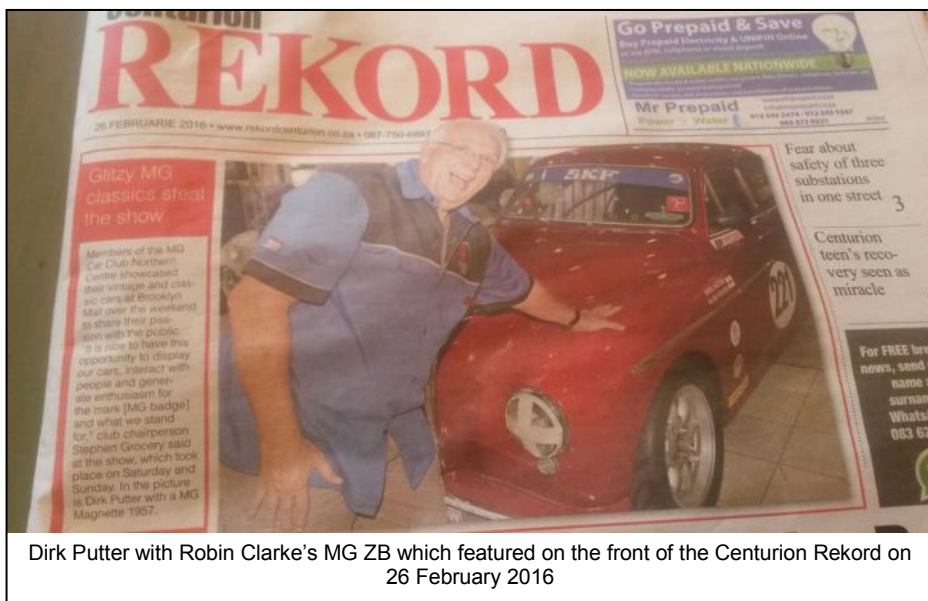
Trevor Beddy receiving his "Birthday Card" and Cake at the reception.



Pepi Gaspari with his PA



Trevor Beddy with his MGB Engine



Dirk Putter with Robin Clarke's MG ZB which featured on the front of the Centurion Rekord on 26 February 2016

THE CARS ON DISPLAY



Stephen Grover's 1933 MG J2



Peter Posniak's 1934 MG K1



Martin te Groen's 1937 MG VA Tourer



Pepi Gaspari's 1935 MG PA



Dave Wheeler and the Lawson Family's 1949 MG YT



MG TC's belonging to George Dehlen and the Mostert Family



Trevor Beddy's MG TD



Esra Martins' MGA 1600



Gordon Ellis' MG TF and Robin Clarke's ZB Magnette



Dave Wheelers' MGA Coupe



Trevor Beddy's MGB Roadster



Frank Netterburg's MGA Twin Cam



The Mostert Family's MGB Roadster



Claus Pille's MGB Roadster



Annette Craddock's MG Midget Mk IV



Steve Eden's MGB GT



Stephen Grover's MGB GT



Richard Grover's MGB GT



Gordon Ellis' MGB GT V8 and the Lawson Family's MGC GT



Ashleigh Chapmans MG ZR and Heather and Gary Chapman's MG TF

Upcoming Events

Pub Evening

Friday 18 March 2016

Please join us for a social evening at the clubhouse when we have our March Pub Evening.

The usual meal will be served. This is a great way to welcome in the weekend, and relax with friends.

Date: **Friday 18 March 2016**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Driving Tests

24 April 2016

In anticipation of the Indaba coming up later this year, we are going to host a driving tests to allow us to "trial run" the venue for this.

Please diarise the date, with more details to be confirmed in next month's newsletter.

Date: **Sunday 24 April 2016**
Time: **10:00 start**
Where: **TBA**

Condition Concours

Sunday 22 May 2016

The Annual "Northern Centre Condition Concours" is to be held on the 22 May 2016 at the club house. We would encourage all members to participate in some way, by either entering their M.G. or to help with the judging.

The concours is a "TOPS ONLY" format so your car does not have to be in d'Etat condition, only clean. (This also gives enthusiasts who would like to improve their vehicles a chance to have them "evaluated")

We are also desperately looking for judges. You do not have to be an experienced judge, just have a keen eye. If you have not judged before we will put you with an experienced judge. You would be surprised how much you can learn about the cars from judging. Being a tops only event there is no crawling around under the vehicle.

If there are any willing judges, experienced or just keen, please phone Jay on 079 528-1954, your input would be greatly appreciated.

Date: **Sunday 22 May 2016**
Time: **Gates open at 08h30
Cars to be in position at 09h30**
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

March

Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Sun 13	POMC British Car Day	NC POMC	POMC Clubhouse in Pioneer Park See Details on Page 12	c
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	

April

Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 24	Driving Tests	NC	See upcoming newsletter for Details	c/v

May

Mon 9	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 13	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 22	Condition Concours	NC	08:30 onwards. See page 13 for details	c

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