

# MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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Pierre van Zyl's recently rebuilt MGB GT and Trevor Beddy's MG TD at the POMC British Car Day in March

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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

Following an incredibly busy February the MG we thought that things would calm down a bit for the month of March, but it remained a rather busy month - with the public holidays making it even busier.

For the first time in a few years we "officially" joined the POMC for their British Car Day, and had a wonderful turnout of MG's there. We were glad to welcome new members in the Goodrum family who were showing off their very nice BGT which they had acquired the Friday before the event.

The British car day was very interesting, and it was nice to see a good turnout of Triumphs, Mini's and Jaguars. Looking forward I am sure that we will join them again for the event.

The Pub Evening was particularly well attended this month. Having the pub evening on the Friday at the start of a long weekend we anticipated that the turnout would be lower than normal, but how wrong can you be?! The atmosphere in the club was terrific and a good time was had by all who came along. If you have not yet attended a pub-evening you really should really make an effort to join us!

The upcoming month will feature the usual noggin on the 3rd of April, and pub evening on the 15th. We are also hosting driving tests on the 24th.

The month of April allows us to celebrate Cecil Kimber's birthday. The Johannesburg Centre has been kind enough to invite us to join them at both their Noggin and Picnic which will celebrate the life of Cecil Kimber. These will take place on the 7th and 10th of April respectively. Please make an effort to join us in the celebration of the life that inspired our enthusiasm.

The driving tests this month are to be hosted at Watloo testing station which has a wonderful section of tarmac which we will be able to use for our driving tests - we have not had such a great venue for driving tests in a very long time. Please join us for the event, it will be a great opportunity to drive your car "in anger" in a controlled environment.

We are looking forward to the month ahead. Let's get MG's out and on the road!

Octagonally,  
Steve Grover



# Upcoming Events

## Natter 'n Noggin

**Monday 4 April 2016**

The monthly Natter 'n Noggin will take place on Monday 4 April 2016.

Please join us for a social evening, and to become acquainted with the Club's Activities for the upcoming month.

Date: **Monday 4 April 2016**  
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**  
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**  
**Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road**  
**Menlo Park**

## Cecil Kimber Celebration Noggin and Birthday Picnic

**Thursday 7 April and Sunday 10 April 2016**

The MG Car Club Johannesburg Centre has invited us to join them in the celebration of Cecil Kimber's Birthday. Cecil Kimber was born on 12 April 1888 and is the undisputed father of MG. The early MG's, which defined the Marque and enjoyed racing and commercial rived by few Sports Car manufacturers in period.

As a group of friends and enthusiasts we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Mr Kimber. Please join us in celebrating his birthday!

There will be a presentation on the life of Cecil Kimber at the Johannesburg Centre's Noggin this month - the details of which are shown below:

Date: **Thursday 7 April 2016**  
Time: **19h30 for 20h00 start**  
Where: **Old Edwardians Club**  
**11th - 9th Avenue**  
**Houghton**  
**Johannesburg**

The picnic will take place at Bob Wilmot's house in Bedfordview. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow enthusiasts, and become reacquainted with old friends. Bob is also currently working on the chassis for Norman Ewing's J2, which is truly a work of art and a great example of a "Kimber MG".

Date: **Sunday 10 April 2016**  
Time: **09h00 onwards**  
Where: **19 St Andrews Road**  
**Bedfordview**  
**Johannesburg**

While these events are a bit out of the way, they will be well worth the effort to attend.

# Upcoming Events

## Pub Evening

Friday 15 April 2016

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

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

Date: **Friday 15 April 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.

We have secured the use of the Watloo testing ground for the event, which promises to be the best venue for a driving test which we have had in some years.

There will be a convoy leaving from the club at 09h00 (Sharp!) for the venue, and the driving test is to start at 10h00. There is no need for crash-helmets for fireproof overalls...

Following the event we will head back to the clubhouse for a braai and the usual festivities.

This promises to be wonderful event, and a great opportunity to drive your MG as it's designer intended!

Date: **Sunday 24 April 2016**  
Time: **09h00 departure from clubhouse or 10:00 start.**  
Where: **Watloo Testing Station**

# Upcoming Events

## Condition Concours

Sunday 22 May 2016

*To be held at the MG Northern Centre Clubhouse, this will take the usual form of bring-and-braai (fires will be available) or bring a picnic lunch. The bar will be open, of course. The gates will be open at 08h30, and cars should be in place by 09h30.*

*The Condition Concours is not as serious as Concours d'Etat as it uses the straightforward "Tops Only" Judging format. This means that only the exterior and interior of the cars are judged for cleanliness and condition*

*– authenticity is not judged. The engine compartment, boot and chassis are also not judged.*

*So – get stuck in and see how your pride and joy fares against maybe one or two new restorations that we might see for the first time.*

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## Forthcoming Events in Brief

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### April

Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Thurs 7	Johannesburg N 'n N Kimber Talk	JHB	See Page 5 for details	
Sun 10	Cecil Kimber Picnic	JHB	See Page 5 for details	
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	c
Sun 24	Driving Tests	NC	See Page 6 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 7 for details	c



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