

# MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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A line up of MG's at Brooklyn Mall during the 2016 Cats Eye Trial, hosted on 23 July 2016.

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## New Members

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

- Brian Woods (MGA)
- Grant Jones (MGB Roadster)

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

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A reminder that subscriptions are now due. As per the note in the November Newsletter subscriptions have now increased to R330 per year - with a R30 discount if paid by EFT.



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# FROM THE WORKBENCH

The past month has passed in a blur, and we are about to enter the last month of Winter. This also means that we are entering the last month before the 2016 Indaba, which we are hosting in September. The organisation of the event is obviously in full swing and we are looking forward to welcoming enthusiasts from all around the country to Pretoria.

This month we were glad to be able to host the Cats Eye Trial for the first time in a number of years. Gary Chapman did a great job of putting together the event, and we were thrilled to be able to host it at Brooklyn Mall.

The run started at the Club House, where we enjoyed a brief chat and caught up on the latest news in things of MG & Triumph. The event consisted of a brief "treasure-hunt" between the club house and the mall, and then clues located within the mall. It seemed that most folks entered into the spirit of the event, and enjoyed it.

We concluded the event at Cappuccinos in Brooklyn Mall. Cappuccinos seem to have mastered the fine art of separate bills for large numbers of people, and the food was top-notch as well.

Unfortunately the MG Car Club was unable to retain the Cats Eye Trial Honours, and the event was won by Rita and Mike Wood from the Triumph Club. We wish them all the best in organising the event next year and will be there in full force to support. Congratulations must also go to Hazell and Steve Eden who came in second!

Another interesting element of the past month was the screening of the insert which Petrolheads did on the club, which was played on Ignition over the weekend of the 23rd of July. Pepi did all of the leg-work in arranging the feature, and it certainly seems to have been good publicity for the club, Indaba and our sponsors.



MG's at the Clubhouse at the start of the Cats Eye Trial



Rita and Mike Woods who won the Cats Eye Trial.

Also, What is Pepi doing in the background??

We are hoping to be able to screen the insert at the Noggin on 1 August....

This coming month we will be hosting the usual events - Noggin, pub-evening and monthly run. The monthly run will take the form of a "media day" where we have invited a number of press and news media to cover the club in advance of the Indaba. It would be great to have as many MG's there as possible. We will start at Villa Africa and end at Fort Klapperkop.

The club really seems to have some great momentum at the moment. Attendance at events seems to be strong, and we have more and more MG's turning up at events. If there is anything that you would like to see the club doing please drop us a line, or chat to us at an event and let's see what we can make happen.

Also, if you (like me) have an MG requiring some spanner work in the garage ahead of the summer, now is the time to get in there...

Octagonally,

Steve Grover

# Upcoming Events

## Natter 'n Noggin Monday 1 August 2016

The monthly Natter 'n Noggin will take place on Monday 1 August 2016.

This will be a social Noggin and a time to catch up with MG Friends. Please join us for a drink to catch up on the latest news .

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

## Pub Evening Friday 12 August 2016

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

The pub evening is a great way to relax at the end of a week, enjoy somebody else's cooking, and catch up with MG friends. The event is open to all family and friends of members.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

## Indaba Media Day Sunday 21 August 2016

In anticipation of the Indaba, we are arranging a media day to which we have invited the major motoring publications, as well as Ignition TV to the day. It will be wonderful to have as many MG's there as possible to make for great media coverage.

We will start the day at Villa Africa, and head through Pretoria - allowing for filming and photographs - to Fort Klapperkop where we will conclude the day.

We will meet at 09h00 for a 09h30 departure to for Fort Klapperkop. Please join us.

Date: **Sunday 21 August 2016**  
Time: **09h30 onwards**  
Where: **Meet at Villa Africa  
272 Furrow Road  
Equestria,  
Pretoria**

# Upcoming Events

## Pre-Indaba Noggin & Pub Evening

Thursday 2 September 2016

In anticipation of the start of the 2016 Indaba we will be hosting pre-event Noggin & Pub Evening. The bar will be open, and boerewors rolls have kindly been sponsored by Craftsman Auto.

This event is open to all enthusiasts, not just those who are registered for the Indaba.

Please join us to welcome our visitors!

Date: **Thursday 2 September 2016**  
Time: **17h30 onwards**  
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road  
Menlo Park**

## A Note from Trevor Beddy

THANK YOU TO ALL

Just a few words of heartfelt (pardon the pun) thanks to all the members of the club who wished me well and a speedy recovery after my recent quadruple bypass operation. It was very uplifting for me at the time to receive so many notices of good will and encouraging messages carried to me in hospital by Marcelle from club members and other friends.

Suffice to say that it was quite a trying time for me and in particular the recovery period when one feels the ups and downs of mild depression as described in medical literature for this procedure by the way. I think that the seven hour anaesthetic also had something to do with it. My apologies that it has taken me some time to get around to thanking everyone, particularly at a time when one has to reflect on one's life ahead and so many other imagined things, most of which were, in retrospect, quite irrational. SO! THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN, MOST SINCERELY.

By way of further explanation. As some of you probably know, Marcelle and I had planned a trip to Russia, doing a Volga river-boat cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg. This being due about seven weeks after my operation. I have to admit that I did everything I could to persuade her to take either Chèvaun or Charnée in my stead, as I was not sure that I would be up to it, plus all the other imagined things that could go wrong that I could think of. In the event, it was not possible to withdraw without paying heavy refund penalties - and so I had to get fit pretty smartly for the tour. Fortunately, with the Boys High Old Boys Club on our doorstep as it were, I was able to summon up my reserves and train for the event by doing determined walking laps of the club's playing fields and resting as much as possible. Well, much to my surprise all went well in the end and I was able to hold my own on all the Russian walking tours aided by my trusty walking stick. In retrospect it was a memorable trip and I'm prepared to bore any member of the club to tears should they wish to hear more about it. By the way, Moscow's and St Petersburg's streets are filled with luxury modern imported sedans of every type and make, with not a Lada to be seen anywhere - neither any MGs for that matter! I have to confess though that the image of Esra's trusty MGA came to mind when I stood on Red Square close to St Basils church, more or less in the same spot where his "classic" was photographed during his venturesome rally there in Soviet Union times!

The only downside to the entire trip was that Marcelle and I returned to SA with a particularly nasty strain of Flu/Bronchitis, the likes of which I have never experienced before - and the lurgy still lingers. I therefore do not venture out in the cold of morning or the chill of evening, hence my prolonged absence from the club. I must say that I do miss the camaraderie of all the members and will try and make up for it once I'm up to it again. Can't wait for Spring to arrive!

Warm wishes to you all.

# Upcoming Events

## Trading Post

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## Forthcoming Events in Brief

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### August

Mon 1	Natter 'n Noggin.	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 12	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sat 21	Indaba Media Day	NC	Run to Fort Klapperkop Details to be advised	c

### September

2—4	National Indaba.	NC		c
Mon 5	Natter 'n Noggin.	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 16	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Fri 25	Braai Run	NC	To be determined	c

### October

Mon 3	Natter 'n Noggin.	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 14	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 16	Jacaranda Run	NC	Details to be advised	c