

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

September 2016 — Issue 418



Northern Centre Member's MG's on the Opening Day of the 2016 Indaba.

MG Car Club-Northern Centre

PO Box 11430, Silver Lakes 0054

Clubhouse c/o Umgazi Road & 26th Avenue, Menlo Park Pretoria.

Meetings usually on first Monday of Month, check by phone.

www.mgcc-north.co.za

GPS S 25 46.495 E 28 16.035



Notices

Club Banking Details

Account Name "MG Car Club-Northern Centre"
FNB Bank Account Number 62363284359
Branch Code 250655 Menlyn Square

The opinions expressed in this Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the MG Car Club Northern Centre or the Executive Committee.

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.

Subscriptions

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.



**FED UP WITH OLD POINTS AND
CONDENSORS??
FIT ACCUSPARK!!**

*MODERN IGNITION SYSTEMS FOR CLASSIC CARS
SPORTS COILS, LUCAS ROTORS & D-CAPS
KITS ARE VERY AFFORDABLE @ JUST R495 & EASY TO
FIT*

ALAN'S AUTO ELECTRICAL

**Generator, Alternator, Wiring
Spares and Repairs**

ALAN ZEEDERBERG

Tel:012 347 7326 – Cell: 083 310 9580

LUCAS AND ALL OTHER MAKES

2016-2017 Committee Members

Stephen Grover Chairman & Newsletter	082 818 0540	Stephendgrover@gmail.com
Steve Eden Treasurer, Vice-chair & Membership Admin	082 372 8740	stevejreden@gmail.com
George Dehlen Secretary, Webpage, Attendance & Points Registers	082 492 1806 012 991 1754	gdehlen@iafrica.com
Jay Westaway Clubhouse Refreshments & Trophies	079 528 1954	jayw@vodamail.co.za
Dave Westaway Motorsport Liaison and Competition	061 987 5406	Fleetprotection services@gmail.com
Gary Chapman Indaba Regalia	082 653 1888	ghachapman@gmail.com
Pepi Gaspari Indaba Chairman	082 410 1569	marpepi@iafrica.com
Claus Pille Records Management / Club Social	084 521 0419	pillecd@gmail.com
Bernard Mostert Vehicle Valuations Carel Wilken	082 927 2291 083 391 1611 012 386 2136	Bernard.Mostert @adaptit.co.za Hercar Restorations

WAYFARERS GUEST HOUSE

Chris Colverd

**92, MALIEVELD
STREET,
SABIE, MPUMALANGA.
Tel: 013 764 1500 Cell:
0766144027**

E mail: stayer@wayfarers.co.za



**Web: www.wayfarers.co.za
"4 Star Quality @ a 3 Star Price!"**

CRAFTSMAN MG AUTO



**Specialising in MG,
Classic MG & Rover**

- Services & repairs
- Diagnostic tuning
- Warranty repairs on most other vehicles

**Dave Wheeler: davmgworld@iburst.co.za
Tel: 011 973 4005 Cell: 082 579 1270**

**28 Great North Rd,
Brentwood Park, Benoni**

**We are
still
No 1**



For efficient and friendly
service phone Alan or Denise
on

(011) 646 1631, 486 0021

Fax: (011) 486 0021

email: sportscar@mweb.co.za

11 Westmeath Road,
Parkview, Johannesburg
P.O.Box 72045, Parkview 2122

**Like being first to drive
an MG up the Sani Pass,
we are first
in the business of
supplying parts for
your MG.**

FROM THE WORKBENCH

This month's newsletter sets a new record in late delivery! Not a feat which I would like to repeat in a hurry, but between the Indaba taking place during the first weekend of September and work commitments both before and after the event the newsletter has suffered... As it stands this is going to be a rather brief newsletter — perhaps more of an event's notification bulletin than a newsletter, but I promise that next month's will be packed full of reports, pictures & upcoming event details.

That being said we have had a great time as a club over the past few weeks. Since the last newsletter we have had a Pub Evening which featured Jeremy's incredibly well prepared and interesting BGT, an event which was catered by Avril and Richard Grover - (Thanks Mom & Dad!). We also had the a media day, in preparation for the indaba where we hosted the producer from Ignition TV, as well as a reported from the Rekord. We hosted this at Fort Klapperkop, which is always a great venue to conclude a run.

Obviously the highlight of the past few weeks was the Indaba which was hosted by our centre. After over two years of organisation it was very exciting when the weekend finally came around and we were finally able to "pull-the-trigger", and put all of the planning into action!

The weekend worked incredibly well, and we are confident that everybody who attended had a wonderful weekend. I hope to have comprehensive reports for the next newsletter, but we will be speaking about our experiences at the October Noggin which I hope you will join us for.

I would like to thank everybody who was involved in the indaba. Without the very active, committed and above all enthusiastic membership of this club the event would never have been possible—let alone the wonderful success which turned out to be!

To celebrate "Braai Month" we are doing a "braai-run". This run will take us to Sunset Mountain, which is a venue in Muldersdrift very well suited to a relaxing afternoon. We will run from the clubhouse, rendezvous at the Total Garage on the N14 heading West, and then onwards to the venue. Please bring your own meat to Braai & Drinks—perhaps a salad if you are that way inclined.... More details are presented later in the newsletter.

Next month, on October 16th, we will be hosting the Jacaranda Run. This is always a very successful and well attended event, and we hope to see many members at the event and we hope to have a strong turn-out of MG's there for the event. Please make an effort to join us. We have moved the event forward by a week to (hopefully) capture the Jacaranda's in full bloom this year.

There are a number of interesting events coming up before the end of the year, the driving tests in November and the Christmas party in December. Please put these events on your calendar now, as the weeks fill up.

Personally, I am trying my best to keep myself sane by making steady, if slow, progress on the MGB's recommissioning and am really hoping to be able to enjoy that over the course of December... I am looking forward to being able to enjoy at least some of the summer months in that car!

In closing I would like to pay my respects to an ex-member who passed away over the course of the last month, Johan Meyer. Many older members will remember Johan as "Captain Verneuk" after his adventures to Verneukpan on on of the Indaba's in the 1990's. Johan was the first member of the MG Car Club that I can remember meeting, when he came to my parents house on a Sunday Evening to assist with the removal of a recently acquired MGBGT's engine and gearbox after we had become "stuck". Johan arrived in his 1970 MGBGT, complete with tools to tackle the job and an overall, and proceeded to get stuck in to the job to be done! His actions and enthusiasm on that evening is something personifies the club that we are members of, and is something that that I personally aspire to. I will miss running into him at occasional club events, and as a club we send our condolences to his family and loved ones.

That's all for now—until next month (which is disconcertingly soon...) Drive you MG (and if that's not possible do some work on it...)

Octagonally,

Steve Grover

Upcoming Events

Braai Day Run Sunday 25 September 2016

To celebrate Braai Day this September we are doing a run to Sunset Mountain, in Muldersdrift. We are planning to have a relaxing afternoon with friends, taking a deep breath after the excitement of the indaba over the past Month.

More details about Sunset Mountain may be found here by visiting their website at: www.sunsetmountain.co.za, Please bring along your own drinks and food. Chairs, fires & other facilities will be provided.

We will meet at the club at 10:00 where we will depart in a westerly direction, with a rendezvous at the N14 Total Petro-Port at 10:30 from where we will head through to Sunset Mountain.

Date: **Sunda 25 September 2016**
Time: **10h00 @ Clubhouse**
10h30 @ N14 PetroPort

Natter 'n Noggin Monday 3 October 2016

The monthly Natter 'n Noggin will take place on Monday 3 October 2016.

At the Noggin we will be reviewing photographs and videos from the recent Indaba, and discussing the event. Please join us to find out what we were up to.

Date: **Monday 3 October 2016**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park

Pub Evening Friday 21 October 2016 (Please note the later date—due to the earlier monthly run)

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 21 October 2016**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse, Corner 26 Avenue and Umgazi Road**
Menlo Park

Upcoming Events

Jacaranda Run

Sunday 16 October 2015

This is one of our most popular annual events which takes place around the city of Pretoria to look at the famous Jacaranda Trees in full bloom.

The run will be followed by a Braai, for which the club will provide the fires, or a picnic if you would prefer at the clubhouse. The bar will be open and we should be able to enjoy the summer weather which we anticipate will be upon us!

We will meet at the Union Buildings, on Government Avenue, for a 10:00 departure, and will follow a route through and around the city before ending up at our familiar clubhouse. The event is normally joined by other clubs, and the Johannesburg Centre has declared the event their official event for October so there should be a strong MG presence on the day.

Please join us for a great day out enjoying your car.

Date: **Sunday 16 October 2015**
Time: **10:00 for 10:30**
Where: **Meet at the Union Buildings, Government Avenue, Pretoria.**

Table Raffle

Noggin on Monday 7 November 2016

This is an event which has proved very popular during the past few years. At the Noggin on Monday 7th 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 7 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 7 November 2016**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Upcoming Events

Driving Tests

Sunday 20 November 2016

We will be hosting our annual driving tests at Silver Oaks Shopping Centre on the morning of 20 November 2016.

The driving tests are relatively low speed events, and enjoyable in all manner of MG's. Please join us for an enjoyable morning which will be flowed by a meal in the shopping centre.

More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Date: **Sunday 20 November 2016**
Time: **TBA**
Where: **Silver Oaks Shopping Centre**
Corner Solomon Mahlangu (M10) and Von Backstrom Blvd
Willow Acres

Christmas Party

Saturday 3 December 2016

Following on from the past two successful Christmas parties please diarize Saturday 3 December for a celebration of all things festive at the clubhouse. More details will follow soon.

Date: **Saturday 3 December 2016**
Time: **12h00 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park

Upcoming Events

Trading Post

FOR SALE

Trevor Beddy has stumbled upon a 1974 MGB GT in Muckleneuk Ridge. The car is in presentable condition.

If you are interested in the car please contact Stephen Grover or Trevor Beddy for the seller's details.

WANTED

1. MGB (post 1972) Dip-Stick
2. MG, Motoring & Motorsport Related Books.
3. 1622cc B-Series Connecting Rods
4. MG TB/TC Chassis and Components

Stephen Grover
082 818 0540
stephendgrover@gmail.com

Original Steering Wheel for 1967 MGB GT.

Richard Bates
033 239 5251 / 082 654 5904
richardbates@iafrica.com

MG Radio Cover Plate for MGB GT

Andy Hillman
083 229 7059
andysue@iuncapped.co.za

Should you wish to advertise items for sale, wanted or to swop please e-mail the editor at Stephendgrover@gmail.com, or call on 082 818 0540



African Electroplating
ISO9002 Certified

Large Scale Industrial Plating and Specialised Restoration Division
Nickel, Chrome, Zinc and Speciality Finishes
13 Maraisburg road, Industria West, Johannesburg, 2093
Tel: (011) 474 8767, Fax: 011 474 8177, Mail: info@africanelectro.co.za



HERCAR
Restorations

Specialising in :-

- Full body restorations
- Spray Painting and polishing to detail
- Mechanical repairs

Carel Wilken 083 391 1611 012 386 2136
105 Industrial Road
Pretoria West
Corner of Roger Dyason and Industrial Road

Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

September

Fri 25	Braai Run	NC	See Page 5 for Details	c
--------	-----------	----	------------------------	---

October

Mon 3	Natter 'n Noggin.	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Sun 16	Jacaranda Run	NC	Meet At Union Buildings at 10:00 10:30 departure	c
Fri 21	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	

November

Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin.	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 20	Driving Tests	NC	See page 7 for Details	V/C