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The Northern Centre contingent at the Awards Dinner at the 2016 National Indaba, with the Nuffield Trophy as presented to us by the National President, Tony Cradock

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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.

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.



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FROM THE WORKBENCH

It certainly doesn't feel like it has been a month since the 2016 Indaba, but the calendar doesn't lie and time marches on! We have a number of great reports submitted for this newsletter, and have been promised another for next months! I hope that you will enjoy reading it.

Bernard Mostert submitted a great piece on the Indaba, as has Bev Cunnington. Both give great insight into the event, and it is wonderful that both of these pieces come from relatively new members—not stalwarts who have been in the club for years, and I think that this speaks volumes about our club, and the enthusiasm of the members.

While much has been written about the Indaba in this newsletter, and in last month's issue I must mention once again how well our centre performed. As a committee we would like to thank everybody who participated, and put in some so much effort to make the event happen! Thank— you!



Some of the "Fairer" assistants at the Indaba



Tony Craddock fulfilling his Presidential Duties at the Indaba

I would also like to congratulate Tony Craddock, who was announced as Honorary President of the Southern African MG Car Club at the Indaba. We are very honoured to have Tony as a member, and as President!

Steve & Hazel Eden recently competed in the Magnum Rally, organised by the POMC and were kind enough to put together an article on the event, as well as what's involved in these regularity events. In the past the club was very active in the Regularity Rallying Scene (my MGB still has the stickers to prove it's involvement!), and it would be wonderful to see us get involved in more competitive events in the future. Please give this some thought, and we will undertake to keep you up to date with the events that are coming up.

Besides the wonderful Indaba which kicked off last month we also had a great run out to Sunset Mountain, and were very pleased to see Alan & Denise there in the BGT V8! It is a pity that the car couldn't be present at the Indaba, but it is so nice to see the car on the road again. Contratulations! The day was very pleasant, with good showing of 16 MG's. Thanks to Dave Westaway for arranging the venue and guiding us there. The surroundings looked like a good place for a bit of a grass driving tests...



Alan & Denise's V8 Generating much interest at Sunset Mountain

We also hosted a very well attended Noggin in September, and had a wonderful pub-evening! We were sad to say farewell to Claus and Julie who have been so active in the club for the past few years—but we are sure that it is not "Good-Bye", as the MG family transcends distance! It does not feel like long ago that Bronwyn and I first met Claus and Julie at the R59 1-Stop on the way to the January event at the Vaal all those years ago, and it is remarkable to think about all the adventures that we have had since then.



At the start of the run to Sunset Mountain

Coming up this month we have the Annual Jacaranda run, which will follow the usual format—leaving the Union Buildings and ending up at the clubhouse for a bring and braai. This is always a well attended event, and we are looking forward to more of the same this year.

In November we are returning to Silver Oaks for the club's driving tests, where we have invited the Triumph Club to join us, and this promises to be a great day out. Silver Oaks have also offered to provide sponsorship for us, and while we are still finalising the details of this, we are looking forward to the event. We also have the Year-End / Christmas party on our radar, which is scheduled for 3 December, and we are looking forward to hosting the members Children and Grandchildren at the event.

Also, please keep an eye open for items which may be worthwhile to bring along to the Table Raffle which we are planning to host in November. This is always a great event, but is made or broken by the contents of the table. Therefore, please keep an eye open around the house and in the garage for items which may be of interest to others. See the full details of the Table Raffle later in the newsletter.

My personal mechanical adventures are proceeding on a "2 steps forward 1 step back" philosophy, but hopefully it will not be long before the Blue MGB is back on it's wheels are ready to make a showing at a club event. It has been a long time since the Knysna Indaba and the last time that it broke cover! Hopefully all of the work which as been done on the rear suspension will lead to a nice and tight back end, and eliminate the wheel arch rubbing which has plague the car since the fitment of the Superlite knock-on wheels.

That's all for now. I hope that you enjoy the newsletter, and we are looking forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

Octagonally,
Steve Grover



An Indaba for the First Time

Bernard Mostert

We attended our very first Noggin at the Northern Centre on 6 October 2014. Must say, I was way more excited than Marelize, BUT I managed to drag her along to have a look at my latest 'hobby'! We heard about an "Indaba" that took place in Knysna and thought it strange that a Zulu word was used for a British car gathering. By end of November I registered and was convinced that our MG B roadster will be present at the 2016 Tshwane Indaba...

Fast forward to a week before the Indaba and suddenly we had 3 cars to wash and polish for the long awaited event. My car 'pimp' made sure we now owned a TC and a ZB Magnette for the Indaba, but because we were new to this "car-thing" we really didn't know what to expect – we just knew we were going to have a lot of fun!



Marelize and Bernard at the 2016 Indaba. If only they knew then what they know now...

The Friday kicked off with some surprise and anticipation of what was to come as the MG's arrived at Villa Africa... Did they really travel that far in those precious MG's? And without any of them breaking down? How do they fit all their luggage? How did you manage the ride? Wasn't it too hot? But, I soon realised (and remembered) that it is not about the destination – it is the journey, the getting there!



The Mostert's TC at the start of an impressive line-up

Saturday morning was an early morning, there was no time to recover from the previous night's introduction of new MG family members. We had 3 cars to get to Kitty Hawk and to prepare for Concourse (which Marelize only found out about after I entered her car). With a bag full of car cleaning products and an extra set of clothes for the DÉlegance we were ready for the day.

At Kitty Hawk we were met by orange T-Shirts and wide smiles. That was the easy part. Not having participated in a Concourse before, we really did not know what or how. Not to worry, the faithful MG family was there to offer as much help as needed and then some. I wish I could bottle the energy Marelize had on that day – must say, if think of our visit to our fist Noggin 2 years ago; she sure came a long way! She had to resist the

temptation of reprimanding each person who touched her clean car and the wind blowing the dry grass into every clean corner, did not help much either. But the day was not over yet, Ringo Star and his Chick paid a visit to Kitty Hawk and we could share a few laughs.

The day was filled with so much excitement, the air show, the friends that visited, the advice that was given, the smiles of the public sharing their special story of an experience in an MG long, long ago – that made it even more special!

That evening we saw our first live rocker race. I definitely didn't know that there could be so much excitement over wheel alignment and weight of a model car J. To make the night more eventful we were joined by German royalty, angels and a few miners! The evening also proved once again how much entertainment could be at an auction where the auctioneer can observe a potential bidder, even if the 'victim' didn't know it.

The Sunday morning we couldn't believe how time flies when you're having fun... A visit to Sammy Marks museum, the Buddhist temple in Cullinan, visit to the Zonderwater P.O.W. cemetery and the Cullinan mine! Yes all of that in one day... Try and fit in lunch, few beers to not



Marelize Mostert, winner of the guests "car of the day", and the handsome Pepi Gaspari.



just quench the thirst, but also to relieve some of the heat we enjoyed on a perfect summers day.

The weekend was concluded with a price giving and the sad truth of the "Best ever Indaba" coming to an end. We said goodbye to new friends of the MG family and we looked back at the time spent preparing for the Indaba – just to realise it was worth it and the excitement that started 2 years ago was not even close to the real experience we enjoyed!

Bernard holding court at the start of the Sunday Run for Group 3

The 2016 MG Indaba as seen through the eyes of an Orange Bollard

Beverley Cunnington

Thursday 1 September 14.30 – off to Hazell and Steve's to assist with transporting the Goodie Bags for the Indaba to Villa Africa. Anja was also there with her vehicle – lots to take. Loaded the vehicles whilst trying to avoid all the flu germs emanating from Hazell! Once at Villa Africa the reverse process, unloading the bags, then adding other goodies to the bags, they were really stuffed full. Then a well-deserved drink at the bar. The drinking continued at the clubhouse at the pre-Indaba pub night. What a good start to the Indaba!



An assortment of Orange Bollards at the start of the driving tests

Friday 2 September – Now I was really getting excited! At Villa Africa at 09.30 to set everything up for registration. Registration only started at 12.00 but just being in the hub of all the goings on was so enjoyable. 12.00 saw the first of the participants registering & that went on until 18.00, officially, but later for a few of the participants. So far so good, still really enjoying being part of this event even if I was only helping at the end – all the really hard work had already been done. Of course more drinking at the bar ensued before the 'braai' evening – I'm beginning to think we should have booked accommodation at the hotel after all. The braai evening was really good with great food. Only managed until 21.30 before I started seeing big fluffy pillows so time to head home.

Saturday 3 September – Now my work begins! At Silver Lakes Crossing at 07.30 to set up for the driving test dressed in my Orange Bollard outfit – if the drivers can't see me in this they must be blind! I was the timekeeper for Test 2 – just hoping I remember what buttons to press on the stop watch or there could be a lot of very irate drivers. Luckily the drivers trickled in so there were no queues of cars waiting to take part. I was so sorry when Dave Westaway announced the last car was Steve Eden's A, it had been such fun. Steve offered me a lift in the A to get to the next port of call, Kitty Hawk. Unfortunately, by the time we arrived there the air display had finished but the airdrome was a hive of activity, such a great atmosphere. Our picnic bags were superb and the only problem there was finding some shade to get out of the blazing sun and enjoy our goodies. Luckily one of the Northern members had brought a portable gazebo and we gate crashed there! A 2-hour respite at home and then back to Villa Africa for the dinner and dance. Once again a fantastic evening, luckily my dance moves didn't seem to embarrass anyone – it seems the shuffle is pretty much what everyone did! Lots of great outfits befitting the theme, I was among many of my own people with my fairy wings and 'diamonds'. 23.00 time to head home – really wish we'd booked that room!

Sunday 4 September – At Silver Crossing at 08.15 for the tours. Left the shopping centre at 09.00, bringing up the rear of Tour 4. Our first stop was Nan Hua Temple, only half an hour to look around and head off, not really sufficient time but had to keep to the time schedule or something would come undone. Zonderwater was also a quick visit but I was lucky to meet the 'infamous' Mighty Mouse – what a lovely lady! En route to Cullinan now, turns out there wasn't such a rush as the mine tours were running a bit late. I never realised that the Cullinan mines were so big, a very interesting tour. Lunch was at Die Rooi Lorrie at 14.30 and what a lovely spread they put on. Last stop was Sammy Marks, I just drank coffee at the tea garden, I've been to the house several times. Then home for a couple of hours and back to the hotel for 19.00. This will be the first and last time I walk the Red Carpet, no paparazi to record the event though – I guess no chance of getting a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame then!

What another great evening, good food and great company. So many awards presented – No Oscar for me though – maybe next time!

My first Indaba and what an Indaba, I defy any other centre to follow that!

All the organisers must be very proud of themselves, it was absolutely brilliant.

Beverley Cunnington

Spring has sprung the grass has riz, I wonder where the MGs is?

Gone to Pretoria, that's where.



Phew, now that it is over we can look back at some of the highpoints and low points of the weekend (were there really any significant lows?).

Opting to hold the event on the first weekend of spring, worked out well. We felt that it was unlikely to be too warm, and the chances were that the rains would not have arrived. As it happened the weekend weather was glorious, fairly warm, sunshine all day, and no rain.

We had entrants from all over South Africa, from Cape Town, the Eastern Cape, Kwa Zulu Natal and Johannesburg. There was one couple from England, one from Germany and one from the Netherlands. For some strange reason no-one from Port Elizabeth entered. There have been lots of discussions at local and national level as the reason for this, and for the relatively low attendance, but an entry of 80, around 150 people, meant that the event could be small and intimate.

The cars present ranged from a 1934 PA, through TCs, TDs, MGAs, BGTs and roadsters to relatively modern TFs and ZRs.

The evening functions, held at Villa Africa, began with a real Braai in the Boma on Friday. Apart from a slight hiccup with meat quantities, which was soon resolved, it appeared a great success, lots of interaction between those present made for a lively, somewhat rowdy evening.

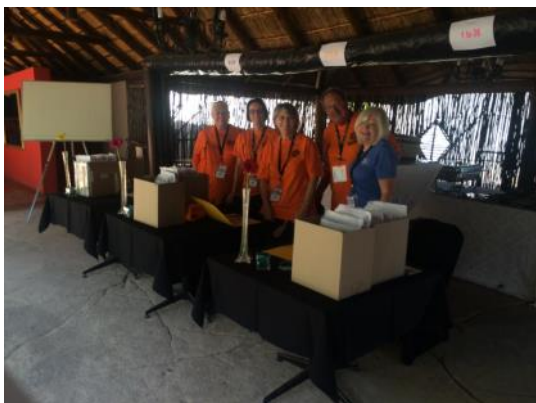
The whole event themed around "Wheels, Wings and Diamonds, took advantage of the fact that we were close to the home of the Cullinan Diamond, and that we were to hold the Concour events at a local airfield, in conjunction with a light aircraft (RV) club.

Some participants arrived on the Thursday night for a pre-Indaba pub night at the Clubhouse which proved to be a good enthusiasm builder for the whole event.

Official registration was from 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon and the registration team, led by a rather sick Hazell was soon busy and the car park was soon full of a large selection of MGs. People were allocated rooms and most were happy with the standard. Some issues arose with towels etc but were resolved by the helpful, polite if overworked staff.



The Saturday morning driving test at Silver Oaks shopping centre, saw some enthusiastic driving, with only one damaged car, due to apparent brake failure. Alan, from Sports Car Centre soon located replacement parts, and the car was back on the road for the trip home. Thanks to Dave and his group of lady bollards. We will be back there for a club event in November.



An Orange Team at Registration

The concour events held at Kitty Hawk Airfield saw the now common low entry, but quality far exceeded quantity. The picnic themed day with blankets, chairs and lunch provided did well in reviving old traditions of days out watching aircraft, and the historic ties between MGs and planes started in WW2. The atmosphere was very relaxing and the aerobatic displays and flypasts gave the crowds plenty to look at. We must thank Kitty Hawk and the RV aircraft club for their involvement in making this a great day out.

The Saturday night themed dinner saw the tables decorated with MG place mats, and table centres with model aircraft, wire cars and imitation diamonds. The room was transformed into a beautiful, glamorous venue, drawing murmurs of appreciation from the diners Thanks to Sharleen and her group of ladies for this. So much hard work ladies but the results were outstanding. Some guests dressed in line with the theme, and a prize was given to the best. The inter club rocker cover racing event started the evening off. The evening saw much socialising and fraternising between the Centres, very good to see.

The scenic tours on Sunday took people to see an eclectic mix of Sammy Marks Museum, the Italian WW2 Military Cemetery at Zonderwater, Cullinan Diamond Mine and Nan Hua Buddhist Temple. Most people seemed to enjoy the tours and some said it had ticked off some items on their bucket lists. Thanks must go to all the venues, and to the Gaspari family for spending the day at Zonderwater. The lunches provided on the routes seemed to go down well, especially at Die Rooi Lorrie!! The treasure hunt type quiz was not well supported for some reason, perhaps everyone was too relaxed.

The prize giving dinner on Sunday evening was also a great success, and lessons learnt by the Hotel (taught by Hazell) meant improved service. The auction to raise money for the Club, presided over by excellent auctioneer Clive Winterstein was a great success and fund raiser.



George and Liz at the Nan Hua Buddhist Temple



Johan Kruger and his MGA at Sammy Marks Museum

We were greatly honoured by the very unexpected presentation to us by the Indaba Committee.

All in all, I feel the event was an outstanding success, and the plaudits received confirm this. I know it is impossible to make all the people happy all the time, so there were bound to be some issues, but there was nothing major.

As the instigator of the event, I am please with how it went, the support received from within the Club, especially from Pepi, who stepped forward as event Chairman without hesitation, was fantastic. I must thank all the venues and the Hotels, (Villa Africa and Villa Jana) for their enthusiasm to host their parts of the event, and of course the sponsors.

Ohna, the events co-ordinator at Villa Africa deserves a special mention. I am sure you all saw her running around to help make the event the success it was.

And lastly, special thanks to Hazell for all her hard work with registration, correspondence, hotel bookings and many other items, but mainly for assisting me and keeping me relatively sane over the 2 years.

It now remains to be seen what KZN can do, not to beat this event, surely an impossibility, but to provide us with an enjoyable weekend. Pity it is in the Berg, we would have liked to go to the seaside. Now where I have heard that sentiment before.

Steve Eden



Hazel Eden with a model of a familiar MGBGT



Steve & Hazel being presented with a gift from Betty "Boomers" Van Meulen, all the way from Holland

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Tops Only Trophy	First: George Dehlen TC Second: John Collinge MGB Third: Bernard Mostert MGB
Roy Marsh Trophy - Concours Car of the Day	Gary Chapman, <i>MGTF</i>
Rocker Cover Racer Concours	Rolf Schweizer
Rocker Cover Racer Speed Event	First: Glen Parker
Driving Tests Individual	First Ladies: Ashleigh Chapman Second Ladies: Jenny Loader Third Ladies: Wendy Kelly First Men: Johnnie van Wyk Second Men: Gary Chapman
Roy Hesketh Trophy – <u>Centre</u> which is the overall winner of the <u>driving tests</u>	Northern Centre
Treasure Hunt	Gary and Heather Chapman
Cecil Kimber Trophy – <u>overall best individual</u>	Gary Chapman
Malcomess Trophy – for T-Type owner who has <u>driven greatest distance</u> to the Indaba	Pierre van Hell
GeePee Trophy – <u>Centre with best all-round performance</u> – calculated by formula	Northern Centre
George Tuck Trophy – <u>individual</u> in previous two years <u>who made most significant contribution</u> in furthering the aims of MG in SA	Alma Henderson
Nuffield Trophy – <u>Centre showing most meritori-</u>	Northern Centre

The Magnum Rally

Those members who have been around for a while will remember that we used to have an active group participating in Classic Open Odo Regularity Rallies. These were held initially by the South African Historic Rally Association (SAHRA), who also ran historic stage events.

The marriage of SAHRA to Regularity Rallies proved difficult and an independent body the Classic Regularity Rally Association of South Africa (CRRASA) was formed to organise Classic Car Regularity Rallies. Events at that time were restricted to pre 1981 vehicles which perfectly suited MGBs.

The Northern Centre's entrants which included the Noeths, both Peter and Gavin, ourselves and Roland Kivell were quite successful in these events, achieving many top 3 places and some overall wins.

As with many things however, the number of entrants was in decline, and it was decided to lift the Classic Car requirement, and make the events open to all. With the introduction of modern cars, the organisers felt the rallies should become more difficult to combat the available performance of these cars. Classic disappeared from the name and the new organising body was the South African Regularity Rally Association (SARRA)

Under SARRA the rallies became progressively more difficult and the organisers started introducing, what we thought, were silly tricks, trying catch people out. The ability of modern cars, think Golf GTi, to do make ups and to get back on time after a marshall or a mistake, meant that an MGB was no longer competitive.

Eventually, Hazell and I decided enough was enough, and that spending around R1000 per event, on entry fees, petrol and lunch, and having to drive the car really hard, was not justifiable.

We looked round for something else to do, having MGs in the garage, and not using them in some form of competition seems a waste.

We then discovered sealed odo rallies. For those who have never done one, it is quite simple. The speedometer, odometer and rev counter (if fitted) are sealed, no distance or speed measuring devices are allowed, and neither is a calculator. The organisers set a route, typically just a typed list of instructions (no tulip diagrams), with required distances, speeds and times given.

E.g.

Dist	Speed	Time	Instruction
3,03	63	00:05:01	Warning - General Warning. Potholes, Slaggate for 5km. START OF REGULARITY

This instruction shows, that you are 3.03 km from the start, you must leave at 5 minutes and 1 second after you started. There will be a triangular pothole warning sign with a "for 5km" board underneath. You must drive at 63km/hr till a speed change. The next instruction might be:-

Dist	Speed	Time	Instruction
3,86	72	00:05:49	Kiepersol
6,63	53	00:08:07	60 speed limit

So at 3,86 km from the start, or 0,83 km from the last instruction, you will see a sign to Kiepersol, and you should be there at 5 minutes and 49 seconds from your starting time, and you must change speed to 72km/hr. Simple isn't it?

However, you have no way of telling where you are distance wise, and you have no speedometer to tell you how fast you are going. There may be more than one Kiepersol

sign, so you have to judge where you are.

With no speedometer, you can measure speed by timing between milestone, or 0.2km distance plates. You can also time how long it takes to pass 10 white lines, if you can see any! You need to be able to feel the speed of the car, by engine note, or visually. This can be achieved with practice. (or so I'm told).

Obviously the navigator has a clock, which shows elapsed time since the start, Hazell keeps telling me she needs another one so she can more easily time milestones etc. The driver needs one as well to time milestones, distance plates or white lines. We have a crib sheet showing times for all these at different speeds stuck over the speedo.

All this sounds difficult and stressful but the whole atmosphere on these sealed odo rallies is relaxed and not everyone takes it seriously or is competitive. There is usually a "touring class" which runs at the back of the field with no restrictions on speedometers or odometers, which can be used to give an introduction to the sport.

There are only a few sealed odo rallies per year, the Mampoer Rally is a one day event starting from the POMC in Silverton and finishing at Willem Prinsloo Museum at the Mampoer Fest. There is the Free State Rendezvous, the Pre DJ and the Fairest Cape amongst others. Most are combined car and bike events, and only pre 1981 cars are allowed.

The Magnum Rally is a three day event, organised by the POMC, based around Hazyview in Mpumalanga. This year, it was the SAVVA national, as it was in 2012. The Magnum has been based in various hotels in and around Hazyview over the years. This year it was based in The Numbi Hotel and Garden Suites, there was also a camping option for the hardy.

The Numbi, despite our reservations, was superb. The rooms were clean, tidy and comfortable, and the meals good. They were so good that we did not make it to the Numbi Bar and Grill for what we have found to be some of the best steaks in SA. The Hotel is well worth a visit if you want to stay in the area.

We drove up on the Wednesday to get settled in and scrutineering completed ready for the first car away at 09:00 on Thursday. Being car 36 gave us a start time of 9:36 which left plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast.

Modern technology has seen the introduction of GPS driven data loggers in the vehicles. This has removed the need for marshalls on the route and the data loggers can be downloaded at the finish, giving you your scores within 30 minutes. The number of controls can be increased easily, and was 20 per day on this event.

Day 1 saw us travelling towards Hoedspruit and a tea stop at a very interesting small motor museum. Lunch was at the Blyde River Forever Resort, and we returned via Graskop. A total run of 260km in around 6 1/2 hours. Our days score was 279 which saw us 3rd in class, out of 10.

Day 2 went south past White River and Nelspruit and through the Crocodile River Mountain Reserve, this was known as Boulders in previous years, and has been used on Polana Rallies. Lunch was provided at a filling station somewhere, very tasty fish and chips. Note the somewhere, because on most rallies you don't really know where you are most of the time. Another 280 km in 6 1/2 hours. Score this day was a respectable 281 which lifted us to second for the day.

The last day, was a bit shorter at 190km in 4 hours. We passed Graskop, Gods Window and Lisbon Falls. Our score this day was 190, second for the day, and lifted us to second for the event with a total of 750. Our old enemies, Syd Brett and Brian Askew in a V12 E type were first with a 606 total.

That evening saw the prize and awards dinner, another excellent meal at the Numbi.

So, a three day event, with 4 dinners, 4 breakfasts and 3 lunches, some 700km of driving some of SAs most scenic roads. A good hotel, good company and total relaxation for us from the Indaba organising stress for a few days. All this for just over R5000. We would

like to suggest that we use this event as a Club weekend away in 2017. All organised for us, a good hotel and some good driving. What do you think?

Motor Museum near Hoedspruit



Some pictures at the Hotel



Not a fire, a DKW being started first thing in the morning.



On the road



Come and join us next year - Steve & Hazell

Upcoming Events

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 Oakes 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
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3. 1622cc B-Series Connecting Rods

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Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

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 18 for Details	V/C

December

Sat 3	Christmas Party	NC	See details in upcoming newsletter	c
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