

# MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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Members and Cars at French Toast as part of the March Run to Hartebeespoort

## **MG Car Club-Northern Centre**

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# Notices

## Club Banking Details

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## New Members

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

- Dave Holt
- Barry Groenewald
- Cobus Kanfer
- Jane Leeferink
- Terence Weyer

We are looking forward to seeing you at many events in the future.

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

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# FROM THE WORKBENCH

A delayed and brief newsletter after what has been a very busy March, and a rather tumultuous April so far...

We had some very good events in March. We enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Esra Martin's about his recent European travels at the Noggin, a well attended pub evening, and an even better attended run out to the North West. As a club we would like to extend our appreciation to all of those who were involved in the organisation of these event! It takes considerable inspiration to conceive an event, effort to arrange and coordinate and perseverance to make it happen.

This month we have a number of events coming up. Due to the Easter Weekend we have moved the pub evening forward, so this will now take place on 7 April. We have been invited to join the Johannesburg Centre at their Kimber Birthday celebrations on 9 April, and we have our own Condition Concours to be hosted on 23 April.

Looking ahead to May, we have been invited to join the Sunbeam Club for their Dam Buster's Run on 1 May. In the past members have attended this event and thoroughly enjoyed it. Also in May we have a club Gymkhana, described in the Newsletter, which should be fun.

We have also been informed of some long distance "weekend-away" events. The Johannesburg Centre is the throws of organising trip to Sandstone in the Freestate, with accommodation at Fouriesburg Inn. This is to take place from 12 to 14 May. If you would like to attend this please contact Shelly Dixon (082 686 5316) to find out more.

The KZN centre is arranging a weekend at the Nottingham Road hotel, in place of the usual run to the The Nest which has been run over the past few years. There is additional information on this elsewhere in the newsletter, but the weekend will take place from 11 to 13 August.

On the same weekend as the KZN center's event is the Magnum Rally, being run in Mpumalanga. This involves either touring, or competing on a sealed-odo event on some of the best driving roads in the country. More details to follow.

So, there is definitely no shortage of ways to enjoy your MG over the next month, and for the rest of the year!

Octagonally,

Steve Grover



# Upcoming Events

## Pub Evening

Friday 7 April 2017

Note that this evening has been moved forward by a week compared to the usual Friday, due to the Easter Weekend.

This promises to be a great and relaxing Friday evening. Please join us for a drink, meal and catch up after the week at the club.

A great way to meet new friends and reconnect with existing ones..

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: **Friday 7 April 2017**  
Time: **17:30 onwards**  
Where: **MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse**

## Condition Concours

Sunday 23 April 2017

*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.*

*If you can assist Jay Westaway (he still needs some helpers) please call him on 079 528 1954.*



# Upcoming Events

## Kimber's Birthday Picnic

**Sunday 9 April 2017**

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!

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 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**

## Dam Busters Run

**Monday 1 May 2017**

This run, of approximately 100km, around the around the Lanseria area. The event is arranged by the Sunbeam Club and members who have done it before have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Full details are contained at the end of the newsletter, along with entry details.

It would be wonderful to have a strong representation of MG's there, and a nice way to end off the long weekend!

## Gymkhana

**Sunday 28 May 2017**

MG Car Club Northern Centre is to hold a Gymkhana on the 28th of May at Silver Oaks Shopping Center

.All you will need is a MG, (Triumph), a co-driver and a sense of humour.

A gymkhana consists of 3 or 4 courses with various tests or obstacles that will test the co-ordination between driver and co-driver who must complete each course within a specified time period and collect the least number of penalties possible. Although there will be a time allocated to complete each course it is set at a very reasonable duration, penalties will be added for every second over allocated time and deducted for every second under allocated time. Penalties will also be allocated for poles knocked over and various 'faux pas' accumulated within the course, remember the faster you go the more penalties you are likely to accumulate, find a good balance between speed and precision remembering the tortious won the race. This is NOT a speed event so there will be no strain on the vehicle, (only between driver and co-driver). All courses are designed to be fun with family participation encouraged, so no seriousness will be tolerated.

Prizes will be awarded to the crews with the least number of penalties as well as to the best dressed participants who are dressed in the period of their car.

## Forthcoming Events in Brief

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### April

Mon 3	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 7	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 9	Cecil Kimber's Birthday Celebration	JHB	10:00 onwards 19 St Andrews Road Bedfordview, Johannesburg	
Sun 23	Condition Concours	NC	Clubhouse from 08:30 Cars in Position by 09:30	c

### May

Mon 1	Dambusters Run	Sunbeam	Details on Page 6	
Mon 8	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 19	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 28	Gymkhana	NC	Details on Page 6	c/v

### June

Sun 25	Combined Centre's Showday	NC/JHB	Details to follow	c
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# Trading Post

## FOR SALE

Trevor Beddy has stumbled upon a 1974 MGB GT in Muckleneuk Ridge. The car is in presentable condition, and is an unusual Automatic, which may appeal to some.

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

## WANTED

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### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 2017 “DAMBUSTERS” CLASSIC CAR FUN RUN.

1. The event is to be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, starting at 9:30am.
2. The event takes the form of a treasure hunt; where clues to points of interest are given on the route sheet provided, and participants are required to write down the correct answers.
3. The entry fee is R100 per car. There is no limit to the number of occupants in the car.
4. Drivers will be required to produce their indemnity cards. Those that haven't signed an indemnity, can do so at the start of the event.
5. Start is from around 9:30am, at Home of the Chicken Pie, Maggies Farm, just beyond Lanseria Airport. Participants should be at the venue to sign in, before 9am.
6. The event is 106 kms long, on good tar roads. No dirt!
7. Halfway stop is at Mount Grace, near Magaliesberg. This is purely a comfort stop, and participants have time for refreshments. Participants should leave Mount Grace by 12 noon.
8. There is no need for speeding. Average speed should be around 40kph.
9. Finish is at Moon & Sixpence, Beyers Naude extension, Muldersdrift, where participants can enjoy a light lunch before the prize-giving.
10. Participants will score each other's answer sheets whilst they are having lunch. This is to speed up the scoring process. Naturally, a participant will not be allowed to score his or her own answer sheet!
11. Prize-giving will be held once all the answer sheets have been scored and handed in.
12. Whilst modern cars and bikes will be accepted on the event, old cars and bikes will be given preference. There will be a limit of 50 vehicles. Modern vehicles are considered as being built after Dec 1980.
13. Bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for cars built between Jan 1971 and Dec 1980. 2 points for cars built between Jan 1961 and Dec 1970. 3 points for cars built between Jan 1946 and Dec 1960. 4 points for cars built between Jan 1931 and Dec 1945. 5 points for cars built between Jan 1919 and Dec 1930. No points will be awarded for cars built after Dec 1980.
14. An entry form accompanies this circular.
15. NOTE THAT THIS IS A FUN EVENT. THERE IS NO NEED FOR SPEED, NOR BEING TOO COMPETITIVE!

# THE "DAMBUSTERS" CLASSIC CAR FUN RUN

Promoted by the Sunbeam Sports Car Club of South Africa

## ENTRY FORM

Date of event: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017. (public holiday).

Vehicle Eligibility: Pre-1980 (Preferred).

Entry Fee: R100.00 per vehicle.

Distance: 100 km.

Closing Date: 21st April 2017.

Starting at: Maggie's Farm, Home of the Chicken Pie.

Finishing at: Moon & Sixpence, Muldersdrift

Start Time: 9:30am. Participants should be at the start by 9:00am.

### Vehicle Description

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### Driver's Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature as entrant, I agree that my guests/partner/children and I will comply with all the run regulations as set forth by SSCC. **I affirm that the vehicle is LEGALLY REGISTERED and INSURED** and meets all roadworthy and safety requirements. I commit to paying the Entry Fee upon submission of this Entry Form whether I participate or not. Payment to be made directly to: **SUNBEAM SPORTS CAR CLUB of S.A., F.N.B., A/c No. 50600100750, Branch Code 256505.** **Proof of payment together with the Entry Form to be forwarded to Aletta Boys at [ahboys@telkomsa.net](mailto:ahboys@telkomsa.net) or fax to 086 512 4078.**

Signature of Entrant (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your entry fee includes: All logistic materials including route instruction, etc., provided on the day.*

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### INDEMNITY

**PLEASE SUPPLY INDEMNITY NUMBER, IF YOU HAVE ONE :** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby indemnify The Sunbeam Sports Car Club of S.A. and/or its Organisers, and the Owner(s) of any property on which the event is held and any Government, Provincial or Municipal Body and their respective Officials, Agents, Servants and representatives against any legal liability for any damage or injury so done or sustained as aforesaid by myself or any other such persons in my company.

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**NOTE:** IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE PARTICIPANTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR VEHICLES ARE COVERED BY INSURANCE.

**If not, you WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE RUN.** SAVVA Insurance **for the day** can be issued at the start at a cost of R50.00 per vehicle.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

# MG CAR CLUB KZN 2017

## WEEKEND AWAY

Many of you will have seen the notice in the March Newsletter advising of a club weekend away to the Midlands and staying over at the Nottingham Road Hotel. The dates were to have been the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August. The dates have had to be changed to a week later due to unforeseen circumstances and will be held from Friday night the 11<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday morning.

The MG Car Club KZN Centre is to hold a weekend away at Nottingham Road Hotel from Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> departing on Sunday.



This 1900<sup>th</sup> century hotel has recently been up graded to a charming cosy country hotel. The revamped rooms are of a high standard with many variations to suit double or single beds and so on. Bath as well as shower in most rooms.

Fire place in the dining room and of course the fire place in the all-time favourite pub. The Hotel is very conveniently situated for visiting the Midland Meander sites.



There are 10 garden suites and 14 old rooms in the body of the hotel. This amounts to a capacity of 48 guests. At this stage there are only a limited number of rooms reserved for us.

Please advise Peter & Bev McNaught if you wish to join in the fun. If numbers warrant it, it may still be possible to secure additional rooms but Bev needs to know ASAP.

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COST:- R500.00 per person sharing per night, bed and breakfast which is a special reduced rate for the MG Car Club members. Normal price is over R700 p.p. sharing.

Once you have notified Peter or Bev you may make your booking and pay the required deposit directly to the Hotel. Deposit R500.

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