

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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MG's at the off for the July Run

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Notices

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New Members

No new members this month.

Convince your friends to buy an MG. Make them join the club...

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

A hectic time of late with and without things MG leads to poor delivery dates on newsletters, despite the monthly floggings in the workshop after sending out the newsletter late...

This past month we enjoyed Dave Westaway's legendary curry—made in various capacities for various race classes. Thanks Dave! The club also joined the Triumph club in what turned out to be a very interesting run, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Steve Eden has kindly written an article about the event which is included in the newsletter.

Bronwyn and I have been out and about over the past month, taking trips to Kaapsehoop and to the Lowveld with colleagues. Both thoroughly enjoyable, but the second trip—involving 1100km in the BGT was definitely the better driving. It did lead to a strong commitment to do the Magnum Rally next year...

Also next year, and generating much interest and excitement is the prospect of the 40th anniversary run. Having done some recent driving in that part of the world it really is going to be a wonderful weekend. Great company, great roads, fantastic sports cars (or saloons...), what more can we ask for?

Coming up this month we have a pub evening, and a run out to Brauhaus—a reasonable distance, with a good meal and some really good beer at the end.

Octagonally,

Steve Grover



RUBY ANNIVERSARY



MG Car Club Northern Centre reaches the age of 40 in 2018.

To celebrate it has been proposed that a weekend away is organised.

To stay away from peak periods it is suggested that we do this in August 2018 based in Hazyview in Mpumalanga.

The roads in this area are scenic and the views magnificent.

We can visit Longtom Pass, Able Erasmus Pass, Sabie, Pilgrims Rest etc. Possibly the Kruger.

A 4 night stay is being considered, cost will depend on how many are interested and where we stay.

If you are interested or have any suggestions please let us know on mgcarclub.nc@gmail.com.

Combined Pretoria Triumph SCC and MGCC NC Centenary Run



PTSCC kindly asked us, and the Alfa Club to join them on this run.

We met at the Clubhouse at around 8.30 having had a quiet, uneventful drive from home in the A. The weather was crisp and dry and not too cold for mid winter.



A large crowd of MGs, Triumphs, Alfa's and some American iron had filled the car park to capacity. Nols and Bill gave a short briefing and handed out the route

schedules and questionnaires.

The were 10 MG entries amongst a field of just over 30. A good Northern's turnout, maybe helped by the promise of free Mampoer to the first ten to enter. The questions looked fairly straightforward and not too cryptic. There were a couple of curved balls which we found when reading all the way through. Always a good idea this. We had to identify 2 non roadworthy vehicles somewhere on the route, and name at least 3 Mooikloof estates.

The route took us from the club, down 26th St and out over the freeway, and past Woodhill Shopping Centre. The first non roadworthy vehicle appeared at The Collection, a DKW we were told, we did not know the make. A VW Golf body on stilts appeared later.

A visit to the new Q4 petrol station gave us a chance to fill up, and enter the lucky draw for the fuel cost refund later.

Eventually we reached the end of the route, at The Bronberg, for breakfast. What a superb meal they had put on for just R70 per person. Fruit and Yoghurt, scrambled eggs, chicken livers, wors, pap and toast were supplied in abundance. Coffee and freshly squeezed juice were included. Absolutely delicious and amazing value for money!

Some of us, who shall remain nameless, ordered wine with the meal, which went down very well I'm told.

After breakfast, the results were announced. The scores were based on the age of driver and car, and the answers to the questions of which there were 20.

There was a split into 2 groups, those with a total below 100, and those above. Being in the A with a score of 127, before the questions were added, we thought we might be in with a chance.

Results for the MG entries were as follows

Over 100 group

1	146	Steve/Hazell Eden	MGA
2	141,5	Dirk/Sharleen Putter	MGA
3	141,5	Terence Wyer	MGA
4	130	Peter & Paul	MGB
5	113,5	David/Michelle Goodrum	MGB
6	108	Bernard/Carla Mostert	MGB
7	100	Geoff/BeverleyCunningham	MGTF

Under 100 Group

8	84	Pepi Gaspari/Vicky	MGZR
9	30	James Kelly & family	Frelander
DNF		Danie/Elmarie Bester	MGB

We were pipped into second place overall behind a PTSCC member in a TR3, mainly due to an age advantage of car and driver. Dirk won the draw for the petrol cost refund. An enjoyable, well organised event, thanks to PTSCC for inviting us.

In true MGNC fashion, once breakfast was finished we adjourned to the garden at the Bronberg to sit in the sun, socialise, and of course have a few drinks. Dirk kindly donated his winnings to the bar bill.



By about 3.30 the staff were looking as if we had overstayed our welcome so we all decided to leave.

At this point, Hazell reminded us of the half price Tequila special weekend at Malt. So we, Pepi, the Kellys and Peter and Paul moved to Malt Bar and Grill for some Pizza, some beer, and of course Tequila. Due care was of course taken by those driving to remain within the limit. Peter was even seen drinking a milkshake! Eventually at around 5.30, common sense dictated that we all depart for home. A long MG day, with good people, and a good vibe.

Steve

Reflections after Combined centres Showday in which our MGA was sparkling clean.

Twinkle, twinkle little A
We don't care what people say
About your 'old and faded' dials,
You've carried us for miles and miles.
And as we drive around the town
Folks smile, and wave,
They never frown.

And this, despite the paltry score,
For our MG's in-ter-ior.
And we know just how Peter feels,
When they tell him he's got dirty
wheels.

The car is driven, seen, admired,
It may be old, but it's not tired,
Nor locked behind some garage door
To be cleaned and polished forever
more.

So listen up, you know the score,
DRIVE your MGs, that's what
they're for:

By Hazell



MG BOOKS

This is the second instalment of “MG Books” where we try to identify and describe books published on MG’s. Again, I ask club members to drop me an email (jvwyk44@gmail.com) to invite me to your collection, to describe what books you have on MG’s, not covered in this series.

As I indicated previously, you will not be identified as the owner of the book because as the saying goes: “borrow a book and loose a friend.” When we have covered all participating member’s collections, we will publish what might be called “a definitive annotated bibliography of MG books”.

Lets start with some:

MG Practical and technical tips

Sub title: Part 1

Author: MG Owners club

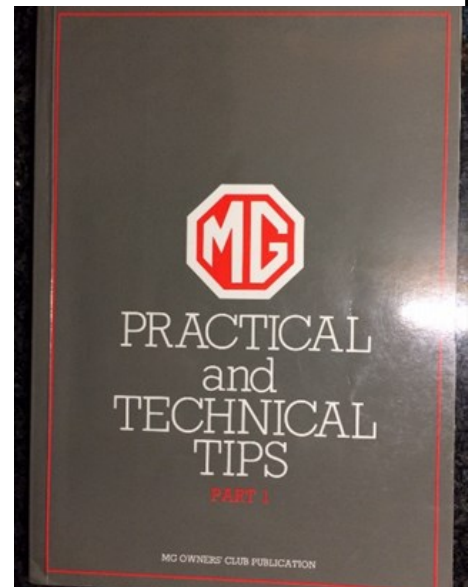
Publisher: Burlington Press (Cambridge) Ltd

ISBN: None

Date of publication: 1987

Category: Technical

Notes: A collection of hints and tips originally published in “Enjoying MG” and other MG Owners club publications. The tips are categorised according to the typical areas such as engine, gearbox, carburettors, tuning, electrics etc. It cover the whole spectrum of MG’s also including some issues around the V8, Midget and Maestro. Interesting categories such as “SU carburetor workshop”, Tyres, “Name that noise” (!), Improving MG door locks and even “Finnigans waxol instructions”. Many of the Issues’s articles are well illustrated or even accompanied by photographs. The last section is called “general”, but the contents could have been included in the headings earlier in the booklet, which gives the idea that this was actually just a collection of tips and hints rather than a more comprehensively edited technically book. This makes searching for specific subject a bit difficult, but as you page through you pick up many interesting ‘by the way’ knowledge. The 143 pages (about A5 size) contains well worthwhile tips all through the booklet. Does not have a subject index. .



MGB Barrie's notes on the MG

Sub-title: Maintaining an MGB in the 21st Century

Author: Barrie Jones

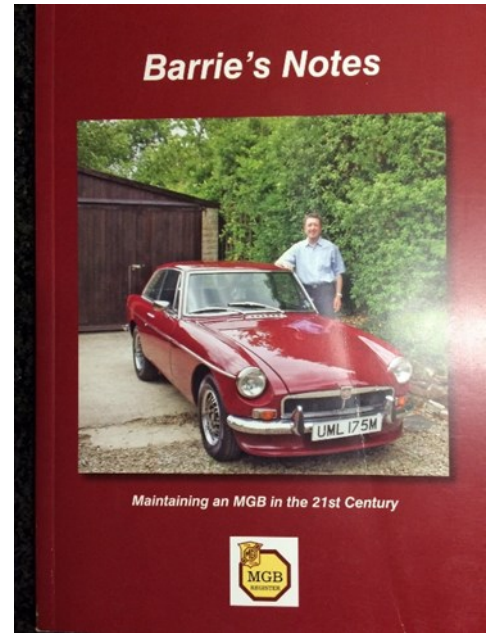
Publisher: Ralph Allen Press Ltd, Bath

ISBN: 978-1-845842-29-1

Date of publication: Not Listed

Category: Technical

Notes: : A technical booklet (about A5 size) covering about every aspect of the MGB, with comments in 21st Century language and some focus on modern issues such as tyre sizes, unleaded petrol and Bio fuel, also covering special topics such as "omissions from the workshop manual", "wiring oddities" and "common faults". This booklet of 82 pages are very well written by an enthusiast with great practical knowledge and makes great reading. Lots of technical information including tables on specific topics such as "Tyre comparator" and "SU Needles"



Upcoming Events

Pub Evening

Friday 18 August 2017

Please join us for a drink, meal and catch up after the week at the club.

This month Peter & Paul will be treating us to a "Souped-up" dinner, which stands to be tasty—as anybody who has previously eaten Peter's fare will know. There will also be a something to celebrate, so don't bargain on leaving hungry...

All are welcome. These events are a great way to meet new friends and reconnect with existing ones..

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Date **Friday 14 July 2017**

Time: **17:30 onwards**

Where: **MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse**

Upcoming Events

Brauhaus am Damm run

Sunday 27 August 2017

This year we will return to Brauhaus am Damm, a wonderful craft brewery and German Restaurant close on the R24 between Magaliesburg and Rustenburg.



We will leave the club at 09:30, and take a leisurely drive there. The distance is around 130km, and we may take in a stop along the way.

Additional details, and route, to follow after trial run.

Date: **Sunday 27 August 2017**
Time: **09:30 onwards**
Where: **MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse**

An advertisement for African Electroplating. It features a large blue 'AE' logo on the left and a green vintage open-top car in the center. The text 'African Electroplating' is at the top right, with 'ISO9002 Certified' below it. At the bottom, it lists services: 'Large Scale Industrial, Plater and Specialised Restoration Division', 'Nickel, Chrome, Zinc and Speciality Finishes', '13 Maraisburg road, Industria West, Johannesburg, 2008', and contact information: 'Tel: (011) 474 8767, Fax: 011 474 8177, Mail: info@afrianelectro.co.za'.

An advertisement for HERCAR Restorations. The word 'HERCAR' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. Below it, 'Restorations' is written in red. The text 'Specialising in :-' is followed by a bulleted list: 'Full body restorations', 'Spray Painting and polishing to detail', and 'Mechanical repairs'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Carel Wilken 083 391 1611 012 386 2136', '105 Industrial Road', 'Pretoria West', and '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

August

Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 27	Monthly Run	NC	Likely run to Brauhaus am Dam Details to be firmed	c

September

Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sat 23	Cat's Eye Rally	NC	Sunday late afternoon into Evening Leaving from Clubhouse Details to follow.	c

October

Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 22	Jacaranda Run	NC	Details to follow	c

Trading Post

WANTED

1. MG Related Magazines & General Classic Car Books & Magazines
2. MG, Motoring & Motorsport Related Books.
3. TA / TB / TC parts for long term build project. Bare chassis & Body have been acquired...
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