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MG's gathered at Brauhaus am Damm for the Club's August Run.

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

A series of late newsletters is beginning to indicate that perhaps it is time for a holiday... Watching the movements of Friends in the UK over the past few weeks, with Goodwood Revival, Beaulieu, Brooklands is really creating an itch to spend some GBP's - unfortunately GBP's which will need to be earned, and that seems to be resulting in not enough MG time all around!

Over the past month (or at least the month being reflected upon in this newsletter) we had two great events. A phenomenal pub evening hosted by Peter & Paul - an array of soups the likes of which this wannabe mechanic has never experienced before, and deserts to match. Many thanks to Peter & Paul for a wonderful spread! We really appreciate the effort which goes into organising an event such as that.

We also did a run out to Brauhaus am Damm. This is a run which we did early in 2015, but the venue is so good that I feel that it warrants returning to at every few years. We made a brief stop for coffee in

Magaliesburg, thereafter driving the 30 odd km to Brauhaus. The service at Brauhaus was great, the meals very good and delivered quickly, and the beer cold. Although it was a long drive, it seemed to be enjoyed by those who attended. If you missed it I am sure that we will be back there at some point over the next few years.

Coming up this month we have the pub evening on the 15th, and a run on the 23rd (note that we have taken the

liberty of doing the run on a Saturday, as it is a long weekend). While we had planned the run to be a "traditional" cats-eye rally, with a treasure-hunt in a shopping centre, this seems a shame given the weather which we have been experiencing of late. We have therefore decided to do a short run, with a few clues en-route, from the Club house to Capital Craft for a beverage, and then on to the restaurant at Waterkloof golf club where we can taken in an early dinner. The plan is to start and finish early enough for the run to be done in classics.

Looking much further into the future than this weekend or next, the planning for the Club's 40th anniversary weekend away is in full swing. We have earmarked the weekend of the 23 to 26 August 2018 for the event, and will be publishing additional details as we progress with the planning. If you are keen to attend, please don't delay in getting your name onto the list by e-mailing Steve Eden. We have a limited number of participants, so please "Book now to avoid disappointment".

In the last newsletter I was advertising my much-loved BGT for sale, and I am pleased to announce that it has been sold to an enthusiast, and I am looking forward to seeing it out and about in the future. It is always sad to hand over the keys to a car which has given you so much enjoyment through ownership. Hopefully, the car which now occupies it's garage space will give the same degree of enjoyment — eventually...

Octagonally,

Steve Grover





The Magnum Rally 2017









The 2017 Magnum Rally was scheduled from the 9th to the 13th of August. Registration and scrutineering to happen on Wednesday the 9th (Woman's day) rallying on Thursday Friday and Saturday, and the trip home on the Sunday.



Having been caught out before at the toll gate on the N4 outside Witbank on a Public Holiday, we decided to be clever and travel up on Tuesday the 8th, thus missing the holiday traffic. It would also give us an extra night away in Mpumulanga which is always welcome. Oh well, who were we to

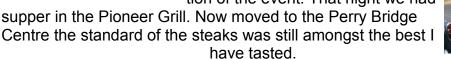
know that the latest motion of no confidence in our illustri-

ous President would be held that day. In their usual law abiding manner, the Taxi industry decided to blockade Witbank and the N4. It took us close to an hour to make it through Witbank with the B's water temperature gauge reading 90psi at times. Fortunately the B



did not boil and actually used no water at all. On our way again we stopped for a splash and dash at Milly's before continuing to White River to pick up our Sabi Valley Coffee at the Caster-

bridge Centre. A quick look round showed that the vehicle museum was really not worth a visit so we carried on to Hazyview and booked into the Numbi Hotel for the duration of the event. That night we had





A few of the other entrants and some of the organisers had also arrived so some good socialising was on. Wednesday saw most of the rest of the competitors arriving, and the car park was filled with a variety of machinery including many bikes, one with sidecar, and cars ranging from an old XK Jag, Volvos, MGs, a Rolls belonging to new Club Members Christo and Lorna, a Mustang and many others. The scrutineers were kept busy most of the afternoon. For some strange reason, the drivers side seat belt inertia reel on the

B seized up, fortunately a trip to Midas located a generic belt which was fitted and usea-

ble until the correct part can be found.

Thursday morning had scheduled the first car away at 9.01, we being number 36 had ample time for breakfast in the Numbi which was of its usual good standard before hitting the road.

The day's route took us out of Hazyview and up the R536 to Sabie where there was a fuel stop, mainly for the bikers. Leaving Sabie we travelled via Graskop to Pilgrims Rest and Ohrigstad, ending at the Blyde River Canyon Resort for lunch and then back to Hazyview by a fairly circuitous route. Total distance for the day was 262 km in a total time of six and a half hours.

The beauty of rallying with data loggers instead of marshalls meant we had our results within half an hour of finishing. We were second in class for the day, with a rather disappointing 532 seconds.

Supper and drinks at the hotel, followed by a reasonably early night, saw us ready for day

Day 2 saw us again to Graskop and then to God's Window, towards Mbombela via Sabie and to a private collection of cars and planes for the lunch stop. A run via Robbers Pass and Sabie saw us back in Hazyview. 280km and 7 hours.

Unfortunately, the increasing use of Long Tom Pass by ore trucks rendered it unsafe for rallying, so the routes were a little similar. Not that the driver or navigator really have time



to register where they have been for the day. This day saw us finish 3rd in class with a score of 595, well off the pace.

Day 3 was a short day of 183km in 3 and 1/2 hours. We went via the back road to Kiepersol, more suited to 4x4s, then down to White River, then back to Sabie past the Jock of the Bushveld monument. Day 3 saw us a long way down the days leaderboard with 584 penalties, not a good run.

An early finish for lunch at the Pioneer Grill was followed by a rest prior to the prize giving dinner back at the Numbi.

Surprisingly, despite our bad day 3, we managed a second overall in class, more due to other's mistakes than a good performance from us. We came second behind a young couple in Stephen Grover's old 323 BMW.

New NC members Christo & Lorna Ferreira came 3rd in the class in a Rolls Royce, but have promised to compete in their BGT next year.

In the open odo "touring class" Jhb members Pierre & Amanda van Hell came 13th in their MGB,(they deserve a medal for endurance in keeping their car going) Rod & Sharon Herman were 9th in a Mustang, and Brian Atkins 15th running solo in an MGB.

The BGT is enjoying an extended rest in the garage before I set to getting a new seatbelt, mending the exhaust, and discovering where the brake fluid is disappearing to. Close to end of day 2 on Robbers Pass the pedal travel got longer and longer until I refilled the empty master cylinder reservoir in Sabie, and at every fuel stop since.

All in all a hard few days on the car, the driver, and especially the hard working navigator who came home with a very bad cold & cough.

Will we go next year? This remains to be seen when we have recovered from this one. We also have the 40th anniversary weekend away at the same venue in August next year.

Thanks for the support and interest from the NC members, perhaps some more will compete in 2018 and we can watch from the touring class?



BREAKING NEWS NORTHERN RUBY HIJACKED!



The Northern Ruby Hijacked

Jacaranda City - Notorious jewel thief implicated in the disappearance of the Northern Ruby last night, police said.

Museum staff noticed the theft when deactivating the Museum's alarms in the early hours of the morning. No alarm was tripped

"It's Shocking!" said one museum worker, who during the night. wished to remain anonymous, " the highly sophisticated security system was active for the duration of the heist. Dodging the laser sensor None would have required remarkable wedge - not to mention



Miz Jozi, who's real name is unknown, rose cult status after the Winged Diamond w stolen from the travelling exhibition held at

The Ruby forms the centerpiece of the C Plaza Hotel.

lewel collection and represents the heart spirit of the community. A loss of the lewe blow for all citizens of Jacaranda.

Mr. Gee, the city's mayor, has expressed

" I am shocked and saddened by the and sadness at the news. said the Mayor, "The jewel is important

citizens of our fair city."

The suspects, whoever they may be, some of the jewels have s

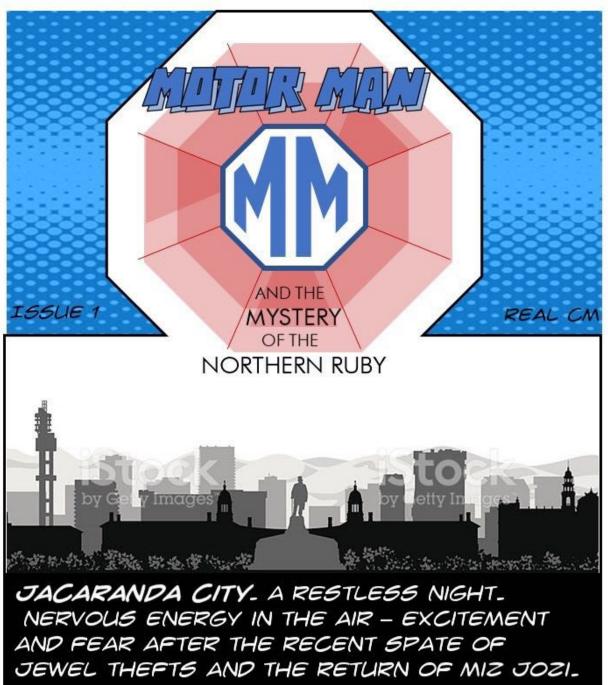
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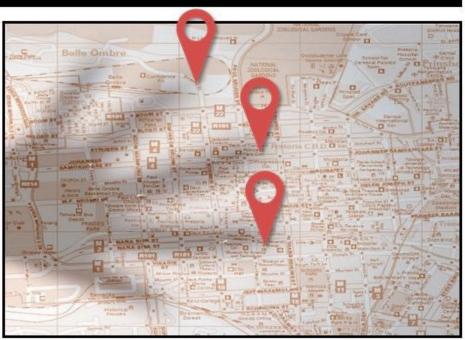
This reporter, who Ti help but wonder - if the police



MY, I HAVE BEEN A BAD GIRL



THREE
HITS THREE
LEADS
AS AN
OMINOUS
SHADOW
FALLS
OVER
THE CITY



WHO CAN HELP LOCATE THE PRECIOUS RUBY AND UNRAVEL THE GREATER MYSTERY?



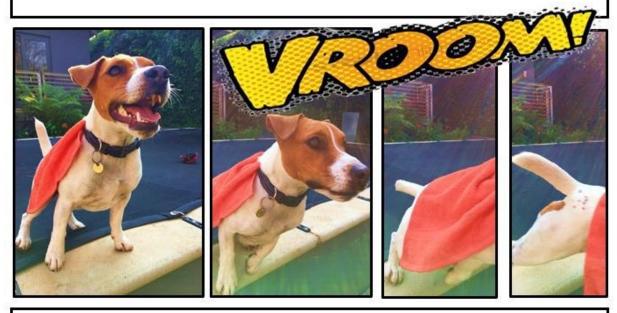
SAFETY FAST

MUTUR MUTT

TO THE G-MOBILE AND THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!

MILD MANNERED MECHANIC BY DAY, VIGILANTE MOTOR ENTHUSIAST, CRIME SOLVING AND ASS KICKING DETECTIVE BY NIGHT, MARTIN

GRAYTON, HEEDS THE CALL OF THE CITY...



AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME - CLUES THAT POINT TO THE CUNNING VILLAIN





THE FEMME FATALE IN MY CITY. WHY NOW? AND WHERE IS SHE?

THE CITY DOESN'T GIVE HER SECRETS UP EASILY.
NO CLUB IS TOO SEEDY, NO STREET TOO MEAN
---OR HUSTLER TOO COOL.



A SNITCH CRACKS AND WE GET A BREAK.
HE WAS WORKING FOR THE ADMIRAL,
JACARANDA'S KING PIN. HE SAW
SOMETHING THAT NIGHT. WE HAVE THE
LEAD TO MIZ JOZIE.



WE HIT THE GAS AND HEAD FOR THE WRONG SIDE OF TOWN FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS

THE DUO'S DETECTIVE SKILLS - AND BRIEF FILM NOIR DETOUR - HAVE PAID OFF-SOON THEY LOCATE THE ELEGANT GET AWAY CAR INSIDE THE CITY'S ABANDONED JEWEL EXCHANGE.

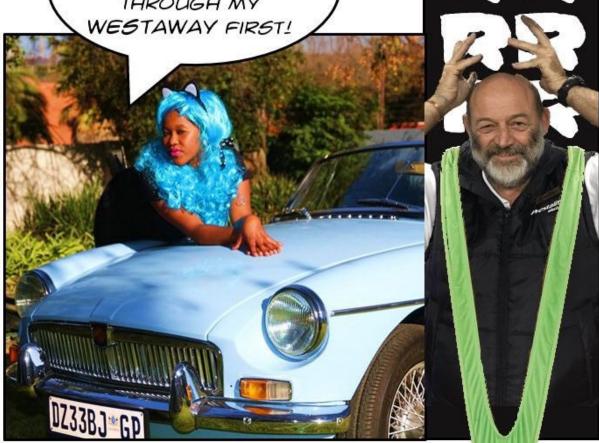




INSIDE THE VILLAIN'S LAIR... MIZ JOZIE TAUNTS OUR **HERO** WHILE PROTECTED BY HER GOON.

YOU FOUND ME

MOTOR MAN BUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET
THROUGH MY



MOTOR MAN SPRINGS INTO ACTION ...



MAKING QUICK WORK OF THE GOONS...

BUT MIZ JOZIE ESCAPES

YOUR TANK IS EMPTY MIZ JOZIE - ITS TIME TO PAY THE TOLL!

HA! YOU'LL NEVER GET ME OR THE NORTHERN RUBY...

THE DAY IS SAVED BY







Upcoming Events

Pub Evening

Friday 15 September 2017

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

With the return of summer to the Highveld, we are able to return to the Braain without fear or prejudice! This month we will be having beef Burgers on the Braai, kindly hosted by Bev & Geoff Cunnington.

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 15 September 2017

Time: 17:30 onwards

Where: MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse

Pretoria Local Run Treasure Hunt, Drinks & Dinner

Saturday 23 September 2017

For the sake of the start of spring, and the long weekend the September run is slightly different. Here's the important information:

- 1. It's taking place on a Saturday, rather than the usual Sunday
- 2. There will be a treasure-hunt en-route, so you'll need to have our eyes peeled and your clip-boards on hand.
- 3. We will stop at a Capital Craft draught, a dram or a coffee on the way. They have agreed to put a few tables together for us.
- 4. Following a set route we will finish at Waterkloof Golf Club for a burger at DK Burger. A great few, and a great summers evening.

Please join us for the afternoon. It promises to be a relaxed spring affair. Come with your top down...

Date Saturday 23 September 2017

Time: **15:00**

Where: MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse

Upcoming Events

Jacaranda Run

Sunday 22 October 2017

The long running tradition of hosting a Jacaranda run in October will continue this year. The arrangements are to meet at the Union Buildings at 09:30 for 10:00 departure. We will do a planned route around Pretoria, taking in some of the best Jacaranda lined streets, ending at the clubhouse for a Braai or a Picnic.

This is a great event, and a good time to catch-up with our friends from Johannesburg and the PTSCC.

Date Sunday 22 October 2017

Time: **09:30**

Where: Union Buildings

The Great Train Race

Sunday 26 November 2017

In November we are doing an event with the "Friends of the Rail" where we will run an event from Pretoria to Cullinan.

The train departs from Pretoria Station in the morning, where those who would like to take the train (envisaged as those without a Y chromosome) board the train and head off with great head of steam in the direction of Cullinan.

Cars will then follow the route as closely as possible, hoping to intersect the train where possible on the road. Much hooting, blowing of whistles and taking of photographs to be included...

The train stops at Rayton, where rail bound passengers are fetched and taken to Cullinan by MG. Alternatively, the "FOTR" run a bus which may also be used.

Cost is R200 per person on the train. This is for a return ticket, but the return does not necessarily have to be used.

Please contact Robin Clark to express your interest at: rjc@mweb.co.za

Date Sunday 26 November 2017

Time: **Early** Where: **TBA**

Upcoming Events

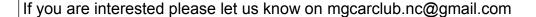
40th Anniversary Tour

Sunday 22 October 2017

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

To celebrate we are planning a weekend away in the Lowveld, basing the event in Hazyview, Mpumalanga. We have made a provisional booking at the Numbi Hotel from 23 August to 26 August 2018. They have provided us with very reasonable rates for our block booking.

There are some wonderfully scenic roads in the area, and the views are magnificent. We can visit Longtom Pass, Able Erasms Pass, Sabie, Pilgrims Rest, and other attractions in the area.





Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

September					
Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	С	
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards		
Sun 17	Swop Meet	Piston Ring	Piston Ring Clubhouse Modderfontien		
Sat 23	Pretoria Local Run Treasure Hunt	NC	Leaving from 15:00 for a short run around Pretoria for a drink and dinner.	С	
October					
Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	С	
Fri 18	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards		
Sun 22	Jacaranda Run	NC	Meet at the Union Buildings at 09:30 for 10:00 departure. A drive around the Jacaranda City ending at the clubhouse for a braai or picnic and drinks	С	
November					
Mon 6	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	С	
Fri 17	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards		
Sun 26	Great Train Race	NC	See newsletter for Details Please be sure to RSVP	С	
December					
Mon 4	Natter ' n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	С	
Sat 9	Northern's Christmas Function	NC	Details to follow	С	
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse from 17:30 onwards. Final good-byes to 2017		

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2018 uKhahlamba MG Indaba

Drakensville Resort KwaZulu-Natal

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE UKHAHLAMBA M G INTERNATIONAL INDABA

THE KwaZulu-Natal Centre cordially invites all M G enthusiasts to attend the 2018 Ukhahlamba M G International Indaba to be held from Thursday 3 May to Sunday 6 May 2018 in the MaGnificent surroundings of the world heritage Drakensberg Mountains.

Our venue is going to be the ATKV Drakensville Resort, billed as a "Breakaway Paradise in the Mountains". We will be presenting the usual selection of Indaba activities as well as some interesting scenic drives and visits to some of the local attractions.

In terms of accommodation, Drakensville offers a limited number of 3 star one-bedroomed units in addition to two and three bedroomed houses for shared accommodation. The attached sheet has more information in this regard.

Facilities at Drakensville include two outdoor pools, a large heated indoor pool, putt-putt, snooker, pool, hiking and bird watching. There is also a Beauty Salon and Spa for the ladies. The resort is fully licensed and there is a Bar and à la carte Restaurant for lunches as well as a convenience Fast Food outlet for snacks if required.

All bookings will be transacted on line at the KwaZulu-Natal Centre website www.mgcarclub-kzn.co.za and all fees should preferably be paid by EFT. Payments by cheque or bank deposit will attract the prevailing bank surcharge which must be added to the deposit.

The non-refundable entry fee for the Indaba is R500 and is included in your total cost which is dependant on your choice of accommodation. For full details see the attached.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Indaba in 2018

Chris Brown. Indaba Chairman.

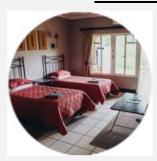






UKHAHLAMBA MG INTERNATIONAL INDABA

ACCOMODATION DETAILS AND COSTS



There are three types of accommodation available to us at Drakensville. These are:

- .. A limited number of one bedroomed units.
- 2. Two-bedroomed houses to be shared. One bathroom and separate toilet.
- a. Three-bedroomed houses to be shared by 2 couples. Bathroom, separate shower and Separate toilet.

For those who prefer not to share, it is possible to utilize a two-bedroomed house for one couple only. For those who would prefer their own bathroom facilities but don't mind sharing the rest of the house, it is possible to utilize a three-bedroomed house for two couples. These two options will cost a bit more per head.

Details of total cost depending on which accommodation options is selected:-

1. One-bedroomed unit some with double bed and others with single beds, shower & toilet.

Single occupant:

Cost R5240.00

NB. Limited number only – first come first served.

2. One-bedroomed unit some with double bed and others with single beds, shower & toilet.

One couple:

Cost R7700.00.

NB. Limited number only – first come first served.

3. Two-bedroomed house, 1 x double bed & 2 x single beds, separate Shower & Toilet.

One couple or two singles:

Cost R8000.00

4. Two-bedroomed house, 1 x double bed & 2 x single beds, separate Shower & Toilet.

Two couples sharing:

Cost R13000.00.

(R6500.00 per Couple)

5. Three-bedroomed house, 1 x double bed, 4 x single beds, separate Bathroom, Shower & Toilet.

Two couples sharing:

Cost R14500.00

(R7250.00 per Couple)

Notes:-

The above total cost includes dinner and breakfast. Lunch and bar charges are excluded.

Having made your decision on your choice of accommodation and with whom you would like to share if applicable, please visit our website www.mgcarclub-kzn for the registration forms. Units will be allocated strictly on a first come first served basis. Registration opens on 16th September 2016.



