

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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MG's at DK Burger on the September "Treasure Hunt" Run.

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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

This should be the final issue in a series of late newsletters... However, rest assured that it is not only the “From the Workbench” aspect of the newsletter that is not getting terribly much attention, but also the various pieces of MG which are “On the Workbench”...

Fortunately the MGA is running well after isolating the source of a frustratingly consistent intermittent misfire to the distributor. The car is now running my “spare” distributor, and although the advance curve doesn't feel quite as good as the 25D which is now on the bench at least it fires consistently.

Bronwyn and I were glad to be able to use the MGA for a great friend's wedding, and it was good fun to make a bit of a noise through town between the ceremony and the reception. The drive home with the top down at 1am was chilly, but the lure of spring air and the associated smells was too much to let slide.

We had two good events this month—a pub evening hosted by Bev and Geoff Cunnington. Thanks to Bev & Geoff we were able to enjoy the first Braai of the season, and it was great to be outside the clubhouse on the lawn again. Also enjoyed this past month was a treasure hunt event which is described elsewhere in the newsletter, but we thoroughly enjoyed hosting the event and those who participated seemed to enjoy it as well. There seems to be merit in arranging events to take place on long weeks, as members seem to be that much more relaxed. Unfortunately there will always be some members who have gone away for the weekend, but we need to take the good with the bad...



Our MGA and it's spiritual successor? Out and about on a Saturday morning.

Coming up this month is another pub evening, and the famous Jacaranda Run. The Jacaranda run is a Northern's institution, and we hope that you will see your way clear to join us for the day.

Finally, please see the notice regarding the “Train Race” event in this month's newsletter. This is the November monthly run, for which we really do need confirmation of interest so that we can determine whether the event will “fly”. Please contact Robin Clarke if you are interested in taking part—the more the merrier, and the more likely the event is to be a success.

Octagonally,
Steve Grover



At Capital Craft.
Note the “Mad Giant”

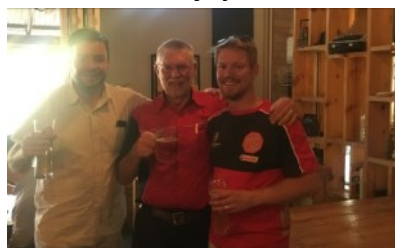


MGA's working the Night Shift after the run to DK Burger.

CAT'S EYE TREASURE HUNT

Steve Grover

This year, primarily in light of the early on-set of summer, a decision was made to do a day-light treasure hunt this year rather than the usual evening event.. Typically the Cat's Eye run has taken place on a Saturday to ensure that we are not out late on a "School Night", so this aspect was carried over. Hosting the event on a long weekend was also unusual, but our recent experiences seem to indicate that members are a bit more relaxed over long weekends, and the events are enjoyed that much more because of this.



Following a meeting and driver's briefing at the clubhouse it was off on a route through the suburbs to Capital Craft Beer Academy. A brief and enjoyable chat at Capital Craft, one or two clues in the restaurant, and it was back on the road. This time to DK burger at Waterkloof Golf Club.

DK burger is a great restaurant located at the driving range associated with the golf course, and allows for drinks and meals with great views in a relaxed atmosphere. Bronwyn and I were there ahead of the crowd, having set the route, and were pleased to find the Clarke's and Craddock's already there. Our MGA seemed short on overhead camshafts compared to the Twin-Cam & the ZR in the parking lot...

It wasn't long before a bucket of balls was obtained, the bucket of balls was (intentionally) kicked over, and a bit of golfing was taken in. Mrs and Mr President both pack a mean swing and Robin was beginning to look more like a golfer by the second bucket. Yours truly will stick to MG's until we run out of oil and then revert to sailing...



Congratulations go to the Kelly family, Wendy, James & William for winning the treasure hunt. All-in-all the afternoon seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Bronwyn for putting together the clues—next time we might make them slightly more straightforward, but we are still learning what is a challenge, and what is - perhaps - bordering on impossible.



Upcoming Events

Pub Evening

Friday 13 October 2017

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

Pub evenings are a great way to get to know the members of the club, and unwind after the week.

All are welcome.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: **Friday 13 October 2017**
Time: **17:30 onwards**
Where: **MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse**

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 for 10:00 departure**
Where: **Union Buildings**

Upcoming Events

The Great Train Race

Sunday 26 November 2017

In November we are planning 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.

In order to confirm whether we are able to do the event or not, we need get a relatively concrete indication of interest. If you are interested in attending, please be sure to contact Robin Clarke on the details below.

Cost is R220 per person on the train, which may decrease if we are able to confirm a group of more than 25 passengers. 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: **Departure from Hermanstad Station at 08:00**
Where: **Miechaelson St, Hermanstad, Pretoria, 0082**

Christmas Party

Saturday 9 December 2017

This year we will once again be doing our annual Christmas party in December. This has proved to be very popular over the past years, and we are looking forward to a successful event this year.

The Christmas party is probably the most "family friendly" event of the year, so please be sure to bring your children / grand-children along for the event. Santa's arrival on board a 1950's MG is always a thrill for young and old!

More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Date: **Saturday 9 December 2017**
Time: **12:00 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Clubhouse**

Upcoming Events

MG Boot Sale

Sunday 25 February 2018

We are planning an MG orientated Boot Sale on 25 February 2018.

This remains a relatively long way off, but we are hoping that the advance warning will allow enough time to get things down from the shelves & out from under the work benches. We all have items which we have accumulated over the years which are now surplus to requirements, but may be of particular use to other members.

An event like this only works well if there are worthwhile items to buy and to sell, so please keep an eye out when you are in the shed over the summer.

The club will provide braai fires & the usual amenities will be available.

Date: **Sunday 25 February 2018**
Time: **10:30 onwards**
Where: **MG Car Club Northern Centre Clubhouse**

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 Erasm's Pass, Sabie, Pilgrims Rest, and other attractions in the area.

If you are interested please let us know on mgcarclub.nc@gmail.com



Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

October

Mon 2	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 13	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	c

November

Mon 6	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 17	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 26	Great Train Race	NC	See newsletter for Details Please be sure to RSVP	c

December

Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Sat 9	Northern's Christmas Function	NC	Details to follow...	c
Fri 15	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse from 17:30 onwards. Final good-byes to 2017...	

January

Mon 8	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 19	Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 28	Monthly Run	NC	TBD	C

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