

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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The start of the infamous Jacaranda Run in October.

MG Car Club-Northern Centre

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Notices

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New Members

No new members this month.

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FROM THE WORKBENCH

A bit of a leave of absence from club events over the past month due to travelling commitments, but the events which took place over the course of the month were watched with envious eyes from a distance.

The month kicked off with the usual Noggin, where we were glad to be joined by friends John Mac & Nigel Stokes. Nigel was kind enough to regale us with the tale of how he drove to South Africa from the UK in a Midget... It was also quite special to see Robin Clarke arriving in the P-type which is now running sweetly following accurate setting up of the cam timing. A MMM MG which is running well really is something special!

Many thanks to The Westaways for hosting the pub evening in October. A great success as always, and a wonderful turn-out. The pub evening have turned into a fantastic part of our club's life, and Bronwyn and I were sad to miss this one.

The monthly event for October was the Jacaranda Run. This has been a staple of the Northern's calendar for many years, and it continues to be one of the best attended events of the year. Despite the winds and storms earlier in the month the trees were in full bloom and spectacular. Pepi and Wendy collaborated to put together the route, which took entrants down many roads and past many pubs. Thanks for the new route Pepi & Wendy—it is nice to have a different approach to things this year.



The FMM's MG J2, luckily on display when we visited.

On the weekend of the Jacaranda run Bronwyn and I were in Cape Town, where we stopped in at the Franschhoek motor museum where they had their MG's on display. Among a number of MG's they have a lovely example of a J2 which gave me some inspiration, and the TF which used to belong to member Heyns Stead. I went weak at the knees for a Rolls Royce 20/25 with a Barker Body on it—which seems to indicate that I will need to continue taking Lotto tickets. Also while in Cape Town we stopped in to see the progress on two J2 restorations currently underway, and had a fire lit under me to get going on mine.

We were also pleased to discover that, by happy coincidence, we were in town for the Oily Rag run. This event is open to unrestored pre-1967 cars, and gave me the excuse I have been looking for to go and visit Crosley & Webb. I was not disappointed. I left feeling inspired to put some hours into getting our unrestored Y-type running, but there are other things on the list ahead of that (for now...) I was also glad to finally meet Brian Wallace, who was a previous owner of my J2, who eventually won the event on his unrestored New Hudson motorcycle. MG was represented by a lovely patinated TC—there is something very special about TC's.



Interior of the MG TC at the "Oily Rag Run" in Cape Town. Not original, but lovely.

Looking ahead, we have two monthly events left for the year. On 26 November we are hosting a trip to Cullinan

on the train, for which booking is essential and please see the details in the notification in the newsletter. Then in December we have the annual Christmas party, to be hosted on the 9th. The Christmas party is a great opportunity to share the MG family with other family, and we hope to have a good turn-out once again this year.

On an administrative note, you will see that the 2018 AGM has been advertised in the Newsletter. Please put this date into your 2018 diary (if you have already have one). This is an important event on the calendar, and a great opportunity to have your say about the direction that the club is moving in. It also means that we are once again looking for committee members, and while we are hopeful that those who have been on the Exco for the past year will continue to stand we are not at full compliment and would benefit from additional hands.

Also carried as a notice in the newsletter is a note from the Treasurer regarding Subscriptions for 2018. Unfortunately, as with so many things these days, our club expenses continue to rise. We suffered another break in a few months ago, rates & taxes continue to climb, as well as the exchange rate's effect on our affiliation fees. We believe that, despite the increase, the club still provides a strong value proposition for enthusiasts.

With all o the above said & done, please don't forget about our pub evening and Noggins—taking place in both November and December. Great opportunities to interact with the club, and perhaps enjoy some open-top motoring in the evenings.

Octagonally,
Steve Grover

AGM - 5 February 2018

In terms of the Constitution of the MG Car Club Northern Centre (MGCC-NC) notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the MGCC-NC will be held on Monday Feb 5, 2018 at the Clubhouse, 26 Umgazi Road, Menlo Park Pretoria, at 20h00.

In terms of the Constitution three existing Committee members must be carried over to serve on the 2018 Committee. Nominations are required for a minimum of a further four candidates to fill the remaining positions.

Nominations, signed by the nominator and nominee, must be submitted to any Exco member before 20h00 on Feb 5, 2018.

Any member, wishing to add an item to the AGM agenda for discussion must submit a suitably motivated request, signed by five members, to the Secretary before January 30 2018.

Nomination Form for 2018 Committee

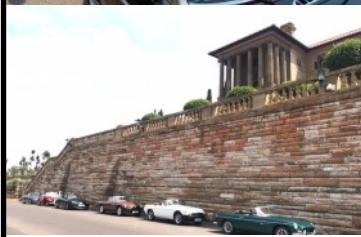
I, Being a member in good standing of the MG Car Club, Northern Centre, hereby nominate to stand for election to the Club's Executive Committee.

Nominator Signature: Date:

I accept the nomination and agree to serve on the committee if elected.

Nominee Signature: Date:

JACARANDA PHOTOS



Upcoming Events

Pub Evening

Friday 17 November 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**

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**

Upcoming Events

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!

The club has arranged for a jumping castle, to be enjoyed by young and old, and there will be the usual exchanging of gifts. If you are bringing a child with you please bring along a gift which can be delivered to them by Santa when he arrives aboard his 1950’s MG S(leigh)-type. The recommended value for this gift is R150. Also, we will be doing a “Secret Santa” type exchange of gifts for the adults, and the guideline value for these gifts is R100.

Please come along and join us. A wonderful opportunity to bring in the festive season.

Date: **Saturday 9 December 2017**

Time: **12:00 onwards**

Where: **MGCC Clubhouse**

MG Boot Sale

Sunday 25 February 2018

We are planning an MG and motoring orientated Boot Sale on 25 February 2018. We have extended the invitation to the Johannesburg Centre, and hope for a good turnout at the event.

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**

MG Car Club Northern Centre

Ruby Anniversary

23 - 26 August 2018



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

To celebrate this milestone it has been decided to have a weekend away in Mpumalanga. The roads in this area are scenic, extremely enjoyable to drive in an MG, and the views magnificent.

We will stay at the Numbi Hotel in Hazyview, this hotel has been used for Magnum Rallies and other motoring events and the owner is a keen motoring enthusiast.

The proposed programme for the weekend is :-

Thursday 23/8	Drive from Pretoria to Hazyview, individually or in small groups via Lydenburg & Long Tom Pass. Evening meal at Hotel
Friday 24/8	Breakfast at Hotel Morning - visit White River Motor Museum, lunch at Casterbridge Centre for own account. Afternoon - free time. Evening meal at Hotel
Saturday 25/8	Breakfast at Hotel Scenic Drive with possible "Treasure Hunt". Lunch at Blyde Canyon Forever Resort. "Gala evening" and prize giving at Hotel
Sunday 26/8	Breakfast at Hotel, depart for home in own time

All this for only R6500 per couple, R3900 single, R3300 single sharing

- * Accommodation Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- * Breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
- * Supper on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- * Lunch at Blyde River Canyon on Saturday.

Entries are limited. We have 25 twin bedded rooms available, ie a maximum of 50 persons. The event is restricted to MG Northern Centre Members driving MGs and their partners only. Single persons sharing may bring their own MG. If you wish to share, please indicate with whom.

Ensure your place by registering and paying a R500 intent deposit before end January 2018. Final payment details to be issued later.

Payment may be made to the Club's account "MG Car Club-Northern Centre" with First National Bank, Branch Number 252045, Account Number 62363284359. Please put your name and 40th as the reference.

Please supply the following information to mgcarclub.nc@gmail.com when you pay your deposit.

MG Car Club - Northern Centre 40th Anniversary - 23rd to 26th August 2018					
Please indicate	Name	Member no	E mail address	Car	Cost
Entrant					Per couple R6500
Partner					n/a
Single					Single R3900pp
Single sharing					R3300pp
Sharing with					R3300pp

Forthcoming Events in Brief

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

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

February

Mon 5	Club AGM	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	c
Fri 9	40th Anniversary Celebration Pub Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	
Sun 28	MG Boot Sale & Swop Meet	NC	At the Clubhouse from 10:30 onwards	C

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