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A Warm Welcome to our New Members



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Grounding

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Father's Day emphasises Families.
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Chairman's Letter

After an MG filled month of May and the successful Indaba, June has been quiet and sombre in comparison. Following the loss of Rosa Westaway in May, the untimely passing of Charnee Beddy shocked the MG family. Charnee passed away on the 7th June from injuries sustained in a car accident. She was the youngest daughter of Trevor and Marcel, and little sister to Chevaun. The MG family extend heartfelt condolences and a strong embrace to the Beddys. The family is much loved and a big part of the Northern MG family. The support evident by the turn out of MG's at the memorial service.

After the June noggin, POMC hosted the next event on the calendar: **British Car Day**. Held at their Silverton Club House, the event saw a strong showing by the Triumph, Mini and the MG Car Club. The outing under a typical warm highveld winter sun was an event well worth attending.

Our Social evening for June saw the now well known "**Chilli Con Carne**" a la Dave Westaway. The chilli served as always with his special brand of humour on the side. Thanks also to Dave and Heather Holt who provided their new immaculate MGB roadster for display in front of the club. They braved the cold weather driving top down on a winter's night, so a bunch of petrol heads could kick the tyres and check the numbers!

With Show Day postponed to mid-September, June's destination was to the wonderful **Windy Brow**. Our host Byron Phitides gave the club the run of his farm and provided a unique game drive. His classic Land Rover took a full house of 24 passengers over his beautiful farm. Members will remember Byron's passionate mine tour at the 2016 Indaba. His passion for the history of the area matches his incredible knowledge of the game he has on his farm. After the game drive it was braai fires and good company in the stunning African winter sun. Hard to believe we were only 40 min from the Pretoria CBD.

July's run will be a combined run with the Triumph Car Club of Pretoria. The run, organized by the Triumph Club, will be on Sunday 22 July. If last year's run is anything to go by, the **Centenary Run** will be a good event. The rally or treasure hunt will end with brunch and prizegiving. The winner is the team with the highest total after adding the age of the car, the driver and the navigator. Ensuring you get the answers on the route correct also counts towards the score. Let's have a strong showing from the MGCC. The event starts at the MG Clubhouse and details will be on the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter.

David and Michelle Goodram are catering our **July Social** evening. There will be another car on display at the club. There have been several new purchases recently by members and its time to debut the cars.

I will see you all at our next event, which will be the Noggin on the 2nd July. There are ONLY 2 "winter" noggins left, so embrace the second last cold noggin and come have a Natter over a Noggin. It will warm up the soul!

Octagonally
Pepi





Hazyview Preview

Steve + Hazell Eden report on their April trip to Hazyview where the 40th Anniversary will be held

Some Jottings from the Lakes

Hazell and I have been visiting Hazyview for many years now. It is probably our favourite - apart from Pretoria - part of South Africa. Close enough for an easy drive, but far enough away to feel as if you are on holiday. (No cracks about retirees being on permanent holiday please!) We have been to stay at Rissington Inn many times in the past but recently it has become a little expensive. Their offer, to "faithful friends and frequent visitors" on some new rooms proved too good an opportunity to miss. So off we went! As in the past the Rissington Inn provided a most enjoyable stay.



Going to the area we decided we could also use the trip to check up on things for the MGCC NC 40th anniversary weekend.

We went to see Willem Fick, owner of the Numbi Hotel where we had arranged to stay. Somewhat disconcertingly he said that we would not be staying at the Numbi, but at his new Boutique Hotel. But, there was no need to worry.



Called Little Pilgrims, the hotel was developed in what used to be the Rendezvous Centre, right next to the Numbi. Architecturally styled after the historic Pilgrims Rest buildings, the new rooms were superb. They are well furnished and with luxurious bathrooms. We will also have use of the new restaurant and pool bar. Hazell and I are sure it will prove a fantastic place for our celebrations.

We took a drive out to the Blyde River Canyon Forever Resort to check out the route. As expected, quite a few potholes but nothing too impassable, with due care. We passed the new adventure facility at Graskop Gorge. This may provide some of you with an adrenaline boost if you are so inclined. At Blyde River we met with our hosts to discuss menus for our lunch during the anniversary weekend.

On the way back we went via Sabie. The road from Sabie to Hazyview is good but careful driving is needed. For this reason we only had one beer at the Sabie Brewing Company.

All in all we had an enjoyable, if too busy, few days and are sure that things are on track for the weekend away in August.

See you in your MG soon
Steve

Some road advice The roads of Mpumalanga are still in need of some repair

- ↪ The route via the N4, over Schoemanskloof to Nelspruit and White River is fine and free of potholes.
- ➔ The road from Belfast to Lydenburg via Dulstroom is very poor with some vast potholes.
- ➔ Long Tom Pass is busy with many large slow moving log and coal trucks. There are also potholes.
- ↪ The section from Sabie to Hazyview is in poor condition. There are bad potholes and must be driven at 60km/hr maximum. It may be advisable to avoid this route, despite the scenic interest.



Why did the chickens cross the road ?



To get a craft beer of course !

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Road sign Seen in Sabie



May Club Run

The Club run to Peter Knight's property in Sandton proved to be a relaxed day— perfect to recoup from the Indaba



KNIGHT RIDERS MG PUB + MG BITS

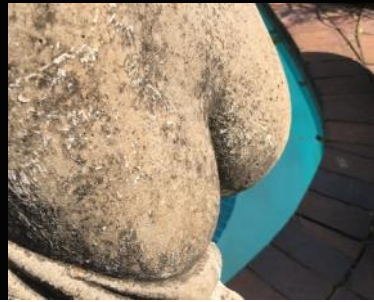


Sunday the 27th May saw the Northern Centre embarking on a journey to Sandton for the monthly run. The laid back and relaxed outing complimented the events of the Indaba earlier in month.

About a dozen MGs gathered on the lawn of Peter Knight's Sandton property having left the Clubhouse at 10am. In a reversal of roles, the Joburg contingent enjoyed a later start to the morning!

Peter's pub was a treasure trove of MG regalia. His collection of memorabilia a true testament to his passion for the marque. Model cars, posters and all thing octagonal were displayed on the walls, shelves and even the floor.

Peter, a gracious host, provided braai fires and seating on his covered terrace. Lunch was enjoyed overlooking the swimming pool and lawn with the MGs forming the focus in the garden. A leisurely afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Check your spare tyre before leaving on a journey.





The Youth Group

Gavin Holt introduces the Youth Group to the Northern Centre and outlines some of their activities

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group, started almost 10 years ago, is still going well and is lucky to have more cars than ever to work on. Our cars include an MGA, MG Midget as well as three BGTs.

We are still having our usual working days, where we go to Nick Parrot's house and work on the various cars. Nick always guides us and makes sure we don't do completely stupid things.



Our primary car we race and work on is the Blue MGA. We are planning to race it on the 7th of July, at the recently repainted Midvaal raceway, Vereeniging. As part of our commitment to racing, the Youth Group became involved in the upgrading of the race track which had not been in the best of shape. We volunteered to help with painting, making visits more appealing for all visitors.

The Youth Group received the green Midget as a donation. We have already made a lot of progress in preparing the car for the racetrack. We are heading into the final stages of completion which is very exciting. The paint job looks amazing and it should be a little rocket once on the track.

The three MG BGT's are in various states of completion. The preparation work needed for painting will soon be started for the most complete car. We will only tackle the remaining two cars, in more of a state of disrepair, as future projects.

The Youth Group has also undertaken driver training. The training, which took place about a month ago, is to prepare new drivers for the racetrack. The youngsters, who haven't been on a racetrack at all, get shown the ropes including how to behave on a track and how to follow the racing lines. One of our new drivers will be taking part in the upcoming race at Midvaal.

We have a Facebook Page called "Youth Group Racing RSA" where we post updates on the program. It has been a bit quiet in the past, but that is going to change. We would welcome new members to join the Group or to come and say Hi on a working day or at the races.





June Social Evening

Dave Westaway provided his signature Chilli and Dave + Heather Holt provided a Roadster

CHILLI CON CARNE TO KEEP THE CHILL AWAY

Club Members that braved the cold winter night to attend Dave's Chilli Con Carne evening were rewarded for their efforts.

Dave prepared a choice of dishes catering for everybody's taste. For the brave the infamous V8 and even the new age vegetarians had the Electric option!

Dave and Heather Holt braced the challenge of bringing their new MGB Roadster topless. The beautiful car made its debut in front of the club house where it was displayed and admired.

The warmth of the friendship in the club house countered the chill of the evening.

Or was that the beans?





Father's Day

Club members were invited to share pictures of all the grand Dads and Granddads in the Club



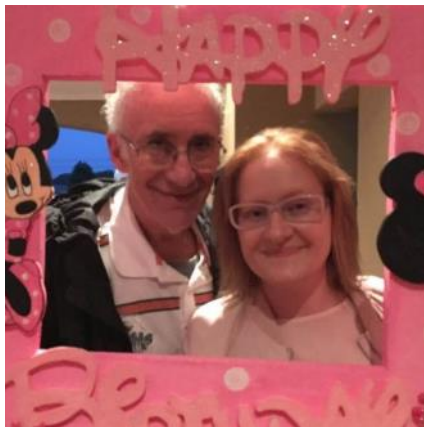
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Jay + Dave Westaway



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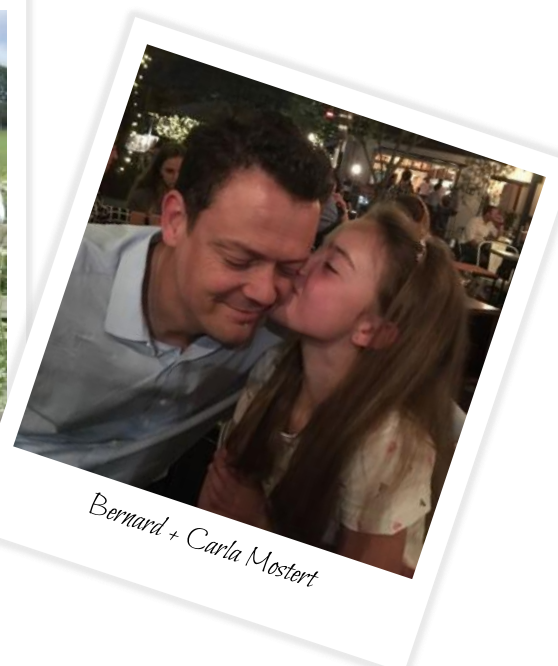
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Dave, Gavin + Nicola Holt



Bernard + Carla Mostert





POMC BRITISH MOTOR DAY

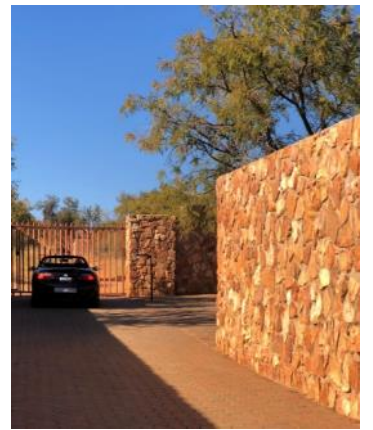
POMC hosted the annual British Car Day at their Silverton Club House





WINDY BROW

*June's outing to Windy Brow Farm outside Cullinan
Where the Club was hosted by Byron Phitides*





Out + About

Travels + Happenings in the Club

Miss Daisy doing what she does best in Brooklyn Mall



Bernard + Peter met up in Uganda



Dave + Heather Holt found a new car...



... as did Dave + Michelle Goodrum!



Robin won his race



Dirk + Sharleen started their Namibian adventure with Claus + Julie



Geoff + Beverly on their Grand European Tour



John attended the VVC Train, Plane + Automobile run





Club Notices + Announcements

Upcoming Events, Social Evenings + Club Activities

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SOCIAL EVENING

Just now?
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Come and say howzit at
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CENTENARY RUN

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Only 100 year old's are allowed to win!

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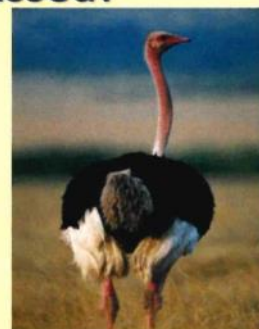
Entrance: R40pp for Visitors, R20 for Pensioners & Scholars from 09h00.

Exhibitors R5 voluntary donation per car from 07h30. All proceeds to charity.

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Set your sights on 2020 An MG Indaba not to be missed!



OUTDSHOORN : 2020

Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th Sept

The **MG Car Club - Cape Town Centre** invites you to join us for the 2020 Indaba.
Costs : Single R4250 / Couple R7500 (these are estimates subject to finalisation)

If you are interested in attending the Indaba, please drop the organisers an email : indaba2020@gmail.com

Entries for the Indaba will open on September 1st, 2018.

Entry forms will be available on the website: www.mgcc-ct.co.za/indaba2020





Club Notices + Announcements

Forthcoming Events in Brief

Point allocation C=Clubman, V= Victrix/tor Ludorum, RR=Regularity Rally, HR=Historic Racing

JULY

Monday 2	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 13	Social Evening Goodrams	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 22	Monthly Run	NC	Centenary Run Clubhouse 9 for 9:30	C

AUGUST

Monday 6	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 17	Social Evening P+P	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
23-26	40th Anniversary Run	NC	Boutique Hotel, Little Pilgrims Hazyview, Mpumalanga	C

SEPTEMBER

Monday 3	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 14	Social Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 23	Combined Centre Show day	NC	TBA	C

OCTOBER

Monday 1	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 12	Social Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 28	Jacaranda Run	NC	TBA	C

NOVEMBER

Monday 5	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 16	Social Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 25	Driving Tests	NC	TBA	C

DECEMBER

Monday 3	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 14	Social Evening	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 9	Monthly Run	NC	Christmas Party	C



Motoring Events

Some Forthcoming Motoring Events not related to MG or the Northern Centre

JULY		
1	1000 Bikes Show	Germiston
6-7	National Rally Championships	Port Elizabeth
8	Scottburgh Classic Car Show	Scottburgh
22	Rotary Classic Car Meander	Brits Hartbeespoort
22	Austin-Healey 100 Regularity Rally	Benoni
AUGUST		
5	POMC Cars in the Park	Zwartkops Raceway
8-12	Magnum Rally	Hazyview
9	Bloemfontein Cars in the Park	Bloemfontein
11	Historic Tour Racing	Dezzi Raceway
17-18	National Rally Classics Championship	Bronkhorstspuit
26	Ferdi's Swap Meet	Midrand
SEPTEMBER		
1-2	Kyalami Festival of Motoring	Kyalami Racetrack
2	Wheels at the Vaal	Vanderbijlpark
9	VVC Parkhurst Vintage + Veteran Day	Parkhurst
16	Piston Ring Auto Jumble	Modderfontein
22-23	Platinum Regularity Rally	Rustenburg
23	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride	TBC
28-29	National Rally Classics Championship	Secunda
29	Historic Tour Racing	Zwartkops Raceway
30	Blairgowrie Toy Fair	Blairgowrie

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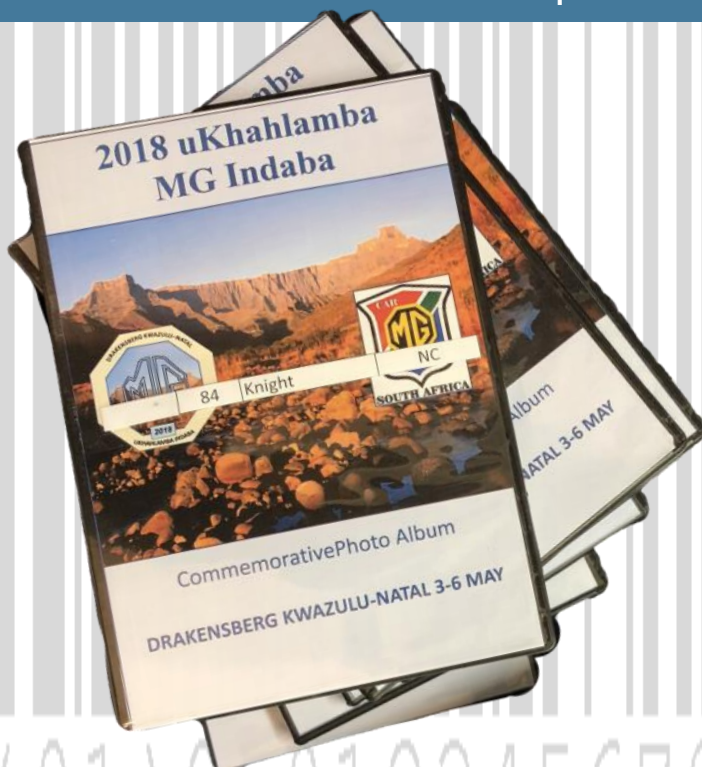
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