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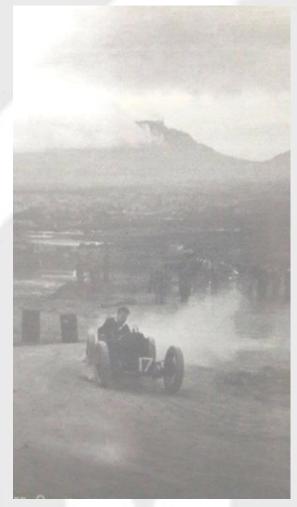
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The Umgazi Mag: February

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Young Ralph Clarke doing the Tygerberg Hill Climb in Cape Town circa 1947.

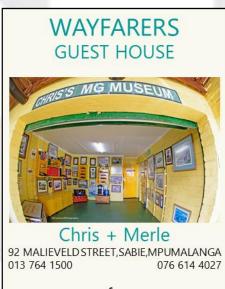
Awards

February is traditionally the month of love and rewards. From the Oscars to Saint Valentine's Day we are in global company.

This month there is a visit to the racetrack and the rewarding Brooklyn Mall Time Line Display where old love was rekindled

We present our annual club trophies—with no prosthetic teeth and do what we do best: celebrate the love for our cars

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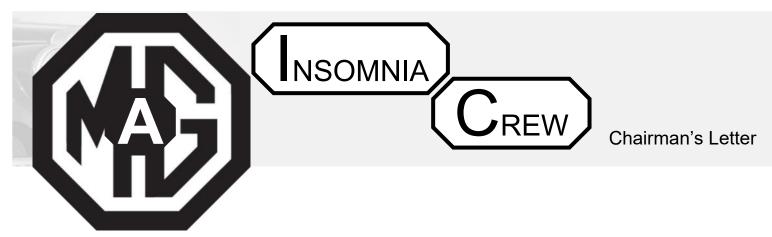
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A busy February kicked off with a combined Johannesburg and Northern Centre run to Zwartkops Raceway to support our members and the MG cars racing in the 18th Passion For Speed event. The fenced off area allotted to the MG Car Club this year was a little further from the action than the Kart track last year, however it provided a very visible spot where we showcased our cars, banners and flags on the very public route to the track. Great turnout of an assortment of 14 MG models with 35 members from both sides of the Jukskei enjoying their friends and creating memories.

This was followed two days later by the February Noggin which addressed the changes to the constitution that will be proposed to the members at the AGM to be held at the March Noggin on Monday the 4th. Remember only paid up members are allowed to vote and have a say.

The official awards evening in the middle of the month, combined with the February Club Night once again showcased the friendship and special atmosphere that prevails in the club.

One week after the awards the Brooklyn Time Line was upon us and once again brought out the best in this club. I am not only referring to the great cars but the depth, commitment and passion shown by every member in this club, be it the effort in getting the cars prepared to Brooklyn but also the marshalling and handling of visitors and public on the day.

I always look forward to the Friday "pizza and beer" night after the cars are in position. Besides having a big thirst and I am always ready for a BIG beer after the days activities, making sure all items are ticked and ready to receive the stars of the show. The great feeling walking into the restaurant with all the MG family sitting together and a cacophony of sound that would make any Italian family proud! Friday night sets the tone for the following days and it's great to see how the enthusiasm of the MG family is transmitted to complete strangers when asked questions about the cars, it makes sitting in the Mall for 2 days more than bearable.

I want to officially thank Jacques and Tilda Debeil for entrusting this club with their precious Flo as well as all the people involved over the last few weeks ensuring that the Time Line exhibit was such a big success. This year we had the Colyn and Peirce family as guests at the Saturday night function and reunited with Flo after many decades. Another gem we discovered these last few weeks is Marge Viljoen, the widow of Fannie who raced Flo for many year. We will be getting Marge to the club for a Noggin to tell us about when she worked with John Thornley at the MG factory, a truly remarkable woman Marge is! Once all the information regarding Flo, currently spread far and wide is gathered in one spot, that is, at the MG Car Club House, we will have an event to give all members a chance to discover the MaGic of the Harry Pierce Racer.

The next event will be the AGM followed by Club Night in the middle of the month and shortly after, in fact the same weekend, we have the March run to the Chequered Flag Museum in Benoni. We request that you RSVP for both events, so check out both WhatsApp groups for announcements closer to the dates. We require a minimum of 15 cars to be allowed to visit the museum, lets make it happen ! It is well worth a visit and your opportunity to see a collection of cars and memorabilia that is not open to the public and is by invitation only.

It is a privilege to be in a position to be able to thank Jay Westaway one of our stalwarts for the 40 years he has dedicated to Maintaining The Breed starting in Rhodesia and deciding to step off the committee and scale back club activities to enjoying the cars and friends in the club rather than working tirelessly as he has done for numerous years behind the scene. We look forward to seeing Jay at the Bar counter rather than behind the Bar counter. Thank you for making sure the club never ran dry and that trophies were always looked after and resplendent.

Fortunately Jay trained Dave Westaway well who has stepped forward and become our new custodian of the trophies. The other important duty of stocking the Bar and looking after our drinks has been taken up by Geoff Cunnington , my thanks and gratitude go to both.

My thanks go to the Exco of which I have been a privilege to be the chairman for the last year. They have performed exceptional work to create the kind of environment that the club has thrived in over the last few years. Working quietly behind the scenes away from the centre stage is what a good exco does, thank you Stephen, Dave, Richard ,Geoff, Steve and Jay: you have done this very well and I am proud to have served with you during our 40th year.

Lastly, Congratulations to Michael Trollop on being elected the Chairman of the MG Car Club Johannesburg Centre. Northern Centre is ready to work together in taking both clubs forward.

Octagonally

Pepi













Zwartkops Raceway

Our first February Run to the 18th Passion for Speed Event wad held at the Zwartkops Raceway

TMG car Club-Northern Centre & MG Car Club Johannesburg combined to attend the annual racing extravaganza hosted by Zwartkops Raceway.

A MaGic event and always a privilege to support members dedicating time and money to "Maintaining The Breed" in their MGs and other marques.

Great companionship, time spent in the company of MG friends and enthusiasts creating memories is time well spent!















Let Me Count The Ways

February is synonymous with Valentine's Day The best time to admit that cupid was right







My heart goes Uroom

You Auto be mine



You rev my Engine





Brooklyn Mall MG Time Line 2019

Tony + Annette Craddock report on this year's Brooklyn Mall exhibition

At Brooklyn Mall for the 4th MG Timeline – what an accomplishment for the Club – thank you to all involved for your intense and dedicated hard work over the last 4 years! A gambit of emotions that we go through every year is amazing and this year was no different with lots of laughter, hard work and some tears.

Our involvement for this year's timeline started a few weeks ago when we were asked to bring the TC, which Tony had restored and driven for many years then handed over to his son, Mark a couple of years ago, to be part of the exhibition. Logistics were put in place to get the TC over from Johannesburg and Mark made sure "she was is good working order!" The TC duly arrived last Sunday driven by Mark and son Llewelyn and ably escorted by wife Berenice. Bring the TC and I will feed you all! So a lavish lunch was enjoyed. The garage to be used to house her had been spring cleaned in anticipation of her arrival and Tony couldn't wait to lift the bonnet, which happened within 5 minutes of arrival!

On the Monday before the Timeline, Tony was up early and in the garage taking the wheels off to start the cleaning and that continued feverishly for the rest of the week, with our "estate manager" William also polishing and cleaning – don't forget Ruby, our ZR had to be cleaned too!

We realised during the week we did not have enough regalia to wear – so thank you to Geoff and Bev Cunnington for opening the Clubhouse especially for us on Thursday to allow us to buy the last 2 shirts, thankfully the right sizes ... no extra firm foundation garment needed to squeeze into to smaller sizes. So now we were getting sorted – cars ready and new MG clothes.

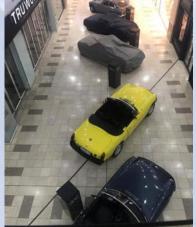
Friday arrived too quickly, and Tony and I arrived just after 1pm at Brooklyn Mall, the first MG to arrive, to deliver Ruby early so that Tony could ride down later with Mark in the TC. The security guard was most reluctant to let us park in the designated parking as Ruby was "too modern". After some gentle persuasion he allowed us to park. Later, about 3pm, I escorted Mark and Tony in the TC and the security guard was much happier to let the TC park! The parking lot was beginning to fill up and you could feel the excitement in the air or was it the heat as there is no aircon in the parking lot? We took Mark for a late, long lunch and arrived back in the parking lot after 5:30 and most of the cars had arrived – a wonderful sight.

After the briefing at 6:30 we started to drive the cars in with Ashleigh Chapman being pushed in Flo, by 2 young gentlemen causing delight to the shoppers! One of the best parts of the weekend is the actual driving in the Mall, with the devil sitting on one shoulder, saying DO THAT HANDBRAKE TURN, or the angel on the other shoulder saying NO. Luckily, we all listened to the angels on Friday and Sunday nights. In 50 minutes, the cars were all in place with Flo taking pride of place, covers put on and a welcome late dinner was enjoyed by many.

Tony had said that he wanted to wear his new shirt again, so I picked it up from his laundry basket, the floor, and dutifully did washing, but no ironing! Of course, the name badge was still on the shirt – he had the cleanest name badge of us all for the weekend.

Duty started in earnest on Saturday morning and thank you to the early birds for taking off the car covers and polishing cars to remove fingerprints. We had been supplied with a duty rooster, so we arrived for our 10 - 12 slots. Tony had his special chair and cushion and thanks to a lot of members and even employees from the sCoin shop for helping with moving his chair during the weekend. Seeing the faces of the shoppers as they saw the cars makes the event and everybody has a story as we all have a father, grandfather or brother who had had a MG – listening to all the stories is so humbling.









Tony + Annette Craddock report on this year's Brooklyn Mall exhibition

A Few special memories come to mind of interaction with visitors:

I introduced myself to a very distinguished gentleman, accompanied by his son walking around Mark's TC. He told me he courted his wife, who had died the previous year, in an identical car and was immersed in his memories, with tears running down his face. I invited him to sit in the TC and his son took many photos and we left him for a few moments while he gripped the steering wheel.

Later, a man was walking around Trevor's TD and I introduced myself. He was reliving memories when, as a young boy, he was driving with his father on a Sunday morning in a small mining town and his father nearly wrote off a car identical to Trevor's! The wing was completely destroyed. He said the driver of the TD was a gentleman and did not raise his voice at his father and "they dealt with it as gentlemen did in those years".

Lastly, a family was taking a great interest in Flo and taking photographs and chatting excitedly. I walked up and they asked if they could obtain copies of the photos displayed with Flo and I put their details in the visitor's book—it came to light that this was Gavin Peirce, son of Harry, driver of Flo! He had been looking for Flo for years! Goose bump stuff. I took some photos of the family standing around the car and then Gavin asked most respectfully if he could sit in the car – of course I said! (Other MG members around were looking quizzically as I was letting a member of public to sit in FLO!) He described how he used to help his Dad with the car and attended many races. He described the helmet that his Dad wore for the racing and how he had been buried with his racing helmet on. Pepi arrived and was able to have a more in-depth conversation with the family – I just needed to sit down and a stiff drink would have been good!

Saturday went past in a blur, it was so busy and so many people to talk to... Took Tony home for a snooze and we got ready for our evening "Cheese and Wine", which was hosted by Café Frescatti, upstairs. Thank you so much to Arrie and his staff for the most wonderful food, which just kept on coming, and his professional staff, plus drinks. If you are in Brooklyn Mall, please support them. We were honoured to have members of the Peirce family, Marg Viljoen, widow of Fanie Viljoen, and many distinguished MG guests attending. It was a loud, happy evening and full of laughter. Espe-



cially also great to welcome Jeremy and Denise Salter, after Jeremy's long recuperation absence.

Sunday morning arrived too quickly, we were beginning to feel the strain. Anyway, up and ready for our duty again from 10-12. Thank you to all the members who did duty and chatted so patiently to visitors. Also hope those on duty enjoyed all my sweets on the table! Unfortunately, Brooklyn Mall was without electricity till 3:00 in the afternoon but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the MG members and the visitors, although our deodorants were beginning to wear off as there was no air

conditioning. Another really busy morning and we had lots of family visiting. Thank goodness that Woolworths has a generator and did a roaring trade in their cafe.

Later that afternoon the members started arriving ready for driving out of the mall. "Gentlemen (and ladies) start your engines" and soon we were driving out of the mall, after taking a group photo, another timeline finished.

What a successful weekend – thank you to all for making it special – it takes a dedicated organizing team and dedicated members to make an event like this work – thank you for making special MG memories.



As a footnote, Tony is delighted that the TC is visiting for another 2 weeks, before being driven back to Johannesburg and I am concerned that the keys may disappear when Mark comes to collect!

February Club Night

Awards Evening was celebrated at the Monthly Club Night. A bring + braai turned to a community harvest table with fresh salads, pudding + champagne

> Another MaGical evening took place on 15th February when the usual Club Night was replaced by the annual Awards Evening. The weather played ball, and Pretoria graced us with a lovely clear, Highveld night. Instead of the usual fare, provided by one of the members, the catering for the evening took the form of a 'Bring and Braai'. The Chairman co-ordinated the provision of salads which were provided by some members, and Annette's pudding finished off the meal beautifully. Johnny provided Kooksisters which, he insisted, should be classified as a salad!

Once we had all satisfied the inner man, washed down by a cold beer or a glass of the Cape's best Merlot, the serious business of the announcing the winners of the Club's annual awards took centre stage.

The awards were ably handed out by Annette, wife of our very own National President, and the winners of the various awards were:

Circuit Racing Heyns Stead

The Cats Eye Rally Hannes and Johett Oberholzer

Speed Event William Kelly

Concours Event Maralize Mostert

BGT William Kelly

Magnette Trophy Robin Clarke

Mike Ashman Award Geoff and Bev Cunnington

Clubman Pepi Gaspari

Driver's Test Stephen Grover

Victrix Ludorum Hazell Eden

Victor Ludorum Richard Grover With the 2019 awards done and dusted we can look forward to another year of socialising together, competing for the various driving, racing and rallying events and the new year will see the introduction of a brand new trophy. In a forthcoming edition of UmGazi there will be an article of how the various awards are calculated, so watch this space!

















February Club Night



Awards Evening also provided an opportunity for the Club to Thank Jay Westaway for his contributions over the past 40 years. Our humble and soft spoken Jay Westaway re-

Our humble and soft spoken Jay Westaway received a standing ovation and celebratory glass of champagne.

Thank you ,Jay for your contribution to 40 years of MG life as an active committee member in various MG clubs starting in Rhodesia through to Pretoria. We hope you enjoy your retirement to enjoy your car and leave the Exco work and organizing to others.

Thank you Jay!





Stuart Greig was invited to park his stunningly original Mini Cooper S on the "Stoep" the first non MG given this honour. Fresh back from a *4000km* trip around the country and having visited 6 racetracks along the way in five days, a truly epic trip !



Winner of "Good Boy" Award

Out + About



Road Sign spotted outside Mabula, Limpopo



Roger Pearce and the Prince Alfred Pass



Club Members have been out and about enjoying their cars

Roger Pearce and the Road to Bloemfontein



Tony's TC arrives home for the Brooklyn Mall Time Line



Welcome to the MG Family!



Peter + Paul at the Golden Gate National Park



Heather + Dave at the George Car Show



Stephen spotted quiet the Country Club Car



Photo of all Julian's beauties.



March Runs + Club Night

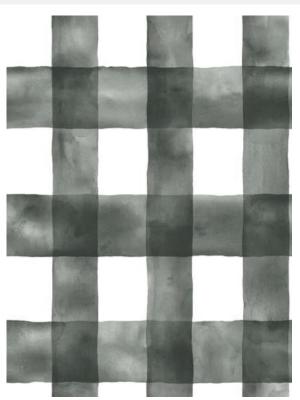
THE CHECKERED FLAG Private Car Museum 188 Pretoria Road, Rynfield, Benoni

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

50 Cars on display Braai Fires, Crockery + Cutlery Provided **Bar facilities**

> **RSVP PEPI** as soon as possible as minimum numbers are required

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CLUB MIGHT CHALKBOARD

FRIDAY 15 MARCH Richard + Avril Grover

From 5:30pm Unwards

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Forthcoming Events in Brief

Point allocation C=Clubman, V= Victrix/tor Ludorum, RR=Regularity Rally, HR=Historic Racing							
MARCH							
Monday 4	Natter 'n Noggin AGM	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	С			
Friday 15	Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-			
Sunday 17	Club Run	NC	Checkered Flag Club Museum, Benoni Bring + Braai	С			
APRIL							
Monday 1	Natter 'n Noggin Ratification of Constitution	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00				
Monday 8	Extra Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00 Ian Schwartz presenting the Triumph Protea and his book about building the SA				
Friday 19 Good Friday	Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-			
Sunday 28	Club Run	NC	Technical Day: Venue to be advised	С			
MAY							
Monday 6	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00	С			
Friday 17	Club Night Tony + Annette Craddock	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-			
Sunday 26	Club Run	N.	Condition Concourse + Boot Sale	V + C			
JULY							
Sunday 7	Scottburgh Classic Car show	-	Scottburgh, Kwazulu Natal				
5-8	Durban Dash		Randburg > Newcastle >Scottburgh	-			
		AL	JGUST				
2-4	KwaZulu Natal Centre 80th Anniversary	-	Weekend at Champagne Castle Hotel	-			
SEPTEMBER							
6-8	Johannesburg Centre's 50th Anniversary	-	Little Pilgrim's Hotel, Hazyview	-			
MG TRIV Last mon	Should seat belts, a	minimu	g an MGA Twin Cam, the question is posed: m of three points, be mandatory for open sports cars B looking only at the front of the car.	?			

The answer, correctly stated on the WhatsApp Group, is indeed the position of the combined side/indicator lamps. The indicator lamp is closer to the radiator grille on the later car.

Trading Post for Wanted Items and Those For Sale

Wanted

- MG Related Magazines, General Classic Car Books + 1 Magazines
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Durban Dash

A n exciting trip to the Scottburgh Classic Car Show has been arranged by Classic Car Event! Entry Forms are at the end of the Newsletter



Some years ago a character by the name of Hugh Anderson put on an event called the Durban Dash. This was a fun, cheap and no rules way of getting to Cars in the Park in Pietermaritzburg. Sadly Hugh passed away some years ago and the Durban Dash went with him.

We have decided to resurrect this run but in true Hugh fashion the Durban Dash 2019 will not end in Durban but in Scottburgh where we will attend the 2019 Scottburgh Classic Car show.

Another name for this event could be the JD run as the recommended route will faithfully follow the route that the upward DJ run for motorcycles take from Durban to Johannesburg but in reverse, hence JD, from Heidelberg to Hillcrest. If you have ever wondered where and how the DJ run goes now is your chance to follow the same route.

The event will start from Randburg on Friday the 5th July 2019, overnight in Newcastle and spend two nights in Scottburgh leaving Monday the 8th. The recommended route has a distance of 372km on day one to Newcastle and 449km from Newcastle to Scottburgh. Entrants are free to follow any route they wish and also to overnight wherever they wish from camping to an overnight package that we offer as an option for the night in Newcastle and two nights in Scottburgh.

The term vehicle covers any form of motorised road transport from bike to cars to tractors. Arrangements can be made if you wish to join us in an aeroplane of suitable vintage.

The cost of entry is R500.00 which will include a Rally Plate for your vehicle, a printed recommended route schedule, a file of the route to load into a GPS Garmin device if you desire and entry. A percentage of the entry fee will go towards a charity of the Scottburgh Classic Car Show's choice and will also covers the cost of a driven survey of the route recorded on a GPS file. We can offer you accommodation, if available, in Newcastle and Scottburgh but that is your choice. See attached entry forms.

There are no rules and any vehicle can take part however only pre 1975 vehicles are allowed into the Scottburgh Classic Car show arena and later model vehicles have to park in the public parking areas. Whilst there are no rules, as we always do with the events that we organise, we recommend that you take along a fire extinguisher, a tow rope, two high visibility safety vests and 5L of water. Entrants are also encouraged to dress up in period fashion on the show day.

So for a weekend of fun join us for the Durban Dash (which actually goes to Scottburgh) in July 2019.

Regards,

Regards, Roger Pearce Classic Car Events

0828970771 roger@afriod.co.za



Durban Dash Entry Form 5th July 2019 Entry No:

Entrant: E-Mail Address: Phone Numbers: Entrant/ Driver :(W/H)...... (Cell)...... Emergency Contact Person: Emergency Person Contact Number: Car Make: Car Type/Model: Year of Manufacturer: I, the entrant, do not hold Classic Car Events responsible for any loss or misfortune, which may take place during the Durban Dash 2019.

Signed at	Date //2019 .
Entrant Sign:	
Co-Driver Sign:	
Passenger 1 Sign:	
Passenger 2 Sign:	
Passenger 3 Sign:	

Roger Pearce: roger@afriod.co.za 0828970771

Entry:		Durban Dash 2019 Accomodation Booking			
Name					
Date	Venue	Туре	Price	Qty	Total
		Entry Fee per vehicle	R500,00	1	R500,00
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05/07/2019	Newcastle Country Lodge	Single Room DBB	R900,00		
6&7/07/2019	Blue Marlin Hotel Scotburgh	Double Twin Room DBB	R3 480,00	1	
6&7/07/2019	Blue Marlin Hotel Scotburgh	Single Room DBB	R2 800,00		
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