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The Umgazi Mag: March

A Warm Welcome to our New Members

Top of the Month



An action packed March as green as your beer. There was a run to a Car Museum, a different kind of F Type displayed at the Club and a new committee to see through to 2020 and a flash back to medieval castle.

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Chairman's Letter

Although the AGM has come and gone and we have our legally constituted Exco in place for the next year, there is still work to be done by the members and the Exco with regards the proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

The first meeting of the new Exco saw the changes presented at the **AGM** by Stephen Grover, discussed at length by the Exco. Thanks again to Stephen for the monumental effort put in to date and the work being done on the constitution. Ensuring it is easily presented and understood at the Special General Meeting that will be held just before the Noggin on the 6th May 2019, notice of meeting will be dispatched in the early part of April.

Besides the AGM which was well attended, we had an excellent **Club Night** hosted by Avril and Richard, with a special F Type Jaguar as the centre piece. The F Type was provided by birthday girl Chevaun Beddy. The Club Night was shortly followed by the run to the **Checkered Flag Museum** on St. Patrick's Day.

An excellent turnout, 22 MGs and a few plastics thrown in for good measure, 53 people attended. Doing justice to a unique exhibition of cars and memorabilia. Once again, we thank the **Checkered Flag Museum** members as our generous hosts made us feel very welcome, going beyond expectations. Special thanks to Peter McKechnie, member of the Museum and Esra Martin's son in law, for making sure we wanted for nothing.

As mentioned at the AGM, we will be putting memorabilia on the club walls as a visual means of recording the life and history of this club. Memorabilia that represents milestones or events that are significant.

The following is a list I have proposed to kick start, but suggestions are more than welcome:

- MGA 50th Anniversary Group photo donated by Rene Booysen.
- Indaba 2016 group photo of the Northern Centre with the Nuffield Trophy.
- Indaba 2018 group photo of the GEEPEE trophy presented to Northern Centre
- One or two photos or a collage of:
 - Founders Noggin on 5th of March & 40th Anniversary celebration at Club Night on the 9th of February 2018.
- Brooklyn Mall Time Line, which is a unique event in the MG world, again select photos or a small collage of each year: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- 40th Anniversary run to Numbi, 2018 Group photo taken in Sabi.

These I propose be put together by our more than capable editor, Paul who is doing a phenomenal job with the Newsletter.

April is another busy month with two runs and a very special Noggin as well as our usual Club Night. This year we are supporting **Angela's Picnic at Delta Park** on April 7th, not only because the entry fee goes to supporting Hospice but it's a high profile combined SAMCA event and a good turnout of cars from both Johannesburg and Northern Centre will raise the MG Car Club visibility at a popular event amongst enthusiasts and general public. Since it is a dry event (no alcohol allowed) and we have several concerned members, we are looking into booking an eatery close to Delta Park for lunch. Details will follow on the WhatsApp groups in the next week.

This event is immediately followed by a very special **Noggin on the 8th April**, lan Schwartz the author of *Protea, The Story of An African Car,* will present to the MG and Triumph Car Clubs the story of this special car. In addition, we will have both the Protea Triumph in question and the MG Twin Cam known as "Black Mamba" at the club that night. Owned by Alan Grant and Bo Giersing respectively, both cars raced in the 6-hour race at the Roy Hesketh circuit, Pietermaritzburg in 1958. It promises to be a very special evening, don't miss it. Ian will bring books along to the evening, the cost is R250.00 per copy, please let me know if you wish to buy one.

TITELLINE (3 TIP)

Our April **Club Night** will be held on the 19th of April, on Good Friday, the start of the Easter weekend and will be hosted by the Chapman's making their famous Chicken Prego Rolls, a good way to ease into the long weekend.

At the end of April, we will be enjoying a Technical day followed by a Braai at the club on the 28th April. Details of the day will follow in the next week.

Hard to believe that will take us to the end of the first quarter of 2019!

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2019 Committee Members

Although the proposed changes to the Club's constitution will be voted on at the Noggin, the new 2019-2020 committee has been elected

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Checkered Flag Museum

Our March Run was to the Checkered Flag Museum in Benoni

The Checkered Flag is a privately owned care museum located in Benoni. Our club was fortunately invited to spend the day admiring the private collection.

The Museum, spread over two adjoined properties provides a wonderful venue for the fantastic display of cars, motorbikes and memorabilia. The garages were filled bonnet to boot with collectables—all in outstanding condition. From Maseratis to a split window beetle there was a surprise for everyone.

From floor to ceiling the museums walls displayed motoring memorabilia. Adverts for races and show days as well as forgotten merchandising. If that wasn't enough, a wing has been dedicated to South African motor racing with a fine display of drivers overalls, helmets and magnificent trophies. One of the favourite displays was the almost awesome collection of model cars. Matchbox originals with vintage packaging and complete sets of collectables.

The Museum provided braai fires, bar facilities and everything we needed to enjoy the day. Our host, Peter McKechnie certainly made sure our large group (22 MGs and 53 People!) were well taken care of. Peter not only has a great father-in-law but a talented wife, Ginny, who has 2 marvellous paintings on display at the museum.

As with any trip to the East Rand, the risk of injury is always real. Luckily, our group escaped mostly intact with only the President needing stitching up ... and you should have seen the other guy!

















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As the March Run coincided with St Patricks Day, some green tom foolery was in order with green trimmings all round











Our very own Marelize. Ironically on crutches of her own. We have been assured that neither bicycles nor goal posts were involved.





British Considerations

An interesting article in "Thoroughbred and Classic Cars" September 2018 issue was shared by Jonnie van Wyk



Glut of quality MGBs heralds a downturn in prices

June auctions saw MGB prices take a downward dip. Barons dispatched a red '78 roadster with a chrome bumper conversion, fresh MoT, 43k miles and £1,600-worth of bills for a giveaway £2,915.

CCA also had mixed results, with five MGBs all knocked down for tempting money. An as-new 1970 Bronze Yellow roadster subject to a total bare bodyshell resto made only £9,350—probably half the rebuild cost. A 1980 rubber-bumper GT in Glacier White with 5200 miles made only £9k, while an as-new 1980 GT in BRG with a tiny 1540 miles didn't sell. Neither did a completely restored 1970 roadster in red. Even a nicely mellowed '72 roadster with Oselli-tuned engine and 20-year ownership made just £5,740.

Anglia Auctions struggled too, with no fewer than 14 MGBs. The best pair, both older Heritage bodyshell total rebuilds, made only £8,940 and £13,780, eight others averaged out at £4,600 each and two were no-sales.

There's a tremendous value in MGBs right now. Over-supply is putting pressure on values and even very fine 'Bs are around 40% down from 2015. MGBs may be a bit cliched, but they're still uncomplicated, good to drive and infinitely more interesting than an MX-5.

There could also be a softening in MGC and MGB GTV8 prices. CCA's 1970 older restoration MGC GT made only £12,320, while H&H's very original white '73 V8 with 84k was unsold.

Track the market carefully—a totally rebuilt MGB complete with new heritage bodyshell for around ten grand is cracking value. And looking at today's market, finding one shouldn't be hard.



1957 MG Magnette £19,995
Boasts several touring upgrades, including leather suitcase







a trade in for an older



Patsy and the Medieval Castle

P+P report on the recent run enjoyed by some of the dual club-members hosted by the Johannesburg Club

The second Sunday in March dawned bright and clear. The promise of a perfect day for the Johannesburg Centre's club run to Greensleeves Medieval Kingdom. Greensleeves is on the Hekpoort Road near the Sterkfontein Caves, north east of Johannesburg. The restaurant has been operating from the mid-seventies and has seen its fair share of revellers. It is quite a legend in Johannesburg.

Peter and I arrived at the Old Eds meeting point where club members that we haven't seen in quite some time warmly greeted us. We have unfortunately not been able to attend club runs for a while, but it was like we had never missed an outing. We had decided to give Patsy, our primrose yellow GT, a run this weekend. Our iris blue B has recently returned from a fantastic trip to Clarens and the old girl deserved an outing.

The road trip had the expected bottle neck within the city limits. Soon though the roads narrowed and gave way to the farm lands of the Magalisberg foothills. After the recent rainfall, the landscape appeared lush and healthy. Tall grass has grown on both verges giving a wonderful view from the low sitting MG. There was also a hint of the coming Cosmos scattered in the grass. The weather held and with the increasing temperatures we were chuffed that the GT was the better choice.

Driving Patsy was brilliant, and she didn't miss a beat. A lot of the peculiar noises we had previous experienced are now a thing of the past. Her temperature gauge still acts up which is being investigated and likewise her one break light needs some exploratory work. We are very pleased that her hip replacement has paid off. Once we fix the last few mechanical items, we can concentrate on the aesthetics – especially her worn carpet!

A dramatic stone castle gate house marks the entrance to Greensleeves. The rock edifice is complete with sturdy towers and topped with crenulations. An early Derek Langsford took photos of the MG group as we rounded the corner and took on the perilous speed bumps. The bumps are more effective than a moat with our older cars.

At the deli, housed in another period keep has a massive thatch roof and recessed windows. Here we filled our baskets with a choice of picnic foods, ordered fresh pizza and gathered picnic blankets. The clan set up camp around the picturesque swimming pool, complete with a stone bridge. Roger Pearce and Roger Bull had also arrived earlier, and we were soon joined by Robin and Liezel Clarke driving their 1934 MG NA.

Contrary to medieval tradition imposed at the venue's renowned banquets, we were not required to don period costume nor nominate a

king. It was only the McCloud's Chevy that was wearing an MG disguise for the day. Without the appointed royalty it was all serfs for "themserves" which did help with trips to the privy. We did have four of the last chairmen present at the picnic. Norman the Elder, William the Conquered, Bruce the Brave and of course Michael the Gallant. I don't think, from what we have been led to believe, that there would be 4 successors of the Iron Throne gathered in friendship during the Middle Ages.

The relaxed picnic in the shade of the trees next to the water was perfect for the hot day. The Friars Pub also helped. Our three juniors (James Kelly and his merry men) didn't last long before they decided that the pool was far better used than as a tranquil backdrop. Much to Wendy's delight of course as she now had 3 fully clothed and fully submerged boys to deal with.

The group of MGs in the parking lot drew a lot of attention from other visitors which is always a proud feeling. Some visitors were so impressed they couldn't keep their hands from Michael's B, or their feet or their tails for that matter. The skittish monkey didn't cause any damage, other than finishing a bit of padkos. It left when we approached the cars heading into the vegetation.

The afternoon drive back along the country roads was a great feeling. There is something special about driving your car on a Sunday afternoon. After a lazy day with the late sunshine, the drive chases the Monday blues away.











March Club Night

March Club Night

A stunning evening to end the week and ignite the weekend. For a change we had a Jaguar F Type on the terrace for our "Stoep Talk".

Thanks and congratulations to Chevaun Beddy on her birthday present and bringing the car along. Letting club members push noses to the glass and to poke around in the ...engine? Was very kind indeed.

An enormous Thank You to Avril and Richard Grover for making the excellent burgers! Another memorable evening with "The Marque of Friendship", even Load Shedding did not dampen the spirits. In fact, Eskom may have increased Stage 2 as it appears they shed extra power from the Admiral's petrol tank.















Club Notices + Announcements

April Runs + Club Night

ANGELA'S PICNIC

Delta Park, Road No Three, Victory Park, Johannesburg

SUNDAY 7 APRIL
From 8am onwards
Picnic Food Only
(No Fires or alcohol permitted)

ENTRY DONATION
For the Witwatersrand Hospice

Lunch at The Green Room From noon onwards RSVP PEPI as soon as possible



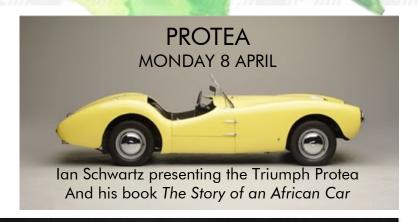
MG TECHNICAL DAY

AT THE CLUBHOUSE SUNDAY 28 APRIL More details to follow The Northern Centre convoy will be leaving the Clubhouse at 8am.

With an estimated arrival time of 9am.

Lunch at The Green Room will follow at around noon.

An RSVP is requested to facilitate booking + catering.



CLUB NICHT CHALKBOARD

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

Chappie's Prego Rolls

Gary + Heather Chapman's specialty

Chappie DID YOU KNOW?

Only Traffic Cops have to pay over R200 for cool drinks in any shop.

From 5:30pm Onwards

Northern Clubhouse: Everyone is Welcome!

Enjoy the MG Marque of Friendship!



Club Notices + Announcements

Forthcoming Events in Brief

Monday 1							
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•	No Noggin This Evening						
Sunday 7	Club Run	NC	Angela's Picnic Delta Park, Road No. 3, Victory Park, Johannesburg				
Monday 8	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19:30 for 20:00 Ian Schwartz presenting the Triumph Protea and his book <i>The Story of an African Car</i>				
Friday 19 Good Friday	Club Night Gary + Heather Chapman	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards				
Sunday 28	Club Run	NC	MG Technical Day at the Clubhouse				
MAY							
1	Dam Busters Fun Run	-	Classic Car Fun Run More information at the back of the newsletter				
2-5	Knysna Hill Climb	-	Knysna				
Monday 6	Natter 'n Noggin Marge Viljoen	NC	Clubhouse: 19:30 for 20:00 Special talk from Marge and her time working at Abington				
Friday 17	Club Night Tony + Annette Craddock	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards				
Sunday 26	Club Run		Condition Concourse + Boot Sale				
16-19	Cape Centres Gathering	1	Cradock -				
JUNE							
Monday 3	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse: 19:30 for 20:00	С			
Sunday 9	Club Run	-0 \	POMC British Show day C				
Friday 14	Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards				
Sunday 23	Club Run	NC	Combined Centres Showday: Fort Klapperkop	С			
JULY							
Sunday 7	Scottburgh Classic Car show	6-4	Scottburgh, Kwazulu Natal	-			
5-8	Durban Dash	- 3	Randburg > Newcastle >Scottburgh	-			
AUGUST							
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	-			



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Trading Post for Wanted Items and Those For Sale

Wanted

- 1 MG Related Magazines, General Classic Car Books + Magazines
- 2 MG, Motoring + Motorsport Related Books
- 3 TA / TB / TC parts for long term build project. Bare chassis + body have been acquired...
- 1 MGB GT V8 Gearbox
- 2 EMCO Lathe

Stephen Grover 082 818 0540 stephendgrover@gmail.com

For Sale

MG Midget Boot Rack
Stainless steel OE pattern Midget boot rack.
Never fitted. £204 from the owners club.
Yours for R1200

Steve Eden 0823728740

For Sale

Two piece Rotisserie to rotate bodyshell Bodyshop Dolly

Bob: 011 468 2848

For Sale

MGB Roadster

White roadster in immaculate condition for sale. Records available from Dave Wheeler. Asking R 250 000 which is what has been spent on the car.

George Avvakoumides 083 306 1671

For Sale

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Wanted

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May Day! May Day! May Day!



On 1st May 2019

A Multi-Club Event

With AFRICA 8th MISSION of the FAMOUS

DAM BUSTERS FUN RUN

ENTRY FEE R150.00 per car

ENTRIES & ENQUIRIES TO Andrew 083-442-5388, amh@bused.co.za OR John 072-108-4280 OR Barbara 082-336-3949, bebfem@mweb.co.za

The "Dam Busters 8th Mission" Classic Car Fun Run Promoted by the sunbeam sports car club of south Africa

Entry Form

Date of event: Monday 1st M	lay 2019. (Public Holiday).				
Vehicle Eligibility: Pre-1980		Entry Fee: R150.00 per vehicle.			
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Durban Dash

An 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 Form5th July 2019 Entry No:

Entrant:
Address:
Address:Code
E-Mail Address:
Phone Numbers: Entrant/ Driver :(W/H) (Cell) (Cell)
Co Driver Name :(Cell)
Passenger 1 Name: (Cell)
Passenger 2 Name :(Cell)
Passenger 3 Name :(Cell)
Emergency Contact Person:
Emergency Person Contact Number:
Car Make:
Car Type/Model:
Year of Manufacturer:Colour:
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
Entrant Sign:
Co-Driver Sign:
Passenger 1 Sign:
Passenger 2 Sign:
Passenger 3 Sign:

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