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Chairman's Letter

The jacaranda month in Pretoria always marks the end of the dull winter season with the arrival of vibrant colours ranging from lilac and purple to deep crimson bougainvilleas, even the white jacarandas contribute to the vibrant kaleidoscope of a colour filled spring in the Capital City .

This year's run coinciding with the important Springbok quarter final game against Japan, a last minute decision was made to screen the game at the Clubhouse after the Jacaranda Run. To ensure enough time spent on the new route and reach the club in good time for the game, the Union Building start was moved forward by half an hour.

Although a scorching hot day, no refreshment pit stops as in the past were provided along the route, which ensured an early arrival at the club and a very busy pub. About 60 people settled in to an equally vibrant atmosphere with green and gold the predominant colours of the Bok supporters. The nerve racking game brought screams of joy and sighs of despair from within the Clubhouse while those of us unable to watch went on with the Braai outside.

The last 15min were absolutely electrifying with everyone willing the Boks onto a MaGic win, a really special day that will be remembered for a long time for its vibrant energy, colour and "gees".

Two days before the Jacaranda run we had our monthly Friday Club Night, catered by Peter and Paul. Once again they did not disappoint. The theme being Halloween and the colour in contrast to the Jacaranda run was Black and White, including black bread rolls and grey leachy pudding with insects and a bit of brains on the side thrown in for good measure. Another excellent evening, this time the darker side of the MG family popping through the cob webs.

The month was kick started with a Noggin, that was reminiscent of last years MaGical Memories evening, thanks to Norman and Robin who supplied the DVD. We watched interviews with legends such as Doug Van Riet, Les Miller and Ralph Clarke going back to 1996.

October also saw a significant historic event, the long awaited and overdue arrival of Bloodhound the car as well as the MG Car Clubs long time friend, driver Andy Green and new CEO of the project Ian Warhurst. The car is currently undergoing testing at Haskeenpan in preparation for the ultimate goal which is to reach 1600km per hour in October 2020.

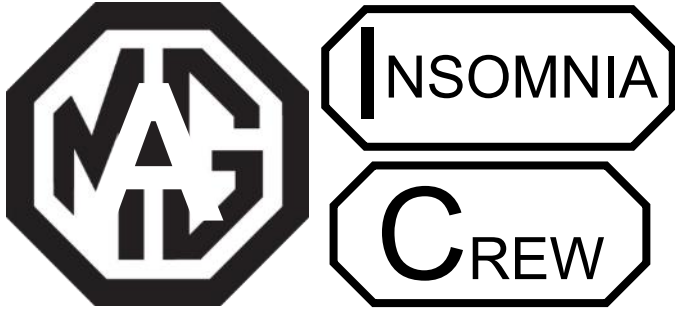
Our November run will be a Regularity Rally on Sunday 24th November and is designed to introduce this fun form of motor sport to novices. details of the event will be posted on the groups in due course, keep your eyes peeled.

A week after the Rally we have our "SOLD OUT" Formal Dinner at Villa Africa Boutique Hotel. Bev and Geoff are in control and handling the arrangements for an evening that promises to be a night to remember.

Our Club Night this month will be catered by the MG family everyone loves, "The Mostert's" and sees a return to the traditional Boerewors Roll and as typical South African cuisine as you can get to celebrate the incredible World Cup win by the epic SPRINGBOKS—STRONGER TOGETHER.

In closing I want to mention that all the events arranged by your exco are always a team effort and only happen with the selfless work of the committee, however I would like to thank Stephen and Dave in particular for stepping up at short notice and organizing the screening of the Rugby by providing, projector, computer and sound system as well as Richard and Avril for providing the all important DSTV Now.

In the next 6 weeks of 2019 we have 7 MG events left, make the most of your MG and the "THE MARQUE OF FRIENDSHIP".



Octagonally
Pepi

October Jacaranda Club Run + Rugby



JACARANDA RUN 2019 20th October

A super warm day saw the annual Jacaranda Run start at union buildings and end at the MG Northern Centre Clubhouse. The 20th anniversary of the traditional run saw a new route being followed to explore some jacarandas located a little bit off the traditional addresses.

As always the starting point for the run, the Union Buildings, starts the day with a panoramic view of the Jacaranda city. The route followed the blooms as drivers were treated to avenues of purple filtered sunlight.



Traditionally, university students say that if a Jacaranda bloom falls on your head, you are sure to pass your exams. After the number of blooms falling along the route it would be great to think that some of that luck generated was directed towards the rugby clash between South Africa and Japan.

The committee had arranged a full screen viewing of the quarter final at the Clubhouse providing a club atmosphere that was both tense and glorious.

About 60 members and guests from the Johannesburg Centre were decked in Green and Gold to support the victorious Springboks.

A great drive, great company and another wonderful addition to the Jacaranda Run institution.



Bloodhound LSR: Scent for Speed

Bloodhound Land Speed Record Project

With the arrival of Andy Green at Hakskeenpan in the Northern Cape on the 17th October 2019 and the car the week before, the attempt to break the Land Speed Record has begun in earnest.

The car is in its natural habitat and the project picking up momentum just a short 10 months after Ian Warhurst joined the project. Ian stepped in to save the car a day before it was scheduled to be cut up by the Administrators (called Liquidators in South Africa) in December 2018.

Ian Warhurst, the former owner and managing director of Melett, a supplier of replacement turbocharger repair kits for the automotive industry, purchased the business and assets of *Project Bloodhound* for an undisclosed amount. The purchase saved the Bloodhound 1,000mph car project.

It took 10 years to get the car designed and built and financial issues seemed to have destined the car and project to the scrap heap. In the relatively short time, if we consider that the project was first conceptualized in 2008 with Richard Noble, Andy Green and Ron Ayers discussing the possibility of breaking 1000mph, the project is back on track.

The ultimate target speed of 1000mph (1600kmph) will only be attempted in October 2020, the current tests being carried out in the Kalahari are divided into 12 profiles with each profile designed to ensure that critical, specific items perform as intended.

The first test started at 50mph and the team of around 25 people on the pan will be increasing the speed in increments of 50mph over the next few weeks. On Friday 1st November Profile Test 5 and 6 were scheduled to do 450mph and 500mph respectively.

After Test 5, which was completed in the morning, Andy and what he calls his "Darling" Bloodhound reached 461mph, an inspection of the car revealed that the right rear suspension cover plate had a few rivets loose and the plate was bent. This required some engineering to be carried out and the first part of the week 4th - 6th November is dedicated to engineering work on the car. In addition to the bent plate, the team will be replacing RPM sensors at one of the wheels. These parts were flown in and arrived on Sunday night 3rd November.

Profile Test 6 will be attempted later the same week. We all hope to see the 500mph barrier broken which is not far off the current Land Speed Record of 763.1mph (1220.96kmph). If the remaining Test Profiles are successful we might see the current record broken in the next few weeks! An exciting result spin off from the intention of the tests.

MG Car Club wishes Andy and the team all the best and success for the remaining tests.

Up dates can be found on their Facebook page : [The Bloodhound Project](#)



Dickon Daggitt's ATBLO Special

Article by **André Loubser** from the October edition of **The Crankhandle Chronicle**

On Wednesday, August 14, Dickon Daggitt presented his suitably-named ATBLO Special at both the morning and evening meetings.

Some 30 years ago, casting his eye around the workshops at his elegant house in Hout Bay, Dickon realised what an enormous collection of different and diverse car parts and components he owned. Always a creative, out-of-box thinker (we know that from Overheard, don't we?), he hatched a plan to build a 'special', putting all the bits to good use.

Over the years Dickon bought and sold various parts but about six years ago he started moving on the project in earnest. Considering a suitable name, he thought ATBLO sounded right and summed up the unusual development All The Bits Left Over.

So where to start? A chassis to form the basis of the car was obvious and it just so happened that there was an MG J-Type chassis lying in a far corner gathering dust. The end result would resemble a classic British 1930s sports car despite several 'foreign' parts.

Conveniently Brian Kuyk had a Wolseley six-cylinder engine for sale and that was installed and connected to an MG gearbox. The prop shaft is a 2019 Torque Craft, bespoke from Epping Industria, and the diff from a Morris Minor with banjo housing from an MG. Front axle is MGTC. The supercharger is from a Lancia but the drive shaft from an Austin Seven. Now there's a unique international marriage! The wheels are courtesy of a Lagonda Rapide and the hydraulic brakes 1948 Fiat.

Dickon fabricated the shapely body from aluminium to closely resemble that of a Type 35 Bugatti. The seats were made up and the headlights obtained from Boetie van Zyl's 1926 Talbot. The mudguards are in the making and will soon be fitted. The rev counter inner is from a motorcycle and is housed in a Cobra polish tin. A case of out of the tin and not the box.

The front of the car sports both MG and Wolseley badges and a quirky touch is a badge from the Tanganyika Car Club. Viewing the ATBLO Special parked in the street, it definitely resembles a British classic. Dickon got you fooled didn't he? A suitable accolade for Dickon could be The Wacky International Car Designer of the Year.

Ain't nothing like that around!

Founded more than sixty years ago, the Crankhandle Club has been highly successful in motivating members to restore old vehicles and get them into our motoring paradise of scenic roads and the world famous passes of the Western Cape Region.



Our Fabulous Fifty

Norman Ewing



Nineteen sixty nine was a great year. I married the love of my life. Armstrong walked on the Moon. And Gordon Cobban gave his blessing to a newly formed “official” member of the MG worldwide family....The Johannesburg Centre! We were young and filled with boundless enthusiasm and a zest for life, not for one moment believing that fifty years later we would be here celebrating our own MG Car Club Centre...but here we are.

To celebrate the occasion it was decided to repeat the run to Baragwanath Airfield, now sadly no longer, with a great run and luncheon at the Jack Taylor airfield in Krugersdorp in June, followed by a special week end away to Numbi in MpumalanGa (the place where the sun rises) in September, as fifty years ago, this was where the very first club run away took place.

Making contact with our first base, Motel Numbi, I was to discover that it was now very much bigger, now being an hotel, and that a completely new section called Little Pilgrims had materialised next door. Best of all however, was that the present owner Willem Fick, a seventeen year old schoolboy back in 1969, was desperate to get the original booking confirmation document I had, which I informed him was Club history. Once a price had been agreed all thirty six rooms were soon booked and the job of organising the entire event and putting together a book of fifty years of Johannesburg MG memories began.

It was agreed to fly first chairman Keith Burton up from his home in Sedgefield near Knysna. Ella his wife who had accompanied him when we were “thirty” was also invited but was not keen to travel. John and Anita Meiring offered to host Keith, and John and I went off to meet him at O R Tambo the day before kick-off.

The event was to start on Thursday 5 September with a “Ladies Tea” to try and encourage early members wives and widows of those involved in the beginning to come along. This invitation was opened to husbands as well and to my great joy, the tea organised by Anneke Degroot at the home of Maureen and Bob Wilmot, encouraged our first secretary Ruth Whytock along as well as Nan Howie, Phil Howie’s widow and Anna Battison whose late husband Stuart was there at the very beginning. Keith was truly thrilled to see and talk to such special friends. There was more to come before our departure for Numbi, for I had proposed to dedicate the Noggin that evening in memory of second chairman Phil Howie and invite his son Robbie who had been on seven Paris-Dakar rallies to be guest speaker. That was a great success as well.

And so, on a wet and slippery morn we set off for Numbi at 9am from all points in Johannesburg and Pretoria. With refreshment stops at Alzu and White River where we all ended up in the local pub for mostly soup. Soup? Yup. After which the only motoring casualty was “Midgy”, taking on water like a mule to make it to Numbi. It was time for the braai, we would deal with the welch plug or so it appeared on the morrow. So let the party begin.

After a good nights sleep I was able to see that ‘patching’ “Midgy” for the day in the Kruger Park we had planned was not the right move, and so a drive in the Kruger with Alan and Denise guaranteed not only a safe return for dinner, but airconditioned comfort. On our recce some weeks before the event we could see that dancing was out of the question with nowhere to dance, so we decided on a Gatsby Evening with music to talk by. Great!

Our Fabulous Fifty

Norman Ewing



Unbeknown to us, the cake we had organised, was not the cake Pepi Gaspari was referring to when he took the mike. Daughter Sarah, on a cruise in Odessa on our anniversary, had phoned Pepi to please organise a cake, sending him a photo she had lifted from our wedding album before she left! Isn't technology wonderful? We invited Bruce and Carol Dixon to join us in cutting the cake we knew nothing about, as they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary as well.

After a sensational dinner of MG delights we were ready to cut the "other" cake, which the Ficks had organised and was nearly a metre across...both being left for local charities.

That evening, after dinner I handed out a couple of mementoes ... the iconic photo of Keith at Baragwaneth in '79 and that framed Numbi document that Willem Fick had pleaded for all those month ago, and thank you to Anita and finally Pat for all she had done in my MG life. Then it was time to ask Clive to do what he does best, as we were still short of funds to cover the book, badges and plaques as well as raising funds towards FJ.

The following morning started with yet another incredible breakfast selection. Staggering when you think about it , and we wobbled off to the cars for the drive by way of Graskop to the Blyde River Resort for lunch with Judie and Rolf Schweizer. Yup, more food. To be followed by, you guessed it ...dinner.

Our final dinner was followed by a Winterstein quiz of epic proportions...and the winners were?...it was great fun and Clive was presented with the final memory stick.

The final evenings entertainment was "The Great Train Race" MG style and the Diamond Jubilee of the First South African Grand Prix at East London with Paul Frere, Les Miller, Doug van Riet et al. More memories.

And so after yet another spectacular breakfast, it was time to bid "Midgy" goodbye and be driven home in lounge chair comfort by Mike and Shelly Dixon in an SUV with a fridge! John Mackenzie took Keith home in XK comfort, and all that remained was to meet them next morning and see Keith safely onto his flight home, and to phone and thank Ella for lending us Keith.

What about "Midgy"? Well it was brought all the way home to the Boundary House by Willem and Edna Fick on a trailer behind their Land Rover! THAT let me tell you is more than Royal service. It is just fantastic and I cannot thank them enough or all of you who made this celebration, simply the best. Thank you.

October Club Night



P+P's Spookiest Club night of the year saw a gathering of scary characters gathering in the Clubhouse. Hamburgers were on the menu, served on deceptively soft rolls made for the evening by Lynn. Themed with the spirit of Halloween there were ghoulish details scattered throughout the Clubhouse.

The evening's Stoep Talk showcased Avril and Bev's rides. Avril was showing off her recent restoration with new paint finish. An excellent example for the model with hand finished timber accents. Bev's model has also recently undergone an upgrade with additional twig power added. Completed at home, the result spoke for itself and would certainly sweep the floor at national Concorde level.

Unfortunately Sharleen had experienced technical issues due to the strong winds and couldn't participate in the display. We were pleased that Sharleen still managed to participate in the evening after being offered a lift by an enthusiastic MG driver.

A fine, if a little macabre, evening with great spirits and a witch's brew or two.

Club Notices + Announcements

CLUB NIGHT CHALKBOARD

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Bernard, Maralize and Calra
will be presenting Boerrie Rolls!

Enjoy the
MG Marque of
Friendship!

From 4:30pm Onwards

Northern Clubhouse : Everyone is Welcome!



Sunday 24 November

Cats Eye Regularity Rally
+
Gymkhana

Silveroaks Shopping Crossing

Cnr. Von Backstrom Boulevard + Solomon
Mahlangu Dr, Willow Acres

Driver's Briefing at Silveroaks at 9am

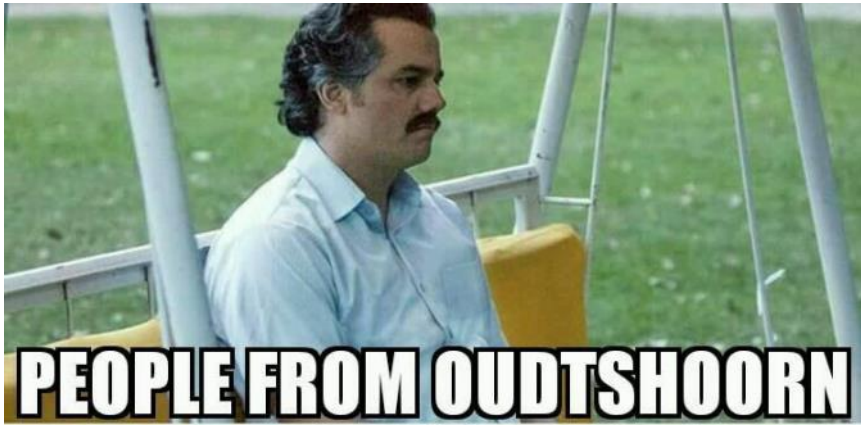
Gymkhan will be followed by the regulatory rally
exploring the roads East of Pretoria in the Cullinan
and Baptsfontein area, ending at the Clubhouse
for a Bring + Braai.

More Details to follow on the WhatsApp Group

Great for beginners!

Club Notices + Announcements

Correspondence from the 2020 Indaba Committee Chairman, Mr Phillip Roux



**2020 MG INDABA
OUDTSHOORN**

3rd to 6th September 2020

Indaba accommodation is now fully booked. We will gladly add your name to a waiting list - please email us at indaba2020@gmail.com

Alternatively, should you wish to make your own B&B arrangements in Oudtshoorn, please check with us first as we can only accept a few more entries.

View the latest Indaba accommodation status on our website
www.mgcc-ct.co.za



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CAPE TOWN CENTRE**

The accommodation available to us for the 2020 Indaba is currently fully subscribed.

Members who are still keen to participate in the Indaba have the following options:

1. *Waiting List*

In the event that an entrant withdraws from the Indaba, or if we are able to secure additional rooms, we will offer the newly available accommodation to members on the waiting list.

This will be done strictly in accordance with the waiting list sequence. Members who wish their names to be entered on the waiting list should email us at indaba2020@gmail.com

No registration fee payments will be called for until a member accepts the accommodation offered.

2. *Local B+B's*

We will accept a few more entries from members who are prepared to arrange their own B+B accommodation in Oudtshoorn. We would like to include as many entrants as possible, however we are limited from an event and catering perspective.

Members who wish to enter the Indaba on this basis must please email us beforehand so that we can confirm whether we will be able to accept their entries.

Our [website](http://www.mgcc-ct.co.za) will be kept up to date with the current status and members are therefore encouraged to visit the site regularly. We have removed the Indaba Entry Form from our website as entry forms will be emailed individually to interested members as and when accommodation becomes available.

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

NOVEMBER

Monday 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse: 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 15	Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 24	Club Run	NC	Gymkhana + Cats Eye Regularity Rally	V+C
Saturday 30	Formal End of Year Dinner Dance	NC	Villa Africa Boutique Hotel	-

DECEMBER

Monday 2	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse: 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 6	Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Saturday 14	Club Run	NC	Christmas Party Clubhouse from 10am	-

JANUARY

Monday 6	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse: 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 17	Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 26	Club Run	NC	Details to be confirmed	C

FEBRUARY

Monday 3	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	Clubhouse: 19:30 for 20:00	C
Friday 14	Valentine Club Night	NC	Clubhouse 17:30 onwards	-
Sunday 23	Club Run	NC	Details to be confirmed	C

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3 - Sunday 6	2020 National Indaba Hosted by the Cape Town Centre	CTS	Oudtshoorn	-
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Stephen Grover 082 818 0540 stephendgrover@gmail.com

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Ray 082 922 6106 or brmprojects@telkomsa.net

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262-310 Steering wheel centre
145-700 Starter switch
150-100 Copper contact set for starter switch
405-200 Plate side screen x4

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