

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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Annual Subscriptions

Please be advised that annual subscriptions are due at the end of the year. Please note that the subscription rate has increased to R250 from 1st January 2015. (If paid by cheque or cash into the club account an extra R25 is required to cover bank charges). Joining fees have increased to R125.

If you pay before 31st December 2014 the current rate of R200 will apply (If paid by cheque or cash into the club account an extra R20 is required to cover bank charges). - Pay now and save money!

Help

Is there a member out there with a fridge freezer, single width, freezer on top, in working condition that they no longer need? Our storeroom fridge has ceased to function. This may mean no ice or warm beer - what a calamity that would be!!!

Alternatively, is there a member who can fix it? Please contact Jay if you can help.

Jacaranda Jottings

This will be the last Newsletter of 2014, so I will wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2015. (Probably not politically correct to do so). If you will be travelling, drive carefully and extremely defensively, the standard of driving here seems to get worse every day. We might as well switch the robots off, to save electricity, as they just seem like street decorations these days.



Attendance at noggins is still a concern, but the pub nights seem to attract more interest. Monday nights are obviously not popular, as I have said before, maybe we must come up with another plan.

The run to Fort Klapperkop was well supported and extremely enjoyable. (Apart from the GT getting over excited and pretending to be a steam engine) The attendees spent a long time reminiscing about the old days when such events were popular as social occasions.

We spent some time touring the Fort and then lit the braai and sat under the trees talking the usual rubbish and consuming the food and libations of choice. Well done Claus and Pepi, maybe this points the way for some future events.



We have a few events left in the year, a Natter and Noggin on Dec 1, and the end of year social on Saturday Dec 6, please see details elsewhere and give this event your support.

The club will be open at lunchtime on Boxing Day for those who want to get out of the house.

January 5 will see the first N&N of 2015, and there will be a run on the 18th, possibly

to somewhere on the proposed 2016 Indaba route.

Talking Indaba, support from Northern Centre is very poor.

Come on guys, what we have planned promises to produce an excellent weekend at a low price.



Welcome to new member Kobus Markram, we hope to see you at future events.

Our sympathies go to Dave Wheeler on the passing of his brother, and best wishes go to Alan Uzzel for a rapid recovery from his recent hospital visit.

A short JJ this month, squeezed in between bouts of load shedding!!

See you at the events, Steve

Annual General Meeting February 2 2015

Please diarise and make sure you attend, nobody will be press ganged - Honest!!

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 2, 2015 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 2015 Committee. These will be Steve Eden, Stephen Grover and Dave Westaway. 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 2, 2015

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 26, 2015.

Pub evening with a twist.

Clause Pille

The pub evening started off as normal and people trickled into the clubhouse from 17:00 onwards. Everybody was rather curious on what was on the menu since we kept that a secret.

By 18:30 or so I put the German sausages into the hot water as we were going to have those with potato salad.

Barely ten minutes later the power went off. After a little investigation (since all our neighbours around us had power and thus no load shedding as we initially suspected) we found out that a rather foul smell was emanating from the distribution board. Also the trip switches in the distribution board were pretty hot so we decided to switch off everything.

That however meant we had to drink a little faster before the contents of the fridge became warm. Thanks to Pepi that went out to buy candles and the Pajero of Jeremy that has a pretty powerful torch as a standby lighting option we managed to eat the sausages (that could have been a little warmer) and as much potato salad as anybody could consume.

Then everybody settled into some serious socialising with candle lights making for a rather romantic ambiance.

A great evening spent chatting to everybody as we all settled around one big table. The turnout was less than we had catered for and after begging everybody to have more potato salad we had quite a bit of the salad left over.

Ah well the Klapperkop run the following Sunday was the next official club run and everybody that attended that run was treated to free yep you guessed it ... potato salad!

Thanks for those that attended we really enjoyed your company.

Run to Fort Klapperkop

On Sunday 16th November fourteen members and their partners in nine MGs took part in a run to Fort Klapperkop South of Pretoria. The fort was built during the later stages of the 1899-1902 Anglo Boer war as part of a defensive ring around Pretoria which then housed the headquarters of the British forces. No military action ever took place there, and it now forms a well-maintained, tranquil and interesting museum about that bygone era.



As part of the visit organized by Pepi Gaspari, visitors received copies of a booklet with tales of the events at Delville Wood fourteen years later.

Visitors had a magnificent view Northwards over Groenkloof to the Union Buildings, and Southwards to the Waterkloof Air Base where a giant Antonov was preparing for its flight to Nigeria to repatriate victims of the church collapse. The run ended with a braai on the museum's lawns.

George Dehlen



Nostalgia was the name of the day. In the heart of Pretoria, on the top of a hill, memories of fallen heroes and times of battle, mingled with MGs, both old and new.

Nine cars were parked together, almost as a salute to the lone statue of a soldier.

There we celebrated friendship and passion for our cars, braaiing in the sunshine, laughing, and enjoying each other's company.

Julie

Wedding Bells and Oil Smells

For the second time in a row I must open my editorial by thanking Steve Eden for putting together last month's newsletter. This was a massive help a busy time.

The past month has been quite a busy time. Bronwyn and I got married, and through a fortunate series of events and some great timing preceded we this significant milestone by buying ourselves an MGA. We have been advised by many people to start our marriage the way we wish to continue, and I think that we have taken this advice to heart.

So far we've done around 600 miles in the 'A - all trouble free so far - both my elbows touching wood as I type...

Bronwyn and I enjoyed a lovely honeymoon in Franschoek, only disappointed to such wonderful roads, beautiful scenery, and no sports car to enjoy it with... Although the stress associated with keeping one eye on the road and the other on the temperature gauge was not missed!

The cessation of the wedding planning, and return from honeymoon lead to some much anticipated garage time, and I am glad to report that the 'BGT is now running - not yet test-driven, but running nonetheless. I consider anything more than 50% of the "fleet" running to be good going, and with 66.66% running I am quite happy with how things stand for the time being. The year-end shut-down might allow for some time to be spent on the 'B roadster and maybe, just maybe, there could be a 100% success rate in 2015—surely it will snow.

Bronwyn and I are hoping to "reveal" our 'A to the club at the January pub-evening, and buy a few rounds of drinks to celebrate our marriage. The evening will be on 16 January, and we hope that many will be there to celebrate with us! Here's hoping that the 'A is still running!

For now, I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to the newsletter over the year, and those that have read it and put up with my (frequent) typos. I am looking forward to producing more (better) newsletters in 2015.

Octagonally,
Steve Grover



Upcoming Events

Natter 'n Noggin

Monday 1 December 2014

The last Natter 'n Noggin for the year will be a social event - join us for a beer and a chat with friends.

Date: **Monday 1 December 2014**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse**
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party

Saturday 6 December 2014

The club will be having a Christmas bring and braai on Saturday the 6th December starting at 12:00. As we have enough children\grand children attending we are organizing a jumping castle.

The idea is as follows: If your children\grandchildren are attending please buy a present for not more than R100.00 and wrap this and indicate with big bold letters the name of the child. Father Christmas at his age has a problem on reading small print !!! Hand this to Julie or myself if the kids are not looking. Then later Father Christmas will arrive in a red TD (Trevor you are getting the hint) or a red A (Dirk you are also getting the hint).

For the adults attending please get a unisex present to the value of between R50.00 to R80.00 wrap it and also give this to Julie. She will explain what we are going to do with the presents a little later if everybody has arrived.

As we need to know approximate numbers and if you haven't given up your name at the last Noggin (I will be at the Noggin again on the 1stDecember if you then want to put your name on the list) please send me a SMS on 084 521 0419 not later than the 2nd December and I'll contact you in the week before the party.

We want to co-ordinate the salads a little so I'll be asking everybody attending to bring one or another salad for say 5 to 8 people. This I'll communicate clearly to everybody once I exactly know who will be attending.

Currently we have about 24 adults and more than 10 children attending. Sounds to me we'll have a super party.

Hope to see lots more on the 6th December.

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Pub Evening

Friday 16 January 2015

The usual pub evening to be held at the clubhouse on the 2nd Friday after the noggin.

Dinner will be available for a cost of approximately R25 per meal, and the bar will be open. All are welcome to come and join members for a social evening.

Date: **Friday 16 January 2015**
Time: **17h30 onwards**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
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Club Run Bronkhorstspuit Dam

Sunday 18 January 2015

We are arranging a club run to one of the events proposed for use on the 2016 indaba. We will meet at the clubhouse at 10:00, and then drive together to a restaurant / art gallery on the hill outside Bronkhorstspuit Dam. They host a fixed cost lunch on Sunday's - cost to be advised next month.

Date: **Sunday 18 January 2015**
Time: **Meet at 10h00 at the clubhouse for run scenic route run to Bronkhorstspuit Dam**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
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AGM

Monday 2 February 2015

See notice on Page 2 for full details

Date: **Monday 2 February 2015**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
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Menlo Park**

Forthcoming Events

Point allocation c=Clubman, v= Victrix/tor Ludorum

December 2014

Mon 1	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 19h30 for 20h00	C
Sat 6	Year End Function	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 12h00 onwards We would like to ask all members to please bring their children (if they are still young enough) or their grandchildren. If we have enough kids joining us we'll have Father Christmas arriving in a red TD or maybe red A depending what is available. Parents to bring a present for not more that R100.00 per child wrapped in Christmas paper and the name of the child, clearly labelled on the present in BIG BOLD letters. For the adults we are asking that each adult buys a unisex present to the value of R50.00 to R80.00 and wraps it in Christmas paper and hands that in to Julie on the day. You'll see what we'll do later with that.	C
Fri 26	Boxing Day Braai	NC	Clubhouse 12h00 onwards	C

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January 2014

Mon 5	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 19h30 for 20h00	c
Fri 16	Pub Evening	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 17h30 onwards	
Sun 18	Monthly Run	NC	Run to Bronkhorstspuit Dam. Meet at Clubhouse at 10:00	c



Our Sponsors so far - get your Logo in here ASAP!



You are invited to join us for the 2016 Indaba.

The event will be held over 3 days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th September 2016.
Registration forms are available on the Club Website

Concours, and other competitive events will take place, we will provide you with the opportunity to visit some places of interest in and around Pretoria.

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