

MG Car Club Northern Centre Newsletter

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MG Car Club-Northern Centre

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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!

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AGM - 2 February 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.

Nomination Form for 2014 Committee

I, Being a member in good standing of the MG Car Club, Northern Centre, hereby nominate to stand for election to the Club's Executive Committee.

Nominator Signature: Date:

I accept the nomination and agree to serve on the committee if elected.

Nominee Signature: Date:

Jacaranda Jottings

HO HO HO, who abandoned the reindeer for a MaGnificent alternative?



Father Christmas arrived in style for the end of year party. An extremely successful event with many happy children and reasonably relaxed adults.

Thanks must go to Claus and Julie for their efforts in organising the event and decorating the Clubhouse, and to Pepi for collecting the jumping castle which was a great hit with the children, and the adults, later in the day, I believe.

I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday and those that travelled have returned safely. Come and show us what Santa brought you for Christmas at the first noggin of 2015 on January 5th.

The Exco is trying to put together the programme for the year in the next few weeks. If you have any suggestions for a run or event, please let us know. We also have the AGM coming soon, so if you have anything you would like to discuss, please submit it in line with the constitution. Volunteers for Exco are always welcome!

There have been some comments that the pub nights, and monthly runs, are too close together. We have discussed this and are proposing to try a new monthly calendar for 2015. The Noggins will remain, for the time being on the first Monday of the month, and Exco on the second Monday. Pub nights will be on the Friday following the Exco, and the monthly run will be the 2nd weekend after. This will impinge upon the tradition of runs on the third Sunday in some months, but let's give it a try.

So for January, the Noggin is on the 5th, Pub Night on the 16th, and the run on the 25th.

Don't forget to register for the Indaba! Only R501. And pay your Membership fees, if you haven't already done so. R250 per member if paid by EFT to the bank, or in cash to the treasurer. Payment by cheque or cash into bank will require an extra R25 to cover bank charges.



Hoping to see at the Noggins and runs.

Drive your MG.
Steve

Don't forget to check out our new facebook page.

MG Car-Club Northern Centre on Facebook

In an effort to better keep in touch with existing members and to publicise the club, our interests and our activities the Exco has sanctioned the creation of a Facebook page for the club. This is very exciting and has the potential to attract new members to the club and to generate enthusiasm for the Marque. It is also an effective means to keep existing members up to date with the club's activities.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word 'facebook' in its characteristic blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Our facebook page can be found at the following url: <https://www.facebook.com/MGCarClubNorthernCentre> You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view the page, although you will need to be a member to post to the page. If you are a member of Facebook, please *Like* our page. This will cause the posts made to the page to show up on your newsfeed. If you think that our posts are interesting please *Share* the post - this will put the post onto your Friends newsfeeds and that is how we really generate interest in the page. In short please **Like the Page** and **Share the Posts**.

We have been very active so far. The page has 54 likes and our posts have reached 524 people. Quite exceptional for a 3 week old initiative!

Looking forward to your *Clicks*...

MG Christmas Tree

The club hosted a well attended Christmas Tree on Saturday 6 December. Father Christmas arrived in aboard a very well presented and dressed up MG TD, and proceeded to give all manner of presents to the children in attendance. A big thank-you must go to Dave Westaway and Trevor Beddy for fulfilling the role of Santa-Claus and "Chief-Elf" respectively.

Following the presentation of the gifts to the children, Claus (now fulfilling the role of Santa Claus...) coordinated the Secret-Santa where the gifts brought by the adults were distributed by means of an effective random selection process. Claus and Julie had also prepared personalised gifts for everybody who was in attendance, wishing them a Merry Christmas - a very thoughtful gesture.

In addition to the gifts, for both young and old, there was a spectacular array of salads and breads to be enjoyed by all, and a very special thanks must go to those that slaved away in their kitchens to make these happen!



Kyalami Club Day

On December 16th, Day of Reconciliation, the owners of Kyalami hosted an open day to which many motoring clubs had been invited.

Our club was well represented and a good time was had by all that attended. The day included an opportunity for track time for those that were that way inclined as well as a parade lap and group photograph.

A big thank-you to all those that put in the effort to bring their cars out to display, and to those that attended to show support. We imagine that next year the event will be similar to the Pirelli Concour of years gone by - which provides an opportunity for the club to pull together and put on a good show. We are looking forward to it.



From the Editor's Typewriter

The past month has been quite a busy period for the club, with the Christmas Tree being very well supported, and incredibly well organised by Claus, Julie and Pepi. It was wonderful to see so many kids at the club! I have very clear memories of Christmas Tree's at which my dad was "Father Christmas" and used to arrive in his red TD. I am sure that the children who were at the event will remember it for a long time to come. We may have taken them one step closer to MG ownership! Who knows.

The other exciting event in which the club participated this month was the *Club Day* hosted by the new owners of Kyalami Race Track. Unfortunately the event was only confirmed after I had sent out the newsletter so we were reliant on informal e-mails to communicate with members. Despite the late notice (and the poor weather) MG Car Club Northern Centre made a strong showing, and our allocated pit was full. Thank-you to all who made the effort to come out. I feel that I must say a special thank-you to Bob Baylis who kindly brought his TC and his Lotus 22 Replica out to display. Bob's TC does not have a roof, and to have brought it out in such poor weather really was tremendous.



Looking forward there are a few good events in the pipe-line for January. The noggin, pub evening and the monthly run. Bronwyn and I will sponsor first rounds (and maybe some more) at the pub evening to share the celebration of our recent wedding, and we will put our recently acquired MGA on display in the club-house (under those very unforgiving fluorescent lights!) So please join us for the celebration. As always dinner will be available at a nominal cost, and we look forward to seeing many people there.



The run is to a venue that we are considering using for the 2016 Indaba, and having been there previously it is a very nice venue and should make for a good run. Please do join us.

While not official runs for the club, there is also the SAMCA run to Silviavale taking place on Sunday 11 January, and the Zwartkops International on the 30th and 31st of January. These should be interesting events, and are well worth attending.

Looking forward to the year ahead. Please keep in mind that we are always looking for interesting content for the newsletter. If you have an anecdote, a technical write up, or anything else to share please do drop me a line.

Finally, this is a good opportunity to wish all of our members a prosperous New Year. Let's drive our MG's!

Octagonally,
Stephen Grover

Upcoming Events

Natter 'n Noggin

Monday 5 January 2015

The first Natter 'n Noggin for the year will be a social event - join us to catch up on the goings on over the Christmas period.

Date: **Monday 5 January 2015**
Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
Where: **MGCC Northern Centre Clubhouse
Corner of 26th Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Upcoming Events

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 (and for a while it will be an open bar). 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
Corner 26t Avenue and Umgazi Road
Menlo Park**

Club Run Bronkhorstspuit Dam

Sunday 25 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 Imagine Café on the hill outside Bronkhorstspuit Dam. The run will go via Cullinan where we will stop for a coffee at around 11:00. Imagine Café host a very reasonable fixed cost lunch on Sundays, and we look forward to seeing everybody there.

Date: **Sunday 25 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

Full details of the AGM are on Page 2 of the newsletter. Please attend.

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Time: **19h30 for 20h00**
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Forthcoming Events

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January 2015

Mon 5	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 19h30 for 20h00	c
Sun 11	Run to the Vaal	SAMCA	SAMCA Run Meet at 09h00 at R59 Blockhouse Engen 1 Stop for a run in Convoy.	
Fri 16	Pub Evening	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 17h30 onwards	
Sun 25	Monthly Run	NC	Monthly Run Run to Imagine Café at Bronkhorstspruit Dam. Meet at Clubhouse at 10:00	c
Fri 30 Sat 31	Zwartkops International Historics Racing		Historic Racing The Annual Historics Race Meeting at Zwarkops. Not an official run, but an interesting day out.	

February 2015

Mon 2	MG Car Club Northern Centre Annual General Meeting	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 20h00	c
Fri 13	Pub Evening	NC	MGCC NC Clubhouse 17h30 onwards	
Sun 22	Monthly Run	NC	To be announced	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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