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**September
2024**

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- 14 October - Gavin Noeth
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Greetings to all Northern Centre Members,

Let me start with an apology for the absence of the August newsletter. As many of you know, the newsletter is compiled and published by Patrick in his spare time. Unfortunately, he was among those hit by the flu last month, which prevented the publication.

But that means this month we have a bumper edition! It's been a busy couple of months, highlighted by the National Indaba, held from September 3rd to 5th at the Houw Hoek Hotel. They say what happens at the Indaba, stays at the Indaba, but the news we can definitely not leave out, is that Robin Clarke was voted in as the new national chairman of the MG club. Congratulations to Robin, may you take the MG family in South Africa from strength to strength! At award time, Shaun, Stephen Grover (and family) got the first place in the driving tests. Albert Spangenberg was on the podium with his MGA in the tops competition, while Ron Daintree was awarded a silver award for his MGB in the concours d'Etat competition. Richard and Avril's TF was the Modern that most of the voters wanted to drive home. Well done everybody, you flew the Northern Centre flag high. The idea with all the competitions is to get each of the centres to build camaraderie and at the end of the Indaba the Cape Centre was awarded as overall winners. Our thanks to the Cape Centre for a superbly organised event with wonderful facilities and magnificent roads.



Summer came early this year, and our August club night was a fantastic gathering with a great turnout. Special thanks to Shaun, Leen, Egmond, and Mariè for the delicious burgers! Even with the power outage, the lively atmosphere and full clubhouse made the hum of the generator fade into the background, as the night was filled with chatter and laughter.

**Chairmans
Note**

(Continued overleaf)

August was full of memorable moments. Shaun kicked things off at the Noggin by sharing stories about Leen's MGA. While the car may not be a concours example, they are making the most of it—creating memories both on club activities and their own road trips. In August, we also held our annual gymkhana at a new venue. Big thanks to Shaun and Leen for hosting us on their smallholding, and for the marvellous pizzas that they made on the spot. While Shaun initially prepared the arena for Clea's horse riding, it turned out to be the perfect spot for some "riding" of a different kind! William claimed the title for the best time around the "track." Next year, we might have to come up with a plan to level the playing field and encourage more competition! 😊

In September, we had Mervyn showcase his beloved MGB GT, the "Grey Lady." at the Noggin. This stunning car, with its rich history within the Northern Centre, has provided countless joyful driving hours for both Mervyn and the late Peter Noeth.

The club night had fewer attendees, but it's always a pleasure to come together, no matter the reason. With a boerewors roll in one hand and a drink in the other, we quickly set aside any end-of-the-year blues, replacing them with laughter and stories from the Indaba at Houw Hoek Inn. Due to the public holiday, we moved our monthly run to the last weekend of the month, which coincided with the annual "Distinguished Gentleman's Drive." This on-road motoring event unites classic cars built 40 years ago or older and encourages participants to dress dapper and drive for a cause—raising funds for prostate cancer and men's mental health. A few of our club members joined the drive, showing their support for this important initiative.

As we head into the heart of spring, there's plenty more to look forward to. Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Octagonally
Bernard



**Dirt gymkhana in the
Freeman's arena**



What a brilliant way to have a Gymkhana! The arena at Shaun and Leen's smallholding was pressed into duty as a dusty and challenging gymkhana venue. Fortunately the wind was blowing in the friendliest direction, and spectators and drivers alike enjoyed a good spectacle with everyone trying hard. For some of our longer standing members it was reminiscent of times spent doing the same at Esra's farm near Bapsfontein. So it was great to see him out there, giving it 110% as always! The pizzas were excellent, a lot of effort having gone into the toppings, and Shaun's stamina in baking them all! Thank you Freemans, I believe August was your month in a big way! Oh and the results? An elegant young lady took first place despite four rather smooth tyres and being limited to one horsepower. Remember, power is nothing without control!







2024 Indaba, Houwhoek

The Houw Hoek Hotel has an amazing history, it's the oldest licensed hotel in the country having being granted a liquor licence in 1834. The first version of the hotel came into existence in 1779 and has been in continuous operation ever since. This was, of course, the venue for the 25th MG Car Club Indaba, which takes place every 2 years and has done so since 1974 with cars from around the country meeting for a few days of fun and MG fellowship. The Northern Centre was well represented with 14 cars attending making us the second largest Centre behind Cape Town who had a total of 32 entries. Southern Cape brought 15 cars, Johannesburg 10, Port Elizabeth 6 and KZN brought up the rear with 4 cars.

The NC contingent consisted of Bernard and Maralize (MGB Roadster), Robin and Liezel (MG NA), Stephen. Bronwyn, Robin and Emma (MGB V8) Richard and Avril (MG TF 160), Alex (MGB Roadster), Heyns and Ann (MGA), Peter and Paul (MGB GT), Albert and Cecilia (MGA), Patrick and Teren (MGA), Shaun and Leen (Rear engined "MGA "with a strange sounding German name), Ron (MGB Roadster), Martin and Felicity (MGB roadster), Colin Michael (MGB Roadster) and last but by no means least – Esra, our very special Nonagenarian (SAFAIR 737-800)

Saturday morning saw the first group consisting of the Grovers and the Clarkes heading off for a 2 night stopover at the Forever resort on the banks of the Gariep Dam with the rest of the crowd arriving on Sunday afternoon in plenty of time for a dop and chop, much laughter and banter before retiring for a well earned rest.

After a morning coffee we all set off – destination Oudtshoorn for Monday's stopover, and with the wonders of Whats App connectivity, various stops were made along the way for re-grouping and refreshments prior to arriving at De Oude Meul in Oudtshoorn for the night which proved to be a delightful country style lodge.

Tuesday was the official start of the Indaba and registration was scheduled for 14h00. So with plenty of time available we embarked on a leisurely drive from Oudtshoorn to Grabouw. Stops along the way were made at Smitswinkel for an excursion through Meiringspoort and back – always worthwhile if you're in the vicinity, a stunning road through the magnificent, folded mountains so typical of that part of the Cape. A further stop for the best milk shakes ever at Diesel and Cream in Barrydale. Arriving at Houw Hoek in the afternoon it was time to register, have a beer with old MG friends prior to dinner and live music in the evening.

Wednesday dawned chilly and overcast with a slight drizzle, fortunately not enough to dampen the spirits and Show day got under way with all the cars parked in demarcated areas according to type and model. Judging got underway and we were well represented in Concours 'd Etat as well as Tops only, with Ron scooping a Silver in the Concours 'd Etat. Richard and Avril's TF picked up an award to the Car of the Day in the Modern category.

Our centre was well represented in the Concours d'Elegance and Comique with the Mostert's wowing the crowds with a rather evocative modern version of little red riding hood – who would have guessed what an evil wolf Bernard turned out to be. Peter, Paul and Patsy put managed turn the car and themselves into a sort of mobile Marge from the Simpsons, with both of them painted yellow and loads of blue balloons and other props. Liezel and Avril joined Robin's sister, Ann, in a re-creation of the Dancing Daughters doing a pit stop during the 1936 le Mans 24 hour in Ann's P Type to win the Concour d' Elegance.

The driving tests followed and once again NC did not disappoint with Steve, Bron and the two kids wining and Steve and Shaun collecting the Roy Hesketh trophy for the Northern Centre.

After lunch it was time for the traditional Indaba Rocker racers where we were represented using Gary Chapmans immaculate cream cracker coloured car as well as a new entry made by Jaco. Cream Cracker made to the quarter finals with Cape Centre taking the honours.

Wednesday was “driving day” and on offer from the organisers was an array of places to visit including the Bicycle Museum, Elgin Railway Market, Farm Stalls, Wine Farms, a Brewery and the Hermanus Waterfront. Also on offer was a planned route taking in some really great roads and ending up in Franshoek for lunch at one of the many restaurants in town. Including on the run was a poker challenge which we would have undoubtedly won had we not got caught doing a little manipulation.

The final evening of the Indaba is, traditionally, a themed gala dinner and this year was no exception – the theme being a masked ball for which we came well prepared with masks that had been specially made for the occasion. Everyone entered into the spirit of the theme and looked spectacular, so much so that Felicity won the “best dressed lady” award. The gala dinner also includes the prize giving for the various events and competitions.

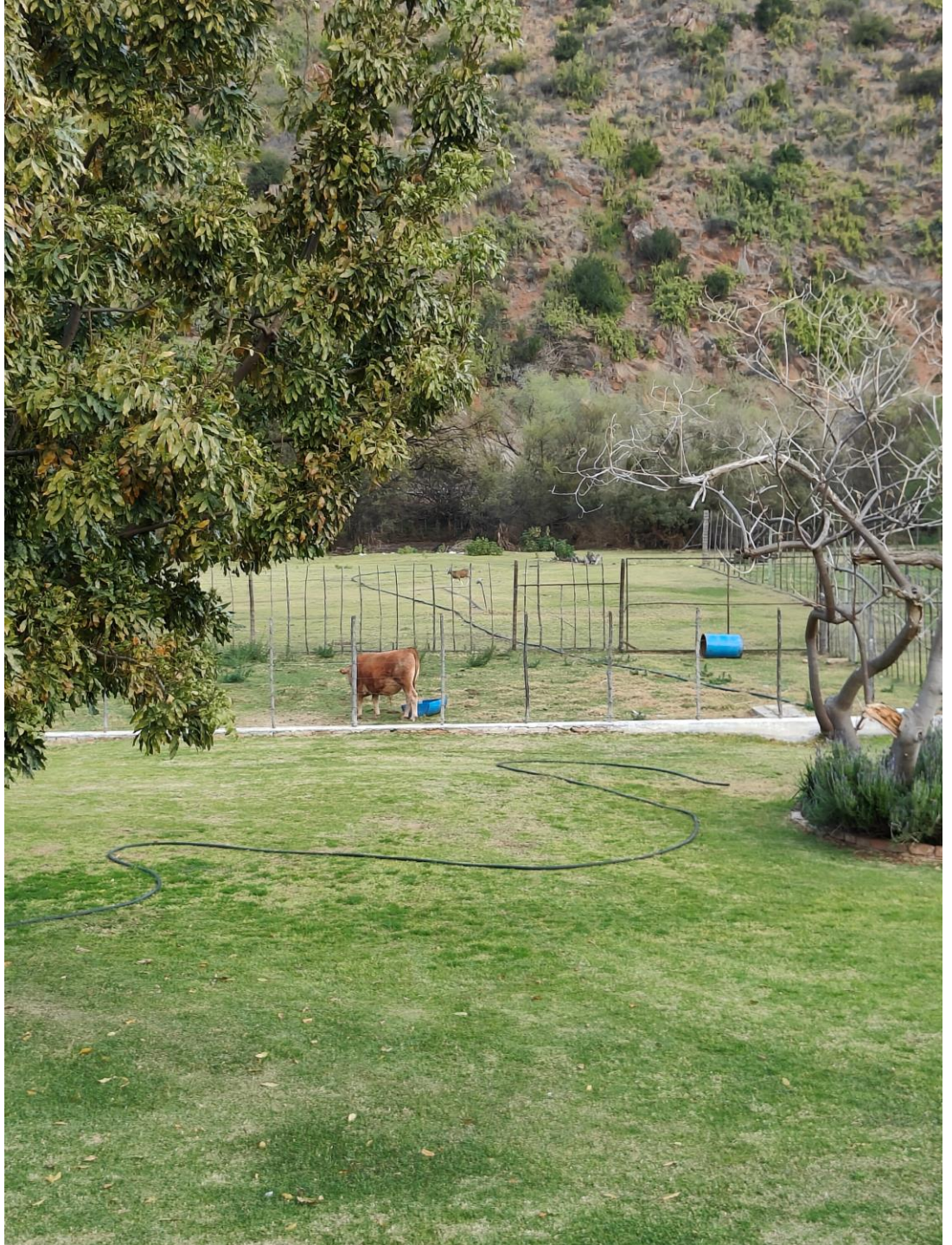
The Cape Centre put on a outstanding Indaba and are to be congratulated for the effort put in to make it memorable for all those that were fortunate enough to attend. Like all good things it had to come to an end. Friday morning, after breakfast, it was time say goodbye till 2026.

The Northern Centre folk dispersed in many different directions, some heading home while others took advantage of the opportunity of extending the trip for a few days before heading off back to Gauteng. Thankfully everyone arrived back home in one piece after a round trip of around 3,300 km.



View from the
chalet, Gariep







In and near Oudtshoorn







Everyone was in fine form the whole time – what a happy, pleasant bunch





Comique – George Eyston’s “Dancing Daughters)
Pitstop at le mans, 1935





Comique – THE SIMPSONS!





Noggins, August and September

Shauns A at the August Noggin



Mervyn's B at the September noggin



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January	X	X	28	Leeferink Picnic	
February	5	16	25	The Shed & Silo	
March	4	15	24	Kupika	21 & 29
April	8	12	21	Brauhaus	1 & 27
May	6	17	26	Lowveld - weekend	1
June	3	14	23	Showday & Boot sale	16
July	1	12	21	Combined show	
August	5	16	25	Gymkhana	9
September	2	13	22	Cullinan run	24
October	7	18	20/27	Jacaranda	
November	4	15	24	Gymkhana	
December	2	x	7	Christmas party	



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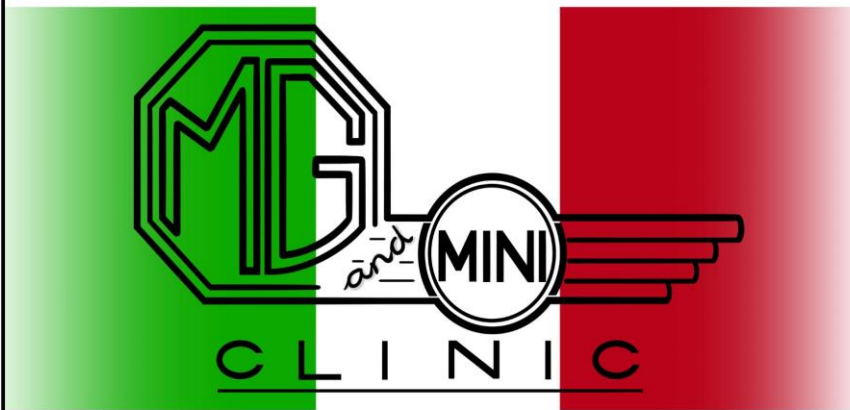


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Body Type		Annual membership fee	
Year		Full member	R530
Running?		Country/associate/student	R280
		TOTAL	
Include on Whatsapp group?		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

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Signature Date

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Parent/guardian full name.....Signature.....Date.....

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**And have a
MightyGood
Month!**

