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Happy Birthday!

8 October - Anja Prinz
14 October - Gavin Noeth
19 October - Jaco van Vuuren
23 October - Roger Pearce
30 October - Cameron McLeod

What is happening?

1. Jacaranda run – 11 October
2. Club night – 23 October

Chairman's Note



Greetings to all Northern Centre Members

Apologies, but it seems I am becoming a bit of a repeat offender when it comes to getting the newsletter published on time! I'll have to work on that.

In this edition, you'll find a glimpse of the very successful 2026 Indaba, hosted by the Johannesburg Centre. It was a fantastic event, and I really hope we can encourage even more of our members to attend the next Indaba in 2028, which will be hosted by the Southern Centre in Mossel Bay. It's never too early to start planning! I'll share more information in the next edition.

Our recent club night was hosted by Meredith and Ian, and we also enjoyed a special Noggin with the chairman of the MG Car Club, our Mother Club, as our guest.
Looking ahead, we have the Jacaranda Run to look forward to this month. We also want to encourage members to start building their very own rocker racers.

Remember, we have our own track, and the plan is to take our two best cars to the 2028 Indaba. So, start planning, get those creative juices flowing, and let's see what our members can come up with!

The latest edition of Safety Fast! is now available online. You can access it by following these steps:

- Visit mgcc.co.uk.
- Click Members in the top-right corner of the page.
- On the membership list, enter our club membership number: 270.
- Enter the email address: rjc@mweb.co.za.
- Enter the password: MGBrace$02.
- Click Login.
- From the menu on the left-hand side, select Safety Fast Magazine (third item down).

I hope to see you at the club, at one of our upcoming events, or simply out on the road enjoying your MG.

Octagonally yours,
Bernard









CLUB Night

On 18 September, Meredith and Ian volunteered for club night. We were treated with ‘Boerewors, pap en sous’! Who says a British car club can’t have a more traditional South African dish served for club night?

We hope to see you on 23 October for our next club night!









Fairway Indaba

JOHANNESBURG - 21 TO 24 SEPTEMBER

MG Indaba 2026 – What a Blast!

If you have never been to an MG Indaba, please reconsider and start planning for 2028, because the one recently hosted by Johannesburg Centre was an absolute blast!

The National MG Indaba is hosted by one of the South African MG Centres every two years. From 21 to 23 September, we gathered in Randburg at the Fairway Hotel, where around 90 attendees and 50 MGs came together to enjoy the special camaraderie that, in the 12 years that the Mosterts have been part of the Northern Centre family, we have perhaps come to take for granted.

Over the three days, members competed in a variety of activities, with plenty of fun and friendly rivalry along the way. But the highlight for us was undoubtedly seeing Northern Centre being awarded the Nuffield Trophy, presented to the top-performing Centre. What a fantastic achievement for our club!

We were also fortunate to have a few international attendees from Germany and the UK. You may remember reading about the special Noggin we held where we hosted Lorraine Noble-Thompson, Chairman of the Abingdon (Mother) Club. It was wonderful to have her and our other international visitors join us and add an even more special dimension to the weekend.
I have tried to share some photographs that will give you a glimpse of what happened over the three days. Hopefully, they will give you a taste of the fun, friendship and camaraderie that make the MG Indaba such a special event. And maybe, just maybe, you will join us for the next one, 1–3 May 2028 in Mossel Bay.

Be on the lookout for more information. I certainly hope to see you there!





At Northerns we know how to play and to compete!









For the ladies there was time to enjoy some bead crafting, while the men were kicking tyres.





Cars had to be properly prepared before the judging commenced.





Special treat - two Les Miller cars were there, ONLY ONE made it to the driving test track before the manager of the grounds arrived with golf cart to request that we PLEASE stop the noise - never trust Robin with a loud engine :)





No matter how old the car - everyone took part and enjoyed the reason why they were built!





Without volunteers and organisers the event won't be possible.
On the far right, Martin and Bruce hiding from the sun while waiting for the next driver during the driving tests.

Roger, busy moving the goal post...



Avril, Jeanne and Hentie at the rocker racing... making sure safety is applied.



Will there be a race without spectators? Here John, Jean and Nigel is enjoying the action next to the track.



Before the race can start the cars need to be inspected and scanned to make sure they pass all regulations.



Best looking car on the day! Allan Waterson did an excellent job. Look at the detail - even a centre badge in front!



Final race of the day. Me with the Chapmobile and Hentie with his winning car built by the late Glenn Parker.



The gala dinner - yes the theme was formal with a TOUCH of gold. Our own Paul and Peter together with Tony from PE, decided that there is ONLY gold :)



The awards that were presented the evening...



Very special picture of Norman and young Robin Grover. Robin built his own rocker racer and competed in his FIRST event.



Congratulations Jay. He took part in the concourse competion with his fabulous looking MGB



Congratulations to Ann and Izzy for concourse d Elegance!



Congratulations to Joe and Anita for the car of the day!



Congratulations to Ian, on his second place in the tops only competition.

MGCC Special Noggin

By: Richard Grover

This year's September noggin was held a few days earlier than it usually is and turned out to be a very well attended occasion. Why, you may ask, was this the case. Well, the Johannesburg Fairway Indaba saw MG Car Club members from both Germany and the UK travelling to South Africa to attend this biennial event and amongst them was the Chairman of the MG Car Club in Abingdon, Loraine Noble-Thompson and her partner Anthony (Tony) Smith. Abingdon is the home of the Club known as the Mother Club and is based at Kimber House in the town – well worth a visit if ever you visiting the UK.
To introduce Loraine and Tony to the Northern Centre it was decided to hold a special Noggin, and very special it turned to be, with around 30 members turning up to for a meet and greet and to enjoy the typical South African fare provided - Babotie, salad and Malva dessert with custard.

During the course of the evening, Tony addressed the meeting on behalf of Loraine as she had lost her voice, and an interesting discussion was held on the origin of the Nuffield Cup which is traditionally presented at the Indaba.



This famous trophy went missing and was eventually found in Zimbabwe, when it was still Rhodesia. Alan and Denise were instrumental in returning to South Africa and Alan told the story of how it was returned.

Unfortunately, our esteemed Chairman was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and delayed flights. Steve Grover chaired the meeting and highlighted the fact that Bernard had been awarded the George Tuck Trophy at the Johannesburg Indaba. This prestigious award is made to the individual who, in the two intervening years between Indabas, has done the most to advance the interest and promotion of the MG Car Club in South Africa.

Lastly, a vote of thanks to all those who made the effort to attend this special event.





Stephen Grover, Lorraine Noble-Thompson and Tony Smith











Events - 2026

Club Calendar - 2026				
MONTH	Noggin	Club Night	Monthly Run	Note
January	-	~~23rd - Bring and braai~~	~~25th - SAMCA (V8 Roadhouse)~~	~~31st - Passion for speed at~~
February	~~2nd - Koos Zietsman visit~~	~~13th~~	~~22nd - Wondermill Smokehouse~~	
March	~~2nd - AGM~~	~~13th - Prize giving~~	~~22nd - SAA museum & Harvard cafè~~	~~15th - Piston Ring Swop meet~~
April	~~13th - Slot car racing~~	~~17th - Bev & Geoff~~	~~26th - Mulderdrift safari run~~	
May	~~4th - Rocker racing~~	~~15th - Avril & Richard~~	~~23/24 - Weekend away~~	
June	~~1st~~	~~12th - Leen & Shaun~~	~~20th - Club Show day~~	~~14th - POMC British car day~~
July	~~6th~~	~~17th - Marelize & Bernard~~	~~26th - Combined Show Day~~	
August	~~3rd~~	~~14th - Terry & Patrick~~	~~23rd - Sergeant Pepper~~	~~2nd - Cars in the park POMC~~
September	~~7th~~	~~18th - (Meredith & Ian)~~	~~20th - Piston Ring Swop meet~~	~~21 to 24 - Indaba~~
October	*Special noggin - 30 September*	23rd - Liesl & Robin	11th - Jacaranda run	
November	2nd	13th	22nd - Cullinan	
December	-	5th - Christmas Party	-	

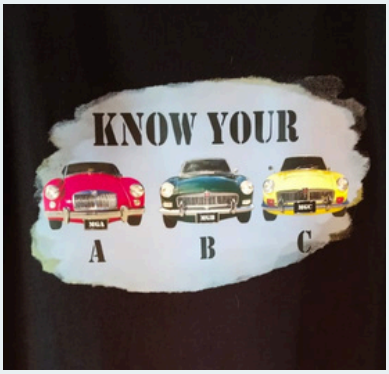
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DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Golf shirt - white & grey - men - short sleeves 	R 160.00
Golf shirt, grey & black - ladies, short sleeves 	R 130.00
Lounge shirt - silver - men - short sleeves 	R 180.00
Vogue blouse - grey - ladies - long sleeves 	R 150.00
Golf shirt - grey striped with black collar - men - short sleeves 	R 160.00
Golf shirt - blue with white collar - men - short sleeves 	R 160.00
Golf shirt - blue with white trimmed collar and sleeves - men - short sleeves 	R 160.00

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Cap - grey - show day 2022 - with Jhb Centre logo 	R 40.00
Cap - grey & black 	R 60.00

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Socks - navy blue with logo 	R 90.00
Socks - black with logos 	R 90.00
Socks - white with logos 	R 90.00

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
MG Badge (100 yr Centennnial) 	R 450.00
MG Keyring (60 yr celebration 1962-2022) 	R 40.00
MG rad cap loosener 	R 20.00



T-Shirt

R280 - size guide, see here below

Size	Body width (in cm)	Body length (in cm)
S	50	70
M	53	72
L	56	74
XL	59	76
2XL	62	78
3XL	68	80

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