

# Newsletter 357 May 2011



A short newsletter this month as no event contributions have been received, and your editor has been to no events. The Condition Concours was cancelled due to the heavy rain on the Saturday, and the forecast (which was proved wrong) of more rain for the Sunday. I am sure that the Chairman, who consulted with the Exco prior to cancelling the event, now believes that Murphy was an optimist.

The event is rescheduled for May 8th and the pub night for the 6th has been cancelled. The public holidays over Easter have made it difficult to communicate effectively so please pass the message on to whomever you can.

We have 2 new members this month so welcome to:-

610 Dirk Putter

611 Ian Grace

We hope to see you at future events

At Exco last month we had to decide on the nominated events for Victor/Victrix Ludorum points in 2011 these will be

May	Condition Concours
May	Driving test
June	Combined Centres Showday
August	Zwartkops Wiggle Woggle
July	Cat's Eyes Trial
November	Treasure hunt

We have heard rumours that Jhb Centre may be organising an Icicle Rally later in the year. This could possibly be added to the qualifying events.

There are lots of MG Runs and events being organised this year, some details are shown in this newsletter, more will follow

A special thanks this month to Doug and Meghan Bailie for their sterling work behind our bar for the last while. We are looking forward to seeing you as customers in the future. The Exco will be looking for suitable replacement volunteers shortly

Regards Steve

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Clubhouse Refreshments TBA		

### MG Car Club - Northern Centre

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Clubhouse c/o Umgazi Road & 26th Avenue, Menlo Park, Pretoria.

Meetings usually on first Monday of Month, check by phone.

[www.mgcc-north.co.za](http://www.mgcc-north.co.za)

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## Forthcoming Events

Point allocation c=Clubman, v= Victrix/tor Ludorum, RR=Regularity Rally, HR=Historic Racing

### May

Sun 8	Condition Concours	NC	Clubhouse 09h30	c/v
Sat 14	KZN Rally	SARRA	Durban/Pmb	RR
Sun 15	Cars in the Park		Pietermaritzburg	
Wed 18	Triumph Natter & Noggin	PTSCC	Clubhouse 19h00	
Mon 16	Exco	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	
Sun 22	Gymkhana	MGNC/ PTSCC	With PTSCC	c/v

### June

Sat 4	Mampoer Rally & Fees	POMC	Willem Prinsloo Museum	
Mon 6	MG Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Thur 16	Triumph Boot sale	PTSCC	TBA	
Sun 19	Combined Centres Show Day	NC	Venue to be advised	c/v

### July

Mon 4	MG Natter & Noggin	NC	Combined with Johnnie van Wyk's Classic Car quiz	
Sat 16	Cat's Eyes Trial	NC	Followed by a soup evening at the Clubhouse	c/v
Sun 17	MG SARRA Rally	SARRA	More details later	RR
Wed 20	Triumph Natter & Noggin	PTSCC	Clubhouse 19h00	
Sun 31	Boot sale at the club-house	NC	Incorporating August N&N, bring & braai	c

### August

Sun 7	Cars in the Park	POMC	Zwartkops	
Sat 20	Wiggle Woggle	ZOC	Zwartkops	c/v

### Future Planning

Oct 27 - 30	Cape Centres Gathering	CT	Graaf Reinet	
Nov	Possible MG Midget Tour		Namibia to Cape Town	

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### CAPE TO CAIRO AND BEYOND IN 2012

#### IN AN MGA OR MGB

Coming hot on the heels of the successful MG China to MG Britain trip along the Silk Road in 2010 ([www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au](http://www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au)), we are now considering driving our MGA's and MGB's from the MG dealer in Cape Town to the birth town of our MG's - Abingdon in the UK - in 2012.

The broad plan is for us to meet in Cape Town mid August 2012 and take approximately 14 weeks to drive through Namibia (Fish River Canyon), Botswana (Chobi Game Reserve), Zimbabwe (Victoria Falls and Kariba Dam), Zambia (Shiwa Ng'andu), Tanzania (Zanzibar and Kilimanjaro), Kenya (Classic Car Show, Out of Africa experience and Maasai Mara Game Reserve), Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, France and Abingdon in the UK.

**Sounds a long way – it is – but will be a load of fun and adventure, guaranteed!**

Hopefully the political situation in North Africa will have resolved itself by late 2012; otherwise we will consider interesting alternative routes.

The intention is to keep to sealed roads wherever possible, to make this a comfortable and scenic trip for up to 8 MGs from all corners of the world; talking to locals, eating their food and sleeping in their hotels. A reserve list will be kept in case someone withdraws before we head off into the wilds of Africa.

If you would like to consider joining us, please contact me by email and I will provide as much information as I can for you to make an informed decision.

**Remember: A Road not traveled is an Avenue not explored...**

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#### **Cape Centres gathering—JHB Centre are organising a tour to and from Graaff Reinet**

MG Spring Tour to Eastern Cape

Tuesday October 25th Oct to Monday 31st October 2011

Don't miss out on this fabulous Spring Tour down to Graaff-Reinet and meet the Cape Crew who will be having their Gathering at the 4 star Drostdy Hotel over the weekend of the 27th to 30th Oct. A whole bunch of activities has been organized for this weekend and it should be great fun, which is why we joined the club in the first place.

We will leave Johannesburg on Tuesday 27th and travel to Clarens where we will overnight, then on to Aliwal North for our next sleep over to arrive in Graaff-Reinet in time for afternoon tea or sundowners, as you prefer. A picturesque route has been mapped out by our in house tour specialists in the form of Mike O'Keeffe and John Buttress. They have kept each day's mileage down to a max of 450 kms so it's really easy travelling and time to stop and smell the daisies.

The return trip will be split into 2 days with an overnight at Bloemfontein or in its vicinity.

They are still waiting final quotes on accommodation for the trip down but you can budget on approximately R7000 B&B per couple for the entire trip including evening meals and a lunch subsidy in Graff-Reinet.

Deposits have to be paid to the Cape Centres office as soon as possible as accommodation is limited. Please contact John on tel. (011) 678-1680 or Mike on (083) 449-5220 soonest and get the low down on who to pay what to.

**Don't forget, if you have not paid your subs, you are overdue!!!!**

**This may well be the last edition of this wonderful publication you will receive, so pay now.**

# Event Detail

**Pub Night & Natter & Noggin—Friday May 6 @ 17h30**

## Cancelled due to re timing of Condition Concours

**Condition Concours—Sunday May 8 @ 09h30**

The April Event was postponed due to bad weather. We have rescheduled for Sunday May 8.

To be held at the Clubhouse, this will take the usual form of a bring-and-braai (fires will be available) or bring a picnic lunch. A cash bar will operate. The gate will be open at 08h30 and cars should be in place by 09h30.

This year Jay Westaway will be Chief Judge, with Peter Noeth assisting. A judges briefing will take place at 09h45 and judging will start at 10h00.

The Condition Concours is not as serious as Concours D' Etat, as it uses the simple Tops Only Judging format. This means that only the exterior and interior of the cars are judged for cleanliness and condition - authenticity is not judged. The engine compartment, boot and chassis are also not judged.

The Condition Concours does, however, provide you with the incentive to thoroughly clean your MG, inside and out.

It also allows the Club to select cars for entering in the Tops Only ,or Concours D' Etat categories at the Annual Combined Gauteng Centres Showday in June. So, why not get stuck in and see how your pride and joy fares against the rest.

**Driving Test/Gymkhana—Sunday May 22 @ 09h30**

To held in the car park of Rafters Pub and the B House on the Delmas Road, (past Pta East Hospital) in conjunction with the Triumph Club. The events test skill rather than speed so this is not a car breaker nor dangerous. Competition will start at 10h00 and be finished before 13h00 when lunch will be available in Rafters Pub. No alcohol to be consumed by competitors until they have finished.

The Scottburgh Classic Car Club  
invites you to the second

## *Scottburgh Classic Car Show*

Sunday, 7 August 2011

at The Country Club, Airth Street, Scottburgh



Large Club Bar with light meals - spit braai - wide variety of food available on the field - beer tent - tea garden.

**Come to this great "New" Classic Car Show**  
Including Classic Motorcycles

Entrance FREE for Exhibitors from 07h30 and  
R30pp for Visitors from 09h00.  
Proceeds to charity.

For details contact Peter Fielding on  
039 976 1995 or jagmg@telkomsa.net



## INVITATION

It is my very great pleasure to invite members of your club to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual **Cars in the Park** event in Pietermaritzburg. The date of the event is **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011**.

Please note that entry to the display area is limited to vehicles older than 1980 UNLESS the vehicle concerned is part of a club display and the driver is carrying proof of membership of that club, all display vehicles will be expected to remain in the park until 3pm. Entry is free for the driver and one passenger, additional passengers will pay the normal entry fee.

**Tony Bruton** – on behalf of the organising team at the Vintage Sports Car Club, Pietermaritzburg. Tel. : 082 782 9640 email : [citp@satweb.co.za](mailto:citp@satweb.co.za) fax : 0865 374141



**Come and smell the roses!! Sunday September 18**

Join us for a morning social & scenic run on Sunday 18 September to the Ludwig's Roses Main Farm. The farm is about 30 kms north of Pretoria. There are over 1 000 variety of roses to view, a butterfly garden to visit , the Spiced Coffee restaurant (licensed), a rose-themed gift shop, tractor rides around the farm and a picnic area.

Plenty to do and see for all the family – bring the grandchildren. It will also be a great photographic opportunity.

Put the date in your diary – more details to follow...

## MG Mart

No applicable adverts this month, if you wish to use this free facility note the below.

Advertisements must reach the editor the 15th of the month. Please preferably e-mail to [stevejreden@gmail.com](mailto:stevejreden@gmail.com) or fax to 0865439787. Ads will be carried for 3 months unless an extension is requested.

The National for sale and wanted list is available on request.