

Newsletter 359 July 2011



Combined Centres Showday



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Jacaranda Jottings

A wide variety of events this month to keep us all warm and busy in the middle of winter. This has been one of the coldest winters I can remember in recent years. It is a good job we laid in a stock of Stoney's Ginger Wine to add to the scotch for Whiskymacs. These are as warming as Irish coffee but without the hassle of putting the kettle on. It is at times like this that I feel very sorry for those unable to enjoy the partaking of alcoholic beverages.

I was happy to see that my final reminder for 2011 subs seems to have worked to an extent, thanks to those who have now paid. Those who have not paid will not be reading this unless accessed via the web site.

I believe Showday at the Grove can be counted as a success in terms of venue and organisation. The weather was not kind with a cold wind most of the morning and the attendance was a little disappointing. Maybe the fact that it was Father's Day influenced this.

What is more disappointing and frustrating for the organisers, is the very poor entry. Two entries in d'état, considering the cars we know are out there, makes me wonder if it is worth continuing with the class. Eleven entries in Tops Only, considering how many cars we had at our Condition Concours last month, really indicates that Concours Events of this nature may have had their day.

COMBINED SHOWDAY RESULTS

THE GROVE 16 June 2011

Concours d'état

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| Bob Wilmot | J2 | Johannesburg | 977 | Gold |
| Alex Dewar | MGB | Johannesburg | 846 | Silver |

Tops only

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| Lynton Lomas | MGT GT V8 | Northern | 291 |
| Johan Nel | TD | Northern | 290 |
| Jeremy Salter | MGB GT | Northern | 283 |
| Alex Couling | MGA Coupe | Johannesburg | 279 |
| Heather Chapman | Midget | Northern | 278 |
| Alan Fardell | TD MkII | Northern | 277 |
| Gary Chapman | MGB Roadster | Northern | 274 |
| John Mackenzie | MGT GT V8 | Johannesburg | 269 |
| Shannon Texeira | MGA Coupe | Northern | 261 |
| Clive Winterstein | TD | Johannesburg | 256 |
| Tom Kirkland | Y | Johannesburg | 242 |

Thanks must go to those who did enter and also to the organisers, judges, scorers and marshalls. Thanks also to the Grove for their outstanding support.

I note that, too date, there have been no comments on Robin Godfrey's letter about the Showday venue. I am not sure whether this means you are all happy or all in agreement.

The Cat's Eyes, being won by Gary Chapman last year, will be run by MGNC from the clubhouse. Please make every effort to attend and see if we can outnumber the Triumph Club.

The following day sees the MG Winter Trial incorporating the Icicle Rally. This promises to be a low stress fun event for those of us who do not wish to be at the hot edge of competition. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

I see that the cold weather has obviously frozen any would be contributors pens this month. This means that your newsletter is the small economy size.

I was quite amazed at the large number of people who attended Bob's "Pub and soup" night on the 24th. There were more people than we see at some noggins. For a !@#\$\$% cold evening, a good turnout. Thanks to Bob for organising and the chefs for the soup. Remember, more soup will be available at the Cat's Eyes.

Regards Steve

New Members

We welcome the following to the MGNC family and hope to see you at future events :-

- 613 Jack Paul
- 614 Banie Claasen
- 615 Stephen Grover

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Forthcoming Events

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

July

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| Sat 2 | Zwartkops Air Force Museum Fun Day | MG Jhb | If you registered before the 19th of June you can join us. | |
| Mon 4 | MG Natter & Noggin | NC | Combined with Johnnie van Wyk's Classic Car quiz. 19h30 | c |
| Mon 11 | Exco | NC | Clubhouse 19h30 | |
| Sat 16 | Cat's Eyes Trial | NC/ PTSCC | 17h30 - Followed by a soup evening at the Clubhouse | c/v |
| Sun 17 | MG Winter Trial & Icicle Rally | SARRA | Roger Pearce, 082 897 0771 roger@afroid.co.za | RR/c/ v |
| Wed 20 | Triumph Natter & Noggin | PTSCC | Clubhouse 19h00 | |
| Sun 31 | Boot sale at the clubhouse | NC | Incorporating August N&N, bring & braai from 10h30 | c |

August

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| Sun 7 | Cars in the Park | POMC | Zwartkops | |
| Mon 8 | Exco | NC | Clubhouse 19h30 | |
| Sat 20 | Wiggle Woggle | ZOC | Zwartkops | c/v |

September

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| Mon 5 | Natter & Noggin | NC | Combined with Steve & Hazell's cryptic quiz. | c |
| Sun 18 | Lunch Run | NC | To Ludwig's Rose Farm | c |

Future Planning

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| Oct 27 - 30 | Cape Centres Gathering | CT | Graaf Reinet | |
| Sep 2012 | Indaba | Jhb | Clarens | |

Should we be involved in this? Could be fun

Castrol Extreme Auto Show

AEC EXH would like to invite your club to participate in the CASTROL EXTREME POWER CRUISE which is being held at Zwartkops Raceway 23rd – 25th September 2011. There is no cost to your members to participate. The driver of each vehicle will receive one complimentary pass for each day of the event. They are all welcome to join the Power Cruise on Saturday and Sunday to show the vehicles in motion. Please visit www.extremeautoshow.co.za for more info and contact Jenelle Oosthuizen on jenelle@aecexpo.co.za or 082 924 3776 or 011 326 0916.

17 July 2011
MG Winter Trial
 brought to you by **Firestone**

Calling all classic and 'interesting' cars as well as car clubs.

A 200 km fun run, starting at Nooitgedacht, west of Jo'burg. The day begins with a breakfast and a briefing, and also includes a half-way refreshment stop at Magaliesberg. The run finishes back at Nooitgedacht, with a prize-giving, braai, and a driving test!

There are 3 categories:

- Firestone SARRA Regional Regularity Championship
- The TOTAL Blind Navigator's Series
- The Clubmans Challenge for novices and clubs

Entrance fee for SARRA & blind navigators R 350
 Clubmans challenge R 300 per entry - fully inclusive
 The club with the highest percentage of members participating wins a cash prize!

For more info:
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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 - split 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 Fleiding on 039 976 1995 or jagmg@telkomsa.net



The Icicle Rally – An appreciation to Esra Martens

Seldom in the annals of the MGCC Johannesburg Centre (*and Northern Centre, Ed*), has there been such evidence of unbridled enthusiasm, commitment and personal generosity, as Esra Martens has demonstrated in his organisation of the MGCC's Icicle Rally over the past good number of years.

Esra has always been a keen Regularity Rallyist and it takes a unique talent to be able to transfer that competitive ability into such brilliant organisational skills. Good players don't necessarily become good managers.

Esra, over the years, has presented us with some challenging, complicated, thought provoking, mind boggling, devious and intentionally perplexing Icicle Rallies, that has had participants coming back year after year determined to have less black ink on their score sheets.

Esra would be the first person to acknowledge however, that he would not have been able to plan, conceptualise and present these rallies without the support of his colleague and co-conspirator, Adri van den Berg. Adri, an acknowledged Regularity Rallyist in his own right, has in his quiet way, always been in the back ground working with Esra on the presentation of the Icicle Rallies from A to Z, including producing all the printed Route Schedules, driving the planned rally routes over and over again with Esra to ensure that there were no technical glitches, that were not part of the grand devious plan.

Part of the success for the large number of participants in Esra's Icicle Rallies, has been his gentle and perhaps sometimes not so gentle persuasive techniques, in recruiting entrants as he cajoled both veteran and rookie members to enter the rallies. At the end of the day, who had the courage without a very good reason, to say no to Esra.

I had the privilege of driving with Esra last year to do a final check of the rally route and in so doing, gained some insight in to the effort and commitment that is required to organise a regularity rally. It requires considerable thought and imagination and an extraordinary amount of time and effort, not forgetting those hidden costs which are incurred personally by the organisers, and that are not necessarily reimbursed by the club. Each Icicle Rally that Esra has organised has been delivered with excellence and the effort that has been made on his part to achieve the high standards that he has set, cannot be underestimated.

For some years, Esra has been telling the club committee that 'this is the last year I am organising the Icicle Rally, I am getting too old for this.' Now we all know that Esra never gets older. But he does set standards for the rest of us youngsters to aspire to. Thus despite his protestations, he always organised the Icicle 'one last time' That time has however, finally come. Esra made it quite clear that the 2010 Icicle Rally was his last one. And this time he meant it.

The complexity in organising future Icicle Rallies to the standard that Esra set is a daunting task and it will be difficult to fill the gap that he has left.

It is thus most fortunate, that the MG Winter Trial, which will henceforth incorporate the Icicle Rally, has been firmly cemented in to the SARRA calendar. The club is most grateful to Roger Pearce who conceptualised the idea of the MG Winter Trial, for creating an opportunity for MG Car Club members to continue participating in regularity rallying, by entering the MG Winter Trial in the Clubman's Class or in the SARRA Regional Regularity Championship. Thus the history and traditions of the Icicle Rally can continue, including the awarding of those coveted MGCC Johannesburg Centre floating trophies, to the club members who win their respective classes.

The club completely supports the MG Winter Trial and will encourage and persuade as many members as possible to keep the 'Icicle Rally' alive, by participating in this event.

The bonus is that Esra Martens will be the Club Steward for the MG Winter Trial.

Stuart Hain

(I fully agree with the above, MG Northern Centre also fully supports the inclusion of the Icicle into the Winter Trial and will encourage entries. The event will also count towards MGNC Victor/Victrix and Clubman awards. Ed).

Event Detail

Natter & Noggin with Johnnie's Classic Car Quiz Monday July 4 - 19h30

A fun quiz will be held after the normal Chairman's update. Come along and test your classic car knowledge. These quizzes are usually a lot of fun.

Cat's Eyes Trial Saturday July 16 17h30

Once an MG organised event, this is now combined with the Triumph Club. The tradition of the previous year's winner organising the next years event continues. Gary Chapman had the misfortune to win last year and so will organise this event. A short drive from the Clubhouse to a suitable location, for the mind exercising part of the evening, will be followed by soup and rolls back at the clubhouse. Come along and bring your family and friends (& bowls and spoons). First car away at 17h30. A nominal fee will be levied to cover costs. Please contact Gary if you are prepared to bring a soup. Costs will be refunded by the Club

MG Winter Rally & Icicle Rally Sunday July 17

See detail elsewhere in this issue. Make sure you enter this as there is a prize for the club with the most entries!!

Car boot sale Sunday July 31

This event replaces the August Natter and Noggin. Bring along anything saleable you want to be rid of, books, clothes, bric a brac, even car parts. A nominal percentage of your income will be used to swell club funds. This was great fun last year. Fires will be provided. Gates open at 10h30.

Cars in the Park Sunday August 7

Not an official event but one which many members attend. We will have an allocated area as usual so come along for a chat, and a look at the large selection and variety of cars present. Traffic and access and egress is always a problem, so if this bothers you come early and be prepared to stay late. (Or get some Prozac) There are food outlets and other facilities, but be prepared to queue. No braai fires allowed, but gas braais can be used. Perhaps Ivan will make pancakes again.

Natter & Noggin with Steve & Hazell's Cryptic Quiz Monday Sept 5

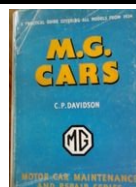
Don't panic later, study now! SA politics and geography will be included. Possibly some car questions as well!!

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

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