

# Newsletter 361 Sep 2011



## Cars in the Park

After a lovely few warm days, whilst checking oil, tyre pressures etc on the Midget on Saturday evening, I thought, "Lets take the hood off." Sunday dawned a little over cast, but looked OK through the windows as I drank my coffee. Hazell had wisely declined the offer of an early morning drive, and when I delivered her morning tea, remained well under the bed covers.



Having walked outside I rapidly revised my take on the weather and returned for winter coat, beanie, and gloves. Just as I was about to leave, Ivan phoned to see if I would join him and Trevor at the total station on Hans Strydom for the run to Zwartkops. Duly arriving I observed that the wussies were both in closed cars, Ivan in his hard topped TF, with Jan van Eeden as passenger, and Trevor in B with hood up! We set off for the Big Z and eventually arrived at the MG parking, having



endured the usual inefficiencies of POMC and Zwartkops on the way in. Why can't they get it right? Fortunately, as I was freezing by this time, Ivan and Trevor had both brought flasks of hot coffee which soon restored me back to normality.

The weather seemed to have reduced enthusiasm for the event this year but we managed a creditable 20+ MGs on the stand. Our Triumph friends next door seemed to have done slightly better. Walking round revealed the usual col-



lection of interesting and uninteresting cars. The exit process was as bad as expected. Why do I keep going back???  
Steve

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# Jacaranda Jottings

Early birds



"Who owns that beautiful car"

Following the cancellation of the "Wiggle Woggle" at Zwartkops we were left with no event for August. Ivan jumped in and organised a "Sunday Winter Run" to the Reitvlei Nature reserve. See Hazell's article below.

A short newsletter this month as the editor has problem with kidney stones.

"and pretty cars all in a row"



## The Distaff Side, an occasional series.

By Hazell Eden

or

(Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Rietvlei?)

After several false starts, we finally had a run for August. Ivan gallantly took it upon himself to organise a trip to the game reserve at Rietvlei dam, with a breakfast stop at the coffee shop inside. A drive round Rietvlei reserve and a frosty at the nearby Stone Cradle Venue afterwards. Limited breakfast menu, but reasonably priced. Then came the phone call. 'Um, Steve, I've been to look at the coffee shop. I don't think it will suit



Hazell. She's a bit fussy.' A BIT FUSSY!!! I will have you know I'm NOT a bit fussy, I'm VERY fussy!!

So Plan B. The inevitable cold sausage sandwiches, to which the love of my life is addicted, complete with HP Sauce and cold chicken for fussy old me!



What's in the mirror?

Saturday afternoon, an SMS. 'Change of Venue. Breakfast at Stone Cradle.' Good! I've been there before. Much more up to the standard I expect. A promise of the à la carte menu options being available and back into the fridge went the sausage and chicken.

Now we have been on one or two organised "meal" runs before, as well as having organised a couple. Every venue ASSURES you they can cope with

an influx of 30 people all at the same time. Not a problem.

They have it organised. Just phone with numbers before hand and all will be well. They lie! They can't! You KNOW it will be at least an hour before anything happens, and by then they will probably have run out of whatever you have ordered. So he who must be



T Types in the bush

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## Forthcoming Events

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

### September

Mon 5	Natter & Noggin	NC	Combined with Steve & Hazell's cryptic quiz.	c
Mon 12	Exco	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	
Sun 18	Lunch Run	NC	To Ludwig's Rose Farm, leave clubhouse 10h30	c

### October

Mon 3	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Mon 10	Exco	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	
Sun 16	Jacaranda run	NC	Details to follow - Diarise this!!	c
Oct 27 - 30	Cape Centres Gathering	CT	Graaf Reinet	

### November

Mon 7	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Sun 20	Treasure Hunt	NC	Details to follow - Diarise this!!	

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obeyed hit on a plan. We would go straight to Stone Cradle, and order breakfast before everyone else got there. Thus we would be fed and watered in plenty of time, ready to socialise big time! Oh the plans of mice and men.

We did indeed arrive at Stone Cradle before everyone else, and off went Steve to report our arrival as the 'advance guard', find a table, and get on with it. He walked up to the front door, and pushed it. It stayed firmly closed. He peered through into the stygian gloom. No-one on reception. There were two waiters on the balcony, rearranging the furniture. I waved to them. Despite the fact that I was wearing a bright red windcheater, and that I am not exactly a small person, I was invisible. We waited. We walked up and down. We waved a bit more. Nothing. Then the waiters disappeared. We explored several alternative routes.

A young couple arrived looking for breakfast. 'Closed.' I said. 'Locked up.' 'Strange,' they replied. 'It's usually open at 8.' By now it was just after 9. Nothing daunted they walked up to the entrance, pushed on the door and walked straight in! I gave Steve the glare that only 39 years of married life can perfect!

As the convoy arrived, we received our breakfasts, and had to spend so long explaining what it was we had ordered, why we were early and greeting everyone, that the food became incidental. The turn out was wonderful, with over 40 people sitting down to breakfast, including a table of what is currently termed 'The Youth', which was ably presided over by Ashleigh.

Yes it did take a VERY long time for some people to get their meals, and yes, they did run out of some items, noticeable the smoked salmon, just after I had received mine! However, the view was striking, the staff willing and the weather beautiful.

Later, a small group of us set off to drive through the reserve. An ideal day for top down driving, with the temperature a balmy 23°. Most vehicles in the reserve were of the 4x4 ilk, and judging from their reaction, it was as exciting to see the MG's as it was the animals!

Many thanks to Ivan and Marcelle for organising the event at such short notice. A very popular run with over 30 cars participating.

# CLUBMAN 2011 - Jan to End July

O'all Pos	Name	Surname	Total Points
1	Gary	Chapman	310
2	Ivan	De Clerk	250
3	George	Dehlen	230
4	Peter	Noeth	210
5	Jay	Westaway	180
6	Bob	Baylis	160
1	Marcelle	De Clerk	160
	Steve	Eden	160
2	Heather	Chapman	150
	Tony	Craddock	150
3	Denise	Harvey	140
	Alan	Uzzell	140
4	Annette	Craddock	130
	John	Geekie	130
	Esra	Martins	130
	Pepi	Gaspari	120
	John	Hugo	110
	Johan	Kruger	110
	Jeremy	Salter	110
	Trevor	Beddy	100
	Dirk	Putter	100
	Pierre	van Zyl	100

These are the current Clubman/woman points standings up until August 1. Only those with 100 or more points have been shown.

I can see the Chapmans and De Clerks battling it out until the end of the year.

It is good to see some of the more recent members featuring in this list.

Victor/trix points will be published next month.

**Please note that for those of you in possession of Trophies for 2010 these need to be returned in September. Remember, we know where you live!!**

### Last years winners were:-

Victor Ludorum	Peter Noeth
Victrix Ludorum	Heather Chapman
Clubman Trophy	Ivan de Clerk
Mike Ashman Trophy	Jay Westaway
Best Restoration Trophy	Johan Nel
Magnette Trophy	Ivan de Clerk
BGT Trophy	Bob Baylis
Circuit Racing Trophy	Heynes Stead
Regularity Rally Trophy	Esra Martins
Condition Concours	Lynton Thomas
Driving Test Trophy	Steve Eden
Cat's Eyes Rally	Gary Chapman

### New Members

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

Paul Metcallf	617
Harry Caldwell	618
Ben Olivier	619

### Obituary

#### Andrée Napier Bax

It is with sadness that we announce the death of long time MG Northerns member, Andrée Napier Bax. A Victrix Ludorum winner, Andrée had two great passions in her life, horses and MG's. As a young woman, growing up in Kenya, she was considered to be one of the beauties of her generation, which she always found rather amusing. She, and her husband, Peter, emigrated from Zimbabwe in the early 1980's bringing their 3 MG's ( MGA; Roadster and BGT) with them. Andrée used the Roadster as her daily transport for many years. It was a chance meeting, between Steve and Andrée in the SIGMA motor company's car park that led to Steve and I joining the MG Car Club. She was a dear friend, a loving wife and mother and a very generous hostess. We send our sincere condolences to Peter, Paul and Hayley.

# Event Detail

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

Don't panic later, study now! SA politics and geography will be included. Possibly some car questions as well!!! These are always great fun. Format will be as usual, i.e. form as many teams as possible to compete. We will try to keep it reasonably short so as not to interfere with the bar takings.

## 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. Meet at the Clubhouse to leave at 10h30. Triumph Club & MG Jhb have been invited to join us.

## Jacaranda Run - Sunday October 16

John and Eileen Hugo are organising this event this year so I am sure we can expect something different. Other Marque Clubs will be invited to make this an mega event. Don't miss this one. Details to follow next month.

## Treasure Hunt - Sunday November 20

Last run of the year!!

A mystery route starting east of Pretoria at 10h00 to avoid the traffic. About one and a half hours on pleasant roads with a few easy questions ( and a couple of more cryptic ones) to maintain interest. Finishing back at the clubhouse for a bring and braai or picnic if you prefer.

**Emfuleni** North-West University Vanderbijlpark

# wheels at the Vaal

3 & 4 September 2011

Die fees waar almal tuis voel  
The festival where every one feels at home

- Veteran and exclusive motors, bakkies, tractors and steam tractors
- Antique collections
- Demonstrasies van verbruikers artikels uit die verlede
- Speelwiele wat insluit perdekarre, loetse, ossewaens ens
- Handwerk stalletjies
- Hobbies- children entertainment
- Food stalls and beer garden
- Stationary engines

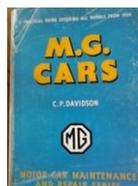
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Some people left the Stone Cradle early--- to go for lunch, they said! Congratulations to Graham & Trish on their 40th Wedding Anniversary



## MG Mart

British Racing Green 1997 MGF for sale. Only done 70 000kms. Good condition, frequently serviced. R47k. Grant 082 561 7172 (2)



MG Workshop Manual for MG CARS. "a practical guide covering all models from 1934". C. P. Davidson (Motor Car Maintenance and repair series). A one of a kind true collectors item. R300 Phone 083-399 9923 (3)

1980 MGB Roadster rubber bumper , British Leyland white in colour. Clean vehicle in very good condition and in daily use. Documentation for all work carried out on the vehicle over the last five years is available from previous owner to current. Asking price is R 85 000 onco. Call Rob on 082 455 9720 . (3)

1969 Midget, White with black trim. R50 000 ono. Set of 4 MGB Chrome Rostyles, R250ea or R800 the set. 4 MGA wire wheels, poor condition, R150 ea or R400 for 4. Steve 082 372 8740. (2)

1966 MGB GT, Upgraded 2 liter engine rebuilt by Roger Pierce, rebuilt gearbox M 4 speed + overdrive. Maintenance by EMGEE. [Scott Rainier 011 789 7127] Formerly owned by Derek Howes. Excellent condition, Runs beautifully. Red, with original black interior w/ red trim. Wire wheels. R70000 or Best reasonable offer. 083 275 1319 (2)

R85000. 1964 M.G.B. GT red with black upholstery ,spoked wheels. Phone Mannie 0145922729.(2)

For Sale: MGB GT 1982, Red/Orange, with sun roof, perfect running condition, R60 000. Contact Renee Matthyen - 074 428 8863 or matthyen.renee964@gmail.com

1960 MGA Roadster. Red with wire wheels. Owned by Dave and Marilyn Nunn since 1973. Excellent condition. R160 000. Contact 0827710461 or 0117282879

## Help Wanted

MGTC 8154

Len Bonnay from Ontario, Canada has restored a basket case 1949 MGTC 8154 which it appears was originally exported to Rhodesia. He is trying to trace the history of the car. Its last known owner was a Mr Windrim, and registered in Blantyre, Malawi in 1965. He also understands there was a Rhodesian MG club at the time, and is looking for a grille badge from the Rhodesian MG club. Any help anyone can provide will be greatly appreciated. Len Bonnay, [libmg@cogeco.ca](mailto:libmg@cogeco.ca)

I am the (fourth) proud owner of a 1964 MG Midget. I was told that the original owner lived in Botswana. The MG ended up in Umhlanga. Restoration work was done. It was bought and returned to Pretoria. I took ownership two years ago. I am looking for a complete set of side curtains (left and right). Can you direct me to somebody that can assist me in this regard? Regards, Jurgen Kühne 0833874072

# MG

## The Marque of Friendship