

# Newsletter 362 Oct 2011



## Run to Ludwigs Rose Farm



Annette & Tony's run to the Rose Farm was well supported with some 20 cars attending. The route there was interesting and the few questions kept us observant. The timing was perhaps a bit early in the year as the roses were not yet in



bloom to the extent we have seen in the past. The manager of the restaurant obviously did not realise that MGNC is a drinking club with a car problem and had not stocked his bar at the required level. The Windhoeks were all finished by the time I wanted one, and I just managed to get the last



Amstel! I understand that he managed to find some extra Castles for later. The quiz was won by Derek and Shiela Howes with us in second place.



Thanks to Annette and Tony for organising the event, to the staff and management at Ludwigs for trying their best to cope with the numbers, and to those members that attended.

Photos and article by Steve.

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# Jacaranda Jottings

Sometimes I wonder! Hazell and I were tasked with compiling a quiz for last months noggin. Being aware of past criticism of our questions being too "Eurocentric" we decided to add a South African theme. This took a lot of research for us rooinecks to come up with suitable subjects. However, much to our surprise we managed to beat the teams. I suggested to Hazell that we have a repeat next year with the same questions and see if anyone can get more than 50%!!. Obviously we would have to update the answer for Zuma's wives.



We were a little upset to hear that some members deliberately missed this Noggin as our quizzes are too hard!! From those that did attend we had good reports and it was certainly an enjoyable evening.

After my unscheduled visit to Wilgers Hospital, and my thanks to the A&E staff and the surgeon for their efficiency by the way, we spent a few days at Mabalingwe "Nature Reserve" near Bella Bella. Coinciding with the start of summer, the temperatures sorely tried my "drink less beer, but more water" regime. Quiet and peaceful most of the time the apparent absence of wildlife in the game reserve was unfortunate. Hazell being a "twitcher" of renown was pleased with the bird life at the chalet, but again disappointed with the game reserve. This incorporates the Kalahari Oasis pub from the old "jaaar boet" Castrol advert. To my amazement, a popular function venue! The main bar on the site was selling draft Black Label at R12/500ml which sorely tried my resolve.

We are off, with some others, to the Cape Centres gathering at the end of October. We are running the route down via Clarens and Aliwal North on an informal tour along with Tony and Annette from NC and some JHB members. A solo trip on the return will see us in Kimberley for 2 nights. We have never even passed through this area so decided it was time we saw the "groot gat".

No inputs from anyone else when I "put this to bed", Please help by sending articles.

Steve

## MG Mart

British Racing Green 1997 MGF for sale. Only done 70 000kms. Good condition, frequently serviced.R47k. Grant 082 561 7172 (3)	R85000.1964 M.G.B. GT red with black upholstery ,spoked wheels. Phone Mannie 0145922729.(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. 4 MGA wire wheels, poor condition, R150 ea or R400 for 4. A series engine of unknown origin with engine number 15AMW-U-H 971975 Offers? Steve 082 372 8740. (3)
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 (3)	
For Sale: MGB GT 1982, Red/Orange, with sun roof, perfect running condition, R60 000. Contact Renee Matthyen - 074 428 8863 or matthysen.renee964@gmail.com (2)	1960 MGA Roadster. Red with wire wheels. Owned by Dave and Marilyn Nunn since 1973.Excellent condition. R160 000. Contact 0827710461 or 0117282879 (2)

### Club Trophies

Despite last months appeal there are still Club Trophies with their last years winners. Please note that they must be returned by end September. No names this month, but you know who you are. We will have to send the "boys" round soon!!!

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## Forthcoming Events

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

### October

Mon 3	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse from 18h00. MG6 on display	c
Mon 10	Exco	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	
Sun 16	Jacaranda run	NC	Freedom Park 10h00	c
Oct 27 - 30	Cape Centres Gathering	CT	Graaf Reinet	

### November

Mon 7	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Mon 14	Exco	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	
Sun 20	Treasure Hunt	NC	Details to follow - Diarise this!!	c/v

## Event Detail

### Natter & Noggin - Oct 3

The new MG importers are bringing along an MG6 to show us.

18h00 - 19h30 Test Drives

19h30 Usual business

20h30 MG6 chat by MGSA.

### Jacaranda Run - Sunday October 16

John and Eileen Hugo are organising this event. Starting at Freedom Park at 10h00 the route will incorporate photo ops. Other Marque Clubs have been invited to make this a mega event. Finishing at the clubhouse with a B&B. Don't miss this one. Watch your e mails and SMSs for further news.

### 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 ( really easy, don't be afraid) to maintain interest.

Finishing back at the clubhouse for a bring and braai or picnic if you prefer.

## 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, [ljbmq@cogeco.ca](mailto:ljbmq@cogeco.ca) (2)

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 (2)

### Club Database

The service we provide to our members does depend on us having the correct information about you. It is some time since we did an update on our database and we would be grateful if you could provide the following information.

Surname		Name	
Partners name		E mail address	
Cell phone no.		Phone no	
Postal address		Physical address	
Birthday (day & month only)			
MGs owned		Membership number	
Model	Year	Colour	On/off road

Please send the information to Gary Chapman, or me if you find it easier.  
The information will be kept in a secure database, and will only be accessible to certain Committee members  
Many thanks.

### MG ROCKER COVER RACING - Interclub Competitions will be held at the Indaba - so get building and represent MGNC.

#### **Competition Guidelines**

The racers shall have no power source. All motive force is to be provided by gravity.

Racers shall be based on a rocker cover from any MG or a rocker cover of the same silhouette.

The racer shall not be more than 40mm longer than the rocker cover.

Wheel track shall be no more than 200mm.

Racers shall have four wheels, no more than 150mm in diameter.

The maximum racer weight to be no more than 3kg.

The course shall consist of a launch incline 1.5m long followed by a level run of 6m.

The launch incline shall consist to two lanes, each 450mm wide.

The incline shall be 600mm high at the rearmost part and level with the course at the front edge. The front shall be beveled to provide a smooth transition from the incline to the run out area.

The official starting line shall be 600mm from the rear edge of the starting ramp. A mechanized starting gate may be utilized.

The run out section of the course shall provide two lanes 900mm wide. The lanes shall be clearly marked.

The finish line shall be marked 6m from the front edge of the launch incline.

The competition shall be conducted in heats of two racers at a time.

The racers are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. The first racer to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If neither racer makes it to the finish line, the one going the furthest in the lane is declared the winner.

If the wheels of a racer should touch the lane markers or cross over the lane marker the racer shall be disqualified. The remaining racer automatically becomes the winner.

Heat winners race until all are eliminated except one racer, which will be the outright winner.

