

Newsletter 363 Jan 2012



Happy New Year Edition



Looking at this old advertising photo for the MGB, from 1972, reminded me that MG has now been reborn under new Chinese owners. The MG6 is on sale in South Africa and we have had representatives from the Hatfield and Gezina branches of CMH present at our last two noggins. In November they brought along some cars for examination, and test drives. In December they generously gave away



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some key rings and license holders, and donated a cap for the raffle. It is gratifying to see that they are interested in MG heritage, and are supporting the local Clubs. George took the photos.

The Chairman and Committee Members wish you a happy holiday season and a successful 2012. We hope to see all of you at future events.



Jacaranda Jottings

Doesn't time fly, 2012 already, a new year to look forward to. The Exco has been hard at work to create a calendar of events for the year. Some familiar, some new and some changes. For example, we know that mid-winter evening noggins are not well supported due to the weather. A Sunday Morning "Noggin" may be better supported. If you have an idea for an event, please let the Exco know. Once we have finalised the events we will publish the calendar so you can all plan ahead.



Pub nights are making a welcome return and we hope that our Triumph Club friends will join us on these and other occasions.

Talking about the Triumph Club, have you seen our smart new fridge? Donated by them, it certainly keeps the beer nice and cold, and the customers can see exactly what is available.

The Charity Run in November was unfortunately not well supported with only 6 entries, and a few others joining in at the braai afterwards. (See Ivan's letter). However we did collect some dry goods, for which I thank you, which were duly delivered to Paul Jungnickel home. I feel that as a Club we do not appear to want to give back to the community in any real

way. Other Centres do a lot more than us. Any suggestions for suitable beneficiaries and donation methods will be appreciated.

The following note was received from Paul Jungnickel Home.

Thank you!

On behalf of the residence of Paul Jungnickel Home for disabled adults I would like to thank you for the grocery's that you had donated to us!

We appreciate every donation, small or big. And we know that it brings a different in the residents quality of life and a smile on their faces.

Clarissa Grobler

ADMIN ASSISTANT

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You will have noticed, maybe, that the Club postal address has changed. The old address was Tony Craddock's personal box, as most post was treasurer related. I have now taken over from Tony, and logistically it makes sense to have mail coming to me directly. Bank account details remain unchanged so you can pay your subs with no problems. Remember, if you are insured via Indwe, your insurance is only valid if you are a paid up member

A sad day for the South African Motor Industry passed mainly un-noticed on Nov 17. The last Ford Bantam left the Ford assembly line in Waltloo. Having been personally involved in the Design and Development of the last two incarnations, the Mazda 323 based version in 1992, and the Fiesta based 2003 model, I feel saddened.

This vehicle, especially the 3rd generation, redefined the half tonne bakkie segment and proved amazingly successful. Production was predicted at 1000 per month but reached close to 2000. Unfortunately the negatives of Globalisation meant that we, at Ford of SA, lost our independence, and were not allowed to update the vehicle, it was soon overtaken by the Opel Corsa which was designed in South America. The excellent Vehicle Design and Development team in Waltloo was starved of real design work and has wasted away until, as of today, it no longer exists. The Bantam was the most successful, high volume, unique SA designed and built vehicle ever produced. SA has now lost the ability to design vehicles, and will now just be a manufacturing source for overseas designs for as long as the big corporations decide it is viable.

Reading Enjoying MG (the MGOC Magazine), I came across the statement from one of the organisers of the Harrogate MG Club National Show -

"the principle I use to organise our concours/condition show is to include not exclude. I am more interested in enthusiasm than perfection. Top cars will always be meticulously presented and prepared and my aim is to encourage all entrants, because you never know where the next winners will come from. We simply encourage all models, all condition, and hope to infect others with our madness."

I believe there is a lesson in this for us.

Steve

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Forthcoming Events

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

January 2012

Mon 9	First Noggin of the year	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Sun 15	Baylis Bash	NC	Bob's place in Midrand, leave clubhouse at 09h30	c
Sun 15	SAMCA Run to the Vaal		See detail	
Mon 16	Exco	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	
Sat 28	Historic Racing		Zwartkops	

Feb 2012

Mon 6	Natter & Noggin. Dirk Putter presentation	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Fri 10	Pub Night	NC	Clubhouse 17h30	
Sun 19	Awards Luncheon	NC	TBA	c

March 2012

Mon 5	Annual General Meeting	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Sun 18	Piston Ring Swop Meet	NC	Muldersdrift	c



Subscriptions

Please note that your subs are now due. Please pay to Steve or into bank account and notify the treasurer via e mail, SMS, or phone. Bank details are on the club website. Please use your name and membership number as reference. Subs are currently unchanged for 2012 but if you require a posted newsletter an additional R100 is required to cover increased printing and postal costs.

Please note, that as from Jan 1, Steve Eden has replaced Tony as Treasurer.

Event Detail

Natter & Noggin - Monday Jan 9 at Clubhouse 19h30



Dave Wheeler and Alex Dewar have compiled a presentation on the Cape Centres Gathering, this hopefully will be shown. Please bring along your wallet and pay your subs for 2012. Only R200, plus R100 for those currently receiving a posted Newsletter.

Baylis Bash - Sunday Jan 15 - 09h30 from Clubhouse



Come and join us for a bring and braai in Bob's garden (maybe Tanya's!!). Braai fires and seating will be provided but please bring your own plates, cutlery and liquid refreshment. Parking is limited, so one car per family please! Meet at Clubhouse at 09h30 or make your own way to 19 Summerset Estate, Garden Road/Seventh Avenue, Midrand. Please give Bob your details, name & reg no, at or before the Jan Noggin, to get past security. We had a great time in the rain last year, imagine how good it will be in the sunshine!!

Historic Racing at Zwartkops - Saturday Jan 28



Some of us have attended this event in past years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. It could be even better if we could make an effort to organise a common spectator spot for all the MGNC folk. Hopefully one of the racing community can help us out with this. Any volunteers?

Natter & Noggin - Monday Feb 6 at Clubhouse 19h30

Dirk Putter has compiled a presentation on his recent travels. Remember his article in the November Newsletter?

Pub Night - Friday Feb 10 at Clubhouse 17h30

Return of these popular socials for 2012. Burgers will be available.

Annual Awards Luncheon - Feb 19

Location and format still under investigation. R120 per head has been set as the target but this is proving difficult to achieve.

Annual General Meeting March 5

Please diarise and make sure you attend, nobody will be press ganged - Honest!!

SAMCA Day at the Vaal

Not a Northern's Event, and clashes with the Baylis Bash

The MG Club will once again be arranging a SAMCA day at the Vaal for all members of SAMCA on Sunday the 15th January. This year we have been invited to the Sylviavale Museum in Van Der Bijl Park, this Venue known to many members as the Vaal Wheels club has made a great effort to upgrade this fabulous Venue. Not only will you find a whole lot of classic cars, bikes tractors and steam engines there in various states of restoration and many interesting ones fully operational but you will find a layout of buildings and workshops from a bygone era. The museum will have braai s ready for those who want to braai, braai packs will be on sale as well as salads, there is laso a fully stocked bar, while we are still arranging with various charities to have typical boere kos, like panekoek, vetkoek with various fillings and various other eats, so if you don't feel like braaiing you certainly wont go hungry. A donation at the gate will be gladly appreciated, as you will understand a live museum like this takes quite a lot of money to keep going. Maps with directions of how to get there will be distributed closer to the time. Each club should make its own arrangements as to where to meet if they want to go in convoy. Please send this notice out to all your members so that we can really swamp them and make them lots of money so that they can make this a venue every Gauteng motor enthusiast will be proud of, we need one!

For further info contact Abie Brink 0846527952 MG CLUB Van Der Bijl Park

George Dehlen has compiled the points standings for the Clubman and Victor/Victrix Laudorum Trophies with a brief explanation of each, thanks George.

Clubman

The Clubman Trophy is awarded annually to members or their spouses who obtain the highest number of points, which are awarded for :-

- attendance at an official Northern Centre function
- attending the function in an MG, whether as a driver or passenger.
- organising an official Northern Centre function or assisting the organiser
- proposing a new member and accompanying the new member to functions following the new member's acceptance to the Centre.

The twenty members obtaining the highest number of points in 2011 are shown below :-

Victor and Victrix Laudorum

The Victor and Victrix Laudorum Trophies are awarded annually to the most successful male and female (respectively) members in competitive events nominated by the MGNC committee. The competitive events selected are intended to provide a balance between static events, track events, speed events, gymkhanas, and rallies. Points are awarded for:

- Competing (NB not merely for attending – attendance qualifies for Clubman points)
- Competing in an MG (more points for the older MGs, less for current models)
- Placing points – the first six places
- Organizing points – where the organizer would have liked to have competed but is ineligible to do so

Full details for these and other Trophies are set out in the regulations which appear on the Club's website: <http://www.mgcc-north.co.za/mgcc-trophies>

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CLUBMAN 2011			Victor and Victrix Ludorum 2011			
1	Gary Chapman	545	1	Gary	Chapman	98
2	Ivan De Clerk	475	2	George	Dehlen	76
3	Peter Noeth	350	3	Jay	Westaway	70
3	George Dehlen	350	1	Annette	Craddock	64
5	Heather Chapman	330	4	Lynton	Lomas	52
6	Steve Eden	310	4	Jeremy	Salter	52
7	Jay Westaway	290	2	Heather	Chapman	51
7	John Hugo	290	6	Ivan	De Clerk	50
9	Tony Craddock	275	7	Alex	Dewar	49
10	Marcelle De Clerk	270	7	Peter	Noeth	49
11	Esra Martins	230	9	Tony	Craddock	40
12	Annette Craddock	220	10	Steve	Eden	39
12	Bob Baylis	220	11	Johan	Nel	30
14	Johan Kruger	210	12	Alan	Farndell	29
14	Trevor Beddy	210	3	Shannon	Teixeira	27
16	Hazell Eden	200	4	Eileen	Hugo	26
16	Heyns Stead	200	4	Trish	Spence	26
16	Pepi Gaspari	200	13	Johan	Kruger	26
19	Alan Uzzell	190	13	Dirk	Putter	26
20	Denise Harvey	180	13	Graham	Spence	26
20	Dirk Putter	180	16	Ian	Mulder	24
			6	Marcelle	De Clerk	23
			17	Trevor	Beddy	22
			17	Albert	Spangenberg	22
			7	Hazell	Eden	13

(Thanks to all who took part, and especially to the organisers. Ed)

Charity Run
From Ivan De Clerk

Sunday morning was beautifully cool by the time we set off from Mooikloof. We could relax and enjoy the drive through the Eastern countryside in the TF - hunting for Hazell's well hidden clues. Traffic was a bit of a problem on the R25 from Bapsfontein, but nothing serious. Returning to the MG Clubhouse afterwards, we enjoyed the social and the braai that you prepared. Graham and Trish (the winners) and all the runner-ups enjoyed the liquid prizes. (Wine is always preferred I say!)

We were somewhat disappointed that a number of MGCC Northern Centre members decided not to attend. Only a few pitched up to enjoy the run with us. But, in my view for what it's worth, after publishing it in our Newsletter, e-mailing invitations and a following up with SMS's, there was nothing more that the club could do to attract more people to join.

Could it possibly be that some members are not aware of the lengths that the executive committee members go in organizing an Event? In my opinion for a typical Club Run, a lot of time is spent on planning the route, scouting the road, selecting points of interest, to negotiate rates, prepare and print hand-out notes, buy prizes (out of own pocket), and much more. Unfortunately this is not always considered, or appreciated, even though organising monthly events is the responsibility of the committee. Do they know that they receive Clubman points if they attend in an MG? To top it all, we no longer receive any apologies from members for not being able to attend.



Letter from Ralph Clarke

To all MG Club members and Enthusiasts.

The FESTIVE season is here, the holidays are here and we will be able to enjoy our MG,s to the full.

Give your MG the extra Shine, Polish and Service to ensure relaxed driving during the holidays.

MY Christmas wish is that you will continue to enjoy Good Fellowship at your Club meetings and Events in the New Year.

"MAINTAIN the BREED" and enjoy many safe MaGicKilometres/Miles in your MG for 2012.

Ralph Clarke National President.

(Ralph, Great to see you at our Noggin in November, Steve Eden)

MGB 50



1962 - 2012

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The MGB is 50 next year. There will be celebrations at the Indaba in Clarens. For those of us not going I suggest we have a parallel event in Pretoria.

Any Suggestions?

Breakfast at Stone Cradle?

Who would like to attend?

Peter Noeth

It has come to our notice that Peter has recently been hospitalised.

We wish him a rapid and full recovery.

MG Mart

<p>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 (2)</p>	<p>1960 MGA Roadster. Red with wire wheels. Owned by Dave and Marilyn Nunn since 1973. Excellent condition. R160 000. Contact 0827710461 or 0117282879 (2)</p>
<p>1972 MGB for sale. (Colour mustard with wire wheels) The vehicle is in excellent condition and runs extremely well. (tight) We would like to see it go to a collector rather than a dealer and as such if you could advise your members of the availability and give them this email address and I will co-ordinate the transfer of further details and test drives for interested individuals. Jim Burns Phone: +27 10 202 6064 Telefax: +27 011 579 8171 Mobile: +27 83 235 4253 email: jim.burns@za.abb.com (1)</p>	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My Name is Carlos Lourenco and I am busy with registration papers pertaining to older vehicles for a fee. I take the vehicle for police clearance, weigh bridge and any other authority in order to get the vehicles licensed. The vehicle would be code 3 (Build up) unless there is some sort of documentation that would allow the vehicle to be registered as code 2. I try to work with vehicles in the Tswane municipality as to not complicate issues with different municipalities. Should you or anyone in your club require vehicles to be licensed, please feel free to email me at carloslourenco@vodamail.co.za or contact me on 074-125-0071. If a reference is required, please do not hesitate to contact Gawie Deyssel on 082-772-9714. (2)</p>
<p>1 x left rear 1/4 window for an MGA Coupe. Please contact Ian Cass on tel. (083) 648-2623 / email gogodaph@gmail.com (1)</p>	<p>MGB GT 1968 R70,000 In regular use. resprayed, chrome wire wheels, Moto Lita steering wheel, upgraded to telescopic front shocks, engine redone 15,000 km's ago, carbs overhauled recently, brake and clutch cylinders overhauled, inertia seat belts fitted. Serviced at Emgee Workshop. Cash deal or those with Bank finance. Contact: Herman Groenewald 082 881 5238 her-mang@mwebbiz.co.za (1)</p>
<p>One set of 4 MGB Rostyle Wheels complete with chrome trims and 2 new goodyear 185/70R14 tyres and 2 used tyres. R4500.00 onco. Phone John 076 497 9348 or 011 462 7768 (1)</p>	<p>MGB GT 1966 For sale: the GT was the second one to come into South Africa. Red, wire wheels, new tyres. Good condition with overdrive and upgraded 2 litre engine, gas flowed head. R65 000.00 CAR IN JOHANNESBURG Gill Gresak on 083 455 7797 or gillian.gresak@gmail.com (1)</p>

Help Wanted

<p>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, libmq@cogeco.ca (2)</p>	<p>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)</p>
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