



# Newsletter 371 August 2012



## Zwartkops Air Force Museum Rotors and Wheels Day



This event, organized by the Mercedes Club and the MG Club included MGs, Mercs and Porsche. I'm happy to say that the MGs outnumbered everybody else with good support from the Jhb and Northern Centres.



The raffle for helicopter flights proved popular, with a number of our members taking the flight to Hartbeesport and back. Many thanks to Ivan and Trevor for passing their tickets on to the Hugo children. Graham and John Spence's father, a 94 year old ex WW2 pilot, was also rewarded with a flight.



The weather was a bit cold, but fortunately the sun was shining brightly which made it bearable. Seeing a 1956 Vampire in flight was awesome, I haven't seen one of those since attending air shows in England as a boy.

A gymkhana was organized by Jhb, I saw no Northern's entries on the results, but I have them if you want a copy. Many thanks to Jhb Centre and the Merc Club for an enjoyable day. Pictures and text Steve



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## MG Northern and Jhb Combined Centres Showday, continued

In addition to the normal Concours competitions there was an added competitive element where the attending audience was requested to vote for various classes from amongst the cars present. Results were as shown here.



I see we have had no responses to the letters in last months Newsletter on Concours rules, does nobody care?  
*Pictures Kevin Loader, text Steve.*

### Summary of "Tops only" votes

Entry No.	Winner	Name
Pre war	43	Rolf Schwiezer
T types	44	Judy Schwiezer
Saloon pre 2000	6	Tom Kirkland
MGA	32	Mike O'Keeffe
Midget	34	Kevin Loader
MGB CR	60	Jay Westaway
MGB rubber	3	Stuart Hain
MGC+V8	16	Alex Couling
Post 2000 saloon	61	Kalipso Hutchinson
Post 2000 roadster	52	Margaret Hain
Special/racing	40	Nick Parrott (MGA race car)
TLC	27	Robin Godfrey
Dirtiest	10	Youth Project Flag Race Car
Sexist	57	Peter Posniack
Best over all	43	Rolf Schwiezer

## Jacaranda Jottings

I am sitting at home now, banned by the doctor from driving until the 23rd of July, so you will not have seen a lot of me this month. I made it to Zwartkops, thanks to Ivan, and the Exco members travelled to Silver Lakes for the committee meeting, thanks guys. Normal service should be resumed soon.

As mentioned previously we have decided to improve the access to the Clubhouse grounds by paving from the kerb and through the gate for a few meters. This should remove the grounding, especially of B exhausts, on the way in and out. This exercise will obviously be expensive and we have launched an appeal to cover some of the costs. Please give generously.

We are also looking at improving the ambience inside the Clubhouse with the fitting of blinds or curtains over the windows and other improvements. It does feel a little like an abandoned scout hall at present. Personally, I would like to see the installing of a decent bar counter and some bar stools, but then again, I have been told I spend too much time sitting at bars!! What would you like to see done?

I am disappointed at the lack of response to the Concours judging debate, I am sure that some of you have some feelings on the issue, and we cannot move forward until we know what the concours fraternity thinks.

The Icicle Rally is coming in August, details elsewhere. Please diarise the event as it is always most enjoyable and relaxing.

Hazell and I have entered the Magnum Rally, a three day POMC sealed odo event, which is based in Hazyview in Mpumulanga from 16 to 18 August. We find these events a lot less stressful than SARRA regularity rallies and are looking forward to a pleasant few days on the sweeping roads of the area.

The mid week lunches seem to be going well with some 11 members enjoying curry in June. Make sure you diarise the last Wednesday of the month and be at the Clubhouse at 12h30. These are informal events but a good way to get to know other members. (Note August lunch is likely to be on the last Friday, watch your e mails & SMSs)

Cars in the Park is on again at Zwartkops race track, I for one, am voting with my feet, against the lousy logistics, lack of facilities and dust, and will not be attending. There will be an MG area, for those who wish to go.

The Cats Eyes, organised by the Triumph Club this year, unfortunately saw no support from MGNC. I had a good excuse, what about the rest of you? Steve



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## Forthcoming Events

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

### August

Sat 4	Technical Noggin at Magnette Motors	NC	Magnette Motors - <u>Note, replaces August Noggin</u>	c
Sun 5	Cars in the Park	POMC	Zwartkops	
Sun 12	Icicle Rally	JHB	Meet @ The Ball & All Golf Driving Range near Lion Park 08h00	c/v

### Sep

Mon 3	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Wed 19	Triumph Club Quiz	PTSCC	Clubhouse 19h30. We have been invited to enter one team.	
21-24	Indaba	NC	Clarens	c
Sun 23	Breakfast run	NC	MGB50 Celebration Breakfast for those not at the Indaba. <u>Please contact Steve if you are coming as I need numbers.</u>	c

### Oct

Mon 8	Natter & Noggin	NC	Clubhouse 19h30	c
Sun 12	Jacaranda Run	NC	Details to follow	

# MG The Marque of Friendship

# Event Detail

## Offsite Noggin - Saturday August 4

Technical Natter and Noggin, Saturday 4th August, at Magnette Motors

In response to popular request for more technical meets, the August Noggin will take the form of a technical gathering at Dave Wheeler's workshop, Magnette Motors, on Great North Road in Benoni on Saturday 4th August. Arrive any time after 09:00, until about 14:00. Dave's staff will raise your MG (not plastics!) on one of the workshop's hoists, so you can inspect the underside of your car, and look for any safety, or other problems. There will be plenty of advice available from fellow MG enthusiasts. If you wish, you can take the opportunity to change the oil and filter on your MG. Dave has oils available which you can buy from him if you do not bring your own. If you do not want to do the service on the day, or spot any safety or other problems requiring attention, you could make an appointment for a later date. Natter and Noggins are also about socializing. Dave will have braai fires going from midday. Bring your own meat and drinks. If you prefer, there is a roadhouse across the street which sells good burgers and sandwiches.

## Icicle Rally from Clive Winterstein

The Icicle is being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, leaving and returning to "The Ball and All" which is located on the R114 just to the west of it intersection with the R512, which is the Lanseria Randburg road.

So if you are coming from Pta the easiest is to take the N14 towards Krugersdorp, take the Lanseria off ramp and turn to Randburg (south), at the first robot (R114) turn right and then first right onto dirt road, after approx. 300m entrance is on left.

The start time is 9am so people should get there at about 8am to do their documentation and have breakfast.

We have invited other Samca members and thus are expecting a good crowd, if it is too large we will start sending people off at 8.30, or if maybe every 30 secs instead of every minute. This will be decided by the rally organiser at the time. Entrance fee for non JHB members is R120 per person which includes a Breakfast roll, the cost of the rally and a braai after the rally.

After the rally there will be a prize giving. Wheels Insurance Brokers have sponsored the prizes and the first prize is a comprehensive insurance policy for an MG (Value not to exceed R150,000), for a year. They have also kindly sponsored the other prizes.

A stopwatch, clipboard, calculator & pencils might be of some help, there is to be a driving skill section, a tulip section and a cryptic clue section, so get an early nights sleep.

## Run to Clarens for the Indaba

It's been some time now since the last update on the Group Run to the forthcoming National Indaba at Clarens. This is definitely still on and more and more members are planning to join in.

For those coming from the Joburg area, the meeting venue will be the Total Petroport on the N3 South of Joburg near Alberton. Here Bob Baylis and Stewart Cunninghame will be waiting to meet you from about 7h30 to leave not later than 8h00.

For those joining the run from the Pretoria area, the meeting venue will be the Engen garage on left in Delmas Rd (R50 to Bapsfontein) at robot intersection into municipal refuse dump just before unfinished building "The Villa". (Note: no LRP petrol available here or at the Vaal 1-Stop Engen garage.) Here Tony, George and Ivan will be waiting to meet you from about 7h00 to leave not later than 7h30.

The 2 groups will then join up at the Engen Vaal 1-Stop, on the N3 just over the Vaal River near Villiers at about 10h00 to leave from there not later than 11h00. From here we will proceed approximately 100 kms south on the N3 to Warden where we will take the R714 exit for a further 80 kms to Bethlehem. Here we will stop for lunch and a refuel before the final 40 kms to Clarens.

That's all for now but a final bulletin will probably be issued in August.

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## Indaba - Clarens Sept 21 - 24

A fairly large contingent of Northerns members will be attending this event. Unfortunately **NO** day visitors are allowed despite appeals to allow them. So there will be the:-

### Non Indaba MG50 Breakfast

Most likely to be held at the Stone Cradle near Rietvlei dam from around 09h00, this will be an **exclusive** event for those not attending the Indaba. Please RSVP to me (Steve Eden) either by e mail or SMS if you will be coming. Details will then be finalised. You are welcome to attend in any vehicle, MGs are not required.

## MG Mart

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<p>For sale: 1981 yellow MGB GT. Mileage 67k miles. Alberton based. Price R55k. Call Michael on 011 9076064 or 0726456741 after 15h00 (1)</p>	

### Rocker Cover Racing

One of the events on the programme of the 2012 Indaba at Clarens in September is to be Inter-Centre Rocker Cover racing. We have heard that the other Centres are taking this very seriously, and Johannesburg and KZN Centres have already held several elimination contests to select the best cars to represent them. Northern Centre also held trials at its Noggin on 2nd July. Four cars were entered – by Gary, Ivan, George and Trevor.



They all ran at about the same speed, two of them in perfect straight lines, but the other two woefully had minds of their own and went off in their own directions. It is not too late to build your own model – entries are still open



*.Pictures and text George*

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