THE M.G. CAR CLUB - NORTHERN TRANSVAAL CENTRE

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AFFILIATED TO THE PRETORIA OLD MOTOR CLUB.

Natter and Noggin is held on the Ist Monday of the month
at the Pretoria High School Old Boys' Club
at 8 p.m.

This is the first newsletter and those of you that receive this copy had better keep it in a safe place - it is to become a collector's item !

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FROM THE CHAIR.

I would like to thank those of you who attended the inaugural meeting at the Palms Hotel on the 9 February. I think a turnout of 37 can be classed as a success.

Unfortunately we cannot say the same of the run which was cancelled due to the rain.

We tried again the following week-end and this time we could not find a venue. We left the 'Lollypop' and proceeded to Jan Smuts farm, only to find that the bridge was under water. We then went to the Fountains Kiosk where we were too late for tea as they were already serving lunch. We eventually arrived at our house and had an enjoyable picnic on our back lawn. I certainly hope we have better luck next time ! A warm thanks to all who were so patient and understanding.

Here is a short run-down on how our new club started:-

At a recent Committee meeting of the P.O.M.C. it was decided to form a "M.G. section of the P.O.M.C.". The Pretoria members of the Johannesburg Club got to hear of these plans. Subsequently the two groups got together and it was agreed to form a M.G. Club affiliated to the P.O.M.C.

A meeting was held after advertising in 3 newspapers and the result was the formation of our new club.

There are obvious advantages of one club affiliating to another: M.G.'s over 20 years old are eligible to enter the P.O.M.C. events. The P.O.M.C. committee also maintains that by enlarging their club there will be a new interest, and as we all have the same interests at heart it is sure to be a success. There is also a distinct possibility of a clubhouse in the future.

Rob Breebaardt.

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FUTURE EVENTS.

1. 6 March - Our first Natter and Noggin to be held at the Pretoria High School Old Boys' Club in Lynnwood at 8p.m. You will be shown some excellent slides of your favourite make of car and be able to exchange views with fellow members.

2. 11 March - The P.O.M.C. have invited members of the M.G. Car Club, with cars older than twenty years, to participate in their 100 km Rally. Closing date for entries is 28 February. Interested members are to contact either Neil Millard or Chris van Rensburg for further information.

Future Events cont.

3. I2 March - We are going to attempt a run to Rob's farm on the Bronkhorstspruit Road, approximately 25 km from Pretoria. This will be the third attempt at getting to his farm ! Braai or picnic lunch - leaving from the "Lollypop" at II am sharp.

4. 3 April - Natter and Noggin - Pretoria High School Old Boys' Club at 8 p.m.

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We would like to welcome the following as the first members of our club :-

I. Malcolm Ford - MGB
2. Pierre van Heerden - MGA Coupe
3. Tony Cradock -
4. Mike Saunderson - MG TF
5. Pinkie van Rensburg - MG B GT
6. Rhoda van Rensburg - MG C GT

We urge all other enthusiasts to join the Club and swell its numbers.

Club Fees:

Entrance - R 5,00
Yearly Subscription - R I0,00

Any member who is interested in joining both the M.G. Car Club and the P.O.M.C. may do so by paying an additional R6,00 per annum.

All monies are payable to the M.G. Car Club N. Transvaal Centre and out of town cheques are to include I0cents commission.

NEWSLETTER.

Those members who would like to contribute to the newsletter should post the contribution or hand it to one of the committee members.

We welcome any form of contribution or suggestions, as this is your club for your interests.

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CLUB BADGE.

The members of the Club are asked to submit any ideas they might have on a car-badge for the Club. A full-scale drawing will be required with information about the colours and material etc. Your entries can be posted to the Club or handed to a committee member.

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WHY AN M.G. CAR CLUB ?

What is the reason behind the M.G.'s having the largest following in the world today ?.Let us look at the M.G. Car Clubs in the world today to get some idea of the following these cars have. There are 9 centres in England, I3 centres in Europe, I in Japan, 3 in Australia, I in New Zealand, 5 in South Africa and 26 in North America.

Those of us who wore short pants in the 60's can only remember A's, B's, C's and maybe the [illegible]

Why an M.G. Car Club contd.

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The first M.G.'s were produced in 1924 or was it 1925 ? There is still some controversy today as to the correct year that it all began.

It was in 1930 when an M.G. was the first car to exceed 100 m.p.h. It was in the 30's that the M.G. 750 cc and 1100 cc cars broke most of the records in their class. An M.G. became the first 1100 cc car to exceed 200 m.p.h. in 1939.

It was after the Second World War that M.G. Sports cars became one of the major British exports to the U.S.A. The TC became a very popular sports car and won the hearts of many people and so the production of the M.G. rose to unprecedented levels.

The TD followed and out-sold the TC by nearly 3 to 1 and although it was very different to the TC, its unique character and forgiving handling made it a most likeable car. The TF followed and was a near failure at the time - we won't talk about their desireability today ! The MGA took over and from then onwards we know all about it.

Grandfathers, fathers, sons and friends can talk about M.G.'s today and be able to share a common interest which no other sports car can give. That's why the Pretoria M.G. owners have started their own club !