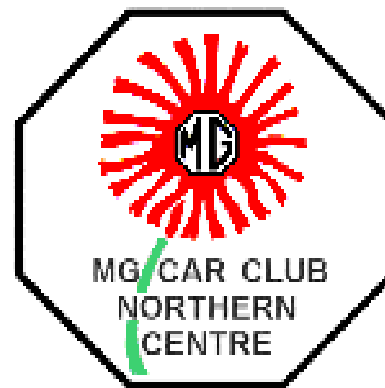


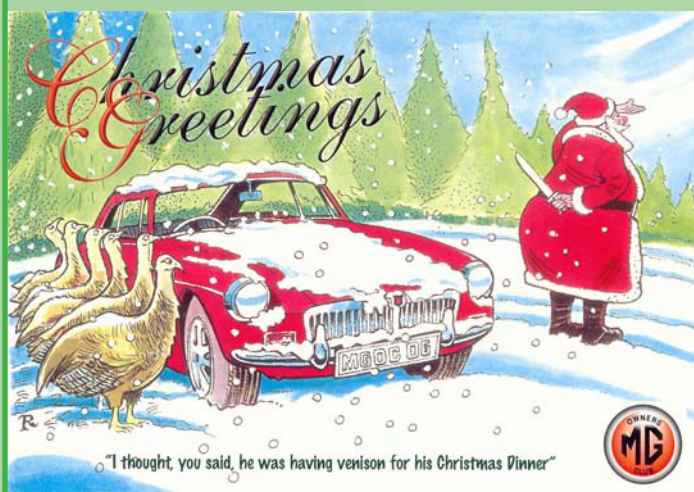
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Monthly Natter 'n Noggins - every first Monday of the month (except Public Holidays) at the Clubhouse, c/o Umgazi Road and 26th Ave, Menlo Park, Pretoria

An Entry Fee of R100 is applicable to all new Members
Annual Membership Fee: R180.00 -
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Xmas Card from MG
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

By Peter Noeth

9-Hour Retro Race – Last month we published preliminary details of the Execuline 9- Hour Retro Race at Kyalami on 7 December. As this takes place before the Natter 'n Noggin we are sending the Newsletter out a week earlier to give you more details and try to persuade you to attend.

The Executive Committee feels that, as several ardent Circuit Racing members are participants we should take this opportunity to give them the sort of support that they deserve. The MG marque has always been at the forefront of motor sport in all its forms and was always supported by not only racing fans, but also ordinary MG fans. I fondly remember how Errol and Rhoda Battison and my Val and I regularly enjoyed the original 9-Hour race at the now defunct Grand Central track at Midrand in the '60s – it was like bringing Le Mans to our doorstep! In the early years of Northern Transvaal Centre we also went regularly as a group to have a braai lunch at the racing at the old Zwartkops Drive-In Track.

Now, instead of individuals being isolated around the track they are making it easy to be a group together – the Joh'burg Centre has booked the VW Boma situated centrally behind the control tower and next to the AA Boma. This means that we get the best views and are able to socialise. We also have exclusive parking. The racing starts fairly early – see the Programme on page 6 - so you can arrive in your own time. So come on guys, let's have a good turnout and give our guys support. Even if you are not particularly interested in racing, take this opportunity to come and see in comfort with freinds for yourself– you never know, you may just enjoy it?

Looking Back – Once again we come to the end of another year in the life Northern Centre and complete 31 years of serving our members interests with distinction. 2009 has been packed with a full menu of events, all successful, if not always with the desired level of participation – see the Ivan's contribution on page 3. Highlights were the Annual Awards Function, the visit to Jacques Debeil's collection, our Combined Gauteng Centres Showday at Smuts' House (an outstanding success!), the Icicle Rally and the MaGic Weekend away at Loskop Dam.

In outside events various members attended the

Autobaan Rally, the KZN Centre 70th Anniversary Weekend in the Drakensberg, Angela's Picnic at Delta Park, The Triumph Club Cats Eyes Trial, Cars In The Park, the Cape Centre's Gathering in Port Alfred, the Triumph Club Driving Tests, the Joh'burg Club's 40th Anniversary Tour, the Studebaker Club's Wheels Day at Smuts' House, and even the Goodwood Speed Revival in the UK

Twelve Natters 'n Noggins will have provided a variety of entertainments that will be crowned by the Ladies Night Supper on the 7th of December.

During the year around R499.00 of regalia was acquired and sold.

Thousands of drinks are sold from the bar at Natter 'n Noggins and other events throughout the year.

Twelve batches of around 140 Newsletters will have been sent out, each of which takes about 30 hours to compose and publish. Of these 145 issues per month are printed by commercial printers, from which they are collected, folded and inserted into envelopes that have been stamped and then taken to the post office. The remaining 85 issues are sent out by e-mail.

Can you believe that most of this was planned and organised by just 7 or 8 Committee members, never mind all the other duties of office that must be carried out.

Looking Forward – Annual subs are now due. Your invoice is included/attached with this Newsletter. Prompt payment is urged. The shut-off date is the end of February. Note that only paid-up members may vote at the AGM that takes place in March. Please read the Chairman's plea on page 3. We all but did not get the required minimum of nominations for Committee at the last AGM. This coming AGM promises a major crisis if at least 7 nominations are not received. For extra help, such as Secretary, non-member spouses can serve as ex-officio Exco members – they will only not be able to vote.

On page 10 you will find for the first time ever in the Newsletter a Crossword Puzzle submitted by Danielle de Clerk. Have fun - answers next month.

**The Chairman and Committee Members
Wish You All
A MaGic Festive Season
And A MaGic 2010**

FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL

Attendance – Events and Club Runs

As the year draws to and end with only one official Natter'nNoggin still to come and no more official Runs planned, we can look back at Events and Runs that your executive committee organized and informed our members of. Our next Natter on the 7th December will be our successful Ladies Evening Dinner. This is one event that always has great attendance, but allow me to talk about the chairman's contribution to this month's Newsletter – the general attendance of Events and Club Runs. The committee recently asked George Dehlen - our exco member who is in charge of the Club Register - to let us have a look at the attendance record. (see table on page 7 - Ed). These records are completed at each event and it is now interesting to note that of our 140 plus members, only a dozen made the effort to attend a Natter or a Run. The vast majority did not even offer an apology (this is something that is addressed in detail at the meetings of other clubs.)

Throughout the year it is left to the committee to decide when and where events will be held and they must attempt to get members to assist them with the planning and organizing of these events. This is also their constitutional duty as executive committee members – to serve the MGCC Club. From time to time we have appealed to our members to attend and to come lend a hand, but received very few volunteers. If it were not for sharing duties and personal requests, some of these events or runs would have had to be cancelled.

Therefore, I again would like to make a strong appeal to all our members to please try to attend our Club Events and official Runs. It's not only for scoring Clubman points and winning awards and trophies. For some of us competitive events and prizes are important, but it's much more than that. It is taking our cars out for a Run and a chance to show it off. It is socializing with other members and meeting new ones. It's visiting, helping and sharing. It is all about enjoying you MG.

By attending these gatherings, it also shows that t

the committee has at least succeeded and that the Club is moving in the right direction. Sometimes we overhear members saying, "Yes, but we have been there!" OK, I agree, the MGCC has been functioning for thirty something years but, keep in mind that new members are constantly (thankfully) joining. They would also like to go on some of our older Runs. Especially if those Runs were as enjoyable as the ones that we had during this year.

Then, in the same breath, may I call on our members to place their nominations for members of the MGCC Northern Centre committee for next year - well in advance? We have had indications that some committee members will not be running for a next term. Some have been serving for a number of years and deservedly need a break. The necessity of new committee members cannot be stressed enough. Allow me to caution that the committee must comprise of more than 7 members. Without them the MGCC Northern Centre will not be allowed to continue. It is as serious as that. This is my appeal; please talk it over, make a serious effort to attend our events and do come forward with some nominations. And a special appeal to our MGCC lady members: Ladies, please, we are looking for some new ideas and some feminine touches. How about serving on the committee?

**On Behalf of the Members
We Wish Our Club
President, Les Miller,
A MaGic Bithday In
December and Many More
MaGic Years Ahead**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LEGEND: C = Clubman, V = Victor/Victrix , CR = Circuit Racing , RR = Regularity Rally

DECEMBER

Thur 3	Natter 'n Noggin	JHB	20H00 at Old Edwardians Club c/o 11th St. and 4th Ave., Houghton - Norman Ewing - 083 654 5433	
Sat 5	Kyalami 9-hour Revival	Historics	Details on page 5 and 6	
Mon 7	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	20h00 at the Clubhouse - Ladies Night - details on page 5	C
Sat 26	Babalas Bash	NC	Boxing Day Picnic/Braai at the Clubhouse from 11h00	

JANUARY 2010

Mon 4	Natter 'n Noggin	NC	20h00 at the Clubhouse - Social	C
Thur 7	Natter 'n Noggin	JHB	20H00 at Old Edwardians Club c/o 11th St. and 4th Ave., Houghton - Norman Ewing - 083 654 5433	
Mon 11	EXco Meeting	NC	19h30 at the Clubhouse -	C
Sun 17	Monthly Club Run	NC	Visit Wilhelm Prinsloo Agricultural Museum - details next month.	

PLANNING AHEAD

Sun 21 February	Annual Awards Luncheon	NC	Details next month. Confirm with Marcelle de Clerk via SMS on 082 69 20415.
Mon 1 March	Annual General Meeting	NC	We need more help on the Executive Committee - how can you help the Club?
Sep 2010	National Indaba	Cape Town	Oudshoorn

Wecome To New Members

Member No.	Name	MG Model	Proposed By
592	Sanet Engelbrecht	ZR 160 saloon	Tony Craddock

We welcome you and Pieter to the MG Car Club Nothern Centre and hope that you
and your MG will enjoy many killometres with us

Auction - Postponed to next year - TBA

An Auction is being organised for later next year so, if there is something of value that you no
longer need or want, let Tony Craddock have it as soon as possible, The Club will take a minum 20%
commission.

EVENT DETAILS

NATTER 'N NOGGIN MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

At the Clubhouse from 19h30 on. Once again Robin Godfrey and family are organising a Finger Supper for the MGCC NC Annual Ladies Night.

For those wishing to attend please let Robin know as seating is limited. Supper is only R20.00 per head.

EXECULINE 9-HOUR RETRO - KYALAMI - 5 DECEMBER 2009

Endurance racing returns to Kyalami on 5 December 2009 as the Execuline 9-Hour Retro Race blasts the legendary circuit. The meeting, which caters for historic saloon, sports & GTcars, forms the second round of the equally evocative four-round Execuline Springbok Series. Spectators arriving in classic cars will get a 50% discount on the entry fee. Alternatively, in what is a first for South African motorsport organisers of the Execuline 9-Hour Retro, the Sports Car Club of South Africa, have decided to scrap the gate fee, on the condition spectators donate a toy to charity. All toys will be accepted by Lions Club of Midrand members at the gate, loaded into a pair of Campos Transport trucks and donated, just in time for Christmas to various needy children focused charities. Spectators arriving without a toy can either buy one from stall holders at the gate or donate R40 to the Lions Club, who will then purchase a toy on their behalf.

MGs should park at the VW Boma that has been acquired by the MG Car Club. It is situated centrally right next to the AA Boma. With food stalls, east access to the pit area, hordes of classics and racing from some of the most iconic cars, the event is a must do for motoring fans of all generations.

See the the proposed Race Programme on page 6

Pre 1966 Saloon Cars	2 x 8 Lap Sprint Races
Pre 1966 Sports & GT Cars	2 x 8 Lap Sprint Races
Pre 1977 Touring Cars	2 x 8 Lap Sprint Races
Pre 1974 Sports & GT Cars	2 x 8 Lap Sprint Races
Historic Motorcycle Group	1 x 6 Lap Demonstration
Post 1973 Pre 1984 Saloon Cars & Sports & GT Cars	1-Hour Endurance Race
Pre 1974 Saloon Cars & Sports & GT Cars	3-Hour Endurance Race

Saturday 26th of December 2009 - Boxing Day Babalas Bash

At the MGCC Clubhouse at 11:00. Come and relax after the first part of the hectic festivities. Bring your leftovers and picnic or braai.

9-Hour Proposed Race Programme

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER 2009 - QUALIFYING

Time	Category	Type
14h30 to 14h45	Pre 1966 Saloon Cars	Qualifying
14h55 to 15h10	Pre 1966 Sports & GT Cars	Qualifying
15h20 to 15h35	Pre 1977 Touring Cars	Qualifying
15h45 to 16h00	Pre 1984 Sports & GT Cars	Qualifying
16h10 to 16h25	Post 1973 Pre 1984 Saloon Cars & Sports & GT Cars	Qualifying
16h35 to 16h50	9-Hour Cars	Qualifying

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2009 - RACING

Time	Category	Type	Laps/Notes
07h15 to 07h25	Pre '66 & Pre '77 Saloon/Touring Cars		Warm Up
07h30 to 07h40	Pre 1966 Sports & GT Cars		Warm Up
07h45 to 07h55	Pre 1984 Sports & GT Cars		Warm Up
08h00 to 08h10	Post 1973 Pre 1984 Saloon Cars & Sports & GT Cars		Warm Up
08h15 to 08h25	Historic Motorcycle Group		Warm Up
08h45 to 09h05	Pre 1966 Saloon Cars	Race 1	8 laps
09h20 to 09h40	Pre 1966 Sports & GT Cars	Race 1	8 laps
09h55 to 10h15	Pre 1977 Touring Cars	Race 1	8 laps
10h30 to 10h50	Pre 1984 Sports & GT Cars	Race 1	8 laps
11h05 to 11h25	Historic Motorcycle Group	Demo	6 laps
11h40 to 12h00	Pre 1966 Saloon Cars	Race 2	8 laps
12h15 to 12h35	Pre 1966 Sports & GT Cars	Race 2	8 laps
12h50 to 13h10	Pre 1977 Touring Cars	Race 2	8 laps
13h25 to 13h45	Pre 1984 Sports & GT Cars	Race 2	8 laps
13h55 to 14h00	Post 1973 Pre 1984 Saloon Cars & Sports & GT Cars – pit lane open		
14h00 to 15h00	Post 1973 Pre 1984 Saloon Cars & Sports & GT Cars – Start of 1 Hour Endurance race		1 Hour
15h15 to 15h45	START Parade & Installation Lap		
15h45 to 18h45	START 3-Hour Endurance Race		3 Hours
18h45 to 19h00	Slow down lap and podium ceremony		

Attendance by Members at Club Events 2009

Date	Event	Attendance at Natter 'n Noggins	Attendance at Runs and Events
05 January 2009	N&N Social	24	
18 January 2009	Cullinan Run		30
02 February 2009	N&N Table Raffle	27	
22 February 2009	Awards Lunch		27
02 March 2009	AGM	23	
15 March 2009	Club Condition Concours		24
05 April 2009	Angela's Picnic		17
06 April 2009	N&N Goodwood DVD	31	
04 May 2009	N&N Focus on TD	30	
17 May 2009	Run to Jacques Debeil		25
01 June 2009	N&N Video on MGs	20	
14 June 2009	Show Day N&N Social hosted by Tony and		62
06 July 2009	Annette Craddock	35	
12 July 2009	Ice Rally N&N Technical talk on SU Pumps		30
03 August 2009	and Carburettors	18	
15 August 2009	Gymkhana		10
07 September 2009	N&N Photos of Jhbg 40th Anniv Run	24	
19 September 2009	Run to Plaaskombuis		10
05 October 2009	N&N Photos of Goodwood 2009	31	
18 October 2009	Jacaranda at Loskop		26
02 November 2009	N&N John Hugo's Quiz	24	



Johnson Country Estate Run 15 November 2009

By Ivan De Clek

During a previous Natter Johnny and Anita invited the club to visit their country estate in Montana. Situated on the northern slopes of the Magaliesberg the guesthouse is surrounded by lush gardens in genuine country surroundings. Marcelle and I made arrangements and organized this short monthly run for the Northern Centre.

A strong contingent of club members set off from the clubhouse at 11:30, heading north along the busy N1. Upon arrival at the estate, Johnny decided to first take us for a drive around the suburb - passing through the Kolonade shopping centre and then turning back to the estate. It was a warm, near cloudless day with the sun by this time baking down relentlessly on the tops down drivers and passengers.

Some of the cars were by then heating up fast. Starting to 'sluk' and at least one just managed to make it to the



"Guys, wear your MG caps"



Pepe thinking: "Whats with all the stop signs - I wanna go!"

front gate before

an airlock finally caused the rest of us quickly parked magnificent fifty year old

the engine to die. The in the shade of the trees.

Johnny welcomed the group and we were greeted by numerous stalls with friendly local entrepreneurs selling art, crafts, and things to drink and eat in the shade.

With ice-cold drinks in hand we explored the garden and the magnificent venue that is also used for weddings and conferences. Anita said that she uses a team of two to tend the lawns, but it was clear that she puts in a lot more than just mowing the lawns twice a week and clipping trees.

A

group of us found it much cooler in the open-air hall. We settled down with scones, tea and ice cream. Esra joined us at the table and Johan Nel was there sharing some experiences about the DRC and Zambia. Peter and Daphne shared their meal at one end of the huge table with Karel and his family, Johan and Ilse, Steve and Hazel, Tony and Annette and others enjoying the company. We soon decided to have lunch - curry-and-rice and boerewors rolls were on the menu. Dave and Val arrived a little late, but were still able to fit in a cold drink and a short chat.

We went wandering around, admiring the fishponds,



Bella "Thanks boss, this is a LOT cooler"

Johnson Country Estate Run - Continued

and then decided to say our thank you's before leaving. Most drivers set off in smaller groups – making sure that no cars were left behind. By this time the weather had become really humid, and it must have been one of the hottest days this season. (It reminds me to offer a word of caution to those members who love to drive tops down: Guys, remember the sunscreen and those large brimmed hats.)

Johnny's hat got blown off his head on the earlier drive around the area. But, luckily Esra who was following close behind him, quickly put out his hand from the TC and snatch it from



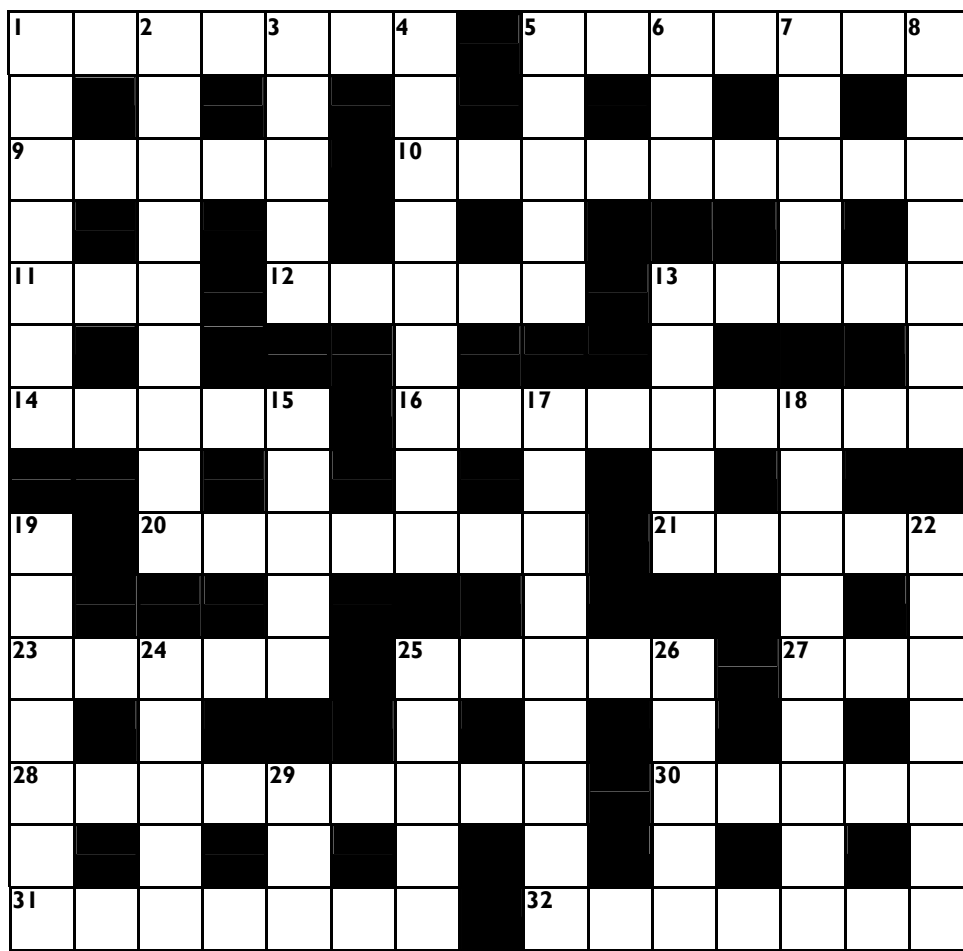
the road without the car missing a beat. It looked as if Esra was playing Polo. Hey, there's an idea for another fun club event ...

Photos and text by Ivan de Clerk

Red, Redder and Reddest - it was HOT!



MG Crossword



Across

- 1.) Etiquette / Decency
- 5.) Warning sound of engine running on inferior petrol
- 9.) Hysterical
- 10.) Mechanical to Electrical converter
- 11.) Caviar
- 12.) Female garment
- 13.) Collective name for plants
- 14.) Chores
- 16.) Mediate / Interfere
- 20.) Synonym of both 10 across and 19 down
- 21.) Pilot (a vehicle)
- 23.) Pertaining to the sun
- 25.) Animal
- 27.) Belly
- 28.) Oil
- 30.) Thespian
- 31.) Responded
- 32.) Golden Syrup

Down

- 1.) Negative mark against a person
- 2.) Compact / Concentrated
- 3.) Engaged in contest of speed
- 4.) Shares its symbol with "MG"
- 5.) Plates of glass
- 6.) Neither
- 7.) Prelude (informal)
- 8.) Junk
- 13.) Fee of conveyance in a vehicle
- 15.) Echolocation of objects in water
- 17.) Will / Warrant
- 18.) Lively
- 19.) Swindler
- 22.) Person who has retired
- 24.) Republic between Egypt and Tunisia
- 25.) Weaved strands of hair
- 26.) Sale and purchase
- 29.) International (abbreviation.)

MG MART

Please note that advertisements must reach the Editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Adverts may be faxed to Peter Noeth on (012) 998 0361 (office hours only) or E-Mail to noethj@telkomsa.net. Also note that the asterisks in the adverts indicate the number of insertions. Ads will be removed after 3 insertions unless renewed by the advertiser

FOR SALE

ZB MAGNETTE 1955** British Racing Green, 55000 miles - R15000.00 - Nigel on: 0832773757

ZB MAGNETTE 1957** complete or as parts with all documents in order, no outstanding fees, has been taken off the road in 1989, was parked and have been standing outside since then, very much rust and not running please ccontact me at 0828456225 heidelberg cape

MGB GT 1972* - Rubber Bumper, Inca yellow with grey cloth interior, 44 000 km, service history, MG Wooden steering, original MG rims, very original, stunning. - R 59 900 - Monte Carlo Auto 011 706 5555

Vaiious Items** - MGA 1600 Driver's Handbook – reprint R70. MGB-GT Restoration book by Practical Classics R100. MG Cars 1940-1947 (road test & magazines articles) R80. MGB Workshop Manual by Haynes R100. MGB Tourer & GT Driver's Handbook (Pub No.AKD3900J) R150. Spot lamp British 1960 era R150. Spot lamp with cover Quartz-Halogen Lucas LR 9 model R150. Pair of 53/4" driving & passing lamp with bracket made in USA for 1940/50 model R300 the pair. MGB front over-riders x2 R50 pair. MGB chrome hand brake lever R50. MGB rear shock-absorbers x2 used R100 pair. Contact Derek on 012 9931072 or dfhowes@iburst.co.za

MGB GT 1966* - White with red upholstery. Very good condition, one owner, lots of original spares, full service history, 228 000kms. Asking R 85 000.00 - Michelle 082 835 4139

For Sale : ** new in unopened box 1 x black hood for 63/70 MGB R3100, 1 x tan hood for 63/70 MGB R3600. Both have zip off rear windows and are for fold behind seat frames. Please leave a voice message 082 3884137 or e-mail cymonc@southernsun.co.mz

MG ZT 1.8 Turbo 2004** 95000km, Metallic

Grey, Full house, new high spec tyres. Asking R 80 000.00 - 082 825 3100 Pretoria

MG ZR 160** - 49000km, 3 door, mags, ABA, A/Bags, AC, R/CD, SR, Excellent condition. Asking R 79 995.00 082 456 1198 Randburg

MGT Cabriolet 2003** 138000km, manual 5 speed, CD. E/W, E/M, A/C, P/S, black leather interior immaculate affordable cab. Asking R 79 990.00 - Emil 084 367 6114 Andy 072 477 2560 Ingition Auto Gauteng

MGB Roadster 1967* - Red, the motor has recently been redone and it has been run in and ready to be torqued. R 69 000.00 - Charlie Testa (Benoni) 084 505 4415 gertietesta@yahoo.co.uk

WANTED

MGB***- set of front hubs (wire wheels) preferably 8 t.p.i.- Rod Paxton - 086 458 0148 (043) 726 3240 w (043) 748 5677 h

MGTD 1950** - Parts required: complete wind-screen with frame an brackets, ii. chrome radiator shell, iii. radiator, iv. set of parking lamps, v. seat frames, vi. head lamp - Chris Mulder - 082 855 1774

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The MGCC National For Sale and Wanted list is available from Rod Paxton at the2paxtons@hyperlink.co.za