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EDITORIAL & FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

THIS FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2011 COMES TO YOU WITH BEST WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL, HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR WITH MUCH MG ENJOYMENT FROM MYSELF AND THE COMMITTEE.

With the festive season behind us and schools starting again, normality will prevail and that means back to the office and the computer and trying to clear the cobwebs that have slowed the brain function.

Other than good resolutions, new years are often associated with changes and for our club and the newsletter in particular, this year is no exception. It has been decided that the 'full' newsletter will, at least temporarily, no longer be published monthly and that on alternate months starting from this month, we will distribute an abbreviated version giving only details of forthcoming events and any notices that may be of importance. Hopefully our search for a new editor will bear fruit before too long and the full monthly edition will resume.

In that vein, you are reminded that the 2011 AGM will take place at the Knysna angling Club on Tuesday 1st March and we look forward to a good attendance. Should any of you members out there wish to become involved in the management of the club, please let Tony or myself know so that we can ensure that you are correctly proposed for the committee. At this stage, no significant controversy is expected and hopefully

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the meeting will be short so that we may get on with the important matter of the evening, that of enjoying ourselves.

Please see below for information about the Piper Series classic car races on Saturday 5th February and the George Old Car Show on Saturday 12th Feb. Bookings for the April Winelands Tour have been brisk – see below for details.

Members with outstanding particulars in the Club Car Register as shown below are urged to let Keith have them as soon as possible.

A reminder to those who have owned their cars for many years that the old MVR pink registration certificates became invalid from December 2010. They should be replaced by the green RC1 registration certificate, failing which the vehicle will become unlicensed.

Bruce.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Fred and Jo Mullany have joined since the last newsletter and we look forward to welcoming them on outings. We are aware that Fred has long been looking for his dream car and we wish them and their white, ex-Don Forsyth MGB Roadster a long and happy association with the Club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 30th January Breakfast Run is to Old Nick's at Plett. As usual, leave Quays @ 09h00 or meet there.

The **Piper Series Classic Car Racing** takes place over the weekend of **5th and 6th February** at Killarney. A group will be going from Knysna probably on Friday 4th returning Sunday 6th and possibly in MGs. We are attempting to arrange entrance and parking but you will need to arrange your own accommodation. **Please let Ricky Cooper know asap on 082 822 2146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za if you are interested in joining the group.**

Saturday 12th February – George Car Show: This year, the organisers have passed the buck to clubs to gather their members and for each club to register its participants as a group. Besides your personal details (including email and phone number), your car's Make, model, year, country of origin and registration number are required. **Please notify Brian on 044 387 1126 or briandavidson@vodamail.co.za of these asap to enter.** We will leave from the Quays at 08h30.

Tour to the Cape Wine Route - 4th to 8th April: There are only places for four more couples (or 8 persons) on this year's exciting tour to the Cape Winelands and Hermanus.

We have received bookings for 32 people and the tour complement will be restricted to 40, so book now or risk missing out!

The tour will progress through Swellendam, Greyton, and Franshoek to the Diemersfontein Estate near Wellington and will return to Knysna via Hermanus.

A number of interesting visits and activities will be organized en-route.



The cost of accommodation on the tour is estimated at R1325 per person sharing (slightly more for singles).

Bookings can be secured by depositing R700 per person sharing or R800 for singles to the following account:

Garden Route Motor Club

FNB Knysna Branch: 210214

Current account: 62012813178

Reference: "Your name" and "Tour 2011"

Please pay by cheque deposit or electronic transfer. (NOT by cash as the bank subtracts 12.5% charges from the amount deposited).

MAINTAINING THE BREED

Hello All Midget and Sprite owners,

MIDGET ADVENTURE - ABINGDON TO CAPE TOWN

You may have heard about Roy Locock & Bridget the Midget? In June 2008 Roy started an around the world trip in a 1977 MG Midget, which he finished 17 months & 39000 miles later. Please click to <http://bridgetthemidget.co.uk/> for more details.

As 2011 will be the 50th anniversary of the modern Midget, Roy & 4 other Midgeteers plan to mark the occasion with a 3-month travel adventure from Abingdon to Cape Town. Departure 11th September & ETA Cape Town 30th November 2011. The planned route starts in Abingdon UK, through France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Macedonia, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia and finally into South Africa.

Our current thoughts are that we would like to show the UK Midgeteers some SA hospitality & rendezvous in Upington before travelling into Keetmanshoop (Namibia) to meet them. The table (below) gives an outline of the proposed companion tour.

<u>Date '11</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>UK tour</u>	<u>SA companions</u>
25-Nov	Fri	Windhoek	Upington
26-Nov	Sat	Rest Day	Keetmanshoop
27-Nov	Sun	Keetmanshoop	Keetmanshoop
28-Nov	Mon	Vioolsdrift	Vioolsdrift
29-Nov	Tue	Vanrhynsdorp	Vanrhynsdorp
30-Nov	Wed	Cape Town	Cape Town
1-Dec	Thu	Rest Day	Rest Day
2-Dec	Fri	Rest Day	Rest Day
3-Dec	Sat	Mossel Bay	Mossel Bay
4-Dec	Sun	Port Elizabeth	Port Elizabeth
5-Dec	Mon	Embarkation	Journey home



At this stage we are looking for an expression of interest; there is no obligation to join the entire "SA companion tour". If you're keen to know more about the companion tour, contribute ideas, help with the organization, or all of the above, then please contact either:

- Bruce Henderson on brucejhenderson@gmail.com , or
- Kevin Loader on KLoader@worldonline.co.za .

We look forward to hearing from you,

Bruce Henderson & Kevin Loader

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat,

'Mum! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone.

'Mummy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'



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THE CLUB CAR REGISTER

Keith Burton has made a huge effort to document the details of all the MGs in the Club. His Register was shown at the SA Combined Centres meeting at Kleinplaas and was highly praised by delegates from around the country. We appeal to those whose car details remain outstanding as below, to PLEASE help Keith complete this register and keep it up to date by letting him have those details. Please send them to him at keiella@telkomsa.net or P O Box 1154, Sedgefield, 6573. Your cooperation will be appreciated.



Membership No	Name	MG	Details Required			
			Chassis No.	Engine No.	Photo	All details
7	Amanda Rosser	MGA	x			
9	Fritz Reitz	MGA			x	x
21	Bert Scheepers	?			x	x
22	Errol Scanlen	MGA	x		x	
23	Alan Hamilton	TF	x			
28	Phillip Bechlars	MGA				x
29	Paul Tops	MGA			x	x
33	Anthony Roff	MGB	x	x		
34	Neil Metelerkamp	MGB	x			
38	Jane Wessels	TD	x		x	
38	Jane Wessels	MGA	x		x	
61	Chris Mulder	TD			x	x
66	Mike McDonnell	MGB				x
67	Hugo Van der Hoven	MGB				x
69	Tony Albisser	MGB			x	x
70	Heinz Konchi	Z B				x
71	Keith Slade	MGA X			x	x
73	Ret Orsmond	MGB			x	x
74	Ray Mackey				x	x
75	Rudolph Grevensteyn	MGA			x	x
76	John Koch	MG F			x	x
77	Martin Wilsher	MGB			x	x

REGALIA:

Ron Hollis has taken over the storage and sales of regalia. Items will be on view at his Bodge Engineering workshop opposite Frost Brothers in the industrial area and those needing ordering will require prepayment. Please contact Ron on rphollis@gmail.com or 082 859 8771 to make arrangements to view and for your requirements.

The committee has agreed and arranged for members to have the Club badge and 'Forever Young' embroidered on their personal 'civvies' clothing. Please contact Linda after 16h30 (she is at work until then) on 044 382 4025 or 083 461 9730 or linda@inkfight.com. Bruce has several items already satisfactorily embroidered as a trial and will show these on request.



Please note that Ross has MGCC SC decals, bumper badges, licence disc holders, leather fob key rings, coasters, zip tags and lapel badges in stock. Ross will bring these to events – please ask him for your requirements.

We still have a few **CLUB JACKETS** in stock. They are warm, waterproof windcheaters in Navy with light blue beading and with our Club badge – very smart and most useful.

CLUB SHIRTS: The now familiar light and dark blue club shirts are becoming a feature at car related events. For those who don't have, please contact Ron to arrange your purchase.

A few of the original green shirts are still available.

FOR SALE OR WANTED

(This is a free service for members. Please make use of it as it helps to keep our cars on the road. Just send your advert in to The Editor well before the end of each month. The committee has agreed that commercial adverts can also be accepted but these are charged for.)

Care for your MG: We offer wide range of goods and services, from maintenance, repairs, overhauls, performance enhancements and tuning, and including items like top-end car covers, high-performance brake pads, fire extinguishers, boot racks and badge bars. We also store cars on a short or long-term basis. Contact Ron Hollis (082 859 8771; ron@bodge.co.za)

For Sale: 1980 MGB roadster, flame red, rostyle wheels, recently resprayed in original colour, 2 owners, excellent original condition, with RWC R80 000 Contact: Rod Paxton 083 458 0148 (East London)***

For Sale: 1980 MGB Roadster, yellow, rostyle wheels, Chrome bumper conversion, recently resprayed in original colour, gas flowed head, fast road cam, extractor manifold and alloy tappet cover. Excellent condition all round. With RWC. R85 000 Contact: Rod Paxton 083 458 0148 (East London)***

For Sale: For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 082 822 2146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za.

Wanted: Ricky Cooper is looking to purchase scrap MGs and other sports cars for spares. Please contact him on 082 822 2146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za.



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www.speedfestival.co.za (Knysna Hillclimb)

www.mgcarclubsc.co.za

www.mgcc.co.uk.

www.motoring.co.za

www.1000miglia.co.za

www.bridgetthemidget.co.uk

www.mgcc-north.co.za

www.motorheads.co.za

www.motorheadsdiary.com (for motor sport / Historic racing diary)

MGCC SOUTH CAPE EVENTS CALENDAR:

MEETING PLACE: KNYSNA – THE QUAYS AT THE WATERFRONT END OF GREY ST.
SEDGEFIELD – ENGEN ONE-STOP.

A provisional calendar for 2010 follows. Details and any changes will be announced as the year proceeds.

Date	Day	Event	Convenor	Meet
16-Jan	Sun	Plastics run to Valley of Ferns	Jim Clelland	Quays 10h45
18-Jan	Tues	Noggin Sunset picnic @ Brenton	Brian Davidson	Quays 05h00
30-Jan	Sun	Breakfast run Old Nick's @ Plett	Tony L-L	Quays 09h00
5-6 Feb	W/e	Piper Series Killarney		
Feb-12	Sat	George Car Show	Brian Davidson	Quays 08h30
Feb-20	Sun	Bring & braai @Ebb & Flow	Brian Davidson	Quays 10h30
Feb-27	Sun	Breakfast run Café Francois	Tony L-L	Quays 09h00
Mar-01	Tues	AGM – details tba.	Brian Davidson	
Mar-13	Sun	GRMC/MGCC lunch run Scotty's in Plett	Jim Clelland	Quays 11h30
Mar-27	Sun	Breakfast run Old Nick's @ Plett	Tony L-L	Quays 09h00
Apr 4-8	M-Fri	Combined Wine route tour	Jim Clelland	tba
Apr-24	Sun	Breakfast run Café Francois	Tony L-L	Quays 09h00
May 14	Sat	GRMC Knysna Car Show	Bunny Mentz	tba
May 20-22	W-E	Knysna Hillclimb	Bruce	tba
May 21-22	W-E	Last Night of the Proms - PE	Jim Clelland	tba

The early warnings are for inclusion in your diaries. Unfortunately it may be necessary to change some of these nearer the time so please review the calendar monthly. Details to follow.



In view of the advancing years of many of us, there may be problems with print size, etc. Any CONSTRUCTIVE criticism of the Newsletter and how it can be improved will always be welcomed as will of course, your contributions.

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The panorama at Brenton on Sea at the Sunset Picnic Noggin





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