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EDITORIAL

Well, it's amazing what you find when you start stripping a car, no, not the usual unexpected rust, although I found some of that as well, but.....if your name is Chris Prinsloo and you had a green MGB roadster in Bloemfontein in 1975 you could be in trouble. Stashed in the narrow gap between the rear wheel arch and the rear wing were a well hidden batch of... well er... love letters. Unfortunately in tiny female hand writing and in Afrikaans, but fear not Chris, I will have them deciphered!

In this the first edition of the New Year we have (an updated) first six months MG events mapped out, some more useful tips and we reach the 100 member mark. Your club continues to be the most active and most enthusiastic MG centre in the country. The imminent addition of Brian Bruce's facility adjacent to Bodge Engineering, Norman Frost (and the brewery) will add more "classic" activity to the town and in my opinion we should be marketing our presence as the "Classic Car Centre of South Africa"

You will also see the final attendance register and points scored for 2012 events. Ricky Cooper top-scored with 54 points (*is this a record? Ed*) with Fred Mullany second on 47. Well done to all you members for another well supported year. Of the 30 events during 2012 a total of 511 members and 111 non-members recorded their presence; the majority of these were accompanied by spouse or partner, giving an estimated average attendance of around 36 people. I say that's a healthy record for the year.

Keep the revs up,

Ray

Although the New Year is already beyond infancy, this first newsletter of 2013 comes to you with best MG wishes for happiness and success for you and your families.

Our Christmas Prawn Braai was as usual very well attended. The weather tried unsuccessfully to dampen our spirits and the traditional evening was enjoyed by all. Our thanks are due to Fred and Ricky and their wives for setting it up and to the Angling Club for hosting us. The first event of the year is also becoming a tradition. We hope the weather holds for the sunset picnic at Brenton-on-Sea.

Roy Locock and Bridget-the-Midget having been a prominent topic of conversation this time last year, many of you will be aware that he will be our guest of honour at the 2014 Indaba. Not only that, he has now announced the possibility of Bridget being here again too. He will be on another of his round the world trips in Bridget having recently rebuilt her and if they are in the southern hemisphere at the time, Bridget may well put in another appearance with Roy.

The 2014 Indaba committee will be back in harness quite soon. Foundations have been laid for an entertaining long weekend and details are now being attended to. Of concern at present regarding the Hillclimb due to take place in mid-May this year is that the main sponsor, Renault, has withdrawn at near to the 11th hour. The organisers are hoping to find an alternative but it is late in the day. Without a major sponsor, the future of the Hillclimb is dubious.

Thanks to our events organiser, Fred Mullany, we have a full and entertaining program for the coming year. Please note the change for the Sedgefield last-Sunday-of-the-month breakfast which will take place at "The Bistro" at the hotel at Lake Pleasant (Groenvlei). As usual, we will combine many of our activities with the Garden Route Motor Club but the MG club will continue to maintain it's separate identity as a single marque club.

Although bookings have been slow, I believe that there are still vacancies for the Cape Centres gathering from 20th -22nd/24th September this year. Based in Stellenbosch, I am sure that the Cape Town centre will lay on a most enjoyable weekend in the beautiful winelands and if not already booked, I urge to join us on this outing. Contact Brian Aslett at brazzle@iafrica.com for details or let me know and I will forward the 'flyer' to you.

I have heard that the Cape centres of the Triumph club, i.e. from Cape Town to East London, are planning on a mass participation at the GRMC show on 4th May this year. That really is laying down the gauntlet and challenging us to put on an even bigger and better show of MGs than last year when MG 50 was the draw card, especially for 'B's. Let's have a trial run at the George show where we are hoping for better organisation than at previous events.

Drive safely and enjoy the top down weather.

Bruce

PAST EVENTS

THE PRAWN BRAAI

This year's event was another success, the Attendance Register showing 34 entries, most of which were "Member and Spouse". The Angling Club again proved to be a good venue and thanks go to Ricky Cooper for facilitating the event.

FUTURE EVENTS

JANUARY 2013 EVENTS

From our Events Guys:

Dear Member, Happy New Year and all best to you and your family.

A courteous reminder of our noggin at Brenton on Sea - 17h00 on the 15th - Picnic / Sundowner - meet at The Quays @ 16h30 or there.- see you on the grass oval.

Our first MG breka is at the new venue of The Bistro on the 27th - meet at The Quays 09h00 , or there - use Groenvlei turnoff, parking at road-end at Hotel - at 09h30.

Reminder to register your Cars for the George show before the 20th Jan. The organisers have reserved us 45 spaces, in our own area.

Thank you , look forward to seeing you all, Cheers, Fred.

Please note your updated 6 month calendar – published below for ease of reference

	Date	Race
1	Mar 17	Australian Grand Prix
2	Mar 24	Malaysia Grand Prix
3	Apr 14	Chinese Grand Prix
4	Apr 21	Bahrain Grand Prix
5	May 12	Spanish Grand Prix
6	May 26	Monaco Grand Prix
7	Jun 9	Canadian Grand Prix
8	Jun 30	British Grand Prix
9	Jul 7	German Grand Prix
10	Jul 28	Hungarian Grand Prix
11	Aug 25	Belgian Grand Prix
12	Sep 8	Italian Grand Prix
13	Sep 22	Singapore Grand Prix
14	Oct 6	Korean Grand Prix
15	Oct 13	Japanese Grand Prix
16	Oct 27	Indian Grand Prix
17	Nov 3	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix
18	Nov 17	United States Grand Prix
19	Nov 24	Brazilian Grand Prix

2013 MGCC EVENTS CALENDAR

When possible, runs will be on the second Sunday and Noggins on the second Tuesday of the month.

Regular breakfast runs on last Sunday of the month

Please see under "Forthcoming Events" in the current newsletter for details:

MGCC members are invited to participate in GRMC events shown below in BLUE

Meeting places: Knysna – The Quays at Waterfront Drive end of Grey Street

Sedgefield – Engen One Stop

Date	Day	Host Club	EVENT	Quays Start
Jan				
15	Tues	MG	Noggin: Brenton on Sea – SUNDOWNER & SUPPER	16h30
27	Sun	MG	Breakfast @ The Bistro – Lake Pleasant, Sedgefield	09h00
Feb				
9	Sat	MG	George Old Car Show	08h00
12	Tues	GRMC	Noggin @ Mitchell's Brewery – Braai – meet there @ 17h00	
Mar				
2 to 3	Sat	none	Lionel's Taste of all Seasons, non club tour	TBA
5	Tues	MG	Noggin: AGM and Braai at Knysna Angling Club	17h00
16	Sat	GRMC	Pre-tour car check @ Knysna Motor Strippers	9 till 12
17	Sun	GRMC	Bring & Braai picnic @ Ebb & Flow @ Hoekwil	TBA
31	Sun	MG	Breakfast, the Bistro, Lake Pleasant, Sedgefield	09h00
Apr				
9 to 12	Tues	GRMC	Grand Tour – to be advised by Geoff Mangan	
28	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00
May				
4	Sat	GRMC	Knysna Car Show	TBA
15-19	Wed	MG	FESTIVAL OF SPEED, Hillclimb etc.	
25-26	Sat	GRMC	Last Night of the Proms – PE	TBA
26	Sun	MG	Breakfast, the Bistro, Lake Pleasant, Sedgefield	09h00
June				
9	Sun	MG	Run to Glentana Caravan Park, bring & braai	10h30
18	Tues	GRMC	Run to George Transport Museum and power van ride up Montagu Pass	TBA
30	Sun	MG	Old Nicks @ Plett	09h00

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MAINTAINING THE BREED

MG Q TYPE

The **MG Q-type** (sometimes referred to as the QA) was a racing car produced by the MG Car company in 1934. The chassis was based on the one used on the MG K3 but was narrower and used N type axles. The engine used the cylinder block from the P-type but with a special crankshaft to bring the capacity down to 746 cc by reducing the stroke from 83 mm (3.3 in) to 71 mm (2.8 in). A high-pressure Zoller supercharger was fitted giving a boost to 2.5 atmospheres (1.8 kg/cc) and allowing the engine to produce 113 bhp (84 kW) at 7200 rpm. A sprint version was also made with output increased to 146 bhp (109 kW) which at nearly 200 bhp (150 kW) per litre was the highest specific output of any engine in the world at the time

Probably only eight were made (Michael Sedgwick states nine) as the car was expensive at £550–650, and the rigid axle chassis had difficulty in dealing with the power of the engine. The single-seat version achieved a lap speed of 122 mph (196 km/h) at Brooklands driven by George Harvey-Noble, and the two-seater was capable of 120 mph (190 km/h).



SAVVA TECHNICAL TIP 68 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Some years back we mentioned the importance of carrying fire extinguishers in our vehicles. To justify our concern we received the following information from the National Fire Protection Association in the USA, last year:

- 215500 vehicles were burned out
- Every 146 seconds a vehicle burns out
- 310 people were killed in vehicle fires
- 1590 people were injured
- \$1.4 Billion damage to vehicles

Fire extinguishers are now readily available from all spares outlets at very good prices – make sure you have one in your collector vehicle at all times and also make sure it's in good order. It pays to buy one with a gauge so you can see the pressure level.

Another warning: We recently heard of a club member in Johannesburg who sadly ended up in intensive care with severe burns when a fire got out of control whilst working on one of his cars. Four cars were also destroyed. It was one of those unforeseeable accidents. In this case a lead light bulb exploded igniting some petrol. He had an extinguisher on hand but the capacity was too small. Make sure you have a large capacity one in your workshop or garage.

I had a similar but not as catastrophic an accident in November. I was running the engine of a recently purchased motorcycle and was unaware the exhaust had a hole in it resulting in the exhaust blowing downwards and igniting some oil soaked cloth on the floor under the engine. In seconds there were flames lapping the fuel tank. Fortunately I was able to extinguish the flames before there was too much damage. We tend to forget we are working with dangerous machinery, inflammable fuels and other combustible materials.

I'm sure most enthusiasts have discarded the old incandescent bulbs in their lead (inspection) lights and replaced them with "energy saving" tubes. They tend to last longer and don't get so hot. If you haven't done so – give it some thought.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Margie Von Zeil and John Hogg (member no. 100). We hope to see you both at events throughout 2013 starting at Brenton on Sea on the 15th of this month.

IN THE SICK BAY

Ali Clough - get well soon, best wishes for a speedy recovery from the committee and members.

THE WIFE

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week.'

'That's very fair, your honour,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all.'

'Me neither doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance...

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's there now.'

THE CLUB CAR REGISTER

Would new members please let Keith Burton have their car's details asap. We wish to keep the club car register up to date and the information is passed on to the relevant model registers. Please send details to Keith (keiella1@telkomsa.net or P.O. Box 1154, Sedgfield, 6573).

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING:

www.mgcarclubsc.co.za

<http://gallery.mac.com/djwardell> (website for MG 80 gallery)

www.mgcarclub.co.uk

www.mgcc-north.co.za

www.motorheads.co.za

www.motorheadsdiary.com (for motorsport/Historic racing diary)

<http://www.myclassics.co.za/clubs.aspx>

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- **Caps** (Blue/navy trim) R 75.00
- The Club logo is embroidered on all of these items

Please e-mail inquiries and orders to Ron Hollis (ron@bodge.co.za).

FOR SALE

For Sale: For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 0828222146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za

Wanted: Ricky Cooper is looking to purchase scrap MG's and other sports cars for spares. Please contact him on 0828222346 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za

Wanted: Original steering wheel in good condition for 1968 MGB, please phone Ray Mackey on 0829226106*

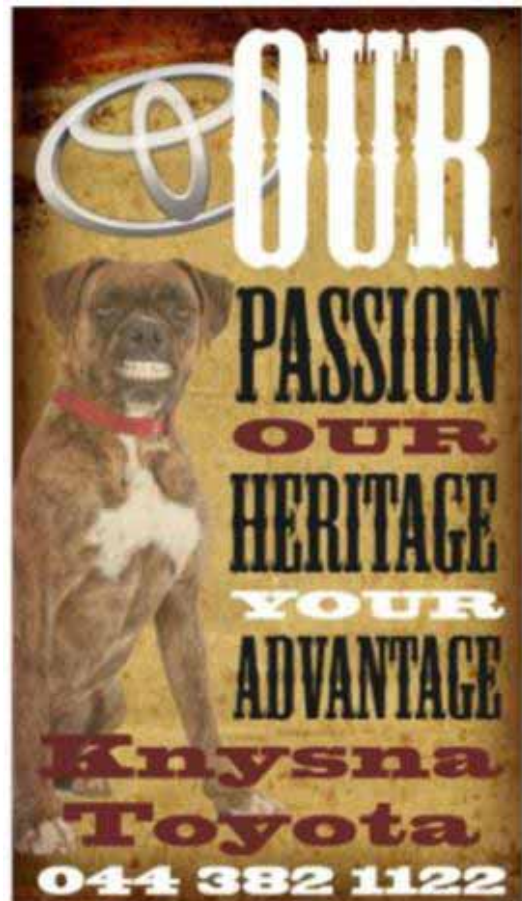
Wanted: Pair of D shaped headrests for a rubber bumper MGB, in any condition, contact Heinz Konckie 0796250240

National for sale and wanted list: This list includes MGs countrywide, spares and books. For further information, contact Bruce Henderson on 044 382 1989 or brucejhenderson@gmail.com .

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2	2	14
Baker Lew	Heather	1	1	7
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	1	1	24
Bruce Brian				
Burton Keith	Ella	1	1	23
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	1	1	19
Clough Pat	Ali	1	1	25
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2	2	54
Dabner Len	Sonia	1	1	2
Davey George	Margie	1	1	23
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	1	18
Day John	Margaret	1	1	6
Doig Pete	Anne			
Douglas Murray	Anne	1	1	22
Dunlop Denis	Gill	1	1	10
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			11
Fisher Roger	Alva	1	1	16
Frost Norman	Jennie	1	1	4
Giggins Barry	Joan			5
Gilbert Greg	Rae			
Gregory Mike	Jan			7
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	2	2	11
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		2	2	46
Henderson Mike				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1	1	20
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter				3
Hollis Ron	Dee	1	1	30
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	1	1	11
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			1
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	8
Koch John	Jillian			1
Koncki Heinz	Paula	1	1	19
Krahe Alexander				6
Langman Frostie	Sue	2	2	22
Lawson Ross	Antoinette			5
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			2
Lodder Hugo				4
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	1	1	42
Mackey Ray	Angela			33
Madeley Brian	Lyn			14
Mangan Geoff				17
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	1	1	6
Mentz Bunny	Jan	1	1	14
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	1	1	47
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Parfett Ed	Jennie			16
Parker Wilf	Jenny			19
Paton Duncan	Lesley	1	1	32

Pretorius Peter				1
Putter Willie	Linnea	1	1	4
Reitz Fritz	Madene			1
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne			4
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Tops Paul	Barbie			
van den Bor Frans	Ellen	1	1	4
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			2
Vadas Peter	Vivian			13
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
von Zeil	Margie	1	1	1
Warne Alan	Jillian			
Wessels John	Jane			7
Williams Denny	Pat	1	1	17
Wilsher Martin	kim			
Winter George	Liesel			14
Witemann Otto	Rosy			2
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda			7
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	1	1	25
Zerwick Rick	Dolla			3
Zerwick Karel				2
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2	2	14



EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
			MEM	NON MEM
1	Sundowner picnic	17 Jan	22	1
2	Cafe Francois	29 Jan	21	5
3	George Car Show	11 Feb	19	1
4	Old Nicks	26 Feb	19	6
5	AGM	28 Feb	26	0
6	Klein Karoo tour	5-9 Mar	14	5
7	Pensioners to Enrico's	20 Mar	12	4
8	Cafe Francois	25 Mar	12	5
9	Brenton Braai	1 Apr	18	3
10	Sedgefield Arms	10 Apr	16	1
11	Old Nicks	29 Apr	14	6
12	Knysna Car Show	13 May	44	0
13	Hillclimb Helpers	18-20	31	0
14	Cafe Francois	27 May	15	5
15	Belvidere Quiz Night	12 Jun	9	4
16	Old Nicks	24 Jun	9	8
17	Woodmill beer tasting	6 Jul	15	0
18	Elephant Park Brunch	8 Jul	12	6
19	Christmas in July	21 Jul	19	8
20	Old Nicks	29 Jul	15	6
21	Mad Dog Curry	7 Aug	10	1
22	Tsitsikama run	18 Aug	9	1
23	Old Nicks	26 Aug	10	1
24	Indaba 2012	21-24 Sept	9	0
25	Cafe Francois	30 Sept	15	6
26	Glentana braai	14 Oct	19	3
27	Old Nicks	28 Oct	14	6
28	De Vasselot Braai	11 Nov	17	12
29	Old Nicks	25 Nov	13	6
30	Prawn Braai	7 Dec	33	1



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Meeting place: **KNYSNA** – The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey St.

SEDGEFIELD – Engen One-Stop.

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.

