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EDITORIAL

Fred Mullany has been at it again and has added another event for April in the form of the popular “Pensioners Run”, this one being to.....a mystery venue in the Plett area, so check the updated calendar which appears later in this newsletter, and watch for the emails with reminders and further details.

For those of you scouring the media for that new classic or just looking for parts, you will be sad to hear that the “National For Sale and Wanted” lists produced every couple of months by Rod Paxton are now a thing of the past and there will be no more. Whilst that is unfortunate I would again encourage members to make more use of our For Sale and Wanted column in the newsletter.

Following last year's widespread celebration of MGBs 50th anniversary, this year sees the 60th anniversary of the MG TF, albeit later in the year as it first appeared at the Earls Court Motor Show of 1953. There are two in Knysna, - maybe we will see them out and about in their anniversary year?

Keep the revs up,

Ray

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

Records galore! While the MGCC centres in the rest of the country bemoan dwindling membership and attendance, at the South Cape we are in the enviable position of just the reverse. For our first event of the

year, the wind tried to disrupt our sunset picnic at Brenton but a move to shelter in the campsite allowed 69 people to enjoy their picnic and then see the sun set from the car park. A beautiful morning must have been at least part of the stimulus for 81 people to attend the last-Sunday-of-the-month breakfast at the new venue, the Bistro at Lake Pleasant.

I hope that all members will endeavour to continue this trend especially at our AGM at the Knysna Angling Club on Tuesday 5th March and the braai to follow. Although the current committee members have all accepted nomination for re-election, new blood is always a good thing and it is hoped that others will make themselves available.

Some have expressed concern at the numbers feeling that the combined runs with the GRMC are too big and that the MG Car Club needs to maintain its identity by being separate from the GRMC. The committee is taking note of this but it is worth recording that less than 20% of the cars and the people on both the above runs are not MGCC members. There will continue to be events specifically for MGCC members only and we will ensure that our club does preserve its independence and identity.

I recently came across a couple of anecdotal snippets which I found interesting:

In a biography of Joseph Lucas aka the Prince of Darkness: born 1834; apprenticed to a silversmith; started his own business selling 'newly discovered' paraffin for lighting; then made lamps for bicycles; 1878 first King of the Road lamp; 1897 formed new company, Joseph Lucas and Son. Joseph died that year and at his funeral, hymns were "Lead Kindly Light" and "No shadows beyond". *(Clearly a case of setting a shining example that extended to lighting many paths but a pity that they could not keep going).*

Having been to and bought spares from Moss Motors on London's fringes and knowing that they supply spares for British cars, it has never crossed my mind that the company was anything but British. However, it turns out that the company was founded by an American, Alan Moss who died last year. He had bought a new MG TC in 1948 which initiated his lifelong love of British cars. He became involved with rallying and racing in his TC and then founded Moss Motors in 1949. Based in California, his company progressively enlarged with branches all over the US. When British Leyland stopped selling spares in 1988, Moss Motors bought the entire stock. They combined with several UK spares firms and formed Moss Europe with headquarters at Hanworth outside London, a destination that six of our members enjoyed visiting on our Goodwood trip a few years ago.

Remarkably, the UK MGCC centres have 52 members each with over 50 years of continuous MGCC membership, the longest being a member since 1947! They were recently presented with awards. Our own Keith Burton must be catching them up!

I remind you that there are still vacancies for the Cape Centres gathering from 20th -22nd/24th September this year in Stellenbosch and encourage you to join our centre's group at the event. Contact Brian Aslett at brazzle@iafrica.com for details or let me know and I will forward the 'flyer' to you.

Bruce

PAST EVENTS

BRENTON SUNDOWNER PICNIC

The first event for 2013 took the form of a picnic at Brenton-on-Sea in the later afternoon. The intention was to enjoy our picnic goodies, to watch a sunset over the bay and just to enjoy a relaxing time together with family and friends and our MGs.

What a bumper event it turned out to be! 35 cars arrived - 25 of them MGs, complete with picnic tables, chairs, baskets and refreshments.

The area we originally intended to use has no braai facilities, hence the picnic.

Unfortunately, whilst the weather was sunny and warm, Cape Town's wind had moved up the coast to us! We moved our location up the road a short distance and used the old caravan campsite, now an open municipal park, with clean ablutions and lots of grassed area.

The event was open to members of our sister club, the GRMC, and 3 members joined us in a Ferrari, a Morgan and a Sunbeam Tiger.

We were also able to welcome a number of our new members, two of them for their first taste of what our club has to offer!

If this attendance is an indication of the support 2013 events are going to attract, we are in for another great year.

Well done to Fred and his team for organising another enjoyable event.



BREAKFAST AT THE BISTRO, LAKE PLEASANT

Well, if you were thinking that the turnout at Brenton was amazing, what about 81 for breakfast!!! Amazingly, the Bistro staff coped well with the unexpected numbers. Having been given prior warning of an expected crowd of about 40 they rallied to the challenge and even had omelets as an option. They should be congratulated for a virtually seamless service. The weather played its part and the view was splendid over the lake. More of this please Fred, I am sure there will be another good attendance at the next visit scheduled for the end of March.

MG CAR CLUB – South Cape Centre

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MG CAR CLUB - SOUTH CAPE CENTRE

Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Time: 18h00

Venue: Knysna Angling Club

(Bring & braai and bar facilities available after the meeting)

	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

MG TOUR TO ZIMBABWE

Joh'burg Centre members have organised a MG tour to Zimbabwe from 16 to 28 May this year. Would any interested members please contact Bruce Henderson for details.

2013 MGCC EVENTS CALENDAR (Revised)

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
 Sedgfield – 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, Sedgfield	09h00
Feb				
9	Sat	MG	George Old Car Show	07h30
12	Tues	GRMC	Noggin @ Mitchell's Brewery – Braai – meet there @ 17h00	
24	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00
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, Sedgfield	09h00
Apr				
9 to 12	Tues	GRMC	Grand Tour – to be advised by Geoff Mangan	
24	Wed	MG	Pensioner Brunch Plett Area – to be confirmed	10h30
28	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00

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THE GRAND PRIX SEASON – 60 YEARS AGO

Ferrari dominated the championship, taking seven of the eight Grand Prix, although Fangio's Maserati challenge took him to second place in the championship and a win at Monza. Ascari stretched his unbeatn run to nine Grand Prix before Hawthorn broke the sequence at Reims. Farina is the oldest driver to win a race driving by himself.

Argentine Grand Prix, Buenos Aires. 18th January 1953)

Ascari	Ferrari	97 laps	3hrs 01m 4.6s.
Villoresi	Ferrari		
Gonzalez	Maserati		
Hawthorn	Ferrari		
Galvez	Maserati		
Behra	Gordini		
Trintignant/Schell	Gordini		
J Barber	Cooper Bristol		
A Brown	Cooper Bristol		
Manzon	Gordini	67 laps	lost wheel
Fangio	Maserati	35 laps	prop shaft
Bonetto	Maserati	32 laps	transmission
Farina	Ferrari	31 laps	accident
Menditeguy	Gordini	24 laps	gearbox
Birger	Simca-Gordini	22 laps	crown wheel & pinion
Cruz	Cooper Bristol	20 laps	lost wheel

MAINTAINING THE BREED

THE MG TF 60TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR

The TF was launched in 1953 as a 'facelifted TD with a sloping grille and the headlamps in the wings.' The following year, 1954, MG offered the TF 1500 - 1500 meaning 1466cc and 63 horsepower at 5500 RPM - using a redesigned XPEG motor. Some 3400 1500s were made before production ceased in 1955 with news of the incoming MGA.

MG revived the TF name in 2002 for its MG F, a mid-engined sports car, which had experienced considerable sales success. MG Rover collapsed in 2005

and production stopped. Bought by the Nanjing Automobile Group the stated plans were to re-launch the TF in September 2008.



THANKS

Ali Clough wishes to thank members for the beautiful flowers and good wishes she received following her recent illness.

NO JOKES – TRUE STORIES

While strolling along the Embankment this morning I noticed a Muslim extremist slip from the launching ramp and fall into the water.

He was struggling to stay afloat because of all the explosives he'd been carrying. If he didn't get help he'd surely drown.

Being a caring and responsible Liverpool fan (1st), Englishman (2nd), and abiding by the law of the land that requires you to help those in distress, I informed Thames River Police, the Immigration Office and even the RNLI Rescue team.

It is now 2 p.m., he has drowned, and neither authority has yet responded.

I'm starting to think I wasted three stamps.

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King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world.

Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it."

"But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested.

"Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

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Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire, and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

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A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

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An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the Medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling.

The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

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A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely, saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census." *SORRY !!! Ed*

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, Sedgefield, 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>

REGALIA

REGALIA NEWS FLASH - REVISED BUMPER BADGES

To further enhance the quality and durability of our bumper badges, these are now being produced in etched brass with the club colours painted on the front.

As before, two mounting options are available:-

- Our "traditional" unit has a small tongue protruding beneath the main badge, designed for 2-hole* mounting on a badge bar.
- The "rear-mounted" type has 2 studs protruding from the back for mounting directly onto a radiator grille.

*The "traditional" badges are supplied un-drilled, so the mounting holes can be precisely matched to existing brackets.

Cost for both types is R 150.00 per badge. Order from Ron Hollis (call/sms to 082 859 8771 or e-mail to ron@bodge.co.za)

FOR SALE

For Sale: 1971/2 MGB GT in very original and good condition in Somerset West. History available having had three owners. 91,000 km total and only 5000 Km in past 8 years. Contact Anthony von Zeil on caratz@telkomsa.net or 021 855 0494 or cell 072 284 1658. R89,000 negotiable.

For Sale: MGB Cast exhaust manifold free to a good home, tel Ray Mackey 0829226106**

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

EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
			MEM	NON MEM
1	Sundowner picnic	15 Jan	29	6
2	Bistro breakfast	27 Jan	32	12



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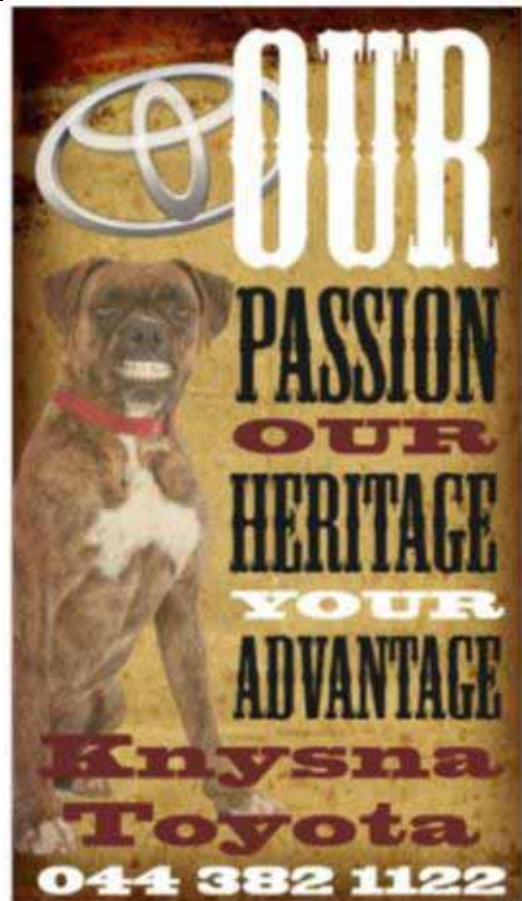


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Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	2,2	4	4
Bruce Brian		1	1	1
Burton Keith	Ella	2,2	4	4
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	2,2	4	4
Clough Pat	Ali	2	2	2
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2,2	4	4
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie	2	2	2
Davidson Brian	Jose	1,2	3	3
Day John	Margaret	1,1	2	2
Doig Pete	Anne			
Douglas Murray	Anne	2,1	3	3
Dunlop Denis	Gill			
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	2	2	2
Fisher Roger	Alva			
Frost Norman	Jennie			
Giggins Barry	Joan	2	2	2
Gilbert Greg	Rae			
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	2,2	4	4
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		2,2	4	4
Henderson Mike				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	2	2	2
Hogg John	Gill	2,2	4	4
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter				
Hollis Ron	Dee	2,2	4	4
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	1	1	1
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	2
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula	2	2	2
Krahe Alexander				
Langman Frostie	Sue	2,2	4	4
Lawson Ross	Antoinette			
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			
Lodder Hugo				
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	2,2	4	4
Mackey Ray	Angela	2,2	4	4
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2,2	4	4
Mangan Geoff		2,1	3	3
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			
Mentz Bunny	Jan	2	2	2
Miller Garth	Shirley	2,2	4	4
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	2,2	4	4
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Parfett Ed	Jennie	2	2	2

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