



NEWSLETTER NO. 2/2015

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EDITORIAL

A new year and a new challenge, that is for me as I took on the position of editor of this newsletter. I do trust that your 2015 will be a wonderful year, blessed with new opportunities, adventures and many kilometers of fun in your MG's. I have not done many kilometers in a MG but that is about to change as Clive and I are now permanently living in SA. We are so blessed with our roads and lots of sunshine to enjoy these little cars with the big hearts.

I do want to ask all members to feel free to send in articles, ideas and any positive input towards the newsletter. As most of the men with a MG, have a lady in the navigator's seat, (how else will you men find your way in life :-) I would like to give them something to read as well but to begin with I ask all men to send me their spouse's date of birth so that we can congratulate them as well. I really do need the ladies to send in articles that they would like to share or idea of how we can incorporate us women to make this newsletter interesting for us as well. As far as jokes are concerned, I do not know if this edition will have any as I have not received any, but for those who do have respectable jokes, please send them along.

I am really looking forward to all the outings in the MG - love the little cars.

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

Although our club is functioning well as shown by the increasing membership and popularity of our events, for some time I have thought that a change in the administration would be a good idea to avoid monotony and 'staleness'. My search for a replacement chairman has failed dismally but I will continue to look! However a very significant change is occurring with this newsletter. After a long and very successful tenure as editor of our newsletter, Ray Mackey has decided to put his pen down. A huge vote of thanks goes to Ray for his efforts over several years. We put the word out that we were looking for a replacement and very soon were delighted that Charlotte Holliday volunteered interest in the position. After explanations about it and with some trepidation, she accepted the job. I am particularly pleased that Charlotte has taken on the task because the newsletter will undoubtedly change significantly and, one hopes, become of more interest to the

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ladies of our club. It is an on-going concern of the committee to “keep the ladies of the club happy” and with a lady in this very important position – the newsletter is the chief means of communication between the committee and members and is the catalyst to keep the club’s activities going -, one hopes that their interest will be raised and that there will be more input and involvement from them. Charlotte will need assistance and support especially at the outset and I appeal to all members including wives to offer this, especially by providing her with material for the newsletter. I wish Charlotte a very successful tenure in the position and look forward to working with her. Charlotte has elected not to join the committee but there will be close liaison between her and the committee.

With the AGM approaching, Fred Mullany has also decided to give up his position of ‘Events Organiser’. The club functions around its events making this a most important portfolio. Fred has done sterling work for us and I thank him very sincerely. Trevor Cooper has kindly agreed to take Fred’s place, officially from the AGM, and again, we look forward to a fresh outlook and an exciting programme. Trevor and Marchè will be visiting family in Australia until May and Fred will hold the fort until their return.

Another change will be in the management of our club regalia. Jo Mullany has sorted out our regalia and managed sales but has asked for someone to take over. The system has been streamlined and we hope that more members will appear at events in club shirts etc. Marchè Cooper has kindly agreed to manage the regalia including sales for us and I hope many of you who do not have regalia will purchase from her. The available merchandise will be advertised elsewhere in the newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the 2015 AGM on Tuesday 24th March at 18h00 at the Knysna Angling Club. The meeting will hopefully be brief followed by a sponsored boerie roll and a social evening.

You will all be aware of the committee’s concerns regarding the public presence in the pits during the Hillclimb. Our representations to the organisers requesting that the public be prevented from being there during racing has been considered by them and discussed with MSA and the other associated official bodies. It has been decided that the current practice will continue. We have again expressed our concerns but agreed to continue assisting with the running of the event in the same capacity as in the past, subject to our receiving the MSA indemnity for all club participants prior to the event.

Our negotiations with Knysna Municipality about the Sivuyela School for deaf children have been laboured and hesitant but we seem to be making some progress. Hopefully the lease will be made available early this week and we can then proceed with the building operations.

We look forward to a very special series of events in 2015.

Drive safely in your MGs.

Bruce

SICK BAY

Lesley Paton has recently been a “victim of medical care”. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to Peter Hollis who very recently completed his university studies qualifying with a Master of Chemical Engineering degree, Cum Laude. During this study period, without any hesitation, Peter has been able to maintain his interest in the club and help us with the newsletter, the website and the Indaba. Well done, Peter.

PAST EVENTS

Sundowner Picnic on 13 January 2015 at Brenton-on-Sea.



62 people attended the picnic and 25 MG's were gleaming in the sun until a dark cloud covered the sun, but we all made it home before the rain came down. It still was a lovely outing with a non stop chatter from everybody.



FUTURE EVENTS

Please make every effort to attend the 2015 AGM on Tuesday 24th March at 18h00 at the Knysna Angling Club. The meeting will hopefully be brief followed by a sponsored boerie roll and a social evening.

The MMM Gathering in Cape Town and Franschhoek from 19th to 21st March will be a treat not to be missed. About 25 pre-war MGs, 4 from overseas, will be participating, our club's two M Types being the oldest cars there. Do NOT miss the opportunity to see these cars if you are in the vicinity. Please contact Bruce for details if required.

There may still be an available space on the Cape Centres event in Cradock at the end of April. This promises to be most enjoyable. Contact a committee member if you wish to enter.

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.

Meeting Places: KNYNSNA: The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey Street

SEDGEFIELD: Engen One-Stop

Feb 2015

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convener
14/15th	Sat/Sun	Both	George Old Car Show	08h00	Both	PP
18-21	Wed		Lionel Hewitt - Cape Classic		Pvt	
19th	Thursday	GRMC	Pensioner Brunch at Enrico's	10h30	MG incl.	PP
22nd	Sunday	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini's Timberlake Village	09h00	GR MC	FM/TC
24th	Tuesday	MG	MG AGM at Angling Club - sponsored boerie roll & salad	18h00	MG only	TC/RC

March 2015

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Started	Invited	Convener
15th	Sunday	MG	Fun Run to Glentana: Bring 'n Braai	10h00	GR MC	TC
19 - 21st	Thursday	MG	MMM Gathering - Franschoek		MG only	BH
29th	Sunday	MG	Breakfast Run, Old Nick's, Plett	09h00	GR MC	TC

April 2015

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
3-6th	Friday		Easter Weekend			
5th	Sunday	MG	Bonnets up at the Waterfront 8h00 - 15h00	08h00	MG only	TC RC
12th	Sunday	GRMC	Storms River - Passes run - lunch. Tsitsikamma	10h00	MG incl.	PP
14 - 15th	Tuesday		Brian Davidson's T type Tour		T owners	BD
26th	Sunday	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini's Timberlake Village	09h00	GR MC	TC
30 - 3rd	Thursday	MG	Cape Centres Gathering - Cradock		MG only	BH

MAY 2015

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quyas Start	Invited	Convenor
30-3rd	Thursday	MG	Cape Centres Gathering - Cradock		MG only	BH
9th	Saturday	GRMC	Knysna Motor Show		MG incl.	PP
15 - 17th	Friday	MG	Hillclimb + Scrutineering+ Parking + Marshalling		GR MC	BH
23 - 24th	Saturday	GRMC	Last Night of the Proms		GR MC	
31st	Sunday	MG	Breakfast Run Soa Goncalo's (Old Nic's)	09h00	GR MC	TC

JUNE 2015

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quyas Start	Invited	Convenor
9th	Tuesday	MG	Sop en Dop at Pembrey's		??	TC
14th	Sunday	GRMC	Regularity run		MG CC	Cedric P
28th	Sunday	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini's Timberlake Village	09h00	GR MC	TC

AUGUST 2015

15 - 21 st MGA tour

OCTOBER 2015

12 - 16TH GRMC tour



TONY LYONS-LEWIS TC STORY - by Tony Lyons-Lewis

TC4521 – built 15 January 1948

In 1965, the year after I finished High School in Cape Town, a pal of mine bought a left-hand drive MG TD. The car was partially stripped and we set about a rebuild, guided by his father, who was a very good woodworker.

Many body timbers were fabricated and the car was put back on the road – and he still owns it to this day.

The TD was okay but I really fancied a TC, which I could not afford. In 1973, my company sent me off to work for British Oxygen, our parent company, in Liverpool as part of my career development. Returning in 1975. I was transferred to Johannesburg and very soon after that my brother dragged me off to see a TC that

was for sale. I paid R1500,00 – all I had to my name, and drove it home. The price at the time equated to about GBP750

It was not in very good condition, had all the wrong instruments and steered like a super tanker in high seas!!

The long-term plan was for a full rebuild one day, Every time I went overseas on business, much needed parts for the eventual rebuild were obtained. I bought an original rev. counter and speedometer, all the curved English Ash wood sections, a brake master cylinder and a host of other bits and pieces. A voltage regulator, tail lights and parking lights were purchased at a club swop meet in Johannesburg and steadily the MG Shelf started to look like there was enough for a rebuild.

Early retirement at the age of 58 and the time arrived for a rebuild to start. On 14 February, 2008, the stripping of the car began.

The chassis had been badly abused and critical parts were missing. Various club members as well as Mike Allison in UK provided important detail and parts and the whole assembly was finally sand blasted and I spray-painted it in the driveway!

Next came the cleaning, painting and assembling of the suspension, brakes and axles into the chassis and fitting the wheels.

The engine and gearbox were all fully overhauled and painted before being mounted in the now rolling chassis.

Steady progress was made over the next three-and-a-half years and, finally the car was back on the road.

I did a few test runs, took the car to Ricky's workshop to set the wheel alignment and then prepared for the first major run.

Cape centres held their gathering in Graaf Reinet in November 2011 and we set off in the TC, a little apprehensively, to do the 400kms there. The car ran faultlessly and we had a really nice time there, before returning to Knysna, again without mishap.



WATCH THIS SPACE !!!!!

Ricky and Clive bought a 1960 MGA - this is what it looked like at time of offloading in Ricky's workshop.
Date and time: - 27 January 2015 08:48:06

This is what is looks like at 27 January 2015 at 10:40:02



This is what is looks like at 27 January 2015 at 10:40:02





REGALIA

Current Regalia Prices

The following changes to regalia prices – due to new ranges now being supplied. All garments carry the MGSCCC badge and approved wording where applicable.

Item	Sizes	Price
Caps - two tone peak, navy/blue	-	R 90.00
Windbreaker - water shedding (roll-up hood in collar), navy	S, M,L	R 365.00
	2XL, 3XL	R 390.00
Golfer shirt - high quality, trophy-line navy-blue curved inset	S, M,L	R 280.00
	XL, 2XL, 3XL	R 295.00
Members can ask for a garment to be embroidered with club badge	-	R 80.00

Some stock is available, subject to prior sale, but allow 1 to 2 weeks for delivery please. All Regalia to be ordered via Jo Mullany – payment by EFT to Club a/c, send proof of payment please.

Normal club accessories (i.e. key rings, bumper badges, additional name tags etc.) via Ross Lawson direct or Ron at Bodge.

Thank you regards, Jo & Fred Mullany Telefax 044 381 0171

FOR SALE & WANTED

(Would members please contact the Editor if they have any MG cars or spares for sale)

For Sale - MGTF 2005, Arctic White Coupe, 93,000km, good working order, last service April 2014, one missing passenger airbag (but have cover), Damaged front bumper and a couple of dents. Any reasonable offer considered. tel. 021 595 0499 ask for Jean or Roger ***

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

For Sale - MGB 1800 Engine, Front suspension and Car Roller - Contact Duncan Hardie, Hermanus 082 3123 222 or 083 6677 339*

For Sale - Heavy Duty wheel ramps, fabricated steel, 1200 long, 300 wide and 300 high. Ideal for home or commercial workshop, R400.00 the pair

Steel framed bearing/garage press. Heavy duty bottle jack in a steel fabricated frame. Ideal for home or commercial workshop. R1500.00

Both items can be seen at Leisure Isle, Allan Hamilton, 082 375 2840 or allham@mweb.co.za *

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

Wanted - MG Magnette. Must be in good original condition or a fully rebuilt vehicle will be considered. Allan Hamilton 082 375 2840 or allham@mweb.co.za *

BIRTHDAYS

February seems to be a good month for birthdays.

4 Feb - Fred Mullany

11 Feb - Geoff Mangan

17 Feb - Ian Jones and Gordon Macmillan

22 Feb - Martin Wilsher

23 Feb - Rob Ferrie

24 Feb - Leish Horak

27 Feb - Peter Posniak

Many happy returns of this day. Hope you are truly spoiled on your birthdays with a house full of family and friends.

MAINTAINING THE BREED

SAVVA Technical Tip 93 – SU Fuel pumps

I recently had a problem with a comparatively new electronically operated fuel pump (SU look alike) that was squirting petrol out of every orifice possible except the correct one – the diaphragm had split. Unfortunately the manufacturer doesn't deem it necessary to keep replacement diaphragms so the entire pump has to be scrapped. They cost about R500.00 each and last about five years so that works out to R100.00 a year for a pump. So rather than rush off to buy a new one I decided to check out the old ones I had accumulated to see if any of them still had "life" in them. It was a rather interesting exercise – most of them were SU's of varying ages, some I suspect even pre-war. Interestingly, all of them had working diaphragms but the points were working only sporadically. Fortunately, SU replacement points are still available (at a price that is).



As you are no doubt aware SU's use two types of points i.e. single and double. The single points are fitted to very early models and the double points to later ones. Some of the later ones had double points but with a condenser fitted across the points to stop sparking resulting in much longer point life.

As an experiment I ran a very old, pre-war single point pump which sparked away merrily and then held a condenser across the points and the sparking went away. The conclusion was that regardless how old these pumps are, even a pre-war one, it would be advisable to fit a condenser to stop the sparking. I contacted an

SU agent in England to determine the capacity of a suitable condenser and needless to say they offered a rebuild package for UK pounds 40.00 - sis tog!

Maybe someone can offer more professional advice regarding the capacity and voltage rating of a suitable condenser. The pump illustrated has just had new points fitted and came standard with a 0.05 mfd, 200 volt condenser fitted. However I have a feeling anything in that area would do the job.

CLASSIC CAR SERVICE PROVIDERS:

(If members are aware of other reputable service providers not mentioned here, please let me know, Ed)

Servicing and Repairs to Instruments

Derek Nightingale 0824562504 or nightingale.da@xsinet.co.za

Mechanical Repairs and Servicing

Bodge Engineering, Ron Hollis 0828598771

Knysna Motor Strippers, Ricky Cooper 0828222146

Radiators and Fuel Tank repairs

Silverton Radiators, Knysna Industria

MG Spares

Sports Car Centre Alan or Denise 011 4860021

Teds Spares, Knysna (parts/consumables for older cars) Oscar 044 3821335

Panel beating, Spray painting.

Tino 0782543643 Sedgefield/Karatara area – (including full restorations)

Spotless Knysna Industria Hein 0824706213/0793807337 (including valet service)

Rubber seals/sections

ProAuto rubber 29 Hibernia St., George; 044 8740817

Rubberman 61 Albert St., George 044 8732502 sales@rubberman.co.za

Ash framing, dashboards, door cappings, veneer repairs & refinishing etc.

Classic-Dash Ray Mackey 0829226106 brmprojects@telkomsa.net

Chrome plating

African Electroplating Peter Posniak 0825535032

Supreme Bumpers Glen Brits 011 6262304/5/6 or 0834503745

Chromeworks Peter Tiles 041 4841533 / 0828558628 or chromeworks@yahoo.co.za

Engineering

Precision Engineering Services, Knysna Industria, Aubrey Springer 0824448981

Exhausts, brakes, suspension, steering etc

De Graaf Undercar, Knysna Industria, Johan/Doreen 0820993164 / 044 3820806

Car Storage (Knysna)

Secure storage in Knysna Industrial area, contact Ricky Cooper 0828222146

Windscreens and Glass

Classic Car Windscreens - Contact julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za

Disclaimer: The above list of service providers is included in good faith and no responsibility will be accepted for inferior workmanship or poor service. Members availing themselves of these services do so entirely at their own risk. Ed.

APOLOGIES:

The chairman should know better! In last months 'From the High Chair', I suggested going to the website for the Programme of Events. What I should have said was "Access the programme of events in the newsletter which you will find by going to the website, www.mgcarclubsc.co.za .

Apologies! Bruce

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MNTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	1		1
Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	2	2	4
Bruce Brian				
Burton Keith	Ella	2		2
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	1	1	2
Clough Pat	Ali	2		2
Cooper Ray	Pat			
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2	1	3
Cooper Trevor	Marche	2	2	4
Cox Stuart	Dottie			
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie	2		2
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	1	2
Day John	Margaret	1		1
Douglas Murray	Anne	2	2	4
Dunlop Denis				
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			
Fisher Roger	Alva	1		1
Frost Norman	Jennie	2		2
Giggins Barry	Joan			
Gough Dave	Margee	2		2
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		2	2	4
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	2		2
Hogg John	Gill			
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	2		2
Hollis Peter				
Hollis Ron	Dee	2		2
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	1		1
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			
Jones Dave	Fay	2		2
Jones Ian				
Jones Nick	Sandie			
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula			
Krahe Alexander		2		2
Kruger johan	Ilse			
Langman Frostie	Sue	2		2
Lawson Ross	Antoinette			
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			
le Grange Poena	Rika			
Lodder Hugo				
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	2	2	4
Mackey Ray	Angela	2	2	4
Macmillan Ros	Gordon	2		
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2		2
Mangan Geoff	Chris			
Marsden Susan		2		2
Marucci Oscar				
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			
Mentz Bunny	Jan	2		2
Miller Garth	Shirley	2	2	4

Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	2		2
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Page Gerry		2	2	4
Parfett Ed	Jennie	2		2
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2		2
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2	2	4
Posniak Peter	Patti			
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Putter Willie	Linnea			
Reitz Fritz	Madene			
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne	2		2
Smart Laurie	Kate	2	2	4
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Steenkamp Don	Joan			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Thornborough Jim	Maxine			
Tops Paul	Barbie			
Urbanc Mirka				
van den Bor Frans	Ellen			
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			
Vadas Peter	Vivian	2		2
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
v Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley			
van Niekerk Charles	Carrol	1		1
von Zeil	Margie			
Warne Alan	Jill			
Waterston Allan	Pam	2		2
Wessels John	Jane			
Whitehead Neville	Enid	2		2
Williams Denny	Pat	1		1
Wilsher Martin	Kim			
Winter George	Liesel			
Witzmann Otto	Rosy			
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	1		1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	2	2	4

NO.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
			MBRS	NON MBRS
1	Sundowner picnic	2015-01-13	34	2
2	Old Nick's bfast	2015-01-25	25	8

Note: Numbers above refer to each entry on attendance sheet and do not take account of passengers or spouse.

Members with one MG which is under restoration can be awarded 2 points for attending in a "modern" if the editor is made aware of it.



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