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EDITORIAL

Now back from my winter trip to the UK I am about recovered from the effects of the English weather and the surprise trashing of our Knysna garden by the local troupe of baboons, lovely little chaps aren't they.

One of the highlights of my trip was an invitation to the local Buckinghamshire Riley Club's monthly pub lunch and a drive in a Riley Adelphi, accompanied by my friend Dave Evans in ADU 303, the Riley Imp (pictured below) which won the 1938 SA Grand Prix driven by Buller Meyer. The car was bought by Dave through Norman Frost a few years ago and is now looking pristine. *(No apologies for showing a Riley in this newsletter. Ed.)*

My trip meant that I missed several events including the club AGM commented on by Bruce below. In this edition I have included a further update on events during the next few months as prepared by Fred Mullany, please check the schedule to avoid any surprises.

Keep the revs up,

Ray



FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

Let's get the bad news out of the way first; you will all be aware by now of the cancellation of the Knysna Hillclimb. This was due to the eleventh hour withdrawal of the sponsorship promised by Renault after last year's event and the inability of the organisers to raise alternative sponsors at the last minute. The organisers have made a huge effort to raise the minimum required funds, even for a scaled down event, but to no avail. Besides disappointment for the competitors, spectators and, dare I say it, us 'workers', the sad knock on effect of this cancellation is big for Knysna in that the accommodation facilities and restaurants will lose substantial revenue as will the various charities which last year benefitted to the tune of R55,000. Hopefully with the time available, alternate arrangements can be made for next year. The good news is that Fred is at work arranging an event for us to take the place of the Hillclimb, probably on Sunday 19th May. Details will be announced shortly.

Once again, a good crowd attended our AGM which was astonishingly lacking in controversy, perhaps because of the need to get to the bar and braai that followed! We congratulate the trophy winners, Ricky Cooper (Antart for the most enthusiastic member), Keith Burton (Chequered Flag for competition) and Murray Douglas (Second in competition).

Many of you will have seen the marquee on Cruise Café's parking area on March 2nd. (*see pictures below. Ed*) That is the same tent that will house us for the 2014 Indaba functions and the committee took the opportunity to have a good look at it and do some measuring and assessing. It was agreed that for 320 people + bars etc., it would be a tight fit. We will therefore add an extension to house the bigger bar making things a bit more comfortable for the participants.

Bruce



PAST EVENTS

A disappointing turnout for the pre-tour workshop at Knysna Motor Strippers for Sutherland Tour participants, nevertheless thanks are due to Mark and Gavin for making the workshop facilities available.

FUTURE EVENTS

Fred Mullany has been busy preparing the events schedule for the second half of the year. This will be published as soon as it is finalised, meanwhile the schedule below has some revisions due, in part, to the cancellation of the hillclimb.

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				
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	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	10h30
24	Sun	MG	Breakfast, the Bistro, Lake Pleasant, Sedgefield	09h00
Apr				
8 to 11	Tues	GRMC	Grand Tour – enquiries Peter/June 044 5330843	08h30
24	Wed	MG	Pensioner Brunch – Enrico's	10h30
28	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00
May				
4	Sat	GRMC	Knysna Car Show	TBA
19	Wed	MG	Little-woods, walk in the garden bring & braai (limited entry MG only)	11h00
25-26	Sat	GRMC	Last Night of the Proms – PE	TBA
26	Sun	MG	Breakfast, the Bistro, Lake Pleasant, Sedgefield	09h00
June				
1	Sat	GRMC	Proms in PE	TBA
9	Sun	MG	Run to Glentana Caravan Park, bring & braai	10h30
18	Tues	MG	Quizz nite. Soup n'roll + light supper. The Bell R65 + tip	18h00
30	Sun	MG	Old Nicks @ Plett	09h00

	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 Milligan Rally

Clearly not an MG Car Club event but the following Newsletter published for those members interested in participating.

Dear Milliganites,

News Letter No 1 – 2013 Milligan

It is my pleasure to extend a personal invitation to take part in the 44th MILLIGAN.

The Organizing Committee is already well on their way to arrange the Milligan for this year. Arrangements are well on course to make this a memorable event once again.

The Milligan Organizing Committee will consist of:

Promoter & Scorer

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Clerk of the Course

Peter Fulton

Treasurer & Tour Co-ordinator

Colin Skinner

SAVVA Steward

Barry Kapelus

Other positions

will be advised

This year the event will give you a choice of:

- *Time Trail – Traditional competitive event*
- *Tour – A more relaxing option of participation.*

Both the above will run parallel to each other and culminating the sharing of all functions.

The Milligan will commence on Sunday the 9th of June 2013 with the Registration in Port Elizabeth and finishing with a prize giving on the evening of Thursday the 13th June 2013. The route will be from Port Elizabeth to Knysna, George and back to Knysna.

It is increasingly difficult to secure accommodation for large groups in various towns. For this reason there will be only a limited number of entries available. To assist you in participating we are endeavouring to keep the cost as low as possible.

I suggest that you keep an eye out for the next newsletter to make your booking and avoid being disappointment of being placed on the waiting list. We are meeting with the Sponsor within the next few days and will let you know the cost of the event.

You can contact me on the above number if you have any questions.

Please advise me if your name must remain be on the mailing list.

Yours faithfully,



Hannes Geyer

Chairman: EPVCC

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THE GRAND PRIX SEASON – 60 YEARS AGO

The grand Prix season of 1953 seems to have been a strange one in that there are no races recorded between the Argentinian Grand Prix held on 18th January until the Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort on 7th

June. (Can you imagine Berni Ecclestone agreeing to that?) No doubt there would have been non-championship events held and competed in by the top teams during the 5 months of GP inactivity. There was also the American version of motor sport going on with the Indianapolis 500 held on 30th May.

Dutch Grand Prix Results (90 laps of 4.1km)

Fastest lap Villoresi 1min 52.8s 83.15 mph/133.82 kph

Driver	Car	Laps	Time/Reason for Retiring	Grid Position
Ascari	Ferrari	90 Laps		1
Farina	Ferrari	90 laps		3
Bonetto/Gonzales	Maserati	89 laps		13
Hawthorn	Ferrari	89 laps		6
de Graffenried	Maserati	88 laps		7
Trintignant	Gordini	87 laps		12
Rosier	Ferrari	86 laps		8
Collins	HWM	84 laps		16
Moss	Connaught	83 laps		9
Villoresi	Ferrari	67 laps	throttle	4
McAlpine	Connaught	64 laps	engine	14
Schell	Gordini	60 laps	transmission	10
Claes	Connaught	52 laps		17
Fangio	Maserati	36 laps	rear axle	2
Mieres	Gordini	28 laps	transmission	19
Gonzales	Maserati	22 laps	rear axle	5
Wharton	Cooper Bristol	18 laps	suspension	18
Salvadori	Connaught	13 laps	valves	11
Macklin	HWM	7 laps	throttle	15

MAINTAINING THE BREED

SAVVA TECHNICAL TIP NO 4: WHEEL SPANNERS

Have you ever had the experience of trying to remove wheel nuts with the little wheel spanner the manufacturers usually supply with a car? These spanners may work under perfect conditions - like when the car is brand new, but once you've had new tyres fitted a couple of times and the wheel nuts tightened by those very special chaps at the tyre shop, add to this a bit of age, dust and rust and rounding off of the nuts you invariably have no chance of loosening the nuts with the spanner provided. A suggestion is to carry a telescopic wheel spanner.

As a comparison, the handle of the wheel spanner supplied with a 1964 Sunbeam Alpine is 15cms long whereas the telescopic ones are 30 cms long extending to 50 cms – so much easier to use. Apart from the added length, the telescopic spanners are much stronger, are slightly offset to clear the wheels rim, and have a decent rubber grip on the handle. They come with a variety of metric sockets usually from 17 to 23mm and as they use a standard ½ inch fitting good old imperial size sockets can be used if need be.

These telescopic wheel spanners are freely available from most accessory shops. The one I'm looking at is made in Germany and came from Midas. They sell for around R85.00 but are often offered on "special" at around R45.00. (Shows the profit they make)

As they use standard 1/2" sockets - in addition to loosening wheel nuts they are ideal for heavy work like loosening cylinder head nuts etc.

Conclusion – a worthwhile investment - especially when you're sitting on the side of the road.

NO JOKES – TRUE STORIES

True extracts from Church Bulletin Boards -

The fasting and prayer conference includes meals

The sermon this morning "Jesus Walks the Water" The sermon tonight "Searching for Jesus"

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale, it's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house, bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off, let the church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall, music will follow.

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)

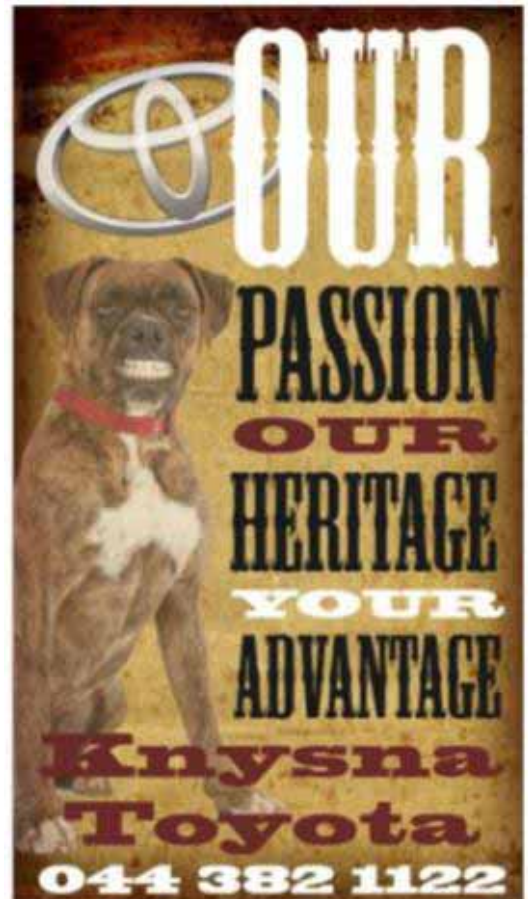
FOR SALE

For Sale: 2002 MG ZT 190 2.5 V6. Luxurious family sedan. Has radio/CD. Sunroof. New 18" tyres and mags. Needs a new clutch. It has approximately 160,000 km's on the clock and I am wanting R35,000 for an urgent sale. Contact Ann on 083 953 9377 or via email: ann.vonbrandis@wits.ac.za. *(I have a picture of the car and can email it to anybody interested Ed.)*

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: 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





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EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
			MEM	NON MEM
1	Sundowner picnic	15 Jan	29	6
2	Bistro breakfast	27 Jan	32	12
3	George Car Show	9 Feb	30	1
4	Old Nicks	24 Feb	18	5

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2	2	6
Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	2	2	6
Bruce Brian		1	1	1
Burton Keith	Ella	2	2	6
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	2,2	4	4
Clough Pat	Ali	1	1	3
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2,1	3	7
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie	2	2	2
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	1	4
Day John	Margaret	1	1	3
Doig Pete	Anne			
Douglas Murray	Anne	2	2	5
Dunlop Denis	Gill	2	2	2
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	2,2	4	6
Fisher Roger	Alva	2	2	2
Frost Norman	Jennie	2	2	2
Giggins Barry	Joan	2	2	2
Gilbert Greg	Rae			
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	1	1	5
Hamilton Allan	Brenda	2	2	2
Henderson Bruce		2,2	4	8
Henderson Mike				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	2	2	4
Hogg John	Gill	2	2	6
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter		2	2	2
Hollis Ron	Dee	2,1	3	7
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	2	2	3
Hunt Bob	Lindsey	2	2	2
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	4
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula	2	2	2
Krahe Alexander				
Langman Frostie	Sue	2	2	6
Lawson Ross	Antoinette			
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			

Lodder Hugo		2	2	2
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	2	2	6
Mackey Ray	Angela	2,2	4	4
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2	2	6
Mangan Geoff		2	2	5
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	2	2	2
Mentz Bunny	Jan	2	2	4
Miller Garth	Shirley	2,2	4	4
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	2,2	4	8
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Parfett Ed	Jennie	2	2	4
Parker Wilf	Jenny			
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2,2	4	8
Pretorius Peter		1,1	2	3
Putter Willie	Linnea	1	1	3
Reitz Fritz	Madene			
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne	2	2	6
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Tops Paul	Barbie	2	2	2
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	2	2	2
Wessels John	Jane			
Williams Denny	Pat	2	2	4
Wilsher Martin	kim			
Winter George	Liesel	2	2	2
Witemann Otto	Rosy			
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	1	1	1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	1,2	3	7
Zerwick Rick	Dolla			
Zerwick Karel				
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2	2	6

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