



NEWSLETTER NO. 3/2015

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EDITORIAL

So, the ice has been broken - thank you for all the positive feedback on my first issue of the newsletter in February. I really do appreciate it and the lovely ideas some of you have. Will definitely make use of it but that will all depend on the members participation to make a success of it. Please email me photos of our members from about 20 to 30 years ago. I will place the photos in the newsletter and let you guess who it is - will give the answers in the next issue of the newsletter. Would be great fun if all of you will take part.

I wonder how many clubs have so many members attending an AGM - normally something to be avoided - must say I was pleasantly surprised. Still have a lot to learn about this club, but what I do know is that it is very active and pleasant. I am so looking forward to the gathering in Cradock in April.

I am aiming to finish the newsletter the 10th of each month, ready to send to Peter for posting on the web. It will be appreciated if any input from your side could reach me before or on the 10th, only next month it would be great if you can send it to me before the 6th of April as I am going to Cape Town on the 7th and would like to send the newsletter to Peter before I leave Knysna.

Went to the Friday Market in Knysna and had to take a photo of our Chairman - just so you can see a different side of him. The finger he is pointing was saying "do'n't you dare" - but I am going to!



FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

Our AGM passed yet again without contention or controversy. The absence of a succession plan for my post is of concern to me and maybe our members are so hesitant about opening their mouths in case they are roped in that they remain very quiet! On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you, the members, for the confidence shown in us and for re-electing those who are staying on but please think of replacements for those of us who want a break. We formally welcome Trevor Cooper as Events Organiser and again welcome Charlotte Holliday as editor although not at this stage as a committee member. We sincerely thank leaving members, Ray Mackey and Fred Mullany for their enormous contribution to the club and are grateful that Fred will stand in for Trevor until his return from Australia in May.

The Chairman's Report was circulated with the minutes of the AGM but it is worth re-iterating and emphasizing a few points.

Firstly it is worth noting that our membership has risen to 104 and that 159 MGs are owned by those lucky people. These are remarkable figures for this little town. Our event attendance figures confirm the popularity of those events but we still urge members to respond to the committee and let us know what you wish for and what you do not like in the way of outings. Our new events' organiser will introduce a few more competitive events to keep the competitive spirit going – part of the ethos of MG and 'Safety Fast'.

The 2015 Hillclimb information is as follows:

You are aware that our committee members' concerns about the presence of the public (including and especially children and dogs) in the pits and the opinion that this should be banned during racing was communicated to the organisers who discussed the matter with their insurers and the official motor sport authorities. They have decided to continue the practice as is. We have again voiced our concerns but will assist with the 2015 Hillclimb from 14th to 17th May. Our duties have however changed somewhat and these details will be communicated to members. Fortunately we will no longer be involved in marshalling the public parking on the hill but we will have teams managing crowd control around the pits.

The following describes our charity involvement:

Following the lean times due to the cancellation of the 2013 Hillclimb, our assistance at the 2014 Hillclimb and a small surplus after our Indaba allowed us to accumulate R30,000 for donation to charity. After visiting the informal Sivuyela School for deaf children and after very careful consideration, we elected to assist the school by sponsoring the refurbishment of a derelict building owned by the Knysna Municipality to be used as their classroom. Difficult negotiations with the municipality regarding the various official permissions have already taken more than four months and are ongoing but most of the red tape has now been cleared and permission has been given for building works to commence from March 9th. In the meantime, a further very substantial donation which will be invaluable to assist with equipment and the running costs of the school has been pledged by a most generous member.

Instructions for regalia purchase will be found later in the newsletter and we encourage members to wear regalia to club events.

The club's financial affairs are in good order and we thank Duncan Paton for his management skills and Neil Metelerkamp for generously giving of his time and expertise to the audit.

Our members are again encouraged to attend the 2016 Indaba in Pretoria. I am sure it will be an entertaining event and well worth the travelling to get there, and it is important that we keep the South African MG movement alive and well. It has recently been announced that Sports Car Centre from where most of us purchase spares will be their main sponsor and very substantial sponsorship will be provided.

Thank you to those who attended the AGM – we hope you enjoyed the social remainder of the evening.

Enjoy driving in your MGs.

Bruce.

PAST EVENTS

George Car Show:

14 Feb 2015 - Valentine's day - and the love affair with their cars came to showtime in George - 29 members and 5 non members attended in spite of the rain early in the morning. Fred send me some lovely photos and I choose a few, cannot print them all. Clive, coming from UK, said this is likely the biggest car show he has ever seen. Well done George.



Hope this does not look disloyal - maar mooi bly darem maar mooi. [pretty stays pretty]

Breakfast Run, Zucchini's

Sunday 22 Feb 2015 - breakfast run to Zucchini's at Timberlake Village. After the rain of the previous day, it was blue sky and sun shine - another beautiful day in Africa. [what I call a real MG day]. Breakfast was great, company even greater and the monkeys were rather playful and unbelievably fast in stealing the biscuits from the coffee drinkers. Everybody was quite alert in keeping them away from the tables in order not to share our breakfast with the monkeys. 20 Members attend this breakfast and 3 non members.





FUTURE EVENTS

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 Centers 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: KNYSNA: The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey Street

 SEDFIELD: Engen One-Stop



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	Convener
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	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
30-3rd	Thursday	MG	Cape Centers 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	Quays 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

WATCH THIS SPACE !!!!!



27 January 2015



2 March 2015

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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Sizes</u>	<u>Price</u>
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 - 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 **

FOR FREE MGB hardtop complete with all glass and fittings. Needs slight attention and repaint. It is genuinely NO CHARGE. I have decided that as I have never used it in 28 years of ownership it must go where it will be used. Phone Robin Dunstan on 041 585 2614 bus hrs or 078 266 7752. New owner to collect as I have no means of moving it anywhere *

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 *



1 March - Norma Metelerkamp

6 March - Rosy Witzman

12 March - Hendrik Swart

14 March - Jane Wessels

30 March - Fred Bickley

May you all have a wonderful birthday!!

MAINTAINING THE BREED

Causes of Low Engine Oil Pressure

Engine oil pressure lower than the 50-60 psi specified when the engine is hot can be caused by a number of different reasons, including some of those listed below....

1. Oil level in the sump too low.
2. Wrong oil in engine (too thin).
3. Engine running much too hot.
4. Serious oil leaks which if not obvious externally, may be hidden internally within the engine itself.
5. Worn or damaged crankshaft bearings.
6. Worn crankshaft journals.
7. Oil pressure relief valve spring broken or wrong length, or dirt on valve seat.
8. Dirty oil filter (but filter bypass safety valve should open this situation if filter is badly blocked).
9. Oil pump not primed after oil pump replacement or long periods after car has been laid up.
10. Worn rocket shaft and followers.

As an aside, the reading shown on your dashboard oil pressure gauge will always be a lot lower than the actual pressure within the engine itself. This is because the pipe to the gauge is usually connected near the head of the engine which will always have a reduced pressure.

[Extracted from a article in the Safety Fast, MG Club magazine, September 2014, written by John Bannister]

SAVVA Technical Tip 94 – Spray paints

So often we need to paint a small item or do a touch-up and the easiest way is to use a tin of spray paint for the purpose – it's far easier than switching on the compressor and messing up a spray gun. The only problem is the result. Maybe I just have bad luck or haven't read the instructions on the cans properly but I end up with runs, pin holes, and all kinds of hassles. Many years ago my results with spray cans were far more successful than today and I have a funny feeling the manufacturers have changed the propellant to meet with modern environmental requirements.

Recently, I needed to paint various items on an old motorcycle which didn't justify firing up the old compressor. I looked at the array of cans I had on the shelf and the only black I had was an engine enamel. The thought of going to the hardware store for a can of lacquer was too much so I took a chance on using the engine enamel - the result was brilliant.

I was so impressed I phoned the manufacturer to get their technical advice on the use of engine enamel as opposed to general purpose lacquer. Obviously the gentleman who answered my call couldn't say too much about the contents of these paints but did indicate that engine enamel was the way to go. The cost is a bit higher and the color range a bit restricted – but in my humble opinion the result justifies the extra cost. I will never use lacquer again if enamel is available.



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

Classic Car Storage: Ricky Cooper 0828222146 info@rickycooperstorage.co.za

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

Autoglym Car Care Products contact agent Graham Yendall at 083 2976 677.

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SPELL CHECK!!

A man received the following text from his neighbour:

I am so sorry, Harry. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess. I have been helping myself to your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, more than you. I do not get it at home, but that's no excuse.

I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't ever happen again.

The man, anguished and betrayed, went into his bedroom, grabbed his gun, and without a word, shot his wife and killed her.

A few moments later, a second text came in, "I hate Spell Check - I meant 'WiFi' not 'wife'."



Humorous Quotations:

Democracy means government by the uneducated, while aristocracy means government by the badly educated (GK Chesterton, New York Times, 1931)

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her. (Agatha Christie)

I was born in 1962. True. And the room next to me was 1963... (Joan Rivers)

Thirty-five is a very attractive age, London society is full of women of the very highest birth who have, of their own free choice, remained thirty-five for years. (Oscar Wilde 1895)

Professionals built the Titanic, amateurs built the ark. (Anon)

The world is divided into people who do things - and people who get the credit. (Dwight Morrow)

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCU M	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth		1	1
Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	6	4	10
Bruce Brian		1		1
Burton Keith	Ella	4	2	6
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	2	1	3
Clough Pat	Ali	3	2	5
Cooper Ray	Pat			
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	3	3	6
Cooper Trevor	Marche		4	4
Cox Stuart	Dottie			
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie	3	2	5
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	2	3
Day John	Margaret	3	1	4
Douglas Murray	Anne	4	4	8
Dunlop Denis				
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			
Fisher Roger	Alva	2	1	3
Frost Norman	Jennie		2	2
Giggins Barry	Joan			
Gough Dave	Margee	2	2	4
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		5	4	9
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1	2	3
Hogg John	Gill			
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	5	2	7
Hollis Peter				
Hollis Ron	Dee	3	2	5
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	2	1	3
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	4
Jones Ian		2		2
Jones Nick	Sandie	2		2
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula	2		2
Krahe Alexander			2	2
Kruger johan	Ilse			
Langman Frostie	Sue	3	2	5
Lawson Ross	Antoinette	1		1
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila	1		1
le Grange Poena	Rika			
Lodder Hugo		2		2
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	3	4	7
Mackey Ray	Angela	5	4	9
Macmillan Ros	Gordon			
Madeley Brian	Lyn	4	2	6
Mangan Geoff	Chris			
Marsden Susan		4	2	6
Marucci Oscar				

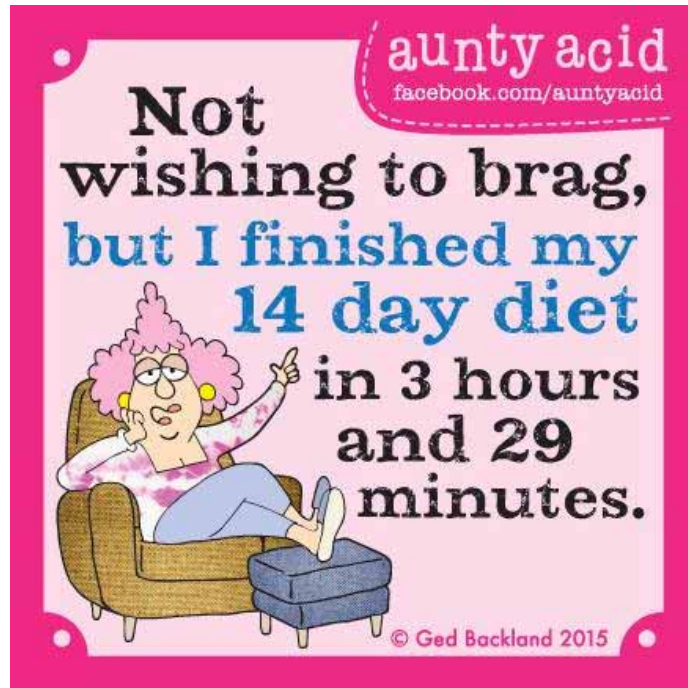
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	3		3
Mentz Bunny	Jan	1	2	3
Miller Garth	Shirley		4	4
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	5	2	7
Orsmond Ret	Julie	2		2
Page Gerry		1	4	5
Parfett Ed	Jennie	5	2	7
Parker Wilf	Jenny	3	2	5
Paton Duncan	Lesley		4	4
Posniak Peter	Patti			
Pretorius Peter		1		1
Putter Willie	Linnea			
Reitz Fritz	Madene	1		1
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne	1	2	3
Smart Laurie	Kate	3	4	7
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Steenkamp Don	Joan			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Thornborough Jim	Maxine			
Tops Paul	Barbie			
Urbanc Mirka		2		
van den Bor Frans	Ellen			2
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			
Vadas Peter	Vivian	2	2	4
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
v Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley			
van Niekerk Charles	Carrol		1	1
von Zeil	Margie	3		3
Warne Alan	Jill			
Waterston Allan	Pam	3	2	5
Wessels John	Jane			
Whitehead Neville	Enid		2	2
Williams Denny	Pat	1	1	2
Wilsher Martin	Kim			
Winter George	Liesel	1		1
Witzmann Otto	Rosy	1		1
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda		1	1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	1	4	5

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
3	George Car Show	2015-02-14	29	5
4	Zucchini's	2015-02-22	20	3
5	AGM	2015-02-30	33	0

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.

Sorry for being an over-achiever!



Guess Who!!

Please join in the fun and send in old photos of members and partners - will tell you in the next issue who these photos belong to.





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