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FROM THE HIGH CHAIR,

The recent AGM marked the end of another successful South Cape year and the club is now well into its tenth year. In the absence of any controversy, the meeting proceeded quickly and the members were then able to enjoy a drink and the boerewors rolls and salads provided by our club. I take this opportunity to again congratulate the floating trophy winners; the Antart Trophy for the most enthusiastic member went to Clive and Charlotte Holiday with the Douglas' in second place and it was great to note that they had both displaced committee members from the top of the points log! Tony Lyons-Lewis was awarded the Chequered Flag for competitive events and Brian Davidson the T Type Trophy. Thanks go to Trevor Cooper and the Knysna Angling Club for hosting us and to Marchè and her helpers for preparing the food.

Some of the committee are aging perhaps faster than they would like to and succession is an ongoing concern. We are constantly on the lookout for younger members both for the club and the committee. I was therefore delighted when Liesel Winter volunteered for service on the committee. We are already finding work for her and will keep her busy! The aging membership problem is by all account a world-wide concern. There appear to be two factors in the UK which stimulate younger interest in MGs. Firstly the availability of the successful new 'Chinese' MG 3 and 6 saloons seems to be attracting more younger people to the MG Car Club and hopefully their interest in more classic MGs will be stimulated. The second factor is racing, both with the modern cars in series such as the British Touring Car events where they continue to do well, and in classic car racing. The latter category is very much alive and well in the UK and weekly events take place around the country in the summer with MGs from all eras being well represented. Classic racing is also big in the United States. It is a pity that our small population of enthusiasts and our huge distances between centres cannot foster more activity in this sphere in South Africa. The Youth Group project in Johannesburg is a good stimulus but funding is always a problem.

One exciting exception to the South African lack of young enthusiasts will come to the fore on our doorstep in May when Peter Hollis competes in the Knysna Hillclimb. He will be driving a much tuned MG Midget and we look forward to his success. As all are now aware, the Hillclimb takes place from 5th to 8th May. The South Cape MG contribution towards the success of this event is huge but this only happens because of your generous donation of your time. I appeal to you to help with the running of the event and to assist us to

receive the substantial donation which we pass to a charity of our choice. An email will go out soon requesting your assistance.

Our final breakfast run to Sao Goncalves at Old Nick's again broke attendance records with no less than 46 cars signed for on the register. In addition, two new members were signed up. It is sad that this venue will be changing but Rui who runs the business has found premises in the Plett village. He has given us such good service that we have decided to continue supporting him and hope to go to the new venue at the end of April. We will keep you informed.

Enjoy your MGs and drive safely,

Bruce



Prizewinners at the AGM - Brian left just after the meeting and Sue missed him and Clive was in UK so I had to take his prize, but then again, wives are with them at every run. :-) Thank you Sue for the photos.

EDITORIAL:

Cannot believe how suddenly the change in the seasons has come. Don't you sometimes just feel that you want to slam brakes on for time to slow down. But then it is said that time flies when you have fun. Talking about having fun, had a rather pleasant experience on Sunday - Clive was in UK and a friend of ours and myself went to Plett for the breakfast run. No problem getting there as the B started without a problem, just to decide not to do so after breakfast. No problem though, I was helped by more than one club member to get the car going again and was followed by Ron Hollis till my house to see that we arrived safely. I would like to thank all, Ray, Tony, Ron, Bruce, Pete for helping us, and hopefully I have not left anybody out. Clive appreciated it as much and will have some work to do on the B when he gets home.

Angela Mackey went in for surgery this week - and by the time this newsletter is circulated I trust she will be home and well. Spoke to Ray the day after her surgery and the doctors are happy with the outcome so far and we trust that she will have a complete recovery.

News all around about the water crisis in Knysna - one thing in life I think we all take for granted and do not realise how precious it is. Give it some thought how it will be if you open a tap and nothing comes out. Not being able to have a shower and wash hair, no laundry being done (the not ironing cannot be the worst thing that happens though), plants in the garden slowly dying. Drinking and cooking can be done using bottled water but what about the rest. Not a pleasant thought.

PAST EVENTS

George Car Show:



Here's some pics , with a few cars Fred found interesting.

Fred Bickley's Costello really looked very good on our stand and generally our guys put on a great show.

Peter Morgan looked especially good I thought and find of the show was Brian Bruce's Handley Page – when he acquired it , it had done 47miles in 17 years – a beaut – see in parade with A's n T's

Weather was sweltering and rated very good show- don't know if we need think about trying do anything special for their 21st next year.





Thank you Fred and Sue for all the photos, sorry all of them cannot be in the newsletter.

25 Anniversary Braai at Glentana - 7 February



Anniversary Cake that we all shared in. Fred and Jo, Ricky and Colleen - thank you for sharing your anniversary with us all. Not always that you have two couples having an anniversary on the same day, same amount of years in the same club.



Smile for the camera. We had a coffee at the cafe and then Tony was caught in the act of more than coffee.



Cheers to Ricky and Colleen and Fred and Jo

Breakfast at Old Nick's

Our last visit to this venue, sadly so, but I am sure that the next venue will be as enjoyable. The attendance went through the roof - 94 people attended - poor chef, but the service was excellent in spite of the crowd. Could not have been a more perfect day for an outing with the little cars.



Above: This is your life. Do what you love and do it often. If you don't like something, change it. Stop over analysing. Life is simple. Open your mind, arms and heart to new things and people.



FUTURE EVENTS

Regular breakfast runs are held on the last Sunday of the month. Please see under forthcoming events in the current newsletter for more detail.

Meeting Places:

KnysnaQuays: at the Waterfront end of Grey Street.

Sedgefield: Engen One-Stop

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MGCC Events Calendar 2016

March						
1st	Tues	MG	MG AGM at Angling Club	18h00	MG only	TC
16th	Wed	GRMC	Pensioners Brunch - Enrico's Keurbooms	10h00	Both	PP
20th	Sun	MG	Breakfst Run to Zucchini Rest. Timver Village	9h00	GRMC	TC

27th	Sun	MG	Bonnets Up Waterfront 8h00 - 15h00	9h00	MG only	TC
April						
10th	Sun	MG	Peperboom Rest. Groot Brak River	10h00	GRMC	TC
13th	Wed	GRMC	Human Origins Gaves Pinnacle Point M/B		GRMC	PP
17 - 19th	Sun/Tues		Brian Davidson's T Type Tour		MG Only	BD
24th	Sun	MG	Breafast run to Sao Goncalo Plett	9h00	GRMC	TC
May						
1st	Sat	GRMC	Knysna Motor Show		MG incl	PP
6 - 8th	Fri - Sun	MG	Knysna Hill Climb @ Simola		GRMC	BH
14 - 15th	Sat - Sun	GRMC	Last night at the Proms	10h00	MGCC	PP
29th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini Rest. Timber Village	9h00	GRMC	TC
June						
5 - 10th	Sun - Fri		Austin Healey Tour Natal Midlands		Austin Healey	
12th	Sun	MG	Braai @ Jubilee Creek	9h00	GRMC	TC
26th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plett	9h00	GRMC	TC

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 Marche Cooper – 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.

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

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 - MGA 1600, in any condition as I am happy to undertake a rebuild. Graham Brown, cell 082 900 1021***

Wanted - 1970 MGB /GT original leather covered steering wheel. Please contact Russell on 083 400 3800**

For Sale

Hi guys**

Clearing out my stuff, I have an original BMC workshop manual for the MGA 1600 (Part no AKD600B) for sale.

The condition is good, pretty much the same as the one listed below on E Bay. Please advertise in the newsletter. The E Bay asking price is \$100.00 USD which is over R2 000.00 but I'm open to offers at estments@mweb.co.za

Thanks very much

Regards

Terry



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Norma Metelerkamp
6 - Rosy Witzman
12 - Hendrik Swart
14 - Jane Wessels
21 - Mirka Urbanc
20 - Fred Bickley

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

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

Car Care Products:

For all your **Autoglym** requirements contact Sylvia at : 082 958 2498

email: sylvia.vintagerose@gmail.com

Mechanical Repairs and Servicing

Bodge Engineering, Ron Hollis 0828598771

Classic Car Storage:

Ricky Cooper, 082 822 2146

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

Exhausts, brakes, suspension, steering etc

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

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.

Engine Detailing: Give your engine bay a face-lift. Some experience with MG models- work done in secure carport area in Brenton- usually three/four days, dependant on scope of work. Under-car "stone-chip" coating, can be done as well. Fred Mullany 082 321 4700

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Attendance Register Members name	Partner	TOTAL				
Baker Lew	Heather	1		Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila	1
Battison Dave		0		Lodder Hugo		2
Bechlars Philipp	Martina	0		Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	10
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	10		Mackey Ray	Angela	10
Brannon Janet	Bob	2		Macmillan Rosalind	Gordon	2
Bruce Brian	Gwendolyn	5		Madeley Brian	Lyn	4
Burton Keith	Ella	8		Marsden Susan		6
Bush Marion	Gavin	0		Marucci Oscar		0
Cairns David	Susie	2		McCallum John	Louise	0
Clary George	Carole	3		McMahon Tony	Vicky	4
Cleland Jim	Glen	3		Mentz Bunny	Jan	6
Clough Pat	Ali	4		Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	4
Cooper Ray	Pat	6		Miller Garth	Shirley	8
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	4		Milton Podge	Merrill	8
Cooper Trevor	Marche	6		Mullany Fred	Jo	8
Cox Stuart	Dottie	2		Orsmond Ret	Julie	0
Davey George	Margie	4		Page Gerry	Mary	4
Davidson Brian	Jose	3		Parfett Ed	Jennie	2
Davidson II Brian	Bernie	2		Parker Wilf	Jenny	6
Davies John	Babs	0		Paton Duncan	Lesley	6
Day John	Margaret	2		Posniak Peter	Patti	0
Douglas Murray	Anne	8		Pretorius Peter		3
Dunlop Denis		1		Putter Willie	Linnea	2
du Plessis Alex	Janet	4		Reitz Fritz	Madene	3
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	0		Reitz Karl	Tilly	4
Etridge Derek	Jil	4		Roff Anthony	Corrine	0
Fisher Roger	Alva	2		Rosser Phillip	Amanda	0
Frost Norman	Jennie	1		Scheepers Bert	Renate	0
Gough Dave	Margee	1		Schnitzler Erwin		1
Gregory Mike	Jan	4		Slade Keith	Yvonne	4
Greyvensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	0		Smart Laurie	Kate	2
Hartzenberg Louw	Sarah	0		Spencer Mike	Jill	0
Hamilton Allan	Brenda	0		Stead Heyns	Ann	0
Henderson Bruce	Dianne	8		Steenkamp Don	Joan	0
Henderson Mike		0		Stockdale Brian	Dawn	0
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	4		Swart Hendrik	Tina	0
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	9		Thornborough Jim	Maxine	0
Hollis Peter		0		Tops Paul	Barbie	4
Hollis Ron	Dee	8		Vadas Peter	Vivian	4
Horak Leish	Ingrid	2		Vadas Robert	Annabel	0
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	4		van der Hoven Hugo	Kath	0
Hunt Bob	Lindsey	0		van Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley	0
Jones Dave	Fay	2		van Niekerk Charles	Carrol	0
Jones Ian	Gay	2		von Zeil Margie		3

Jones Nick	Sandie	2		Warne Alan	Jill	0
Kells Trevor	Hilary	2		Waterston Allan	Pam	4
Koch John	Jillian	0		Wessels Jane	John	0
Koncki Heinz	Paula	2		Whitehead Neville	Enid	2
Krahe Alexander		1		Williams Denny	Pat	4
Kruger Johan	Ilse	0		Winter George	Liesel	3
Langman Frostie	Sue	0		Witzmann Otto	Rosy	0
Lawson Ross	Antoinette	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.

No.	Event	Date	Attendance	
			Mbrs.	Non Mbrs
1	Sundowner Picnic	12 Jan 2016	28	4
2	Zucchini's B'fast	31 Jan 2016	37	13
3	Glentana braai	7 Feb 2016	26	5
3	George Car Show	13 Feb 2016	37	
4	Old Nick's B'fast	28 Feb 2016	32	14
5	AGM	1 Mar 2016		
6	Zucchini's B'fast	20 Mar 2016		
7	Bonnets Up	27 Mar 2016		
	Pepperboom Groot Brak	10 Apr 2016		
8	Old Nick's B'fast	24 Apr 2016		
	Knysna Motor Show	1 May 2016		
	Knysna Hill Climb	6-8/5/2016		
9	Zucchini's B'fast	29 May 2016		
10	Jubilee Creek braai	12 Jun 2016		
11	Old Nick's B'fast	26 Jun 2016		
12				
13				
14	Old Nick's B'fast	26 Jul 2016		
15				
16	Old Nick's B'fast	30 Aug 2016		
17				
18	Old Nick's B'fast	27 Sep 2016		
19				
20	Old Nick's B'fast	25 Oct 2016		
21				
22	Zucchini's B'fast	29 Nov 2016		
23	Prawn Braai	/12/2016		
24	Bodge Street Party	/12/2016		



Klippies and his friend doing some yoga.

Just something uplifting - know it has nothing to do with MG's but just good to read.

Every year, at the Australian Open, behind [Roger Federer's](#) coach (earlier Edberg and now Ljubicic), sits an elderly couple.

There is a story to this couple, and it shows what a human being Federer is.

The couple are Bob and Diana Carter, the parents of his first international coach, the Australian Peter Carter. Federer was just nine when Carter took him under his wing. In 2002, in a terrible tragedy, Carter died in a car accident in South Africa while on a vacation with his wife. He was only 37 years of age.

The story goes that Federer (then 21) was so affected by the his coach's death, he ran through the streets of Toronto (where he was playing that day), bawling his heart out.

Carter had recognised Federer's genius at a young age, and was determined to make him an all-time great. He was not Federer's first coach, but the one who took him from relative obscurity in Basel in Switzerland to the threshold of international greatness.

So, coming back to Bob and Diana Carter. Federer feels so close and so indebted to them that, every year, since 2005, his team sends an all-expenses paid itinerary to the Adelaide-based couple - first-class air tickets, bookings in the same hotel as Federer, food, winner's parties and even commiseration parties in Melbourne. And they sit in Federer's box at the Rod Laver Arena, supporting him as if he were their son.

They see their son Peter in him. And Federer never forgets the Carter family's role in his life and career.

Federer, now 34, may or may not win his 18th Grand Slam. But is he one of the greatest humans to have set foot on a tennis court.

His mother Lynette Federer (nee DuRand) is a South African and lived in Kempton Park, Johannesburg

Here is a bit of an update on our progress with the rebuilding of my 1929 MG M-Type! - Tony Lyons-Lewis

Progress on the body has been a bit slow due to Ray Mackey's health problems but, happily, he is again up to speed with the woodwork.

The boot floor and much of the boat-tail structure has been produced. It is very gratifying to see how rigid the rear structure is so far.

The entire upper body structure will be clad in 4mm marine ply and then fabric covered.

Most of the mechanicals have been overhauled and Derek Wade in Brenton is now busy sorting out the crankshaft and main bearings. The overhead camshaft cylinder head has been fully machined, new cam bearings fitted and all bevel gears set up, ready for fitting to the motor.

I have made up a new transmission tunnel cover which will be fitted once the woodwork is complete.

One of the major problems has been dimensional data on the body!

There were only about 3 000 M-Types produced and data is a bit thin on the ground.

We have managed to make contact with a hugely helpful man in the UK who has extensive rebuilding experience.

He has been very patient with all our questions and has supplied endless information and dimensions as Ray progresses.

There is still an enormous amount of work needed but we are making steady progress.





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