



## NEWSLETTER NO. 4/2015

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### EDITORIAL

Time and tide waits for no man - true, hard to believe that a quarter of the year is gone already, and only three quarters of the year to wait for the next prawn braai. :-) Do not know whos brain child the prawn braai was, but it is a great brain and I personally thank you. A friend of ours is visiting here and she made the decision in her life to do something she really loves doing at least once a day - I think it is a really great, for sometimes we are so busy doing what we have to do, that we do not have time to do that which we really love.

As the trip to Cradock is nearing, I am wondering what am I going to do with all my luggage, as the MGA does not have the biggest packing space I have seen in a car. Then I read an article that might be a solution to my problem. A woman needs what a woman needs and according to Colyn Firth there is a solution to fit in all a woman's needs. A 1986 Saab 15" rim fits perfectly on the MGA as a spare to create 2" extra depth in the boot which doesn't sound so much but in MGA terms, it is a vast improvement. He fitted Michelin XZX pattern tyres to the rims, 135 x 15 as it gave a rolling diameter nearer to that of the alloy wheels on the car. The overall rolling diameter is still approximately 1" smaller than with the standard rim and tyre but fine to use as a "get-you-home" spare (**MGA Space-Saver Spare Wheel- extract from article by Colyn Firth (Safety Fast - November 2014).** Cradock, here I come with all I need for the trip.

### FROM THE HIGH CHAIR.

This month has passed even more quickly than previous months. A wonderful break in and around Franschhoek and Cape Town seems to have evaporated much of the time and getting back to the routine of writing for the newsletter among others has used up the remainder.

Franschhoek for the MG MMM Gathering for me as the new boy MMM owner was a fantastic experience. An article follows below about the long weekend but for here, let it be said that for anyone with a microgram of MG enthusiasm, to see and spend time with this group of MG enthusiasts and their cars especially, is an

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unforgettable experience. My M Type was the oldest car there but only by two years. However by comparison from a functional point of view, it could nowhere near keep up with the rest. These little cars travelled comfortably up the freeway from Cape Town to Franschhoek at between 80 and 90 kph and when I commented to the owners, the response was that that was what they were designed for only 80+ years ago! In Europe, the MMM movement is alive and well. The second MMM Tour organised in Luxemborg in August last year was attended by 30 MMM cars of the following types – D, F, J, K, L, M, N and P. For one car driven from the UK, this meant a 1700 km faultless round trip, not bad for a car of this vintage! More follows below.

As I write this, it is barely six weeks to the Hillclimb (14th to 17th May). I shall shortly be circulating lists asking for volunteers for the various duties which we will fulfil. Among these is crowd control in the pits for the four days, managing and participating in the street parade for the classic racing cars (including some of your MGs) on the Thursday and assisting with the parking and controlling of race cars at the Waterfront after scrutineering on the Friday. The parade of ‘main’ race cars is to take on a different format and will be managed by the traffic authorities.

Progress at Sivuyela, the school for deaf children, is advancing steadily. As always happens with building operations, the original quotation was below target and additional costs will need to be covered. Thanks to a most generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous, we will be able to cover those expenses. We very sincerely thank this donor. The builder has arranged deals with his contacts and these have varied from the donation of materials to supplies at cost. The extreme generosity of the business community in the town has surprised me – people have really ‘come to the party’ and assisted in many, many ways. When completed, we will publish a list of benefactors and these businesses will deserve our support.

Plans for the 2016 Indaba in Pretoria have changed somewhat with changes in their organising committee. I have a promotional CD from them and am awaiting further information which will be presented to you soon at a gathering. You are again urged to consider attending this event.

The next two months are busy ones on our calendar. Bonnets Up will have passed by the time you read this. The T Type run to Prince Albert is on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. Cape Centres runs over the month end and into May. The Knysna Car Show is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May followed by the Hillclimb.

So enjoy the onset of autumn in your MGs and have fun.

Bruce.

## **PAST EVENTS**

**Braai at Glentana** - After a beautiful drive from Knysna and meeting more company at the Engen Garage at George, we did a fun time run to Glentana. And the winners were new members, Alex and Janet du Plessis, 2nd was Duncan Paton. What a lovely venue to enjoy a braai at. Thanks to all those responsible for the venue, fires and fun - that includes all members for its hard to have fun on your own.



## Breakfast Run - Old Nicks: - 29 March 2015

Again a lovely sunny MG day for a ride out to Old Nicks and a great breakfast. Wanted to take a photo of the breakfast but was too hungry by the time the food came and forgot about it. But breakfast was great, sitting outside under the trees to enjoy nature, food and friends. What more do you need in life?



Had a friend here from UK and a lift was organized for her so she could enjoy the day with us. She loved it and love the ride in the MG, as you can see in the photo.

## MG MMM GATHERING

Franschhoek, March 2015

MMM??? What grouping is this in the MG world? The three 'M's represent the three classes of MG from the pre-World War 2 era – the four cylinder Midget (including M, C, D, Q, R, P and TA and TB types) and the six cylinder Magnette (K and N) and Magna (F and L). The M Type was launched at the Earls Court Motor Show at the end of 1928 and a total of ± 14,925 MMM cars were produced from then until the onset of hostilities in 1939.

There are currently 48 MMM cars recorded on the South African MMM register. Seventeen beautiful examples plus three (including Tony Lyons-Lewis') in various stages of restoration, gathered in Franschhoek recently and were joined by Barry Foster's C Type from the UK and Philippe Douchet's K3 from Switzerland. We were treated to a never-to-be-forgotten weekend largely based at the Franschhoek Motor Museum (FMM).

Registration on the Thursday afternoon was a relaxed but very cultured affair with a glass or two of sherry at the FMM. We checked in at the Protea Hotel and dined together at a restaurant in the village. Early on the Friday, the cars drove in convoy to the FMM from where we were escorted to the private race track known as Die Plaas Pad for obvious tax relieving reasons! All cars including my M then followed the 'clerk of the course' in an A around the track for a slow (very as I led the procession!) viewing lap. I then had a 'slow'



ride with Barry in his 1931, 746cc C Type following Philippe in the K3. 5500 rpm was the 'slow' speed – 7000 is the racing pace - with gentle drifts around every corner. What a thrill this was! With the M parked off track, we watched the rest of the cars 'hammering' around the track for the rest of the morning.

A delightful lunch and good wines were enjoyed under the oaks at the Moreson Winery and the convoy then proceeded half way up the Franschoek pass to a champagne tasting. Tasting turned into an afternoon of drinking and song at this superb estate looking straight down the Franschoek valley.

On the Saturday, the tour photo was taken with the monument and mountains as backdrop and the group then drove 44km to Delheim winery for more delicious eating and drinking in the gardens. The return trip was via Hellshoogte pass. With over-heating problems on the flat and a maximum speed of 40 mph, the M was left at the hotel to recover from the previous exertions. Sunday saw all the cars, including the three under restoration, on display at the FMM where we were treated to another tasty lunch and superb wines. We had free access to the museum cars which as always produced a fantastic show.

With the help of impeccable weather and fantastic surroundings, the organisers are to be congratulated on a



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magnificent gathering, the second held by the group. I have no doubt that the participants are already looking forward to the next two years time.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

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: KNYSSNA: The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey Street

SEDGEFIELD: Engen One-Stop

### **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

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
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 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	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

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27 January 2015



9 April 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.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Sizes</b>	<b>Price</b>
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](mailto: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](mailto:allham@mweb.co.za) \*\*\*

**For Sale:-** MGB Owners Workshop Manual - 1962 to 1980 Roadster, GT Coupe, 1798 cc in very good condition. Contact owner at 072 232 5000 \*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:allham@mweb.co.za) \*\*\*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

2 April - Magaret Day

4 April - Ali Clough

7 April - Dave Jones

9 April - Allan Waterston

15 April - Poena le Grange

20 April - Duncan Paton

21 April - Johan van Loggerenberg

22 April - Angela Mackey

28 April - Susan Marsden and Otto Witzmann

29 April - Johan Kruger and Ed Parfett



**May you have a wonderful birthday**

## **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](mailto:nightingale.da@xsinet.co.za)

### **Mechanical Repairs and Servicing**

Bodge Engineering, Ron Hollis 0828598771

### **Classic Car Storage:**

Ricky Cooper, 082 822 2148

[info@rickycooperstorage.co.za](mailto: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](mailto:sales@rubberman.co.za)

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

Classic-Dash Ray Mackey 0829226106 [brmprojects@telkomsa.net](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Windscreens and Glass**

Classic Car Windscreens - Contact [julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za](mailto:julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za)

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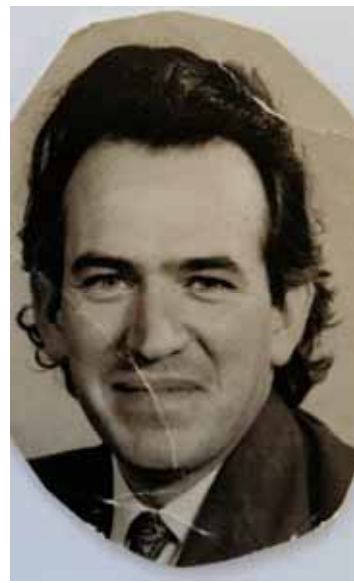


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**GUESS WHO!!**





Charles van Niekerk

Clive Holliday

ATTENDANCE REGISTER MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCU- M	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth		1	
Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	2	10	12
Bruce Brian			1	1
Burton Keith	Ella	2	6	8
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cairns, David	Susie	2	0	2
Cleland Jim	Glen	2	3	5
Clough Pat	Ali	1	5	6
Cooper Ray	Pat	2		2
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	3	6	9
Cooper Trevor	Marche		4	4
Cox Stuart	Dottie	2		2
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie	2	5	7
Davidson Brian	Jose	4	3	7
Day John	Margaret		4	4
Douglas Murray	Anne	4	8	12
Dunlop Denis		1		1
Du Plessis , Alex	Janet	4		4
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			
Fisher Roger	Alva	2	3	5
Frost Norman	Jennie		2	2
Giggins Barry	Joan			
Gough Dave	Margee	2	4	6
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		2	9	11
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1	3	4
Hogg John	Gill			
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	4	7	11
Hollis Peter				
Hollis Ron	Dee	1	5	6
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	2	3	5
Hunt Bob	Lindsey	2		2
Jones Dave	Fay		4	4
Jones Ian			2	2

Jones Nick	Sandie	2	2	4
Kells Trevor	Hilary	1		1
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula		2	2
Krahe Alexander			2	2
Kruger johan	Ilse	2		2
Langman Frostie	Sue	2	5	7
Lawson Ross	Antoinette		1	1
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila		1	1
le Grange Poena	Rika			
Lodder Hugo			2	2
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	2	7	9
Mackey Ray	Angela	4	9	13
Macmillan Ros	Gordon			
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2	6	8
Mangan Geoff	Chris			
Marsden Susan			6	6
Marucci Oscar				
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma		3	3
Mentz Bunny	Jan		3	3
Miller Garth	Shirley		4	4
Milton Podge	Merrill		6	6
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	4	7	11
Orsmond Ret	Julie		2	2
Page, Gerry	Mary	4	5	9
Parfett Ed	Jennie		7	7
Parker Wilf	Jenny		5	5
Paton Duncan	Lesley	4	4	8
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	2	3	5
Smart Laurie	Kate		7	7
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Steenkamp Don	Joan			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Thornborough Jim	Maxine			
Tops Paul	Barbie			

Urbanc Mirka			2	2
van den Bor Frans	Ellen		2	2
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			
Vadas Peter	Vivian		4	4
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
v Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley	2		2
van Niekerk Charles	Carrol		1	1
von Zeil	Margie	2	3	5
Warne Alan	Jill		5	5
Waterston Allan	Pam	2		2
Wessels John	Jane			
Whitehead Neville	Enid	2	2	4
Williams Denny	Pat	2	2	4
Wilsher Martin	Kim			
Winter George	Liesel		1	1
Witzmann Otto	Rosy		1	1
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda		1	1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia		5	5

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.

### Humorous Quotations:

I want to be what I was when I wanted to be what I am now. [Graffito, London, 1980]

I refuse to admit that I am more than fifty two, even if that does make my sons illegitimate [Nancy Astor]

One should never trust a woman who tells one her real age. A woman who would tell one that, would tell one anything. [Oscar Wilde, 1894]

The old believe everything; the middleaged suspect everything and the young know everything. [Oscar Wilde, 1894]

Odd things animals. All dogs look up to you. All cats look down to you. Only a pig looks at you as an equal. [Winston Churchill]

The doctor can bury his mistakes, but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines. [Frank Lloyd Wright]

I like talking to a brick wall, it’s the only thing in the world that never contradicts me. [Oscar Wilde 1892]

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
6	Glentana F R	2015-03-15	23	10
7	Old Nick’s bfast	2015-03-29	27	8

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

A few days ago I was having some work done at my local garage. A blonde came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten.

We all looked at each other and another customer asked, 'What is a seven-hundred-ten?'

She replied, 'You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one.'

She replied that she did not know exactly what it was, but this piece had always been there.

The mechanic gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like.

She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to a car just like hers which had its hood up and asked, 'Is there a 710 on this car?'

She pointed and said, 'Of course, it’s right there.' The mechanic fainted.

If you're not sure what a 710 is

Scroll down



Thank you Keith

### **MG wins the British Touring Car Championship Manufacturer Title:**

MG fans worldwide are celebrating as the iconic British brand celebrates its maiden manufacturers' title in the prestigious Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship, in the season finale at Brands Hatch. The victory was an incredible result for MG following the brand's race to the grid after the rapid formation of the team in 2012, and ending the four year dominance of Honda in the Championship.

MG literally raced to the grid in 2012 where the MG6 GT's turned their wheels in anger for the first time in the opening race and yet the team was winning races from that initial weekend. The goal was to win the manufacturer's championship but to do this meant defeating the established and highly successful Honda team, reigning champions for the past four years. It is therefore a great achievement and credit to all at Triple eight to achieve this in just three seasons. [extract from: Safety Fast, November 2014]

# New lamps for old...?

My MGB was 47 years old on September 1. Quite a lot of it is what came out of the factory and I like the idea of keeping it that way as far as possible.

Why then change light bulbs? Obviously I am talking LEDs. Sacrilege I hear you mutter, how does this sit with keeping it original? LEDs draw only a nominal current whilst producing a lot of light. With an antiquated power generation system and original wiring

I am looking to reduce the load on the system. My initial thought was to just replace stop/tail lights and, perhaps, front side lights. After much trawling I had been directed by Geoff Edwards, Register Treasurer, to a company who produced the components I was looking for, [www.dynamoregulatorconversions.com](http://www.dynamoregulatorconversions.com) and 01522 730193. Stop and tail light unit was a straight bayonet replacement for the dual filament bulb I had used since I first started driving. Same is true for the 9mm bayonet bulb for front side lights. The dipping H4 replacements were a surprise as I didn't know they were available. Fitting them is no more involved than switching from sealed beams to Halogen bulbs but is a worthwhile expense at £25 each, plus VAT, as they plug straight into the existing wiring. On the back of each unit is a heat sink which needs to be kept away from the rubber boot, if there is one in your units. The LED unit is totally weather tight so the rubber boot can be left off. It directly replaces the 12v H4 unit and has an output of 60/55W with 2400 lumens and consumes 1.7A.

Instrument lights, white light only, are available and will dim from 12v to approx 9v using the rheostat. I have not yet considered indicators. This will involve a different flasher unit and I think I will see how I get on with the kit I have fitted. I still have the original bulbs so it can all be reversed. Red lights look a bit brighter though headlights are noticeably so.

**David Broadhurst**



New LED Lamp Photo: David Broadhurst

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