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REMINDERS

2nd – 5th May - Simola Hill Climb.

Sunday 12th May - De Vetter Mossel Lunch (GRMC)

15th – 20th May - The ‘Tour Around’ and Cape Centres’ Gathering, Cradock.

19th – 20th May - Last Night of the Proms, P.E. (GRMC)

Sunday 26th May – Breakfast Run, Zucchini’s, Timberlake.

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR, April 2019.

I envisage a cervical spinal and nerve root decompression being, in MG parlance, something like an old fashioned decoke together with a re-bore. Add in cleaning out fuel lines, cooling system and brake pipes and much of the functional degeneration of old age will have been dealt with. Unfortunately not so in the elderly human context where the approach through a thick layer of soft tissue and then bone takes considerably longer to reconstitute than opening the bonnet and tightening a few nuts and bolts! However the running-in process is well under way with the 500 mile oil change due and the maximum speed now up to 40 mph.

As a result, I have to apologise for neglecting South Cape MG matters for most of this month. I believe the runs have been well attended and successful and look forward to soon being allowed to drive again and join the fun. Very fortunately for me, others have filled the various voids. I would like to thank Leish Horak especially for taking over the burden of organising our team for the Hilleclimb. This is a time consuming and patience-expending task which he has fulfilled admirably. I also thank those of our members who have volunteered to help. The car show is almost upon us and I hope our members will be turning out in numbers to assist Peter Pretorius and the GRMC make an even bigger success of their efforts for charity.

The trip to Cradock for Cape Centres is also around the corner and South Cape Centre will be well represented. Peter and Jill have arranged entertaining tours to and from the event and we are assured of a great time. The first newsletter for Indaba 2020 in Oudtshoorn will be forwarded to members and you will see that our Centre, after the organisers, Cape Town, has the second highest number of participants. With the event on our doorstep, if you are not on the list, please consider attending and send in your application. See below for details.

Drive safely and enjoy your MGs,

Bruce

2020 INDABA

Please consider joining the South Cape group for an enjoyable weekend at Oudtshoorn in September 2020. Follow these instructions to register or let me know on brucejhenderson@gmail.com and I will forward entry forms to you.



EDITORIAL

With a such a good Chairman in the club whose “From the High Chair” in each Newsletter pretty well “says it all” there is little to add in the conventional Editorial this month other than to ask if you had noticed the April edition is a little later than usual. Not due to a lack of dedication nor any shortage of material but rather to cover more fully in each month the events/notices of that month. The plan is now to feature photos and interviews of “The MG of the Month” in the editorial slot.

For April 2019, the choice is obvious with the arrival of Alexander Krahe's spectacular MG Q from Germany for a brief visit to our shores.

Car of the Month:

MG Q 1937 (Newly rebuilt by Andy King of prewarmgparts.co.uk) Owner is Alexander Krahe, a Swallow who is normally resident in Germany but has a house on Thesen Island with his MGA and other interesting cars. He explained that he has family in the UK and has always admired classic British Sports Cars. He loves in particular the shape of pre-war MG race cars, like his "new" MG Q, with their characteristic boat tails.



What a rare and beautiful machine

Andy King, he explained, is a UK specialist in parts, repairs and restoration of pre-war MG's and his own, newly delivered re-build is based on a 1934 TA chassis but with the rather over-stressed, supercharged 850cc of the racing Q's upgraded with TC engine (still supercharged) to make it more powerful and more tractable. Not just a museum piece, Alexander's MG Q will be raced in Germany in hill climbs and regularity trials and will return home with him, but he has brought it out to South Africa for this annual visit by himself and his wife in time for the Knysna Car Show. This he is unlikely to do again as it cost nearly R55 000, one way! (So if you have not already seen this beauty, you had better move fast.)



The MG TC Engine looks quite at home

But that supercharger is something special

(Thanks to Tony and Lorna Lyons-Lewis for the photographs.)

The chassis and running gear of this car is basically TA with a Wilson pre-select gear box and the workmanship of the re-build is outstanding. But such skill and dedication cannot come cheap and Alexander paid between 70 000 and 80 000 in British pounds for this beautiful example which he plans to cherish for many years. Congratulations Alexander !

Dave Jones Ed.

PAST EVENTS

Let's Lunch - Peppermill Café - Wed 21 March

The enthusiastic turn out for this mid-week/mid-day outing of our club confirms one finding of the recent survey that our members prefer to go out in day light rather than at night. The fact that so many, 47 in all, also felt free to enjoy themselves during a working day reflects the comfortably retired status of most of us. (Appreciation to Shirley Miller for the photos.)



The impressive MG line up at the Pepper Mill lunch



When is my lunch coming ?



Patient Pepper Mill lunch patrons.

Tony Lyons-Lewis competes in his 37th D.J. – March 2019.

(No apologies for inserting this piece from Tony on an iconic S.A. event, even if MG never made a motorcycle. A proud achievement by our hard- working secretary.)

The D-J Rally is a commemorative run, celebrating the original motorcycle road race that ran between Durban and Johannesburg between 1913 and 1936. Most of the original route was on dirt roads yet times recorded between the two cities were quite quick – in the vicinity of 8 hours. But because these were public roads, the authorities stopped the race after 1936.

In 1970, the Vintage & Veteran Club in Johannesburg decided to reinstate the run as a regularity and reliability trial, accepting only motorcycles manufactured up to 1936. As it is a time trial, not a speed event, riders have to average set speeds with no instruments. Along the route, check points establish how accurately an entrant is riding, and penalty points are given for each second either early or late at the check point. Quite tricky !

The event is held over two days, over-nighting in Newcastle, and I have entered 37 times to date, many times in the top ten with even a second place one year. The number of entrants has declined latterly, possibly due to rising costs. There were 80 competitors this year but we have had fields of 150 in the past. Unfortunately this year I dropped out half way through day two after I hit an enormous pothole. This caused the front suspension to bottom-out, which trapped the clutch cable, severing it completely.

My present bike pictured below is a 1928 Norton overhead camshaft 500cc model. Previously I have also entered on a 300cc side valve OK Supreme and a 1926 overhead valve Norton.



Ready to go at the start line



Flying at speed in the Natal Midlands

Zucchini M.G. Breakfast - 31st March

There was as usual a good turn-out for the end-of-month MG Breakfast at this popular venue, although not quite as many as there have been. The official count was 33 signing the register. With 16 MG's counted in the car-park among visitors from the GRMC, it seems that this monthly run can still clearly count as an MG event.



A lovely MG line-up at Zucchini's which had to overflow into the spare parking area.



Stephan keeps a close eye on Zuchinni quality, while Asanda is his skilled "Coffee Queen"

M.G. Braai at Ebb & Flow, SANParks Wilderness - Sunday 7 April

There is no shortage of pleasant places to drive to in the Garden Route, in our M.G.'s, but all credit to Peter Morse for organising a well-attended bring-and-braai visit to the Ebb and Flow Camp of National Parks. No fewer than 38 signed the register and with 15 assorted M.G.'s counted in the parking area, it was clearly a great day for tops-down driving. While a bit pricey for those without Wild Cards, the day-visitors picnic area was well laid out, but the fixed braais could have been better designed.



A Happy turn-out of M.G and GRMC Braaiers at Ebb & Flow



Great Tops-Down M.G. motoring at Ebb & Flow with other welcome variations

MG End-of-Month Run – to Moss & Maple – Sunday 21st April:

The run was moved forward a week and unusually for our runs, was in holiday time. But there was a good turn out of 10 MG's and their crew with a strong representation of other exciting vehicles from the GRMC. Anybody who ever organizes an out-door event over Easter quickly discovers that rain is almost a certainty, as this outing proved, and those brave souls with open cockpits paid the price. Because of the Easter weekend, members were encouraged to bring guests and family along but only the brave Rist Family seemed to rise fully to the challenge and spectacularly so. Chris drove his son's Lotus Super 7 (alone & wet), daughter-in-law Sue was in a Berkin (alone & wet), Son Andrew drove Chris' JZR 3-Wheeler with his 11yr old son Ben (both very wet) while sensible Beth stayed dry and warm in her "modern" MG TF with 9yr old granddaughter Erin.



Line up with Alexander Krahe's MG Q in pride of place (Photo: James McGee)

MG S.CAPE DISPLAY AT THE KNYSNA CAR SHOW – 28th APRIL:

There was some muttering in our club when the GRMC restricted our club display to 25 cars, although of our choice, for their 2019 Knysna Car Show. What, only 25 cars after all our years of support ?? But there were good reasons with the usual generous display area reduced by the building of Astro-Turf hockey fields since last year and we were given a prize position in the centre of the field for a really good display of top-quality MG's that attracted a lot of favourable attention. Our MG Club banners stood out boldly and the gazebos in the centre of our display offered a welcome place for members to relax and to get out of the sun.



Some of our “quality display” at the 2019 Knysna Car Show (Photo Fay Jones)

FUTURE EVENTS

Meeting Places: **Knysna** - Grey Street end of Knysna Quays parking lot.

Sedgefield – Engen Garage (Near Farmers' Market)

Notes: 1. Sop n' Dop has moved to June so Vadas's can have their July/August break.

2. Following the survey results – November Curry & Quiz night is cancelled. Instead Karl & Tilly Reitz have kindly offered to host a Bring & Braai on their Hoekville farm.
(The GRMC tour locations have changed.)

2019

Date / Day	Event	Quays Start	Host - Invited
May			
2-5 Thu-Sun	Simola Hill Climb		
12 Sun	De Vette Mossel – lunch	10h30	GRMC – ALL
15-20 Wed- Mon	Cape Centres, Cradock		MG – ONLY
18-19 Sat-Sun	Last Night of the Proms, PE		GRMC – ALL
26 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG – ALL
June			
12 Wed	Sop 'n Dop, Pembrey's	18h00	MG – ALL
15-16 Sat-Sun	St Francis Bay tour		GRMC – ALL
30 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG – ALL
July			
7 Sun	Bring & Braai, Buffels Bay	10h30	MG – ALL
14 Sun	Tsitsikamma Memorial Run		GRMC – ALL
28 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG – ALL
August			
9 Fri	Women's Day Wine Tour		GRMC – ALL
TBC	Let's Lunch @ (TBC)		MG – ALL
21-27 Wed- Tue	West Coast tour		GRMC – ALL
25 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG – ALL
September			
8 Sun	Treasure Hunt & Lunch		MG – ALL
15 Sun	Kobus Mostert collection & lunch @ Herold's Bay		GRMC – ALL
29 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG – ALL
October			
13 Sun	Glentana Bring 'n Braai	10h00	MG – ALL
16 Wed	Pensioners Lunch, Enrico's		GRMC – ALL
27 Sun	Breakfast Run, Moss & Maple, Plett	09h00	MG – ALL

November

3 Sun	Century Charity Run		GRMC/TSCC – ALL
10 Sun	Bring & Braai, Woodville Dairy Farm, courtesy of Karl & Tilly Reitz		MG – ALL
24 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG – ALL

December

6 Fri	Prawn Braai, Knysna Angling Club	18h00	MG – ONLY
13 Fri	Gasoline Alley Braai	16h30	MG/GRMC

ATTENDANCE - CLUB OUTINGS

			Mem	Guests
1	Sundowner Picnic	2019/01/15	28	6
2	Zucchini's B'fast	2019/01/27	45	14
3	Forever Young games	2019/02/17	10	1(C.T.)
3	Moss & Maple B'fast	2019/03/03	29	4
4	AGM	2019/03/05	26	
5	Let's Lunch	2019/03/20	19	5
6	Zucchini's B'fast	2019/03/31	27	5
7	Ebb & Flow braai	2019/04/07	16	6
8	Moss & Maple B'fast	2019/04/21	18	7
9	Knysna Hill Climb	3-5/5/2019		
10	Cape Centres Cradock	15-20/5/2019		
11	Zucchini's B'fast	2019/05/26		
12	Let's Lunch	2019/06/07		
13	Moss & Maple B'fast	2019/06/30		
14	Buffels Bay braai	2019/07/07		
15	Zucchini's B'fast	2019/07/28		
16	Sop 'n Dop	2019/08/13		
17	Moss & Maple B'fast	2019/08/25		
18	Treasure Hunt	2019/09/08		
19	Zucchini's B'fast	2019/09/29		
20	Glentana Braai	2019/10/13		
21	Moss & Maple B'fast	2019/10/27		
22	Curry & Quiz	2019/11/13		
23	Zucchini's B'fast	2019/11/24		
24	Prawn Braai	2019/12/06		
25	Bodge Street Party	2019/12/13		

Attendance Register Members name	Partner	YTD Apr. 2019 TOTAL
Baker Lew	Heather	1
Battison Dave		0
Bechlars Philipp	Martina	0
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	16
Bowers Geoff	Norma	2
Bruce Brian	Gwendolyn	4
Burton Keith	Ella	3
Bush Marion	Gavin	0
Cairns David	Susie	2
Clary George	Carole	3
Cleland Jim	Glen	1
Clough Pat	Ali	7
Cool Wilhelm	Joeleen	10
Cooper Ray	Pat	6
Cooper Ricky	Tersia	12
Cox Stuart	Dottie	0
Cross Graham	Joan	2
Davey George	Margie	6
Davidson Brian	Jose	5
Davidson II Brian	Bernie	11
Davies John	Babs	0
Day John	Margaret	3
Douglas Murray	Anne	6
Etridge Derek	Jil	2
Fisher Roger	Alva	6
Friedman Frank	Merle	1
Frost Norman	Jennie	1
Gough Dave		0
Gregory Mike	Jan	2
Greyvensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	0
Hamilton Allan	Brenda	0
Hardcastle Stephen	Jeanette	0
Hartzenberg Louw	Sarah	0
Henderson Bruce	Dianne	10
Henderson Mike		0
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	6

		YTD Apr. 2019 TOTAL
Koncki Heinz	Paula	4
Konig Harold	Andree	6
Krahe Alexander	Andrea	5
Kruger Johan	Ilse	4
Lawson Ross	Antoinette	1
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila	2
Lodder Hugo		0
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	15
Mackey Ray	Angela	8
Madeley Brian	Lyn	3
Marsden Susan	Kevin	1
Marucci Oscar		0
McGee James	Gene	6
McMahon Tony	Vicky	0
Mentz Bunny	Jan	5
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	6
Miller Garth	Shirley	11
Miller Tom	Jenny	8
Milton Podge	Merrill	3
Morse Peter	Jill	16
Mullany Fred	Jo	8
Orsmond Ret	Julie	0
Parfett Ed	Jennie	3
Parker Wilf	Jenny	4
Posniak Peter	Patti	0
Pretorius Peter		5
Putter Willie	Linnea	0
Reitz Fritz	Madene	7
Reitz Karl	Tilly	5
Rist Beth	Chris	5
Rosser Phillip	Amanda	0
Scheepers Bert	Renate	0
Slade Keith	Yvonne	4
Smart Laurie	Kate	0
Spencer Mike	Jill	0
Stead Heyns	Ann	0

Hirschberg	Ken	2
Hodgson David	Kathy	3
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	4
Hollis Peter		0
Hollis Ron	Dee	5
Holt Dave	Heather	6
Horak Leish	Ingrid	3
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	3
Jeuschenak Hermann		6
Jones Dave	Fay	13
Jones Ian	Gay	0
Jones Keith	Elmarie	4
Keefer Jimmy		0
Kells Trevor	Hilary	0
Koch John	Jillian	0

Stockdale Brian	Dawn	0
Tops Paul	Barbie	2
Vadas Peter	Vivian	2
Vadas Robert	Annabel	0
van Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley	0
von Zeil Margie		7
Warne Alan	Jill	0
Waterston Allan	Pam	7
Wessels Jane	John	0
Whisken Doug	Irene	3
Whitehead Neville	Enid	3
Williams Denny	Pat	4
Winter George	Liesel	0
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	6

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to: Bruce Henderson 1st, Ricky Cooper 3rd, Jeanette Hardcastle 5th, Derek Etridge 8th, Enid Whitehead 9th, Brian Stockdale & Merrill Milton 12th, Gene McGee 13th, Willie Putter & Tilly Reitz 16th, Clive Holliday 21st, Mike Spencer 27th, Marilyn Houseman 28th, Geoff Woodgate 30th, Oscar Marucci 31st.

GET YOUR PRIORITIES RIGHT

One evening, after the honeymoon, Dick was working on his Harley in the garage. His new wife was standing there by the bench watching him. After a long period of silence she finally said:

”Honey, I’ve just been thinking, now that we are married, maybe it’s time you quit spending so much of your time out here in the garage. You probably should consider selling your Harley and all that welding equipment, they take up so much of your time. And that gun collection and fishing gear? They take up so much space. And you know the boat is such an ongoing expense since you hardly use it. I also think you should lose all those stupid model airplanes and your home-brewing kit..... And what’s the use of that vintage hot rod?”

Dick got a horrified look on his face. She noticed and said: “Darling what’s wrong?”

He replied: “You were starting to sound like my ex-wife.”

“Ex-wife !?”, she shouted, “YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!”

Dick replied: “I wasn’t

Thanks to Allan Waterston for this gem.

REGALIA

Current Regalia Prices

The following shows 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 126.00
Fleece Beanie – navy		R 115.00
Windbreaker - water shedding (roll-up hood in collar), navy	S, M,L	P O A
	2XL, 3XL	R 480.00
Golfer shirt - high quality, trophy-line navy-blue as well as navy-white curved inset	S, M,L	R 399.00
	XL, 2XL, 3XL	R 399.00
Embroidery of club badge on own clothing	-	R 50.00

Please note that the above pricing includes the embroidery of one logo only

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

FOR SALE

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

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

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

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