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**FROM THE HIGH CHAIR**

Looking both to the recent past and the immediate future, the frenzy of classic motoring activity that is taking place in the Garden Route area can leave observers in no doubt, firstly about the current viability of the classic car movement, its cars and its enthusiasts, and secondly about the attraction of our part of the country. Events with a national interest have brought fans from around the country to the George Old Car Show, the Austin Healey National Tour and recently, the Triumph Club Nationals. Knysna’s Festival of Speed week is about to commence. This too with its distinctly classic influence in the GRMC’s Knysna Motor Show and the day reserved for classic cars of all types on the Hillclimb itself will draw aficionados from all corners of South Africa. Add to these, the activities of our own club including our March Klein Karoo tour and those of the Garden Route Motor Club and one wonders how there has been time for anything else – I suppose for some of us, there hasn’t! There is good reason for Knysna to claim to be the ‘Classic Car Centre of South Africa’.

In the midst of this, on behalf of the Austin Healey Club, Lionel Hewitt challenged our MG Car Club to compete against the Healeys in an “open odometer fun rally”. Some misgivings arose as a result of four of our Club members, Ricky Cooper, Marilyn Houseman, Lionel himself and me, “driving for the opposition” as we were members of the Healey tour. However there was undoubted jubilation when the results were announced with the MG Club taking both first (Murray Douglas) and second (Clive Holiday) places – congratulations to them. For a small group from a local centre to take on the best of a national gathering of “big sisters” and thrash them is worth more than a mention. However lest I be castigated by either side, no further conclusions will be proposed! A lesson well learned from the Healey tour, brilliantly organised by Lionel, is that substantial free time on such an event is essential for its enjoyment.

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On the topic of viability, the present enthusiasm in most of the movement is displayed by a generation for whom many current classic cars and certainly MGs were originally both an exhilarating mode of transport and a means of having fun. What happens to the cars and the movement itself in generations to come? I was interested to observe among the Triumph group that there seemed to be a few participants whose age appeared less than the average. One wonders whether they are making a special effort to allure younger members or is there something about Triumphs? One possibility is affordability. There is a concern among all MG centres about the ageing population of their members and the long term sustainability of the marque. Younger generations have other interests and other priorities for their hard-earned cash and I am aware of only two sons of members of our club who own MGs.

The Festival of Speed week will have commenced by the time this newsletter is published. Our Club's involvement in this is charity driven and we sincerely thank and applaud those who are participating, be it from showing your car at the GRMC show day to being a marshalling 'car guard' in the public parking area. We are still short of some helpers and anyone wishing to assist should please contact Roger Fisher on 074 759 5656 or [loddonnimrod@hotmail.com](mailto:loddonnimrod@hotmail.com) . Please support your Club's activities at the Car Show (including the celebration of MGB 50) on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>, the corporate soapbox derby on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and the Hillclimb itself.

I look forward to seeing you during the festival week.

*Bruce*

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## EDITORIAL

Phew! It's all go as Bruce says, many events under the belt so far this year and more to come. Please all take note of some subtle changes to dates contained in the schedule below. The Christmas in July dinner, so successful last year is again to be held at Scirroco but the date has been moved back to the 21st. That change had a knock on effect in that the proposed Pensioners brunch at the Elephant Park has been moved to Sunday 8th July.

In this month's issue and following on from last month's article on the K type we have had a response from Peter Posniak and we await pictures and his story on his supercharged K1 (Peter, it would be nice to see it compete at the Knysna Hillclimb, what about it next year ?)

The GRMC Car show, Knysna hillclimb - including a day dedicated to classics, soap box derby et al, is upon us. Let's hope for some decent weather and get out there and enjoy it.

*Ray*

## PAST EVENTS

### AUSTIN-HEALEY NATIONALS/MG CAR CLUB RALLY

The pictures below will give you a flavour of the tasty cars on display and the tasty lunch which followed at Enrico's restaurant.



### THE TRIUMPH NATIONALS

Based at Plett from the 27<sup>th</sup> April until 1<sup>st</sup> May, the Triumph National Rally incorporated their Concourse event held at Old Nicks and visited by several MG Car Club members. I'm not sure how many took their cheque books along - just in case, but there were some tasty looking TR2s, 3s and 4s present, including a TR4a driven down from Malawi for the event, and Heinz Koncki's (almost complete) restored competition TR2 (see picture below Ed.).





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Members are referred to our website to access the full calendar for 2012.

<b>May</b>		Triumph car club visit to Knysna Spanish GP 11-13 May Monaco GP 24-27 May Tues 1 May Workers Day Knysna Hill Climb/Festival of Speed 12 – 20 May Milligan Rally 09h00 16h00
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Build Soapboxes @ Pennypinchers Set up parking for Knysna Car Show at schoolgrounds	
Sun 13 May	GRMC Knysna car show 09h00-16h00	Meet at the High School Grounds to be parked by 09h00 Simola Hill at 14h00
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Soapbox Corporate Challenge (incl MGCCSC race against GRMC)	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Schools Soapbox competition	Time to be advised
Fri 18 to Sun 20 May	Knysna Hill Climb	18 <sup>th</sup> Scrutineering. 18 <sup>th</sup> Classic Car Hillclimb 19-20 <sup>th</sup> Hillclimb Main Event
Sun 27 May	Breakfast run to Cafe Francois	Meet there or at the Quays at 09h00
<b>June</b>		Canadian GP 8-10 June European GP 22-24 June Sat 16 June Youth Day
Tues 12 June	Quiz night at Belvidere Manor	Meet at the Hotel at 18h00 for 18h30 sharp start
Sun 24 June	Breakfast run to Old Nicks	Meet there or at the Quays at 09h00
<b>July</b>		Goodwood Festival of Speed TBA Great Britain GP 6-8 July German GP 20 22 July Hungarian GP 27-29 July
Sun 8 July	Run to the Elephant Park for brunch	Meet there or at the Quays for 11h00 departure
Sat 21 July	Christmas in July Dinner	At Sirocco Restaurant at 18h30
Sun 29 July	Breakfast run to Cafe Francois	Meet there or at the Quays at 09h00

### PETER POSNIAC'S 1934 SUPERCHARGED MG K1

No apologies for taking up space in this newsletter to share the story and pictures gratefully received from Peter. I have used Peter's text and photographs as received and without alteration. The article follows on from last month's article on the K series.

*Dear Ray,*

*I have attached a number of photographs from which you may wish to select a few for the newsletter.*

*The K1 four seater is the least popular of the K1, 2 and 3 range. The K2 two seater is sportier looking, and the supercharged racing K3 is the stuff of mythology. Many K1's have also ended up being chopped and modified into replica K3's, so that an original spec. K1 is a rarity. (And an original with a naughty little blower on the front is indeed a joy.)*

*The car was delivered new to a UK buyer in 1934. I believe it was brought to SA in 1938, used for a year or two by an owner who joined the RAF and was killed in WWII. According to Rodney Green, it was then seen in the ownership of a Norwood (Jhb) garage owner who drove it during the early post war period before putting it into storage in Waterval Onder in the late sixties. Rodney bought the car through Roger Pierce in about 1980. I have Rod's notes, correspondence and many photographs, showing the enormous amount of time and effort he put into rescuing what was by then a very sad old car. He also secured the blower and its mountings and drive components.*

*In Dec 1989 Jacques Debuil exchanged his Twin Cam coupe for the project. Over the next ten years he brought the car to the state in which I purchased it some 20 years later. Sold to me as the most beautiful non-runner I had seen, it has been my task to maintain the cosmetics and sort out a number of issues. The six cylinder 1270cc single ohc engine had been rebuilt by Ralph Clarke and runs sweetly and silently. The 4 speed ENV preselector gearbox, after two further rebuilds in my inexperienced hands, is now a source of joy and irritation - but it works. Other issues included fueling and cooling, and are mostly sorted. Fuel mixture is being fine tuned with the use of an air/fuel ratio meter, a magic instrument.*

*Please excuse poor photography and disorganized settings.*

*Regards,*

*Peter Posniac*



As received, with the beautifully made and correct cover over the supercharger.



Remove the spare, fold out the boot tray on its arms, reinstall the spare and strap luggage to the boot tray. Note the size of the brake drums.



Left engine view.



Cockpit detail. The LH knob is the idle setting, RH is the on-off-reserve fuel tap and upper RH is the choke. Note the stubby preselector gearshift. Handbrake is off course fly off and the intrusion at the top left is the temporarily mounted air/fuel meter.



Note the decorative "sun burst" pattern on the inside door panel, octagonal instrument surrounds and bevelled rear view mirror. Rear seats are quite useable.



My favorite view - the bit that does the business. That anachronistic K & N air filter drops boost by 2.5 psi at 3500 rpm and will be replaced by a more period looking item that will let in more air (and dirt...).

# 34 Tapas & Oysters

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## 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, Sedgfield, 6573).

## MINUTE MANAGEMENT COURSE

### LESSON 1:

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next-door neighbour.

Before she says a word, Bob says, 'I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel.' After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob, after a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 and leaves.

The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, 'Who was that?'

'It was Bob the next door neighbor,' she replies. 'Great,' the husband says, 'did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?'

*Moral of the story: If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your shareholders in time, you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure.*

### LESSON 2:

A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, 'I'll give each of you just one wish.' 'Me first! Me first!' said the admin clerk. 'I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world.'

Puff! She's gone.

'Me next! Me next!' says the sales rep. 'I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life.'

Puff! He's gone.

'OK, you're up,' the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, 'I want those two back in the office after lunch.'

*Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say.*

### LESSON 3

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, 'Can I also sit like you and do nothing?' The eagle answered: 'Sure, why not.'

So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

*Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very high up.*

### Lesson 4

A turkey was chatting with a bull. 'I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree' sighed the turkey, 'but I haven't got the energy.'

'Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?' replied the bull. They're packed with nutrients.'

The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch.

Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

*Moral of the story: Bull Sh\*t might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.*

### LESSON 5

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him.

*Morals of the story:*

*(1) Not everyone who sh\*t's on you is your enemy.*

*(2) Not everyone who gets you out of sh\*t is your friend.*

*(3) And when you're in deep sh\*t, it's best to keep your mouth shut!*

**THUS ENDS THE FIVE MINUTE MANAGEMENT COURSE!**

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#### WEBSITES WORTH VISITING:

[www.mgcarclubsc.co.za](http://www.mgcarclubsc.co.za)

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[www.motoring.co.za](http://www.motoring.co.za)

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## REGALIA

For Club Regalia, please email your requests to Ron Hollis ([rphollis@gmail.com](mailto:rphollis@gmail.com)) for T shirts (Blue) and windbreaker jackets (Dark blue with tafetta lining), please give sizes – check with other club members that already have the item you want. Available items :- Key rings (Club logo; ‘MG’ in a variety of colours), Club grille badges (2 hole flat type for badge bar mounting or with rear screws for grille mounting – please specify), Club Licence Stickers, Smaller Club Logo Stickers, Coasters, ‘MG’ Zip pull-tags (various colours), Note that club jackets and T shirts usually need to be ordered – we keep little or no permanent stock of these items.

For those without access to email, contact Ron on 0828598771 or visit him at Bodge Engineering opposite Frost Brothers.

*(When you visit Ron for your regalia, look also at the fine car covers that he has in stock and treat your car. Ed)*

The committee has agreed and arranged for members to have the Club badge and ‘Forever Young’ embroidered on their personal ‘civvies’ clothing. Please contact Linda after 16h30 (she is at work until then) on 044 3824025 or 0834619730 or [linda@inkfight.com](mailto:linda@inkfight.com) Bruce has several items already satisfactorily embroidered as a trial and will show them on request.

## FOR SALE

*This section of the Newsletter is sadly lacking in input from members, c'mon guys, where are all those spares or potential rebuilds you can no longer contemplate. Ed.*

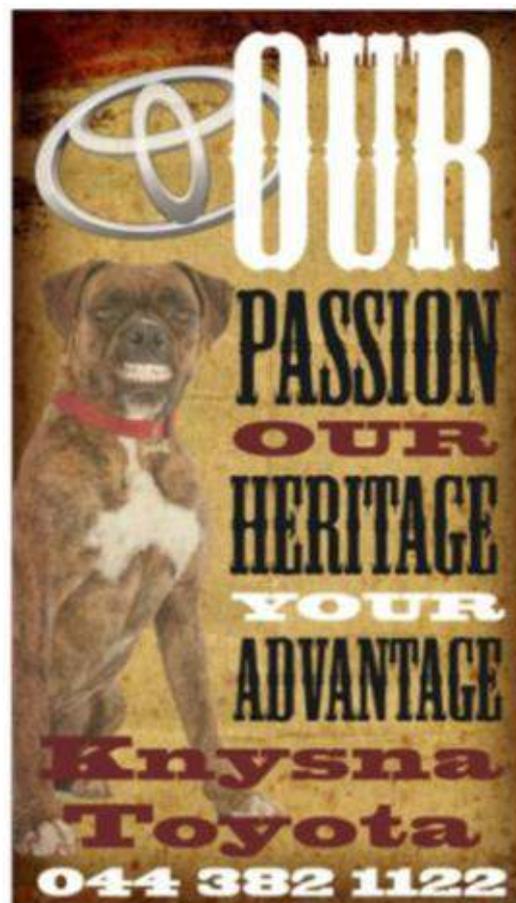
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**For Sale:** TC bonnet left hand top and side. Generator dome has been removed. What offers? Tony 083 419 6566 \*

**For Sale:** For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 0828222146 or [rcooper@cyberperk.co.za](mailto: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](mailto:rcooper@cyberperk.co.za)

**National for sale and wanted list:** This list includes MGs countrywide, spares and books. For further information, contact Bruce Henderson on 044 382 1989 or [brucejhenderson@gmail.com](mailto:brucejhenderson@gmail.com).



# ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2,2	4	10
Baker Lew	Heather	1,1	2	4
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	2	2	9
Burton Keith	Ella	2,1	3	11
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	2,2	4	10
Clough Pat	Ali	2	2	6
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2,2,2	6	20
Davey George	Margie	2	2	7
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	1	7
Day John	Margaret	1,1	2	3
Doig Pete	Anne			
Douglas Murray	Anne	1,1	2	8
Dunlop Denis	Gill	1	1	5
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	1	1	3
Fisher Roger	Alva	2	2	10
Frost Norman	Jennie			
Giggins Barry	Joan	1	1	3
Gilbert Greg	Rae			
Gregory Mike	Jan			2
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	2	2	7
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		2,2	4	18
Henderson Mike				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	2	2	7
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter				
Hollis Ron	Dee	1,2	3	10
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	1,1	2	6
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	2
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula	1	1	4
Langman Frostie	Sue	2	2	9
Lawson Ross	Antoinette	1	1	4
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			
Lodder Hugo				2
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	2,1,1	4	15
Mackey Ray	Angela	2	2	14
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2	2	2
Mangan Geoff		2,1	3	7
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			1
Mentz Bunny	Jan	1	1	3
Mulder Chris	Ludy			

Mullany Fred	Jo	2,1,2	5	16
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Parfett Ed	Jennie	1,2	3	7
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2,2	4	10
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2,2	4	16
Putter Willie	Linnea	2	2	2
Reitz Fritz	Madene			1
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne	1,1	2	2
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Tops Paul	Barbie			
van den Bor Frans	Ellen			
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			
Vadas Peter	Vivian	2	2	8
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
Wessels John	Jane	2	2	4
Williams Denny	Pat	2	2	6
Wilsher Martin	kim			
Winter George	Liesel			4
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	1	1	3
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	1,2	3	10
Zerwick Rick	Dolla			2
Zerwick Karel				1
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2,2	4	10

EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
			MEM	NON MEM
1	Sundowner Picnic	17 Jan	22	1
2	Cafe Francois	29 Jan	21	5
3	George Car Show	11 Feb	19	1
4	Old Nicks	26 Feb	19	6
5	AGM	28 Feb	26	0
6	Klein Karoo tour	5-9 Mar	14	5
7	Pensioners to Enrico's	20 Mar	12	4
8	Cafe Francois	25 Mar	12	5
9	Brenton Braai	1 Apr	18	3
10	Sedgefield Arms	10 Apr	16	1
11	Old Nicks	29 Apr	14	6

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**SEDFIELD** – Engen One-Stop.

In view of the advancing years of many of us, there may be problems with print size, etc. Any CONSTRUCTIVE criticism of the Newsletter and how it can be improved will always be welcomed as will of course, your contributions.



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