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EDITORIAL

At the time of writing, the dust has just settled on the 2013 GRMC Knysna Car Show. The latest information to hand is that the gate takings were up by R11000 on last years commendable effort and the show was regarded as being a raging success. This despite the threatening weather throughout the previous night and early morning of show day. Peter Pretorius and his team are to be congratulated on a sterling effort.





Next year's event promises to be an even bigger show with the addition of MG's from all over the country attending our 2014 Indaba. This could realistically swell the number of cars on show by 65% - is the field big enough I ask ?

In this edition I have combined the events timetable for the remaining events of May and June with the programme for the last six months of the year, all as provided by Fred Mullany. Please take time to read and digest the programme to avoid surprises. For those of you who keep an eye on the points table there are some rule changes designed to encourage participation in events and contributions to this newsletter. See below for details. Keep the revs up !!

Ray

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR, MAY 2013

AN MG?



Certainly not in the classic sense but then, should we not be living in the present? The Octagon on the

bonnet clearly says it is. China is making strides in revitalising the marque and record has it that world-wide sales are increasing.

Go to <http://www.iol.co.za/motoring/cars/mg/mg-previews-bold-new-compact-suv-1.1500322#.UWxfULXPWyE> for more including some really derogatory comments! That there is a need for MG to compete with the likes of the Nissan Juke or the Kia Soul is indeed a bitter pill to swallow. I wrote last month of a return to the heritage of a small, affordable, open sports car – this is definitely not it!

Interpret this as you wish: I will remain a classic MG enthusiast!

Congratulations to Peter Pretorius and his team for a most successful Knysna Car Show. Fortunately, after a terrible night, the weather held off and excellent displays of cars and bikes of all sorts provided entertainment for a large crowd of spectators. The charity beneficiaries will surely be very grateful.

Last month's newsletter showed off very nicely the regalia that Ron has on offer. The shirts especially are of good quality and very comfortable even in hot weather, and it would be good to have more members wearing them on club outings. Next time you are asked what you would like for a present, here is the obvious answer!

En route to recent events, I have been concerned at the build-up of traffic behind our slower moving classic cars. The increased attendance recently has meant more cars in the group. Please be

This MG CS concept car, a “compact crossover”, was proposed by a design team led by global design director Anthony Williams-Kenny and joins the range of MG 3, 4 and 6. It is powered by a 1.5-litre 16-valve petrol engine that's good for 80kW, but there's also a turbocharged version of this engine in the pipeline and that would surely be a logical bet for the GS.

aware of other traffic behind you and allow it to pass whenever possible. We are officially not allowed to travel "in convoy" and therefore need to make every effort not to obstruct faster moving vehicles.

For those who enjoy the remote and ruggedness when it comes to surroundings, I can strongly recommend the Richtersveld. The scenery is beautiful in its starkness and this has to be the least accessed and least accessible corner of our land. A "strong" 4x4 is an essential; 3¼ hours to travel 45 km on the "main" road was about the norm but it is worth it.

Enjoy your MGs on the tarred roads and drive safely.

Bruce

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Dave and Margee Gough who have a MG ZR120. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

RECENT EVENTS

GRMC CAR SHOW.

The following account from Fred Mullany - "A top rate show - we should congratulate Peter Pretorius & all the Helpers. Ricky put on 13 cars and Tony showed his bikes (Nortons superb)TC and Mini -Cooper, several others put on more than 1 vehicle. Well done. The car of the show - public voted, the Chord. The star - The Mc Laren. MG attendance down this year? - altho we were still the biggest single marque present.

We took huge money on the main gate in our hour & a half duty - should be record charity donation. Heinz & Paula did sterling duty.

Congratulations to the GRMC.

Cheers, Fred

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FUTURE EVENTS

MG CLUB POINTS AWARD – THE ANTART TROPHY

As you are all aware, our Club runs an annual Points Award scheme. Members attending an event earn a point and a second one if doing so in an MG!

Points are totalled up at the end of our financial year – 31st December – and the member scoring the highest number is awarded the Antart Trophy. This trophy was donated by Ross and Antoinette Lawson to be awarded to ‘the most enthusiastic member’.

In the past this has resulted in a committee member winning and it is our intention to alter the rules significantly. The trophy is intended to encourage member participation in all things related to our club and it’s continued growth and appeal.

The Johannesburg Centre has a system that we intend adopting and we will apply these new rules to this years scoring, viz;

Points are earned by all paid-up members of the South Cape Centre, except for Committee Members. Points are awarded for attending a Club function, attending in an MG, submitting a magazine article or photographs that are included in our newsletter or either organizing or assisting in running an event.

Members must ensure they sign the Attendance Register at any event.

Should a member attend another club function, an Indaba or a Centres Gathering, points will also be awarded so the member must make sure they inform us in this regard.

Your committee hopes these changes will encourage more participation by our members. from all over the country



Ricky and Colleen Cooper receiving the Antart Trophy for 2012

2013 FORMULA ONE CALENDAR

	Date	Race
1	Mar 17	Australian Grand Prix
2	Mar 24	Malaysia Grand Prix
3	Apr 14	Chinese Grand Prix
4	Apr 21	Bahrain Grand Prix
5	May 12	Spanish Grand Prix
6	May 26	Monaco Grand Prix
7	Jun 9	Canadian Grand Prix
8	Jun 30	British Grand Prix
9	Jul 7	German Grand Prix
10	Jul 28	Hungarian Grand Prix
11	Aug 25	Belgian Grand Prix
12	Sep 8	Italian Grand Prix
13	Sep 22	Singapore Grand Prix
14	Oct 6	Korean Grand Prix
15	Oct 13	Japanese Grand Prix
16	Oct 27	Indian Grand Prix
17	Nov 3	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix
18	Nov 17	United States Grand Prix
19	Nov 24	Brazilian Grand Prix

2013 MGCC EVENTS CALENDAR (Revised)

When possible runs will be on the 2nd Sunday and Noggins on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Regular breakfast runs on last Sunday of the month

Please see under "Forthcoming Events" in the current newsletter for details:

[MGCC members are invited to participate in GRMC events shown below in BLUE](#)

Meeting places: Knysna – The Quays at Waterfront Drive end of Grey Street

Sedgefield – Engen One Stop

Date	Day	Host Club	EVENT	Quays Start	GRMC Invited
May					
19	Sun	MG	Little-woods, walk in the garden bring & braai *	11h00	NO
26	Sun	MG	Breakfast, the Bistro, Lake Pleasant, Sedgefield	09h00	YES
June					
1	Sat	GRMC	Proms in PE	TBA	
9	Sun	MG	Run to Glentana Caravan Park, bring & braai	10h30	YES
18	Tues	MG	Quizz nite. - Soup n'roll + light supper. The Bell R65 + tip	18h00	YES
30	Sun	MG	Old Nicks @ Plett	09h00	YES
July					
20th	Sat	MG	Xmas in July - Sirroco	19h00	yes
28th	Sun	MG	The Bistro - Breakfast Lake Pleasant (Sedg)	09h00	yes
August					
13th	Tues	MG	Darts challenge @ Mitchells Brewery Ent Room	16h00	yes
25th	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00	yes
September					
20-22		MG	Cape Centres Gathering Stellenbosch	TBA	no
28th	Sat	MG	Oudtshoorn National Model Aircraft	08h00	yes
29th	Sun	MG	Bistro Lake Pleasant B'fast	09h00	yes
October					
6th	Sun	MG	Greyvensteyn & Baker Cars & W.shop- Bring & Braai	10 til 1	Yes
28	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00	yes
November					
10th	Sun	MG	De Vaselot Bring & Braai Run via coupla passes	10h00	yes
24th	Sun	MG	The BISTRO L.Pleasant Sedge B'fast	09h00	yes
December					
6th	Fri	MG	Prawn Braai Angling Club	18h00	no
13th	Fri	MG	Kick wheels Bodge/Frost/Bruce # - Braai **	16h00	no
* Limited to 22 MG cars					
** Club Sponsored Sosaties & Bangers & a beer					

MAINTAINING THE BREED

SAVVA TECHNICAL TIP No.72 – Replacing Brake Fluid

An article in the Sunbeam Club's newsletter reminded me of the necessity of replacing brake fluid on a regular basis or at least every two years – something most of us shy away from because it's a messy job. We must keep in mind that most of our older cars have single brake systems and not the dual ones of today. If anything goes wrong with the single braking system then one is in the proverbial poo! It's therefore imperative that we keep these systems in 100% order.

The experts say that brake fluid boils at 290c but when contaminated with water it will boil at 150c making braking ineffective.

To quote the Sunbeam Club article: "We must keep in mind that brake fluid is hygroscopic and absorbs water – the water turns to steam under heavy braking and who wants steam in the braking system". We must also keep in mind that some of our older cars weigh a ton or two and capable of fairly high speeds. To stop them we are relying on some bits of rubber and brake fluid.

Recently I was replacing the brake system on a typical English sports car and the brake fluid that came out was a delicate shade of brown and noticeably full of condensation. Unfortunately, when it came to dismantling the brake and clutch and wheel cylinders it was found they were badly corroded and passed their use by date simply because of the water ingress over the years. The cost of replacing these cylinders was mind blowing – never mind the work involved. All this would have been unnecessary if the brake fluid had been changed on a fairly regular basis at a cost of +/- R20.00 a bottle.

Considering the cost of a bottle of brake fluid - is it worth the risk? We could use the fact that it's a two man job replacing the fluid but that's an excuse and not true anymore. All the parts shops have "one man" brake/clutch bleeding bottles available for a few rand.

As I understand it, you can mix dot 3 and dot 4 brake fluid, the only difference being that dot 4 has a higher boiling point. Dot 5 however should not be mixed with dot 3 or 4 as it is a silicone based product. Any comment from the experts ? Ed

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THE MG VA

Manufacturer	MG Car Company
Production	1937–1939 2407 made
Predecessor	MG NA Magnette saloon
Successor	MG Y-type
<u>Body style</u>	4-door saloon 4-seat tourer

	drophead coupé
<u>Engine</u>	1548 cc Straight-4
<u>Transmission</u>	4-speed manual
<u>Wheelbase</u>	108 inches (2743 mm)
Length	169 inches (4293 mm)
Width	62 inches (1575 mm)

The **MG VA**, or MG 1.5 Litre as it was originally marketed, was produced between February 1937 and September 1939 and was the smallest of the three sports saloons they produced in the late 1930s, the others being the [SA](#) and WA

The car used a tuned version of the push-rod, overhead valve four-cylinder MorrisTPBG type engine that was also fitted to the [Wolseley 12/48](#) and Morris 12. The MG version had twin SU carburettors and developed 54 bhp (40 kW) at 4500 rpm. Drive was to the live rear axle via a four-speed manual gearbox with [synchromesh](#) on the top three ratios, though on some early cars it was only on the top two speeds. Nineteen-inch wire wheels were fitted, and the 10-inch (250 mm) drum brakes were hydraulically operated using a Lockheed system. In-built hydraulic jacks were standard. Suspension was by half-elliptic springs all round with a live rear axle and beam front axle. Luvax shock absorbers were fitted, the rear ones adjustable from the dashboard

The four-door saloon body was made in-house by Morris and had the traditional MG grille flanked by two large chromium-plated headlights. Unlike the SA the front doors did not have separate quarter light windows. The spare wheel was carried on the left front wing, with a second spare on the other side as an option. Inside there were individual seats in front and a bench seat at the rear, all with leather covering. A fitted radio was an option.

A special version of the car was made for police use and had a 1707cc engine and calibrated speedometer.

The British *Motor* magazine tested a VA tourer which reached a top speed of just over 76mph (122km/h) and a 0-50mph time of 15.8 seconds. With the windscreen folded down the top speed increased to nearly 82mph (132km/h)



The factory could also supply the car as a [Tickford](#) drophead coupé or as a four-seat tourer. The saloon was priced at around GBP325, the four-seat tourer GBP280 and the Tickford coupé GBP351 all prices depending on exact specification. 564 tourers and 591 coupés were made. A very few chassis, probably only two, went to external coachbuilders.

Production stopped with the outbreak of World War II in 1939. After the war, MG launched the Y-Type to fill the small saloon slot.

TRUE STORIES

Two Muslims have crashed a speedboat into the Thames barrier in London ...Police think it might be the start of Ram-a-dam.

"Have you ever seen Twenty Dollars all crumpled up?" ...the woman asked her husband.

"No" ...said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse...and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra...and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Twenty Dollar bill from her ...and smiled approvingly.

"Have you ever seen Fifty Dollars all crumpled up?" ... she then asked her husband?

"Uh...no, I haven't" ...he said (with an anxious tone in his voice).

She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties... and pulled out a crumpled Fifty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Fifty Dollar bill... and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now" ...she said. "Have you ever seen \$50,000 Dollars all crumpled up?" "No way" ...he said (while obviously becoming even more aroused and excited).

"Well go look in the garage!" ...she said.

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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, Sedgefield, 6573).

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING:

www.mgcarclubsc.co.za

<http://gallery.mac.com/djwardell> (website for MG 80 gallery)

www.mgcarclub.co.uk

www.mgcc-north.co.za

www.motorheads.co.za

www.motorheadsdiary.com (for motorsport/Historic racing diary)

<http://www.myclassics.co.za/clubs.aspx>

REGALIA

REGALIA NEWS FLASH

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Item	Description	Size	Price
1	South Cape Windcheater	S to XL	R 300.00
2	South Cape Windcheater	XXL	R 310.00
3	South Cape Windcheater	XXXL	R 320.00
4	South Cape Golf Shirt - short sleeve	S to XL	R 210.00
5	South Cape Golf Shirt - short sleeve	XXL	R 220.00
6	South Cape Golf Shirt - short sleeve	XXXL	R 230.00
7	South Cape Cap	Fits all	R 70.00
8	South Cape Cloth Badge (to sew onto personal clothing)		R 20.00
9	Club Name Tag (Please specify required name & surname)		R 70.00
10	Bumper Badge (Brass) Lower tongue for drilling/mounting		R 150.00
11	Bumper Badge (Brass) 2 rear studs for grille mounting		R 150.00
12	South Cape Licence Disc Holder (permanent type)		R 30.00
13	South Cape Licence Disc Stickers		R 10.00
14	South Cape Club Sticker (smaller size than licence disc stickers)		R 8.00
15	South Cape Lapel button (approx 12mm)	12mm	R 20.00
16	South Cape Lapel Badge (approx 25mm)	25mm	R 40.00
17	South Cape Club Key-ring		R 80.00
18	MG Key-ring (please state colour preferences)		R 80.00



FOR SALE

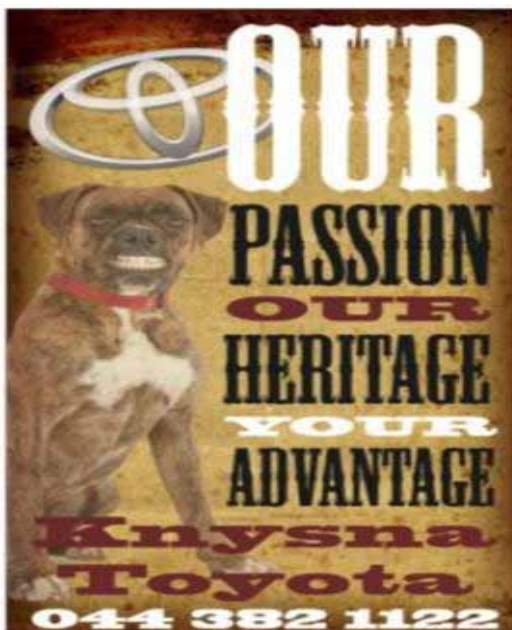
For Sale - 1957 MG Magnette at cost-price R 85.000. Two tone paint Grey over Burgundy, new interior, leather seats. Extensive re-build 2010/2011, a comprehensive list of the work carried out available on request, as well as a great number of pictures documenting the restoration, all invoices. The car appeared in the Dec 2011/Jan2012 edition of Classic & Performance Car Africa. It has proven its reliability and comfort on the long journey to the 2012 Indaba to Clarence. Contact: Heinz Koncki, Email: h.koncki@gmail.com, Tel.: 079 6250240. **

For Sale - 2002 MG ZT 190 2.5 V6. Luxurious family sedan. Has radio/CD. Sunroof. New 18" tyres and mags. Needs a new clutch. It has approximately 160,000 km's on the clock and I am wanting R35,000 for an urgent sale. Contact Ann on 083 953 9377 or via email: ann.vonbrandis@wits.ac.za. *(I have a picture of the car and can email it to anybody interested Ed.)****

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

For Sale - MG TD rebuild project. Due to a change in circumstances R85000. 1950 TD, valid S licence, engine completely rebuilt, brakes rebuilt, carbs overhauled(R5000); Body metalwork in very good condition, no rust, excellent woodwork, seats recovered (leather). New tyres, floorboards. Easy rebuild. Needs steering rack, respray and odd fittings. Lots of imported parts, chrome etc. eg new bumpers, will build up into a superb example, photo's available, contact Brian Crawford 0827836921**

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



ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MG CAR CLUB SOUTH CAPE ATTENDANCE RECORD, 2013 EVENTS									
MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL	EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
								MEMBERS	NON MEMBERS
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	1	1	8	1	Sundowner picnic	15 Jan 2013	29	6
Baker Lew	Heather				2	Bistro breakfast	27 Jan 2013	32	12
Battison Dave					3	George Car Show	9 Feb 2013	30	1
Bechlers Philip	Martina				4	Old Nicks	24 Feb 2013	18	5
Bickley Fred	Cheryl			10	5	AGM	5 Mar 2013	20	1
Bruce Brian				1	6	Bistro breakfast	24 Mar 2013	15	5
Burton Keith	Ella			10	7	Pensioners Brunch	24 Apr 2013	14	5
Bush Marion	Gavin				8	Old Nicks	28 Apr 2013	16	4
Cleland Jim	Glen	2	2	8	9				
Clough Pat	Ali	2	2	6	10				
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2,2.	4	14	11				
Dabner Len	Sonia				12				
Davey George	Margie	2	2	5	13				
Davidson Brian	Jose	1,1	2	7	14				
Day John	Margaret			3	15				
Doig Pete	Anne				16				
Douglas Murray	Anne	2	2	9	17				
Dunlop Denis	Gill	2,2.	4	7	18				
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			6	19				
Fisher Roger	Alva			3	20				
Frost Norman	Jennie			2	21				
Giggins Barry	Joan			2	22				
Gilbert Greg	Rae				23				
Gough Dave	Margee	2	2	2					
Gregory Mike	Jan				24				
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			5	25				
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			2	26				
Henderson Bruce		2,2	4	16	27				
Henderson Mike					28				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1	1	6	29				
Hogg John	Gill			6	30				
Holliday Clive				1					
Hollis Peter				2					
Hollis Ron	Dee			7					
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis			3					
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			4					
Jones Dave	Fay			4					
Koch John	Jillian								
Koncki Heinz	Paula			4					
Krahe Alexander									
Langman Frostie	Sue			8					

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.



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Law son Ross	Antoinette			1	
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			1	
Lodder Hugo				2	
Lyons-Lew is Tony	Lorna	2,1	3	11	
Mackey Ray	Angela	2	2	8	
Madeley Brian	Lyn			6	
Mangan Geoff		2	2	8	
McCallum John	Louise				
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			2	
Mentz Bunny	Jan	2	2	6	
Miller Garth	Shirley			4	
Mulder Chris	Ludy				
Mullany Fred	Jo	2,2.	4	16	
Orsmond Ret	Julie				
Parfett Ed	Jennie			4	
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2	2	2	
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2	2	14	
Pretorius Peter		1	1	5	
Putter Willie	Linnea			3	
Reitz Fritz	Madene			1	
Rolf Anthony	Corrine				
Rosser Phillip	Amanda				
Scanlen Errol	Iorr				
Scheepers Bert	Renate				
Slade Keith	Yvonne	2	2	8	
Smart Laurie	Kate	2	2	4	
Stead Heyns	Anne				
Stockdale Brian	Daw n				
Thornborough Jim	Maxine				
Tops Paul	Barbie			2	
van den Bor Frans	Ellen				
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath				
Vadas Peter	Vivian			4	
Vadas Robert	Annabel				
von Zeil	Margie	2	2	5	
Warne Alan	Jillian			2	
Wessels John	Jane				
Williams Denny	Pat			4	
Wilsher Martin	kim				
Winter George	Liesel	2	2	4	
Witemann Otto	Rosy				
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda			1	
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	2	2	9	
Zerw ick Rick	Dolla				
Zerw ick Karel					

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