



## NEWSLETTER NO. 04/2016

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### FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

With the Hillclimb barely behind us, the catching up process and dealing with all that was neglected in its stead begins. A potentially controversial AGM looming for our Estate has necessitated that I adopt a low profile as far as matters MG are concerned and I am grateful to committee members for standing in for me.

With regard to the Hillclimb, I would first like to express my very sincere thanks to all of our members who came forward and gave so generously of their time to assist in achieving the overall successful outcome of the event. You offered with alacrity this year enabling me to easily and rapidly fill the places that needed to be filled. I believe the pit crew were exceptional again this year sending cars up to the starter, Marck Cooper, and enabling him to dispatch cars at 20 second intervals. This would not have been possible without the measure of crowd control carried out by our members in the pits. Some delays due to track incidents are inevitable and misbehaving spectators are often a cause of this as was the case this year. On track sans their obligatory wrist band identification, the biggest delay was caused by members of the local Eastford troop of 'real' baboons for which the organisers were not prepared with suitable fireworks!

Spectators can be excused for thinking that the local branch of the EFF had taken over the pits; unfortunately the sizes of the new overalls provided varied greatly from the previous ones and some were big enough to accommodate both the marshal and his family!

As is always the case, we have already identified areas which require improvement and will be working on recommendations to forward to the organisers. Of particular importance is crowd control within the pits and we will be working on ways to improve this next year.

As soon as the funds for onward donation to charity are given to us, you will be informed. In the meantime, the committee urges you to let us know about deserving projects that warrant our support.

Our entry list for the 2017 Cape Centres event is now full and a waiting list has been started. There remain a few vacant places on the Addo Tour in August. This will be a more relaxing, social outing than previous tours and will, I am sure, be most enjoyable.

April's breakfast run to the NEW Sao Gonzales confirmed that our confidence in owner Rui was not misplaced. Having opened the day before, our crowd descended upon the restaurant, and bar minimal very minor mishaps, we were treated

to the usual good service and food. The venue appears more than satisfactory except that parking is not quite as good and a few may have to park a short distance away.

Enjoy your MGs and drive safely,

Bruce

### **EDITORIAL:**

Clive and I were the backup for the MG T type tour to Montagu. What a lovely few days it turned out to be. Was wondering how Clive would manage not to overtake the cars before him - he did well. I guess if you know you have to be at the back of all the cars, you set your mind to it and enjoy the ride and the scenery. Winter is upon us and I for one am looking forward to light the fireplace and sit around in the cosy atmosphere it provides. Every season has its own beauty and the winter is a peaceful and cosy time of the year. It is if nature comes to a rest before the explosion of spring and all its glory and living in the Garden Route we have the best of the best.

Lots of excitement for May as it is the Hillclimb coming soon, or by the time this newsletter is out, the Hillclimb will be a thing of the past and so will be the Knysna Motor show, and then we are just about in the middle of the year.

The normal breakfast run to Plett has changed location and I personally think the new location is a grade up from where it used to be. Same owners, same good food and service, but new view. Lovely open view to the sea if you sit on the top veranda. We also went to a new location in Great Brak, to the Peperboom, and that too was a perfect venue as well as a lunch instead of a breakfast. Thank you Trevor for the effort and I think that both changes were much enjoyed by everyone.

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **Peperboom Restaurant - Grootbrak**

This is a new venue and what a gem it turned out to be. The restaurant was opened for the exclusive use of the MG club and the service was excellent, the food tasty and the company great. We sat on the balcony with a lovely view of the cars that was parked across the street. It was a pleasant ride as the day was sunny and clear. A Perfect MG day.





### **T Type Tour to Montagu**

What a lovely few days we had. We left Knysna on Sunday Morning 9h00 . Our first stop was at Smitswinkel in Oudtshoorn for a cup of coffee and some pancakes for those who cannot resist that temptation. Calitzdorp was our next stop and that for lunch. What a memory filled stop that was - articles and adverts from yesteryear (see photos below). Then a quick stop at Barrydale and on to Montagu, where after a rest, we were treated with a braai with prawns being part of the treat.

The next day, Monday, we took off to Viljoensdrift for a wine tasting and a picnic on a boat upon the Breede River. The day was absolutely perfect - cannot have asked for better weather. The day was ended with a meal that still makes me smile when I think about it.

Tuesday morning was time to return home and again stopped at Calitzdorp for lunch. Thank you Brian Davidson for a lovely well organised weekend. I am sure all of us enjoyed every minute of it.



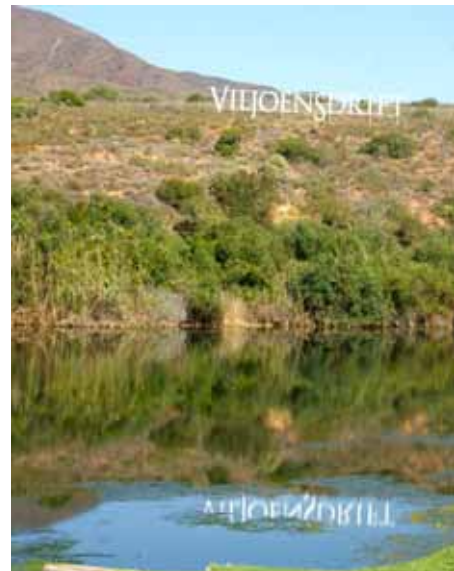
**The beginning of a great few days.**



**Calitzdorp -**



**Viljoensdrift**





The Road Home



## Sao Gondalo Plettenberg Bay



View from the new address



## 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

FM - Fred Mullany;	<a href="mailto:go.knysna@afrihost.co.za">go.knysna@afrihost.co.za</a>	044 381 0306
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## *MGCC Events Calendar 2016*

May									
Date	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
							Start		
1st	Sun	GRMC	Knysna Motor Show					MG incl	PP
6/7/8th	Fri/Sun	MG	Knysna Hill Climb @Simola					GRMC	BH
29th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run to Zucchini Rest Timber Vil				9h00	GRMC	TC
Jun									
Date	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
							Start		
3-12th		GRMC	Austin Healy Tour					MG	BH
	Sat	GRMC	Last night at the Prom- PE					MG	PP
12th	Sun	MG	Braai @ Jubilee Creek		nk NB In Plastics		9h00	GRMC	TC
26th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run to Sao Goncalo Plett				9h00	GRMC	TC
Jul									
Date	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
							Start		
12th	Tues	MG	Belvidere Quiz and Supper Nite				18H00	GRMC	TC
17th	Sun	GRMC	Storm River Passes				10h30	MG	PP
31st	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini Rest Timber Vill				9.H00	GRMC	TC

Aug	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date							Start		
14th	Sun	GRMC	Braai Plett Angling Club				10H00	MG	PP
23/24/25	T/W/T	MG	Addo National Park				9h00	GRMC	TC
28th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plett Bay				9h00	GRMC	TC
Sept	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date							Start		
3 Feb 2004		MG	National MG Indaba Pretoria					MG	National
11th	Sun	GRMC	AGM					GRMC only	
13th	Tues	MG	Red Bridge	Brewery Comp GRMC vs MGSC	Dominoes GRMC vs MG			GRMC	TC
24th	Sat	MG	National Aeromodellers	eromodelers Champs Oudsh	hamps Oudtshoorn		7h30	GRMC	FM
25th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini Rest Timber Vill				9h00	GRMC	TC
Oct	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date							Start		
11/13th		GRMC	Technical Tour Port Elizabeth				9h00	MG	PP
16th	Sun	MG	Bring and Braai Slades Harkerville				10h30	GRMC	TC
30th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plett				9h00	GRMC	TC



Nov	Day	Host Club		Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date						Start		
13th	Sun	MG		Bring & Braai Ebb and Flow		10h30	GRMC	TC
20th	Sun	GRMC		Christmas Party		11h00	MG	PP
27th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini Rest Timber Vill			9h00	GRMC	TC
Dec	Day	Host Club		Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date						Start		
2nd	Friday	MG	Prawn Braai			17h00	MG	TC
9th	Friday	MG	Street Braai Bodge Street Frost BB Mus	ai Bodge	Frost BB Musuem useum	16h00	GRMC	PP/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.

### **May Birthdays**

<b>MAY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
1	Bruce Henderson	17	
2		18	
3	Ricky Cooper	19	
4		20	
5		21	Clive Holliday
6		22	
7		23	
8		24	
9		25	
10		26	
11		27	Mike Spencer
12	Brian Stockdale	28	
13		29	
14		30	
15		31	Oscar Marucci
16			

### **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)

**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)

### **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](mailto: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](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)

**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)

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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Baker Lew	Heather	1		Lawson Ross	Antoinette	2
Battison Dave		0		Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila	7
Bechlars Philipp	Martina	1		Lodder Hugo		2
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	14		Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	16
Brannon Janet	Bob	2		Mackey Ray	Angela	13
Bruce Brian	Gwendolyn	6		Macmillan Rosalind	Gordon	2
Burton Keith	Ella	14		Madeley Brian	Lyn	6
Bush Marion	Gavin	0		Marsden Susan		8
Cairns David	Susie	3		Marucci Oscar		0
Clary George	Carole	9		McCallum John	Louise	0
Cleland Jim	Glen	4		McMahon Tony	Vicky	6
Clough Pat	Ali	10		Mentz Bunny	Jan	7
Cool Wilhelm	Joeleen	4		Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	5
Cooper Ray	Pat	10		Miller Garth	Shirley	12
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	11		Milton Podge	Merrill	14
Cooper Trevor	Marche	16		Mullany Fred	Jo	15
Cox Stuart	Dottie	4		Orsmond Ret	Julie	0
Davey George	Margie	6		Page Gerry	Mary	10
Davidson Brian	Jose	11		Parfett Ed	Jennie	3
Davidson II Brian	Bernie	2		Parker Wilf	Jenny	10
Davies John	Babs	0		Paton Duncan	Lesley	11
Day John	Margaret	2		Posniak Peter	Patti	2
Douglas Murray	Anne	16		Pretorius Peter		3
Dunlop Denis		1		Putter Willie	Linnea	2
du Plessis Alex	Janet	5		Reitz Fritz	Madene	3
Etridge Derek	Jil	5		Reitz Karl	Tilly	6
Fisher Roger	Alva	6		Rosser Phillip	Amanda	0
Frost Norman	Jennie	1		Scheepers Bert	Renate	0
Gough Dave	Margee	3		Schnitzler Erwin		1
Gregory Mike	Jan	4		Slade Keith	Yvonne	7
Greyvensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	0		Smart Laurie	Kate	6
Hamilton Allan	Brenda	0		Spencer Mike	Jill	0
Hartzenberg Louw	Sarah	0		Stead Heyns	Ann	0
Henderson Bruce	Dianne	15		Stockdale Brian	Dawn	0
Henderson Mike		0		Swart Hendrik	Tina	0
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	7		Thornborough Jim	Maxine	0
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	16		Tops Paul	Barbie	6
Hollis Peter		0		Vadas Peter	Vivian	6
Hollis Ron	Dee	9		Vadas Robert	Annabel	0
Horak Leish	Ingrid			van Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley	4
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	5		van Niekerk Charles	Carrol	0
Hunt Bob	Lindsey	0		von Zeil Margie		5

Jones Dave	Fay	4		Warne Alan	Jill	0
Jones Ian	Gay	2		Waterston Allan	Pam	7
Jones Nick	Sandie	5		Wessels Jane	John	0
Kells Trevor	Hilary	4		Whisken Doug	Irene	4
Koch John	Jillian	0		Whitehead Neville	Enid	2
Koncki Heinz	Paula	2		Williams Denny	Pat	6
Krahe Alexander		1		Winter George	Liesel	4
Kruger Johan	Ilse	0		Witzmann Otto	Rosy	2
Langman Frostie	Sue	6				

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	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	35	
6	Zucchini's B'fast	20 Mar 2016	26	7
7	Bonnets Up	27 Mar 2016	18	
	Pepperboom Groot Brak	10 Apr 2016	18	4
8	Old Nick's B'fast	24 Apr 2016	25	5
	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		

## SA's new Driver Demerit System: Here's all you need to know

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**TROUBLE FOR MOTORISTS:** Ignoring fines won't be possible when the points demerit system is implemented locally. *Image: Arrive Alive*

### Related Links

[How to fight traffic fines in SA: Top 5 questions answered](#)

[How to fight traffic fines in SA: ALL you need to know](#)

[All noise, no action from Aarto](#)

[No Aarto roll-out in sight](#)

Johannesburg - The South African driver Demerit System has taken years to be implemented, yet the Department of Transport system said back in 2015 that it could be given the greenlight early in 2016.

As of April 2016, the system has yet to be implemented. It shouldn't surprise South African motorists as it first appeared 18 years ago!

Wheels24 contacted the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offenders (AARTO) and was told that while the system will be implemented, the organisation has yet to confirm a date.

### Long road ahead

It was initially signed into law in September 1998 as part of the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto) Act, Act 46 of 1998.

This system, based on those used in Australia and the United Kingdom, has been adapted to meet local needs, according to Arrive Alive.

**READ: [8 things you should know when dealing with roadblocks in SA](#)**

### Why the delay?

The proposed system has been delayed for several years pending, amongst other reasons, a feasibility study and an assessment of technological requirements, law enforcement criteria and an analysis of human resources needed to ensure the successful implementation of the system.

It could lead to repeat road offenders having their driving licences suspended or even cancelled, reports Arrive Alive.

### Which department will run the Demerit System?

The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto) system will be implemented and managed by the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA).

### How will the Demerit System work?

- Each driver will start out with zero points (irrespective of the number of classes of vehicle licences held)

- Points are allocated according to infringements or offences committed (there are different values for different infringements and offences)
- Points are incurred (allocated) on the date a penalty (fine) is paid or when the person is convicted of the offence (as the case may be)
- Operators receive points separately from their drivers (ie a transport company receives points allocated to the operators permit)
- When you reach 13 points and more, the licence (and / or operator card) is suspended with effect from 32 days after the maximum points (12) have been reached
- The suspension period is calculated in months equal to the number of points exceeding 12, multiplied by three (or such number as may be prescribed by the Minister of Transport)
- The number of points (demerits) added will depend on the severity of the offence
- The driver / operator may apply for the return of the licence on expiry of the suspension (disqualification) period
- A driver / operator who is disqualified for the third time will permanently lose the licence / operator card and will have to reapply for testing and issue (as if a first time licence / operator applicant) after expiry of the disqualification period
- Demerit points will be reduced (for all persons / operators) at a flat rate of one point per every three months (or as otherwise prescribed), except in the case where evidence points to the fact that the process has been deliberately delayed to obtain a reduction in points.

### SA Demerit System: All you need to know



## KNOW YOUR POINT DEMERIT SYSTEM: COURT SUMMONS OFFENCES

Infringements classified as offences for which a summons to appear in court will be served		
Driving under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating substance	Penalty amount determined by court	6 - if found guilty
Driving at 100+ km/h on road with 60km/h restriction	Penalty amount determined by court	6 - if found guilty
Driving at 120+ km/h on road with 80km/h restriction	Penalty amount determined by court	6 - if found guilty



## Criminal Procedure Act and AARTO Act

Criminal Procedure Act (Act 51, 1977)	AARTO Act (Act 46, 1998)
Commence with sections 341 or 54,56 of Criminal Procedure Act.	Commence with AARTO 01,02,03.
Provides for arrest by the officer if warrant of arrest has been issued.	No arrest unless offence has been committed. Further stages will be activated.
Prosecutor has powers to reduce the fine amount.	Infringement comes with automatic 50% discount.
Prosecutor may decide not to prosecute without reasons.	Prosecutor either declines or prosecute the matter with reasons.



## KNOW YOUR POINT DEMERIT SYSTEM: SPEED LIMITS

EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT			
Infringement	Undiscounted penalty amount	Discounted penalty amount if paid within 32 days	Demerit points allocated
Driving at 81-85km/h on road with a 60km/h restriction	R750	R375	2
Driving at 106-110km/h on road with a 80km/h restriction	R1 000	R500	3
Driving 121-125km/h on road with a 100km/h restriction	R750	R375	2
Driving at 131-135km/h on road with a 100km/h restriction	R1 250	R625	4
Driving at 131-135km/h on road with a 120km/h restriction	R250	R125	0
Driving at 141-145km/h on road with a 120km/h restriction	R750	R375	2
Driving at 151-155km/h on road with a 120km/h restriction	R1 250	R625	4

## **How THE INTERNET STARTED, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.**

(PLEASE DO NOT GOOGLE THIS ONE THEY WILL LIE TO YOU. TRUST ME THIS IS HOW IT STARTED!)

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young woman with the name of Dorothy (Dot for short). Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth.

I would not make up this stuff.



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