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EDITORIAL

And there is no stopping the year flying past - nearly at the speed of some of the cars at the Hillclimb earlier this month. We are halfway through the year, Cradock has been and gone as has the Car Show and the Hill Climb, but some lovely events are looming around the corner. The MGA tour in August sounds like another exciting event, am really looking forward to that. Went to the opening of the Art Gallery of Vintage Cars at Ricky Cooper's workshop and what a lovely evening it turned out to be. I rather think the idea of an Art Gallery at the workshop with so many lovely cars in the same building is quite a unique and a grand idea. Well done - it is definitely worth a visit.

I love this time of the year, sitting in front of the fire place in the evenings - rather special. As I am looking out of my window at the different colours of the leaves that are still left on the trees, I cannot but thank our Creator for the beauty around us. Are we privileged to stay in this part of our country or are we privileged?

This is my fifth newsletter and I have to admit that I am enjoying it more than I thought I would. I do want to thank you for the positive feedback and for all of you that are contributing in the form of articles, photos, ideas and advice.

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

The dust of the Hillclimb has settled and the activities of the Club have returned for a while to a more relaxed routine. The Hillclimb appears to have been an unqualified success. Assisted by near-perfect weather, the running of the pits functioned like clockwork on all three days and the crowd control around the pits was very much improved thanks to the volunteers from our club. I take this opportunity to again sincerely thank all our members and those of the GRMC who offered their time to help. We have had a debriefing meeting with the organisers. As always, there is considerable room for improvement especially in our new function of crowd control and many suggestions have been made. I am sure that next year will be

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even better. I hope that next year, our members will come forward more readily and in greater numbers to share the load.

The committee will debate the distribution of the funds donated to us to pass on to charity as a result of our participation in the Hillclimb when these funds become available. The last distribution to the Sivuyela School for appears to have been most worthwhile and as the school remains in need of support, we may give them an additional amount. However there are many needy causes out there and if you are aware of one, please pass the relevant information to one of the committee members.

Two months ago, the Sunday breakfast run to Old Nick's was a disaster from their service point of view. It appears that this was due to a communication breakdown with the booking and genuine apologies were made by Rui, the owner. When we arrived there on the May Sunday run, we were treated to a totally different service which was efficient in the extreme and the experience was the opposite to the previous visit with complete satisfaction – we will undoubtedly continue to go there!

Our new events co-ordinator, Trevor Cooper, has completed our calendar for the remainder of the year. Please study it later in this newsletter and put the details in your personal calendars. Note that the MGA 60th Anniversary Tour takes place in August. Starting in the KZN Drakensberg, the tour reaches Port Elizabeth on Sunday 16th where some of the South Cape participants will join. The tour then spends two nights in Knysna and I hope local members will make the visitors welcome when you come across them in the town. On the evening of Tuesday 18th, our centre will be hosting an early street party and curry and rice evening at Bodge Engineering, Frost Brothers and the Brian Bruce museum. All our members are encouraged to attend to extend South Cape hospitality to the visitors.

Arrangements for the 2016 Indaba in Pretoria have been modified somewhat and there is now limited accommodation available at the venue where the catering and entertainment will take place. I hope this improvement will encourage more South Cape members to join the group travelling to Pretoria. If you need more information, please contact me urgently to take advantage of this.

A few places remain vacant for the GRMC tour to the winelands in October. Please contact Peter Turner if you wish to join the group.

The bright, sunny, crisp winter weather of the past few days has been encouragement to wrap up well, put your MG's hood down and enjoy a drive.

Bruce.

PAST EVENTS

Simola Hill Climb:

Our men, hard at work during the Hill Climb weekend - as you can see. I know there were ladies helping as well but sadly no photos of them. This will have to be corrected next year.



Sue Marsden sent me this photos from the Knysna Car Show. Thank you Sue.



First of it kind in South Africa!!

On Wednesday Evening I had the privilege to attend the opening of the first Vintage Car Art Gallery in South Africa. This unique idea is open for public view at Ricky Coopers Workshop in the Industrial Area in Knysna. This is a dream come true for artist Tersia Fourie.



Four forms of art together in one photo - woman, wine, car and paintings.

Breakfast run to Ols Nick's - 31 May 2015

I cannot type as fast as the service was this morning at Old Nick's - and with this excellent service came a full English breakfast and great company. Many braved the rainy weather with hoods down, and some not so brave but all had fun.



A choice between tomato, mild or hot Savanna!!



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:

Knysna Quays: at the Waterfront end of Grey Street.

Sedgefield: Engen One-Stop

Jun

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
9th	Tues	MG	Sop and Dop- Pembreys	18h00	No	TC
16th	Tues	GRMC	Pensioners Lunch Fat Fish Plettenberg Bay	12h00	MGCC	PP
28th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run to Zuccini's Timberlake Village	9h00	GRMC	TC
Jul						
Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
12th	Sun	GRMC	Regularity Run Details to follow	TBA	BOTH	PP
14th	Tues	MG	Belvidere Supper+Quizz night Belvidere	18	GRMC	TC
21st	Tues	MG	Run to Wilderness Hotel (breakfast)	9h00	No	TC
26th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plettenberg Bay	09h00	GRMC	TC
Aug						
Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
9th	Sun	MG	Lunch Run to Blaauwkrantz via Groot River	10h00	GRMC	TC
16-22nd		MG	60th MGA Run PE-South Cape		MG only	BH
18th	Tues	MG	Street Party for MGA People Curry and Rice	16h00	GRMC	TC
30th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini's @ Timberlake Village	9h00	GRMC	TC
Sept						
Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
8th	Tues	MG	Mitchells new site Social evening	17h30	GRMC	TC
26th	Sat	MG	National Aero modellers Champs Oudtshoorn	08h00	GRMC	TC/FM
27th	Sun		Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plettenberg Bay	9h00	GRMC	TC
Oct						

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
11-16th		GRMC	Tour Stellenbosch and Hermanus	9h00	MG incl.	PP
18th	Sun	MG	Bring and Braai/ Picnic The Slades	10h30	GRMC	TC
25th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zuccini's Timberlake Village	09h00	GRMC	TC
Nov						
Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
8th	Sun	MG	Picnic/Braai Venue to be announced	10h30	GRMC	TC
22nd	Sun	GRMC	Bring and Braai Plettenberg Bay Angling Club	10h30	MG	PP
28th	Sat	GRMC	Christmas Party- Lunch/Dinner	TBA	MG	PP
29th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plettenberg Bay	09h00	GRMC	TC
Dec						
Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays	Invited	Convenor
4th	Friday	MG	Prawn Braai Angling Club		No	All
11th	Friday	MG	Street Braai- Bodge/Frost/BB Museum		GRMC	TC

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WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!!!



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4 June 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.

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	-	R80.00

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.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS - Many happy returns, from our own calendar girls.

2 June - John Day

13 Louw Hartzenberg and Pam Waterston

15 Keith Burton and Stuart Cox

17 Brain Bruce

24 Mike Gregory

30 Peter Vadas

CLASSIC CAR SERVICE PROVIDERS:

(If members are aware of other reputable service providers not mentioned here, please let me know, Ed)

Car Care Products:

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Derek Nightingale 0824562504 or 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

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.

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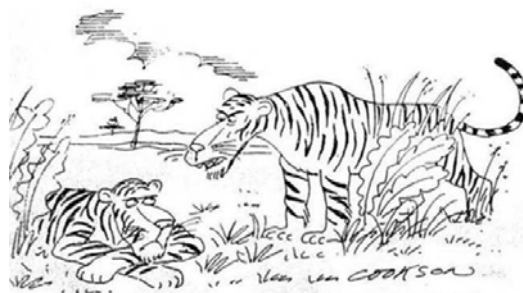
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Classic Car Windscreens - Contact julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za

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.



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GUESS WHO!!

I need some photos please. Ladies please send me photos of yourself and your husband, this is fun but cannot be so without the photos. If you have a smart phone, take a picture of the photos and email it to me - it works well that way. Just remember to add your name as well so I know who's photo it is. Thank you.



Keith Burton



Ella Burton



Ross Lawson, South Cape Centres founding chairman - his story

This photo showing Ross Lawson, South Cape Centres founding chairman and his wife Antoinette with their MGA Mk II coupe, was taken at Sun City during the 2000 MG Indaba. The other couple are invited guests, Phil Hill and his wife Alma. Phil was Formula One World Champion in 1963 driving a Ferrari. In 1959 he broke the world record in the 1500cc class in a purpose made MG EX 181 powered by a

supercharged MGA 1500 Twin Cam motor running on a cocktail of fuels. The record remains unbroken today, after several attempts to break it by the likes of Nissan, Toyota and others. This was his second visit to an MG Indaba in SA, the first being the 1986 Indaba held in Johannesburg. We too attended in our 1968 BGT. He was accompanied then by Henry Stone, MG former factory employee, and Henry's wife Winnie. The highlight of this event was when Phil and Henry sat on a raised stand in one of the lounges talking about the construction of EX 181 and the events leading up to the attempt to break the record that had been set by Stirling Moss two years before in the same car. Henry was also one of the those who participated in the development and production of the three prototype MGs known then as EX182s and later as MGA that took part in the 1955 Le Mans race. Antoinette and I were very fortunate to have hosted Henry and Winnie in our home on the several visits they made to SA. The stories went on late almost every night in our lounge or in the garage where there was always a MGA being restored or repaired while they were there. One of Henry's jobs at MG was to be timed while assembling new models in the various departments to set up the order and time required in the stages of assembly. Lots of very useful information to know when restoring a MGA.



Fred Mullany & Jo - past Events Organisers and Regalia - by Tony Lyons-Lewis

Ferrand and Jocelyn, known as Fred and Jo, joined the club in December 2010. The proud owner of a 1972 MGB roadster, he was voted onto the committee at the 2012 Annual General Meeting, taking over responsibility for the Events Portfolio from Brian Davidson.

Since when he has worked tirelessly on making sure we are all kept entertained in our MGs on a great variety of organised events.

He has set up our annual events calendar and then met with the GRMC organisers to agree the dates, thus avoiding any conflict. We had to find a new breakfast run venue to the west of Knysna because the one that was currently used could not cope with the steadily increasing number of attendees - clear testimony to the popularity of this event. A number of venues were identified and he set up trials at some, finally settling on Zucchini's, a popular choice by all accounts.

Fred also served on our Indaba2014 committee, looking after the marquee selection, arranging electrical work and certification and also obtaining a great number of hand-outs for our prize-winners.

When Geoff Mangan, ex committee member set off to live in England, Fred and Jo organised a farewell braai for him.

Jo has beavered away on many of the events, providing valuable support to Fred, making our events so much more enjoyable for all of us, and also looking after sourcing and selling a range of 'soft' branded regalia such as jackets, caps, shirts etc.

Fred decided that he would step down from the committee in 2015 but has remained responsible for our events until the new incumbent, Trevor Cooper, returns from an extended visit to Australia.

Fred is now the proud owner of an MGA roadster and is still very active on all club events.

Fred & Jo, we salute you and thank you for all your hard work over the years.



Bridget the Midget:

Bridget as in Bridget's Tours was the MG Midget that Roy Locock drove around the world and then down Africa to Knysna. Roy is now guiding MG tours in Europe in the rebuilt and restored Bridget. Worth googling or www.bridgetthemidget.co.uk

The Classic Motor Show, hosted by the NEC (National Exhibition Centre) in Birmingham, packaged three special Midgets onto their stand, including the incredibly quick class A Race Car of Paul Sibley and the well travelled "Bridget the Midget" belong to Roy Locock. This is very well worth a visit for anyone in the UK at the time.

This is not a photo of Bridget, but what I thought a lovely display of initiative and creativity.



ATTENDANCE REGISTER MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MNTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth		1	1
Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl		12	12
Bruce Brian			1	1
Burton Keith	Ella		10	10
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cairns, David	Susie		2	2
Cleland Jim	Glen		5	5
Clough Pat	Ali		8	8
Cooper Ray	Pat		2	2
Cooper Ricky	Colleen		10	10
Cooper Trevor	Marche	2	4	6
Cox Stuart	Dottie		4	4
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie		7	7
Davidson Brian	Jose		7	7
Day John	Margaret		4	4
Douglas Murray	Anne		12	12
Dunlop Denis			1	1
Du Plessis , Alex	Janet		4	4
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			
Fisher Roger	Alva		5	5
Frost Norman	Jennie		2	2
Giggins Barry	Joan			
Gough Dave	Margee		8	8
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce			11	11
Hewitt Lionel	Rose		4	4
Hogg John	Gill			
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	2	13	15
Hollis Peter			1	1
Hollis Ron	Dee		6	6
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis		7	7
Hunt Bob	Lindsey		2	2
Jones Dave	Fay		4	4
Jones Ian			2	2
Jones Nick	Sandie		4	4
Kells Trevor	Hilary		1	1
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula		2	2
Krahe Alexander			2	2
Kruger johan	Ilse	2	2	4
Langman Frostie	Sue		9	9
Lawson Ross	Antoinette		1	1
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila		1	1
le Grange Poena	Rika			
Lodder Hugo			2	2
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	1	9	10
Mackey Ray	Angela	1	15	16
Macmillan Ros	Gordon			
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2	8	10
Mangan Geoff	Chris			
Marsden Susan			6	6
Marucci Oscar				
McCallum John	Louise		2	2
Metelkamp Neil	Norma		3	3
Mentz Bunny	Jan		3	3

Miller Garth	Shirley	2	6	8
Milton Podge	Merrill	2	6	8
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo		12	12
Orsmond Ret	Julie		2	2
Page, Gerry	Mary	2	9	11
Parfett Ed	Jennie		7	7
Parker Wilf	Jenny		5	5
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2	10	12
Posniak Peter	Patti			
Pretorius Peter		1	1	2
Putter Willie	Linnea			
Reitz Fritz	Madene		1	1
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne		5	5
Smart Laurie	Kate		9	9
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		7	7
Warne Alan	Jill		5	5
Waterston Allan	Pam		4	4
Wessels John	Jane			
Whitehead Neville	Enid		4	4
Williams Denny	Pat		4	4
Wilsher Martin	Kim			
Winter George	Liesel	1	1	2
Witzmann Otto	Rosy		1	1
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda		1	1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia		5	5

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
8	Zucchini's	2015-04-26	17	9
9	Old Nick's bfast	2015-05-31	13	2

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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