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FROM THE HIGH CHAIR, June 2019.

It has been a relatively quiet month after our busy period. The Hillclimb dust has settled and the MGCC has received its annual R20,000 contribution from the organisers. Unfortunately they have again disappointed us with no increase in their donation to us for forwarding to charity. As before, their explanation is of rising costs, demanding sponsors and an insistence in maintaining constant entrance fees with the resultant financial loss. Their inability to increase the donation since 2014 has hardened our group's attitude towards the organisers with some members suggesting that we withdraw our services. However the Hillclimb is the one yearly opportunity many of us have of making a significant contribution to charity and the help to our chosen beneficiary makes the effort that we put into this event worth-while together with the advantageous exposure that our club receives. We will make every effort to obtain an improved donation next year.

With this donation in mind, please let me know if you are aware of a charitable organisation which would benefit from our donation, bearing in mind that we will donate only towards a capital project and not to "running expenses".

At the risk of sounding boring, I would again like to encourage our members to consider joining the South Cape contingent to the Indaba 2020 in Oudtshoorn. As the event is on our doorstep, no extended travelling is involved and with the Cape Town Centre members as organisers, you are guaranteed an entertaining and enjoyable weekend. Especially for 'first time attendees', the MG fun and camaraderie is not to be missed. Please see the notice below and if you have not already entered, send in your application now.

The events this past month included the usual very well attended and enjoyable breakfast at Zucchini's. Despite an 'administration' error in the manager omitting to enter our visit in his diary, the staff rallied remarkably and are complimented on putting on the usual great breakfast. Peter and Vivian Vadas once again excelled as they hosted the annual 'Sop 'n Dop' evening at Pembreys. The delicious soups, the breads, the wine and the service were all excellent (not to mention the company!) and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We extend a big thank you to the Vadas's and look forward to visiting them again next year.

Paging through 'Safety Fast', I came across an interesting article that well demonstrates the amazing and increasing world-wide popularity of our MG marque. In 1970, the country of Norway had a population of less than five million but a centre of the MGCC was started there. Partly because of a stagnant economy and severe tax restraints on importation of cars and partly because membership was restricted to pre MGA models, the *NATIONAL* membership was only 40 members, i.e. less than 40% of South Cape Centres' current membership! Subsequently membership has been opened (quite rightly!) to all MG owners and in that small country there are now eleven autonomous MG Car Club centres with a total membership in excess of 1000.

In the UK, sales of the modern Chinese manufactured MGs more than doubled in 2018 when compared to 2017 and MG sales became the fastest growing of all car makes there. What a pity the manufacturer has not yet recognised the need to "maintain the breed" with a really attractive, modern, iconic, affordable sportscar.

I would like to thank Peter Hollis, Tony Lyons-Lewis and Dave Jones, for their hard work updating the website and the other electronic side of our club's administration including the newsletter compilation and distribution. I am sure you are enjoying Dave's new look newsletters with new interests and many photos. We look forward to many more.

We are still searching for a willing volunteer to replace Keith Burton as keeper and maintainer of the Club's car register. If you might be interested in looking after the file of the club cars and would like to know more about it, please let me know.

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

Chairman Bruce has as usual covered all that really has to be said about our club's activities in June and of the prospects for the months ahead and I remain impressed with how busy we are as a decidedly "active" MGCC Centre.

Looking at our membership and at their impressive fleet of well maintained and cherished MG's it is not easy to select the **Car of the Month for June 2019**. However, having identified Bruce Henderson's well restored type M last month, it seems correct to move on to our other club M to complete our pre-war line up.

Tony Lyon-Lewis' MG type M (1929)

Tony owns a sister craft to Bruce Henderson's midget but not yet restored to running order. As indicated last month, the pre-war M type did more than any other MG to put this firm on the map, but its clever design by Cecil Kimber, based on the engine and chassis of the Morris Minor of the day, offers unique challenges for anybody wishing to restore one. With its clever overhead cam engine, it has a super-light, wooden framed, fabric covered body which does not cope well with the ravages of weather and time. All credit then to Tony for accepting the challenge of acquiring a stripped down, original version that had been imported by its previous owner and was still very much "in pieces". There was the usual story of great enthusiasm to start with, followed by disenchantment as the enormity of re-assembly to original specs confronted this owner, plus his need to move home and to move jobs with all of the bits and pieces.

The original South African owner Donald McDonald, imported the Midget from the U.K. in 1962 on the basis of some carefully posed and optimistic photographs. So it arrived with the distinctive boat-tail missing as well as other vital bits like one of its doors, but with some interesting paper-work. Its original U.K. owner was a Donovan Charles Baird and it has its original U.K. registration plate - UW 6063. Its paper record shows that it competed in the Land's End Trial in 1930, but it was very far from being a runner on arrival to our shores (Port Elizabeth seems to be where this happened). Donald had started on his restoration before being transferred to other centres and other jobs until retirement in Johannesburg. This is where Tony with the help of Ray Mackey collected the "bits" in May 2015 to continue the restoration. But inevitably, with all the moves, some more vital bits appear to have got lost to add to the challenge. Why Donald ran out of steam after 50 years working on his MG is not clear, as he did successfully restore other vehicles.



Midget "Bits" as collected by Tony & Ray



A very unfinished restoration (M's Bulkhead)

Visiting Tony to view his progress after only four years, in his immaculate, tidy workshop is a rewarding experience. Not only has he made great progress on the M, but all of his other cars seemed to be lined up, under dust covers, like family members approvingly watching him at work.



Progress on the intricate wooden frame of the MG Midget. Boat tail ready for its vinyl skin.

With Ray's expert assistance the intricate woodwork frame of the boat tail has been reconstructed and then covered locally in blue vinyl so that it looks like a car again. Seats still have to be fitted and the cockpit finished off with some more tricky body work and the metal wings properly mounted, but this seems to be very much in-hand and within Tony's store-house of skills. Some of these skills have been acquired on the job, Tony explains. Like learning how to form and anneal an aluminium body-work strip to a profile no longer made. But the wheels and suspension are already in place, if not quite ready to roll, while the engine is back in place after a re-hone and hopefully ready to run once certain final elements of brakes and transmission are sorted out.



The lovely little engine in place (Note maker's plate & vertical dynamo) with the single OHC.



A justifiably proud Tony Lyons-Lewis shows progress made in May 2019 (after only 4 yrs !)

PAST EVENTS

Sop n'Dop - Pembreys 12th June:

This popular, regular, mid-winter outing was well supported as usual with the limit of 50 participants, from both MGCC and GRMC, quickly reached. Peter and Vivienne Vadas were our gracious hosts with their delightfully simple selection of delicious soups and first class wines.



Peter Vadas displayed his culinary skill with delicious soup for a boisterous MG table to enjoy

There can be nothing better than a roaring log fire and cheerful fellowship to warm up any mid-winter venue as our Sop n'Dop demonstrated once again. In no way dampened by a brief power cut to remind us all that we are still in the New South Africa !

Breakfast Run - Moss & Maple 30th June:

(Will be reported on next month - Editor overseas)

FUTURE EVENTS

1. Bring & braais are usually very popular events with our Centre and if the weather is good, few venues can be as pleasant as the Buffels Bay caravan park where there is plenty of room to get around the braai fires. (Sunday 7th July)
2. The GRMC Tsitsikamma Memorial run has always proved very MG friendly in the past as there is the opportunity to try out the passes en route if the weather is friendly and one is brave enough. (Sunday 14th July)

MGCC Events Calendar 2019

Date / Day	Event	Quays Start	Host - Invited
July			
7 Sun	Bring & Braai, Buffels Bay	10h30	MG - ALL
14 Sun	Tsitsikamma Memorial Run	09h30	GRMC - ALL
28 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG - ALL
August			
9 Fri	Women's Day Wine Tour		GRMC - ALL
14 Wed	Let's Lunch.... @ Roadside Deli, Outeniqua Pass	10h30	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 at Herolds Bay		GRMC - ALL
29 Sun	Breakfast Run, Zucchini's, Timberlake	09h00	MG - ALL
October			
6 Sun	Lunch at Wilderness Hotel	11h00	GRMC - ALL
13 Sun	Glentana Bring 'n Braai	10h00	MG - ALL
16 Wed	Pensioners' Lunch, Enrico's	11h30	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	18h00	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:

No.	Event	Date	Mbrs.	Non Mbrs
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	27	
10	Cape Centres Cradock	15- 20/5/2019	19	
11	Zucchini's B'fast	2019-05-26	29	12
12	Sop 'n Dop, Pembrey's	2019-06-12	18	7
13	Moss & Maple B'fast	2019-06-30	20	9
14	Buffels Bay braai	2019-07-07		
15	Zucchini's B'fast	2019-07-28		
16	TBA	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	Woodville Farm braai	2019-11-10		
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 Jun. 2019 TOTAL
Baker Lew	Heather	2
Battison Dave		0
Bechlars Philipp	Martina	0
Betton Dave	Astrid	2
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	19
Bowers Geoff	Norma	7
Bruce Brian	Gwendolyn	7
Burton Keith	Ella	3
Bush Marion	Gavin	0
Cairns David	Susie	2
Clary George	Carole	4
Cleland Jim	Glen	3
Clough Pat	Ali	11
Cool Wilhelm	Joeleen	10
Cooper Ray	Pat	6
Cooper Ricky	Tersia	18
Cox Stuart	Dottie	0
Cross Graham	Joan	4
Davey George	Margie	8
Davidson Brian	Jose	9
Davidson II Brian	Bernie	16
Davies John	Babs	0
Day John	Margaret	4
Douglas Murray	Anne	6
Etridge Derek	Jil	4
Fisher Roger	Alva	7
Friedman Frank	Merle	2
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	16
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	6
Hirschberg	Ken	4
Hodgson David	Kathy	3
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	6
Hollis Peter		1
Hollis Ron	Dee	8

		YTD Jun. 2019 TOTAL
Koncki Heinz	Paula	5
Konig Harold	Andree	6
Krahe Alexander	Andrea	6
Kruger Johan	Ilse	7
Lawson Ross	Antoinette	1
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila	4
Lodder Hugo		0
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	21
Mackey Ray	Angela	10
Madeley Brian	Lyn	7
Marsden Susan	Kevin	1
Marucci Oscar		0
McGee James	Gene	6
McMahon Tony	Vicky	0
Mentz Bunny	Jan	9
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	10
Miller Garth	Shirley	13
Miller Tom	Jenny	11
Milton Podge	Merrill	5
Morse Peter	Jill	23
Mullany Fred	Jo	15
Orsmond Ret	Julie	0
Parfett Ed	Jennie	5
Parker Wilf	Jenny	4
Posniak Peter	Patti	0
Pretorius Peter		8
Putter Willie	Linnea	0
Reitz Fritz	Madene	7
Reitz Karl	Tilly	8
Rist Beth	Chris	8
Rosser Phillip	Amanda	0
Scheepers Bert	Renate	0
Slade Keith	Yvonne	6
Smart Laurie	Kate	1
Spencer Mike	Jill	0
Stead Heyns	Ann	1
Stockdale Brian	Dawn	0
Tops Paul	Barbie	2
Vadas Peter	Vivian	5
Vadas Robert	Annabel	2
von Zeil Margie		10

Holt Dave	Heather	8
Horak Leish	Ingrid	5
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	6
Jeuschenak Hermann		8
Jones Dave	Fay	19
Jones Ian	Gay	0
Jones Keith	Elmarie	4
Keefer Jimmy		0
Kells Trevor	Hilary	0
Koch John	Jillian	0

Warne Alan	Jill	0
Waterston Allan	Pam	12
Wessels Jane	John	0
Whisken Doug	Irene	7
Whitehead Neville	Enid	3
Williams Denny	Pat	8
Winter George	Liesel	2
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	8

REGALIA

A sample view of what is on offer to MGCC S.Cape Members:



The following are the current regalia prices:

(All garments carry the MGSCCC badge and approved wording where applicable.)

Item	Price
Caps - two tone peak, navy/white	R 126.00
Fleece Beanie – navy (see above)	R 115.00
Golf Shirts – navy/white (see above)	R 250.00
Embroidery of badge on own clothing (see below)	R 50.00

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

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

Special orders can be arranged to have the approved badge embroidered on any garment of your own (see below for our Chairman’s special MG jersey). Contact Liesel Winter - 073 721 8922.



MEMBERS' ADVERTS:

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

For Sale :

For used MG /MG Magnette spares and repairs. Contact Ricky Cooper 082 822 2146
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For Sale:

Murray Douglas 044 – 343 1407 annemurray@telkonsa.net has the following redundant tools for sale, all in excellent condition.

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| 1. TORQUE WRENCH | ½”drive. 10 to 550 lbf-ft (16-68NM) Britool | R 1500 |
| 2. Ditto | 50 to 250 lbf-ft (70 – 330 NM) Britool | 2000 |
| 3. A/F RING/OPEN ENDED SPANNERS | ¼ “to ¾ “ 9 no (Clarke) | 700 |
| 4. A/F RING/OPEN ENDED SPANNERS | ¼ “ to 1” 13 no (LBS) | 1000 |
| 5. A/F ½” DRIVE SOCKETS | 24 no 3/8 “ to 1 “ (Britool/ Bedford) | 2000 |
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| 7. BA OPEN ENDED SPANNER SET | 11BA to 0BA 6 no (Britool) | 300 |
| 8. Ditto | 7BA to 0BA 4 no (Gordon) | 200 |
| 9. ¾ “ drive 40mm SOCKET with ¾ “to ½” adaptor | (Britool) | 300 |
| 10. Ditto 38mm Ditto | (Gedore) | 300 |
| 11. LUCAS SPORT COIL part no. DLB105 | (SC Parts, U.K.) | 200 |
| 12. TOOL ROLL with MG Logo | | 100 |

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(If members are aware of other reputable service providers, please let me know. Ed)

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

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to: Hugo Lodder & Podge Milton 2nd, Neville Whitehead 3rd, Dee Hollis 9th, Jim Thomborough & Dave Holt 10th, Donna Giersing 12th, Liesel Winter 13th, Tim Le Feuvre 15th, Margie von Zeil & Margie Davey 17th, Peter Morse 19th, Murray Douglas 20th, Alexander Krahe 21st, Ilse Kruger 23rd, Heather Holt 25th, Geoff Bowers 26th, Peter Hollis & Heinz Koncki 27th, and Annabel Vadas 28th.

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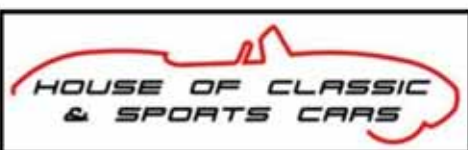
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