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EDITORIAL & FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

Every editorial in the immediate post FIFA World Cup period comments on the undoubted triumph of South Africa's staging of the extravaganza and congratulations are due to Danny Jordaan and his team. Knysna also triumphed in hosting two of the participating teams and although the French did not significantly raise their popularity by their behaviour, the Danes' conduct in the town was impeccable and of benefit to the community. One hopes that the financial implications of the magnificent stadia are not going to hit the pockets of those who stood to benefit from the country hosting the event.

The time for the Cango Indaba at Oudtshoorn approaches. Bookings for accommodation are now closed but those who have not booked are recommended to attend on a daily basis and enjoy the functions and the spirit of the event. Please see the note below and join others driving up for a day.

The Committee continues to think ahead to the 2014 Indaba. Please see this column below, participate in the process and become involved by sending your entries for the competition.

Peter Hollis is working on the regular upgrading of our website and the inclusion of a specific 2014 page. Additional income will be achieved for the club from advertising on the website. In addition to our club events, the calendar will contain all the motoring information relevant to our members that we can lay our hands on and members are asked to let the editor know of any omissions. A monthly page will be printable for those who need the reminders – i.e. all of us!

Apologies are due for two errors in last month's newsletter. Firstly, an important end to Brian's 'From the Running Board' was inexplicably omitted and the balance is in this edition. You will recognise the youthful, bearded Keith Burton and the more youthful Norman Ewing. Secondly, we have to concede that "it's in the

Fisher genes"; Alex Cousins described as "a friend of the Fishers" who drove the Mercedes SLK to success in the Driving Test is in fact Roger's daughter!

We have been asked to nominate members for the posts of National President and Secretary of the Combined Centres National Executive. The Committee believes we have in our membership, the ideal candidate for the former position in Keith Burton. His C.V. as forwarded in his nomination is included below for members as an indication of true MG dedication. Volunteers for the second position should contact the editor.

The three outings in the past month have been well supported – see below for details. Our Christmas in July Dinner will be our opportunity this year to again show support for the residents of Vermont Home. The gifts collected will be delivered en route to Enrico's for brunch on August 3rd. Jennie Frost and I have recently met with Knysna's mayor who has indicated a very worthwhile charity and in the next newsletter, we shall announce how we plan to offer them support.

The Committee has agreed that the trophies awarded to the first and second placed competitors in last year's navigational rally will become floating trophies awarded after each competitive event. They have been engraved accordingly. From the beginning of this club year, points for runs will be awarded to members carrying out a genuine MG rebuild as if they had attended in their MG.

After my visit to the UK and the Birmingham Classic Car Show last November, I related having come across "Bridget the Midget", the only MG Midget to have circumnavigated the globe. Bridget's owner has written looking for interested parties to join him driving MGs from Abingdon to Cape Town from September next year to celebrate the Midget's 50th Anniversary. Momentarily it sounded a great idea but sanity has prevailed! Perhaps we will muster a group to go north to meet him.

Bruce

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome:

Heinz and Paula Koncki who have diverted from the world of another British classic car. Heinz is in the process of rebuilding a ZB Magnette and if his Triumphs are anything to go by, this should be a great asset to the Club;

And Keith and Yvonne Slade who will soon be moving to Plett and whose stable of MGAs will rival Ricky's collection.

We wish them a long and happy association with the Club.

FROM THE RUNNING BOARD

Amongst the various articles there is a story about the 10th Anniversary of the Johannesburg MG Centre featuring our one and only Keith Burton who, of course, was the founder chairman of that club.



10th Anniversary of the Johannesburg Centre: Chairman Norman Ewing (left) and past chairman Phil Howie (right) look on as founder member chairman Keith Burton presents a silver tankard to co-founder Graham White at Baragwanath.

Then there is an article by Ken Stewart called "Investment Column" entitled – "There's gold in those MG's". It mentions that ball park market values for TC, TD, TF are from R40 000 to R45 000. MGA soft-top from R30 000 to R35 000, and pre 72 MGB soft top from R25 000 to R30 000.

It will be interesting indeed to be able to read about the values of our current cars in say 30 years time.

Whilst I am occupying this public platform, I should like to take the opportunity to thank all the wonderful members and their partners of the MG Car Club South Cape for the most fantastic and warm hospitality that has been extended to Jose and I since we moved to Knysna last year. You have all made our move to Knysna just that much more special, and we feel privileged to be part of the wonderful social environment that has been created in the club.

It is a special club indeed.

Brian Davidson

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns



TC put to good use

AND THEN THE TROUBLE STARTED

In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in.

And then the trouble started....

HUSBANDS AND WIVES – THE MCP COLUMN!

Man comes home, finds his wife in bed with his friend.

He shoots his friend and kills him.

Wife says, "If you behave like this, you will lose ALL your friends!"

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE SEE THE EVENTS CALENDAR FOR THE BREAKFAST RUNS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AS THESE HAVE BECOME OFFICIAL CLUB EVENTS. N.B. NOTE THAT CAFÉ FRANCOIS DOES NOT HAVE CREDIT CARD FACILITIES.

Friday 23rd July – Christmas in July Meet at Pembreys at 18h30. Please do not BYO booze as the restaurant is licensed. As before, we ask you to bring a gift of toiletries or other useful item to the value of ± R60 which we will donate to the Vermont Old Age Home on the August 3rd run.

Tuesday 3rd August; Pensioners brunch run to Enrico's: Meet at the Quays at 10h15 for a 10h30 departure to the Vermont Home where we will present the gifts and then proceed to Enrico's arriving ± 12h00.

Weekend away August 21 & 22 @ Storms River; 17 couples have booked for this event which holds much promise. For the rugby fans, we plan to be there well in time to watch the Bok-All Black test in

Joh'burg that afternoon. Please meet at the Quays at 13h45 for a 14h00 departure and start preparing for a relaxing party weekend. There will be a detour to the Storms River mouth on the return trip for those who wish to do so.

16th-19th September – International Indaba in Oudtshoorn: The committee believes that the following will be attending: Cooper, Davidson, Frost, Henderson, Hewitt, Lyons-Lewis, Lawson, Paton and Winter. We are hoping that many more will join the festivities if even for a day's run especially as they will take place on our doorstep. If you intend coming on one specific day, please liaise with Keith Burton (keiella@telkomsa.net or 044 343 1656) as he is going for a day. Should you wish to see the itinerary, please contact the editor.

2014 SOUTH CAPE INDABA

As all are by now are aware, our centre will be hosting the Combined South African Centres' International Indaba in 2014. The Club's committee has commenced planning for this event especially as from the accommodation point of view, we have established that venues suitable to house the 200-250 participants and cater for the functions are rare in this part of the world. Pine Lake Marina at Swartvlei is the likely choice at present.

We are starting the ball rolling by involving you, the members in a competition to select a title and a 'logo' or badge for the event. A fine bottle of wine for the winner of each has been donated. The submissions should relate to both MGs and Knysna or the South Cape and should be recognisable by both South Africans and overseas participants. **Please** don your thinking caps, release your artistic inventiveness and send your suggestions to the editor by August 9th.

MAINTAINING THE BREED

The following is the letter written to the National Executive proposing Keith Burton for the post of National President which we publish to inform our members of the MG dedication in our midst.

The Committee of the South Cape Centre wishes to propose Keith Burton for the post of Honorary President on the National Executive of the MGCC as requested in Rod Paxton's email of 10th June 2010.

KEITH'S INTEREST IN MG CARS:

Keith was born in 1937 and was first exposed to the MG world as a teenager when in 1952, a cousin took him for a drive in his T.A. Two years later, he started following motor racing and became fascinated by the MG specials of Pierce, Brodie and Shires and also of the Natal based racing team of the past National President, the late Les Miller, and many others.

In 1957, he was taken for a ride in an MGA and then 'the bug really bit'. In 1958, he navigated in several rallies in a tyrolite green MGA, helped in the pits for the same car during the 1958 9 Hour race, and 7 days later became its owner. He kept this car for the next 19 years. 1959 saw a season of navigating in one of the first Twin Cams to arrive in Johannesburg, with some reasonable success.

Over the years, Keith has owned (in various states of repair, from very good to rebuild material) the following MGs: J2, SA, 4 x Y types, a ZA, ZB, TC, TD, 2 other MGAs, and for the past 6 years, an immaculate MGB GT.

KEITH'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE MG CAR CLUB:

Keith was a founder member of the Johannesburg Centre and founder chairman for 2 years. This was followed by 2 year terms as treasurer and subsequently as a committee member. In 1981 he was privileged to be made an Honorary Life Member.

On moving to the Cape, in the absence at the time of a local MG centre, he was a founder member of the Plettenberg Bay Classic Car Club, later to become the Garden Route Motor Club.

More recently, in 2007, he became a founder member of the new South Cape Centre of the MG Car Club and serves the club well as the enthusiastic registrar of members' cars.

Keith remains an active member of this centre, not merely participating in club activities but also organizing events. He has given talks to members and written for our newsletter, willingly giving up his time and passing on information about MGs from his undoubted vast wealth of knowledge.

The South Cape Centre Committee therefore believes that Keith's experience and his knowledge of and his commitment to the MG cause make him a worthy successor to the late Les Miller and unreservedly propose him for the position of President on the National Executive.



What it's all about: spreading the enthusiasm

PAST EVENTS:

A bright sunny day with the temperature perfect for topless motoring set the scene for the **Pensioners' lunch run to Lemon Grass**. The restaurant, almost on the water, overlooks the Keurbooms Lagoon and is a delightful lunch venue. The meal was as good as the location and was enjoyed by the 9 members and partners (in seven MGs, the Mini Cooper and a Porsche) and four GRMC members.



The Sunday breakfast run to **Old Nick's** on June 27th was well attended by 14 members in 11 MGs plus a further two from the GRMC. This venue continues to improve and the service on this occasion was remarkable.

On Tuesday 6th July, Keith Burton arranged and conducted a **Noggin and Trivial Pursuit quiz** at the Sedgefield Arms and reports as follows:

Although it was a dull damp day and a cold night, 50% more folks turned up at the Sedgefield Arms than originally indicated were coming. A total of 29 people is an encouraging indication of the health of our small club!

"The Arms" (formerly the "Bavaria") coped very well with the increased numbers and provided an excellent meal. In addition, Renee Atkinson, the owner / manager, entered into the spirit of the evening and donated a voucher for a 50% discount for a party of four as soon as "The Arms" reopens after a winter upgrade.

In addition, Ricky Cooper donated a dozen bottles of fine wine as prizes. Many thanks to both of you.

The only question not answered by any one, out of a trivia quiz of 50 questions, was the name of the dog on the HMV record label. The answer is Nipper.

On rechecking the results, no errors were found and the overall top three places were as follows:

First : Liesel & George Winters.

Second : Fay & Dave Jones.

Joint Third : Glenda & Jim Cleland and Jose & Brian Davidson.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Keith.

Well done and thank you to Keith for an excellent evening and to Ricky for the generous prizes.

We were able to welcome the Konckis as new members. The venue was ideal and some remained after the meal to watch the completion of the World Cup soccer game.

Ed.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Always Remember This:

You don't stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing.

AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED:

He said: "What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?"

She said: "Turn sideways and look in the mirror!"

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 (keiella@telkomsa.net or P O Box 1154, Sedgfield, 6573).

FOR SALE OR WANTED

(This is a free service for members. Please make use of it as it helps to keep our cars on the road. Just send your advert in to The Editor well before the end of each month. The committee has agreed that commercial adverts can also be accepted but these are charged for.)

For sale: For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 082 822 2146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za.**

For Sale: Restored green TC for R200,000 ono. Contact editor for photos or owner Rajesh Thulsie on 012 311-3441, 071 6715103 or thulsirs@telkom.co.za.*

Wanted: Ricky Cooper is looking to purchase scrap MGs and other sports cars for spares. Please contact him on 082 822 2146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za.**

Wanted: Spares for MGB GT. Chrome radiator grill surround 1970's for plastic grill, right hand side seat runner (passenger side), drivers quarter light window glass. GT only. Please phone Roger Davis on 082 723 2297*

STORAGE FOR YOUR CAR? Needing safe, secure storage for your classic car or motorbike in Knysna? Short and long term available. Contact Ron Hollis 082 859 8771.**

FACTORY/WAREHOUSE BUILDING TO LET Single story factory building with a 550 square meters floor area. Phone Allan Hamilton on 082.375.2840 for details and to arrange viewing.*

REGALIA

We have a few new club jackets in stock. They are waterproof windcheaters in Navy with light blue beading and with our Club badge – very smart and most useful. Please contact Jennie Frost.

NEW SCC SHIRTS: The now familiar light and dark blue club shirts are becoming a feature at car related events. For those who don't have, please phone Norman Frost to arrange your purchase.

A few of the original shirts are still available.

Bumper badges, magnetic name and lapel badges and key rings all with the club logo are available. Please contact Norman or Ross with your enquiries and orders.

Please note that in future, regalia will be available for purchase only at Noggins. Off the cuff sales at Norman's showroom have been too disruptive for sales to continue there.

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

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www.mgcc.co.uk

www.motoring.co.za

www.1000miglia.co.za

www.bridgetthemidget.co.uk

www.mgcc-north.co.za

www.motorheads.co.za

www.motorheadsdiary.com (for motor sport /
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MGCC SOUTH CAPE EVENTS CALENDAR:

MEETING PLACE: KNYSNA – THE QUAYS AT THE WATERFRONT END OF GREY ST.
SEDGEFIELD – ENGEN ONE-STOP.

A provisional calendar for 2010 follows. Details and any changes will be announced as the year proceeds.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Fri	23 Jul	Christmas in July	Brian Davidson
Sun	25 Jul	Breakfast run Café Francois	Tony L-L
Tues	03 Aug	Pensioners' brunch run to Enrico's	Brian Davidson
W/end	21/22 Aug	Weekend At Storms River	Brian Davidson
Sun	29 Aug	Breakfast run Old Nick	Tony L-L
Tue	14 Sep	Noggin at Tapas Bar	Brian Davidson
<u>Th-Sun</u>	<u>16-19/9</u>	<u>National Indaba Oudtshoorn</u>	<u>Brian Davidson</u>
Sun	26 Sep	Breakfast run Café Francois	Tony L-L
Sat	16 Oct	MG 80 th Anniversary at The Heads	Tony/Brian
W/end	22-24 Oct	Knysna Hill Climb	
Fri	23 Jul	Christmas in July	Brian Davidson

The early warnings are for inclusion in your diaries. Unfortunately it may be necessary to change some of these nearer the time so please review the calendar monthly. Details to follow.

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.

2009 ATTENDANCE RECORD

(DERIVED FROM SIGNATURES IN ATTENDANCE REGISTER – IF YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE!)

MEMBER'S NAME	PARTNER'S NAME	This Month	Accumulated	Total
Auty Anthony	Norma		4	4
Baker Lew	Heather		4	4
Burton Keith	Ella	2	14	16
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	1	5	6
Clough Pat	Ali		6	6
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	4	13	17
Davidson Brian	Jose	3	14	17
Davis Roger	Nita		3	3
Douglas Murray	Anne		6	6
Dunlop Denis	Gill	1	9	10
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	2	4	6
Fisher Roger	Alva	2	4	6
Forsyth Don	Marion		2	2
Frost Norman	Jenny		7	7
Giggins Barry	Joan		2	2
Hamilton Alan	Brenda		4	4
Henderson Bruce		3	11	14
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	2	3	5
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter		2	4	6
Hollis Ron	Dee	2	6	8
Houseman Marylin	Dennis		3	3
Jones Dave	Fay	2		2
Koncki Heinz	Paula	1		1
Langman Frostie	Sue		6	6
Lawson Ross	Antoinette		3	3
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila		1	1
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	11	9	20
Mangan	Geoff	1	2	3
McCullum John	Louise			
McDonnell Mike			6	6
McEwan Tony	Linda		4	4
Mentz Bunny	Jan		5	5
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			0
Parfett Ed	Jenni		6	6
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2	8	10
Paton Duncan	Leslie	4	16	20
Putter Willie	Linnea			
Reitz Fritz	Madene			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Roff Anthony	Corrine			
Stead Heyns	Ann		2	2
Underwood Colin			4	4
Van den Bor Frans	Ellen		4	4
Vadas Peter	Vivian	2	2	4
Wessels John	Jane			
Williams Denny	Pat		2	2
Winter George	Liesel	2	9	11
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	1		1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	2	9	11

Event no:	EVENT	Date	Attendance
1	A G M	02 Mar	14
2	Parfett's Noggin	20 Mar	13
3	B'fast @ Francois	28 Mar	16
4	Karoo Tour	19 Apr	10
5	B'fast Old Nick	25 Apr	9
6	GRMC Show Day	1 May	25
7	Progressive dinner	8 May	12
9	B'fast @ Francois	30May	19
10	Winters' test	6 Jun	20
11	Lemon Grass lunch	22 Jun	9
12	B'fast Old Nick	27 Jun	14
13	Sedgefield Quiz	6Jul	17

Discrepancies should be reported to the Committee without delay. A point is awarded for:

- Attending any event either organised by the Club or in which the Club is invited to participate;
- Coming to that event in an MG
- Arranging an event or speaking/entertaining at an event.

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