



**MG CAR CLUB**

**South Cape Centre**

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## FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

What an incentive our current beautiful weather is for superb top-down motoring! The GRMC lunch run to the Wilderness two days ago provided an ideal opportunity for those of us lucky enough to be able to go 'topless' to enjoy the ideal temperature and sun intensity. It was great to see the range of MGs from two TCs to a TD to an A and Bs. I am reliably reassured that the rumour that big Austin Healey's are so thirsty that refuelling is required at lunch breaks is totally untrue.

The lunch venue, Pomodora's, provided an excellent lunch with impressive service to the extent that we may try it as a breakfast venue for the end-of-month Sunday run on that side of Knysna. This has come about following dissatisfaction expressed in answers to Tony's questionnaire about Sunday breakfast runs. Although complaints about the food at Café Francois were minimal, the seating is not ideal and committee members have explored other options, none of which at this stage have significantly bettered Café Francois. Tony will continue to investigate and decisions will be made soon.

Sadly some of our members missed the cut-off for the 2012 Indaba. For Indaba functions, the limit had to be 300 participants and these positions were all accounted for before the final booking date. Please try to make decisions earlier for future gatherings as they are very popular and rapidly become booked out. The Cape Centres meeting in October this year is similarly fully subscribed but our centre will be well represented there.

While on the topic of Indabas, Peter Hollis is preparing the Indaba page for our website and is now available. This will enable us to notify the MG community about the Indaba to allow long term planning especially for those coming from overseas. To facilitate and accelerate both working on our website and

setting out our monthly newsletter, Peter has acquired a special computer program to which the Club has contributed.

You will be aware of the funds allocated to the Club following the Hillclimb for donation to charity. The Committee has decided that the whole amount including that of last year will be donated to Lukhanyiso specifically for the development of the extension to the safe house. Lukhanyiso are awaiting decisions from a benefactor in the UK before proceeding and we plan to keep the funds in a savings account at the bank until they are required.

It is our intention for next year's events to revert more towards 'bring and braai' type outings so anticipate bringing out your picnic basket. Finally, please remember that changes to our events calendar are made from time to time so check your newsletter every month and confirm with your friends who are not on email that they are aware of the changes – posting is both slow and unreliable.

Make use of the beautiful weather and your MG and enjoy!

*Bruce*

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## EDITORIAL

During the past month I had a computer hard drive disaster without backup and lost all my data for the past 3 years. - Lesson learnt, but unfortunately all my ammo for the newsletter has disappeared along with the rest of my 3 year stash of information. That's my excuse for what will probably be a shorter newsletter this month. Input is needed for future newsletters, so please assist with articles which may be of interest to fellow members, and please before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in that month's issue, thanks !

Brian Davidson has again been busy fine tuning the events for the rest of the year, please take a look at the revised calendar below and make suitable note of events you may wish to attend

*Ray*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Updated 12 July 2011

Date	Event and Venue	Details
July		Goodwood Festival of Speed 30 June – 3 July British Grand Prix 10 July German Grand Prix 24 July Hungarian Grand Prix 31 July
July 31st Sunday	MGCC/GRMC Breakfast Run Old Nick's – Plettenberg Bay	Meet there or at the Quays 09h00. Open to members of both clubs.
August		Womens' Day 9 August Belgian Grand Prix 28 August
August 13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	GRMC/MGCC run to Roadside Deli	Open to members of both clubs
August 19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Weekend away to Witsand	Open to members of both clubs

Aug 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	MGCC/GRMC Breakfast Run Café Francois – Sedgefield	Meet there or at the Quays 09h00. Open to members of both clubs
<b>September</b>		Whales and Wheels 24 Sept Heritage Day 24 September Goodwood Revival 16-18 Sept Italian Grand Prix 11 September Singapore Grand Prix 25 Sept
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Pensioners' run to Lemon Grass restaurant in Plett	TBA Open to members of both clubs
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	MGCC/GRMC Breakfast Run Old Nick's – Plettenberg Bay	Meet there or at the Quays 09h00. Open to members of both clubs.
Date	Event and Venue	Details
<b>October</b>		MG Cape Centres Gathering in Graaff Reinet set for end Oct – TBA Japanese Grand Prix 9 Oct Korean Grand Prix 16 Oct Indian Grand Prix 30 Oct
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Run to Oudtshoorn to see the national model air show	TBA
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	GRMC/MGCC Economy Run	TBA Open to members of both clubs
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	GRMC – AGM	TBA GRMC members only
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	MGCC/GRMC Breakfast Run Café Francois – Sedgefield	Meet there or at the Quays 09h00 Open to members of both clubs
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> to 30th	MG Cape Centres Gathering in Graaff Reinet	
<b>November</b>		Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 13 Nov Brazilian Grand Prix 27 Nov East London Grand Prix Era Revival 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	MGCC/GRMC Technical event at Lew Baker's to talk cars and things - day visit with braai	TBA Open to members of both clubs
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Treasure Hunt and Braai	Open to both clubs
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	GRMC/MGCC "Groggin"	TBA Open to members of both clubs
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	MGCC/GRMC Breakfast Run Old Nick's – Plettenberg bay	Meet there or at the Quays 09h00. Open to members of both clubs.
<b>December</b>		Day of Reconciliation 16 Dec Christmas Day 25 December Day of Goodwill 26 December
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	GRMC Christmas Dinner	GRMC members only
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> Friday	MGCC Christmas Dinner	MGCC members only

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## FROM THE SICK BAY

We are aware that Lesley Paton is ill and the committee, on behalf of all members, wishes her well for a swift and full recovery.

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## COOPER'S CORNER

Two aerials meet on the roof, fall in love and get married. The ceremony was rubbish but the reception was brilliant!!

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet.

"My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?"

"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him"

So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth.

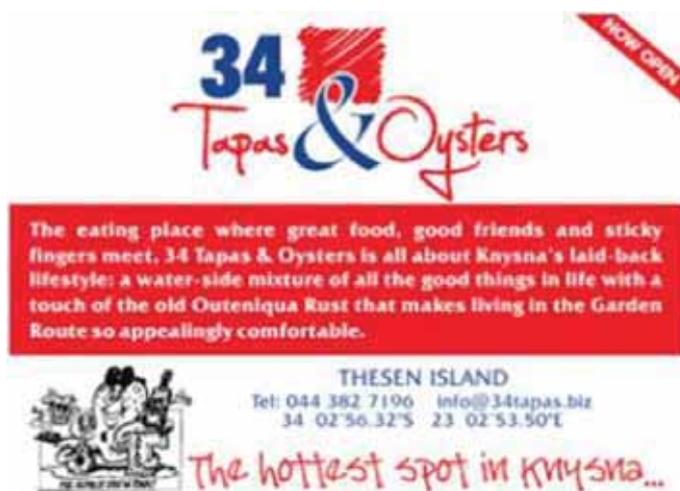
Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? Because he's cross-eyed? "

"No, because he's really heavy"

Two cannibals eating a clown. One says to the other

"Does this taste funny to you?"



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## AND THATS WHEN THE TROUBLE STARTED

I would just like to share an experience with you all, and it has to do with drinking and driving. As you know some of us have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd soiree over the years? Well I for one have done something about it: ....

Last night I was out for a few drinks with some mates and had way too many Foresters, knowing full well I was wasted, I did something I've never done before. I took a Bus home. I arrived home safely and without incident which was a real surprise, since I had never driven a bus before!!

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## MAINTAINING THE BREED

Members intending to import spares may benefit from the experience I had this month when importing spares for a classic bike. I knew that most suppliers in the UK would not post parcels to South Africa using the post office's airmail services because of their experience with theft or non arrival of parcels. Instead they use the services of international couriers, usually at extra cost. My parcel of 3.5kg attracted a "postage" cost of GBP40 as part of the quote and payable to the supplier before it left the UK.

When the parcel arrived in Jo'burg I was contacted by the Courier and asked if I had appointed a Clearing Agent. - I hadn't, and it became apparent that if parcels arrive by courier a Clearing Agent is necessary and in my case I had to pay VAT and a clearance fee of R400. The alternative, if you are lucky enough to have a friend or relative in the UK is to have the parcel sent airmail and in this case it would have arrived at the Knysna Post Office with no clearance fee. The risk/reward equation of course is the risk of non arrival versus the cost of the clearing agent.

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## PAST EVENTS

### PENSIONERS RUN, DUTTON'S COVE

Organised by Brian Davidson and by all accounts a splendid venue. There is a record of attendance showing 34 attendees in 20 cars, including 9 MG's.

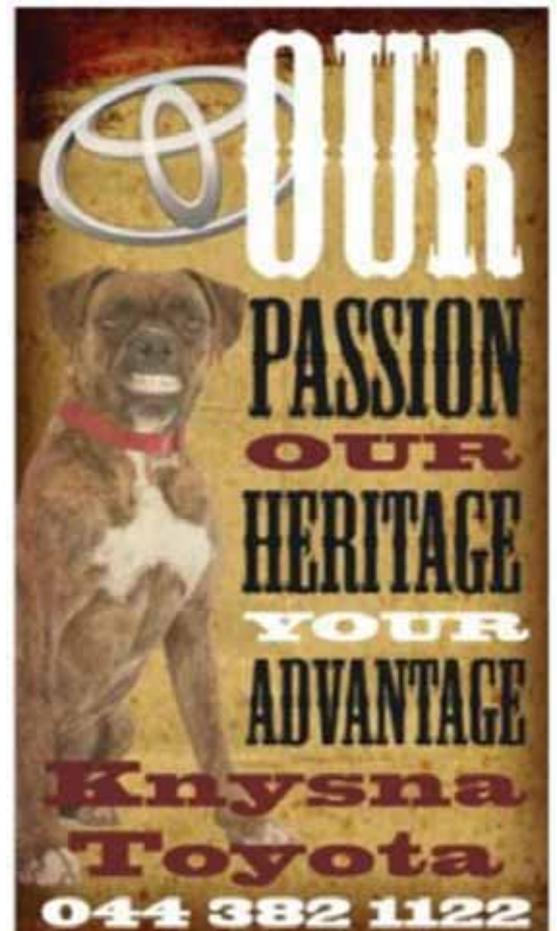
### QUIZ EVENING

36 attendees at this event which was held at the Belvidere Manor Hotel.

Congratulations and thanks to Brian Davidson for arranging a most enjoyable and successful evening, marred only by the very late arrival of the chairman and his guests, for which he apologises. The venue, the annex of the Manor, was ideal as was the tasty meal. Competition between the teams was fierce.

Brian had clearly done much research into the categories of the quiz which varied to test the minds and memories of all participants in different ways. He was a masterful quizmaster even to the extent of singing musical clues to assist those who had no clue. The entire group remains very grateful to Denis Dunlop for the loudly announced 'mouth organ' answer to one of the musical questions!

Bruce



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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 ([keiella@telkomsa.net](mailto:keiella@telkomsa.net) or P O Box 1154, Sedgelyield, 6573).

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## WEBSITES WORTH VISITING:

[www.mgcarclubsc.co.za](http://www.mgcarclubsc.co.za)

<http://gallery.mac.com/djwardell> **Website for MG 80 gallery**

[www.mgcc.co.uk](http://www.mgcc.co.uk).

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[www.mgcc-north.co.za](http://www.mgcc-north.co.za)

[www.motorheads.co.za](http://www.motorheads.co.za)

[www.motorheadsdiary.com](http://www.motorheadsdiary.com) (for motor sport / Historic racing diary)

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## REGALIA

For Club Regalia, please email your requests to Ron Hollis ([rhollis@gmail.com](mailto:rhollis@gmail.com)) for T shirts (Blue) and windbreaker jackets (Dark blue with tafetta lining), please give sizes – check with other club members that already have the item you want. Available items :- Key rings (Club logo; "MG" in a variety of colours), Club grille badges (2 hole flat type for badge bar mounting or with rear screws for grille mounting – please specify), Club Licence Stickers, Smaller Club Logo Stickers, Coasters, "MG" Zip pull-tags (various colours), Note that club jackets and T shirts usually need to be ordered – we keep little or no permanent stock of these items.

For those without access to email, contact Ron on 0828598771 or visit him at Bodge Engineering opposite Frost Brothers.

*(When you visit Ron for your regalia, look also at the fine car covers that he has in stock and treat your car. Ed)*

The committee has agreed and arranged for members to have the Club badge and "Forever Young" embroidered on their personal "civvies" clothing. Please contact Linda after 16h30 (she is at work until then) on 044 3824025 or 0834619730 or [linda@inkfight.com](mailto:linda@inkfight.com) Bruce has several items already satisfactorily embroidered as a trial and will show them on request.

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## FOR SALE

**For Sale:** MGB GT 1981. dark blue, very reliable mechanically, michelin tyres incl. unused spare, interior a bit shabby through lots of use R45000 o.n.o. Mike 0791482091

**For Sale:** Reworked set of rear springs for an MGB (7 leaf I think) R500 onco, may be viewed by arrangement with Ron Hollis at his workshop. Fred Mullany 0823214700

**For Sale:** For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 0828222146 or [rcooper@cyberperk.co.za](mailto:rcooper@cyberperk.co.za)

**Wanted:** Len Victor from Somerset West is looking for an MGB GT tel. 021 8525020

**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](mailto:rcooper@cyberperk.co.za)

**National for sale and wanted list:** This list includes MGs countrywide, spares and books. For further information, contact Bruce Henderson on 044 382 1989 or [brucejhenderson@gmail.com](mailto:brucejhenderson@gmail.com).

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.

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For any club runs:

Meeting place: KNYNSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey St.

SEDGEFIELD – Engen One-Stop.

# ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The attendance register, below, has been updated to include all events to end of March

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2	2	6
Baker Lew	Heather			1
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	1	1	3
Burton Keith	Ella			14
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen			7
Clough Pat	Ali			6
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	1	1	15
Davidson Brian	Jose	21	3	10
Doig Pete	Anne			
Douglas Murray	Anne			9
Dunlop Denis	Gill	21	3	9
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			12
Fisher Roger	Alva			5
Frost Norman	Jennie			6
Giggins Barry	Joan	1	1	5
Gilbert Greg	Rae			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	1	1	9
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			
Henderson Bruce		21	3	19
Henderson Mike				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1	1	8
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter				2
Hollis Ron	Dee	1	1	21
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis			3
Jones Dave	Fay	1	1	4
Koch John	Jillian			
Koncki Heinz	Paula			7
Langman Frostie	Sue			10
Lawson Ross	Antoinette			6
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	2	2	18
Mackey Ray	Angela			10
Mangan G Geoff				6
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			2
Mentz Bunny	Jan	21	3	10
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	1	1	15
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Parfett Ed	Jennie			7
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2	2	8
Paton Duncan	Lesley	1	1	16
Putter Willie	Linnea			
Reitz Fritz	Madene			3

Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			2
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne			
Stead Heyns	Anne			
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			2
Tops Paul	Barbie			
Underwood Colin				
van den Bor Frans	Ellen			
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			
Vadas Peter	Vivian	22	4	12
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
Wessels John	Jane			4
Williams Denny	Pat			7
Wilsher Martin	kim			
Winter George	Liesel	2	2	6
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	11	2	4
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	2	2	14

EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDED
1	Sundowner Picnic	11/01/18	24/38
2	Old Nick	11/01/30	17/36
3	George Show	11/02/12	29/32
4	Ebb & Flow	11/02/20	
5	Cafe Francois	11/02/27	
6	AGM	11/03/01	
7	Old Nicks	11/03/27	
8	Cafe Francois	11/04/17	
9	Knysna Car Show	11/05/15	
10	Old Nicks	11/05/29	
11	Duttons Cove	11/06/07	
12	Quiz Evening	11/06/14	



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