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EDITORIAL & FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

It might seem that the editor/chairman is becoming lazy or looking for ways to write less but there has been more than a flurry of car club activity in recent weeks and most of what needs to be said revolves around what has happened. So I trust that you will forgive the combined headings and the recurrent lateness of the newsletter. Let us start with the most important of the events, the Indaba:

THE 2010 OUDTSHOORN INTERNATIONAL INDABA – 16TH-19TH SEPTEMBER.

This was organised by the Cape Town Centre and held at a suitable venue, Kleinplaas in Oudtshoorn, suitable because the majority of attendees were accommodated in the main venue which included camping, there was excellent parking at the chalets for the MGs, and the associated events and particularly the evening parties occurred on site.

Although all were not there for the entire Indaba, 24 South Cape members and the new Honorary President signed our register. Proportionally, I have no doubt that we had by far the highest attendance but we were the centre nearest to home. I hope we can muster the same attendance for future major events.

There was an entertaining program of a treasure hunt-type rally, the various concours' competitions, a challenging driving test and three dinners, the final one requiring dressing according to the "Flintstones" theme. If any 'ice' remained, it was completely broken by the outrageous appearance of some of the cave men.



Preparing for the judging



The Flintstone main manne preparing for a hard night out



Concours' winning car and driver



Ricky and Lionel in the driving test

Although Indabas are social get-togethers of like-minded enthusiasts, the inter-centre competitive spirit between the seven Southern African Centres is a very important element of any Indaba. This is where the new and second smallest centre in the country, our own South Cape Centre, I believe, excelled. Our achievements list as follows:

First in the Concours' D etat, the 'best' car on show – Ricky's green MGA driven by Tony Lyons-Lewis;

Our centre came second overall in the concours' including the 'Tops' category judged on the top of the car and not under the bonnet or underneath, second in the driving test, and second to the organisers in the highly prestigious award to the centre for overall participation, involvement and achievement;

And Duncan and Leslie Paton came third in the treasure hunt.

Our centre has had banners for some time now but two other centres have followed suit and displayed banners marking their centres' "headquarters" at the indaba.

A further feather in our cap came at the Combined Centres' General Meeting which is held at every Indaba and which is attended by representatives from all centres plus the Combined Centres executive committee. Our Club Car Register compiled by Keith Burton was passed around, received high praise and was suggested as the benchmark for all clubs. Well done to Keith.

Most of you will be aware that we proposed Keith for the vacant position of Honorary National President of the MGCC. Unfortunately he very narrowly missed being elected and Ralph Clarke is the new president.



In 2011, the Combined Cape Centres gathering will be hosted by Port Elizabeth and held in Graaff Reinet and the 2012 Indaba will be organised by Johannesburg and held in Bloemfontein. I hope that South Cape will attend both these 'in force'.

Our committee has made good use of this Indaba in terms of compiling do and don't lists for 2014 and we aim to put on an even better show. However, the assistance of the entire membership is going to be necessary to really make 2014 the best ever.

Noggin at Tapas Bar, 14th September:

Although a most enjoyable evening, for me this event was especially memorable because it has again illustrated the generosity of Knysna's and particularly the MG Car Club's privileged. Having very recently provided several bags of goodies for the residents of Vermont Home, I then pushed members into providing donations of jumble and food for the Lukhanyiso Safe House for Abused Women and Children. I was astonished when I went out to close the back of my bakkie, to find that the bin was full. These donations have been **very** gratefully received by Penny and Ella who manage the house and feed 60 small children daily at their soup kitchen. Penny remarked that the mealie meal that we off loaded into their kitchen would provide for six months! In their words, they were "overwhelmed by the donations". The



MGs at the Tapas Noggin



Poor Woodgates were sold a pup.



Woodgates have kindly donated a sleeper couch

which I have yet to deliver.

Their needs are however great. They are aiming at a second bunk bed, the first having been donated by the mayor personally. A second small building is planned; the concrete floor slab is already in place. Their running costs will escalate as they enlarge but the enthusiasm of Penny and Ella is infectious and I am sure they will succeed.



For those whose charity benefits animals, Penny feeds township strays on her daily visits on the 'Township Tours'. She works closely with KAW and sick animals (and there are many of them) are directed to their care. A large bag of dog food among our donations was gratefully received.

Penny and Ella are very keen to take our members on their tour and to show them their operation, and I shall make the necessary arrangements on my return from the Austin Healey Nationals.

It is our intention to direct at least part if not all of the MGCC's allocation of the R50,000 total intended donation to charities by the Hill Climb organisers. This will be generated by our participation in the management of the Hill Climb. While on the topic of charities, a letter was received from the matron of Vermont Home thanking us for our gifts.

GRMC Tour to Darling for the Voorkamerfees – 3rd-8th September:

Although not a MGCC event, a majority of participants were MGCC members. This was a most enjoyable tour and congratulations are due to organiser Jim Cleland for his first (I am sure of many!). Despite the involvement of ten MG owners, it was disappointing that only two MGs were on the tour of 16 cars. However some can be "forgiven" for bringing out other classic marques!

Unfortunately Tony and Lorna missed the tour because of Tony's last minute eye operation from which we are pleased to report he is now recovering. Tony writes as follows:

"Thank you so much to all of you that have phoned to find out how I was progressing after my recent, rather sudden, laser eye surgery! It made me feel good to know that all you folk really care and I thank you all for your concern.

Progress with the eye is good and I am sure I am well on the way to mending!

Kind regards, Tony."

After all that, our end-of-month Sunday breakfast runs to **Old Nick's on August 29th and Café Francois September 26th** seem tame but these are very well attended, popular social outings at which members can get together after a refreshing short drive. Even the unpleasant dark cloud on the latter day did not deter the crews of the 22 cars on the run.

Knysna's Austin Healey owners and a couple of hangers-on like the editor are about to embark on a trip to the north for the Healey Nationals. Hopefully the frenetic pace of our activities will slow after that, with MG 80 and the Hill Climb still to come before we start 2011's calendar.

Bruce.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome Ret Orsmond and Ray and Angela Mackey.

Ray is in anticipation of finding the MG of his dreams! We wish him well and will certainly assist in his search.

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

We enjoyed the recent company of Keith and Yvonne Slade and their ex Lew Baker A Coupè while they were visiting Plett and we look forward to seeing them often.



FROM THE RUNNING BOARD

Leslie Paton has promised to give us an insight into the ladies' perspective of the Indaba. We look forward to her contribution next time and hope that she will encourage more wives and partners to join the fun.

AND THEN THE TROUBLE STARTED

THE BROKEN LAWN MOWER

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the MG, the shed, making beer. Always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.'

And then the trouble started....

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

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.

THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT!

Saturday 16th October: MG 80th Anniversary Celebration Picnic at Bollard Bay. As most know, the MG Car Club in the UK was founded at a meeting on October 12th 1930. A world-wide party has been arranged courtesy of the internet and other cyber mechanisms too complicated for the editor to understand. The event starts in New Zealand and spreads across the globe to Alaska. We will be participating by enjoying a picnic on the lawn area at Bollard Bay on Leisure Isle starting at 12h00. All are encouraged to attend because we shall be using this party to promote our club prior to the 2014 Indaba and pictures of your MG with the backdrop of the Heads will be circulated around the world.

Please note that fires are not allowed and we will not be braaing. This widens the scope for a delicious range of MG sandwiches from smoked salmon to bacon and banana to peanut butter and apricot jam!

Please make every effort to attend.

Weekend 22nd-24th October: Knysna Hill Climb. The MG Car Club will be extensively involved in the organisation of the Hill Climb. In return, a substantial amount of money will be donated on our behalf to charities of our choice. There are still vacancies for members to assist with and drive their classic cars on the starting parade, and marshalling in the pits and the classic car park. Please contact Bruce (brucehenderson@gmail.com or 082 568 7976) for further information or let him know if you are available.



Tuesday 2nd November: Noggin at Sedgefield Arms. Meet from 06h00 for a noggin and a meal. Keith Burton will provide another of his enlightening chats on MG.

Sunday 21st November: Gymkhana at Keurbooms. Organised by Graham Yendall, this promises to be entertaining. Details will follow.

THE GOOD LIFE

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess... "Will you marry me?" The Princess said "NO!" - And the Prince lived happily ever after and drove MGs and went fishing and hunting and played golf and dated women half his age and drank Mitchell's beer and had tons of money in the bank and left the toilet seat up and f * rted whenever he wanted to!

What a life!

The End

(Please note that the editor has never been a prince and any possible resemblance to his lifestyle is purely co-incidental)

2014 SOUTH CAPE INDABA

As all are by now 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 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 as soon as possible.

MAINTAINING THE BREED

Michael Henderson sent the following link: <http://www.wired.com/autopia/2010/08/electric-mg-td-replica/> . It is worth a visit to see how the love of the marque can extend to the ridiculous. This car would require a six hour charge after reaching our breakfast run destinations if it made it that far!

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

About growing older...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.



Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

- God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
- I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

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, Sedgefield, 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: Heinz Koncki is looking for an original Trico washer bottle + vacuum lid for his Magnette. Please contact him if you can help. h.koncki@gmail.com TEL+FAX: +27 (0)44 8735250 CELL: +27 (0)79 6250240



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

www.mgcarclubsc.co.za

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 /
Historic racing diary)

[www.britishracecar.com/JoeGunderson-MG-
Ex186.htm](http://www.britishracecar.com/JoeGunderson-MG-Ex186.htm)

www.speedfestival.co.za (Knysna Hill Climb
entries and info)



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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
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	Brian/Bruce
Tue	2 Nov	Sedgefield Arms Noggin	Keith Burton
Sun	21 Nov	Gymkhana at Keurbooms	Graham Yendall

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.



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2009 ATTENDANCE RECORD

MEMBER'S NAME	PARTNER'S NAME	This Month	Accum.	Total
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth		2	2
Auty Anthony	Norma		4	4
Baker Lew	Heather	1	4	5
Burton Keith	Ella	6	18	24
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	2	6	8
Clough Pat	Ali	3	8	11
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	8	21	29
Davidson Brian	Jose	6	22	28
Davis Roger	Nita	4	3	7
Douglas Murray	Anne	3	9	12
Dunlop Denis	Gill		12	12
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	4	9	13
Fisher Roger	Alva		10	10
Forsyth Don	Marion		2	2
Frost Norman	Jenny	4	9	13
Giggins Barry	Joan		4	4
Hamilton Alan	Brenda		4	4
Henderson Bruce		9	19	28
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	6	6	12
Holliday Clive				
Hollis Peter			6	6
Hollis Ron	Dee	8	10	18
Houseman Marylin	Dennis	1	3	4
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	4
Koncki Heinz	Paula	6	4	10
Langman Frostie	Sue	4	8	12
Lawson Ross	Antoinette	1	3	4
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila		2	2
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	8	25	33
Mangan	Geoff	4	4	8
McCullum John	Louise			
McDonnell Mike			8	8
McEwan Tony	Linda	4	4	8
Mentz Bunny	Jan	4	8	12
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma	4	0	4
Parfett Ed	Jenni	6	9	15
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2	12	14
Paton Duncan	Leslie	10	20	30
Putter Willie	Linnea			
Reitz Fritz	Madene			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Roff Anthony	Corrine			
Slade Keith	Yvonne	6		6
Stead Heyns	Ann	4	2	6
Underwood Colin			4	4
Van den Bor Frans	Ellen		4	4
Vadas Peter	Vivian	7	8	15
Wessels John	Jane	1		1
Williams Denny	Pat	1	2	3
Winter George	Liesel	8	15	23
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	3	2	5
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	3	13	16

Event No.	Event	Date	Attendance
1	A G M	02 Mar	14
2	Parfetts' 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	30 May	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	6 Jul	17
14	Xmas in July	23 Jul	20(44)
15	B'fast @ Francois	25 Jul	17(35)
16	Enrico's Lunch	3 Aug	12(26)
17	Tsitsikama W/end	22 Aug	17(35)
18	B'fast Old Nick	29 Aug	14(36)
19	34 Tapas noggin	14 Sep	19(32)
20	2010 Indaba	16 Sep	24(41)
21	B'fast @ Francois	26 Sep	18(36)

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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