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EDITORIAL

Last month's comment on cars under restoration has elicited a response from Peter Posniak. He claims that Keith Burton is not the only member with a "new" Magnette and has sent pictures of the proverbial "Barn Find" ZB Magnette as it arrived on the trailer. Now several weeks into it's new life, we look forward to progress pictures Peter and we have no doubt down here in Knysna that the chrome will be excellent!!! My MGB Roadster is now on the road and will have it's first serious run to the Cape Centres gathering in Stellenbosch this month. I owe a great deal of thanks to Tony Lyons-Lewis and to Denny Williams for their generous assistance in sorting out my electrical problems – and that's what clubs like ours are all about folks!!

Whilst on the subject of restoration, I hear rumblings that government is intent on introducing legislation which will prevent a scrapped vehicle being restored and put back on the road. No doubt this has come about in an attempt to reduce carnage on our roads. (Could somebody please point out to them that excessive speed, bad driving habits and excessive alcohol intake are not normally the traits associated with classic car ownership). The peripheral age related issues of definitions for vintage and classic cars and intervals between roadworthy tests will no doubt play a part in any legislation we are subjected to.

I have to admit to a mistake in Keith Burton's email address which has appeared under the heading of "The Club Car Register" for a number of months now. The correct address now appears, so if you have recently sent details of your car to Keith and got no response please try again with the corrected address.

Keep the revs up!

Ray

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR, September 2013:

It has been a busy month on the high chair. Preliminary thoughts for the 2014 combined MGCC / GRMC tour centred on a specifically classic car visit to Hogsback. This village is renowned for its flowers at its Spring Festival at this time of year and with this in mind, I went to investigate. It is a most pleasant environment and the accommodation is ideal but it is unfortunately not suitable as a destination for a classic car tour from here. It is too far to drive to in one day; although the main tarred road to the village is in acceptable condition, all of the surrounding roads are rough gravel; other than the central gardens and a couple of pubs and coffee shops, there is not much for us to do as the roads exclude us from exploring the surrounding countryside. So for the tour, it is back to the drawing board.

On this trip, I also paid Addo Elephant Park a brief visit. It is worth noting that (since I was last there) the transverse fence in the park has been removed and the southern half of the reserve has been opened to and seems well stocked with game. I stayed at the southern camp, Matyholweni, which is just five minutes drive from Colchester and very convenient. Elephant droppings on the road at the gate are evidence that these animals are again within trumpeting distance of the surrounds of Port Elizabeth.

On the Indaba front, our hoped-for main sponsor, Castrol, has finally decided that they will not be assisting our Indaba finances. We have been hard at work finding an alternative and have been promised a significant contribution although not what we were hoping for from Castrol. We continue to explore other avenues. Our other arrangements progressively fit into place and it is 'coming together' well.

It is always sad when a MGCC member passes away but the passing of Bill Daly in Durban was especially sad. Bill's father had imported a new MG VA in 1936 and was one of the original members of the 'Natal Centre' when it was formed in 1939. The family had remained members of the KZN Centre and owned other MGs. Bill and a nephew attended the 2010 Indaba in Oudtshoorn and some of you may remember seeing the black ND VA there. Bill at the age of 89 was robbed of a paltry R200+ and tragically murdered last month. Our condolences go to his family.

Another time-consuming high chair activity has been formulating suggestions for the revision of the MGCC Combined Southern African Centres constitution. The Joh'burg Centre recognised deficiencies and requested input from the other centres. We agreed that considerable changes were necessary and with the help of our committee, our recommendations have been submitted. The revised document will need to be accepted by all of us before it can be made official and this will happen in due course.

The breakfast run on the last Sunday of August could potentially have imploded as on our arrival, there was suddenly no electricity at Old Nick's. The majority of the very large attendance diverted to The Deck at Plett where we had a most enjoyable morning. This might be an alternative venue but for the less than ideal parking arrangements. Old Nick's have apologised and hopefully this will not recur.

Those of us lucky enough to be going to the Cape Centres gathering are looking forward to our trip next week. If the weather behaves, we can anticipate some most spectacular top down motoring on some of the best drives that the world has to offer.

Drive safely, Bruce.

PAST EVENTS

Darts Challenge

The darts challenge proved to be an enjoyable evening, albeit a bit chilly in the Mitchell's premise! There were signs of a few mis-spent childhoods with Tony Lyons-Lewis throwing a particularly mean dart. At the other end of the scale Ray Mackey and Ron Hollis teamed up but couldn't hit the proverbial barn door

between them.

Pensioners Run

We had a decent turn-out for the Pensioner's run to the Views Hotel for breakfast. The views were excellent and we even had a whale to watch just beyond the breakers.

Old Nicks Breakfast Run

The monthly breakfast run had to relocate from Old Nick's because of electrical problems at the venue. The majority of the good turn-out went to The Lookout restaurant in Plett and enjoyed a good breakfast and good service.

FUTURE EVENTS

2013 MGCC EVENTS CALENDAR (Revised)

When possible runs will be on the 2nd Sunday and Noggins on the 2^{nd} Tuesday of the month.

Regular breakfast runs on last Sunday of the month

Please see under "Forthcoming Events" in the current new sletter for details:

Meeting places: Knysna – The Quays at Waterfront Drive end of Grey Street

Sedgefield - Engen One Stop

_ Host		Host	EVENT		GRMC	
Date	Day Club	Invited				
September						
20-22		MG	Cape Centres Gathering Stellenbosch	TBA	no	
28th	Sat	MG	Oudtshoorn National Model Aircraft	08h00	yes	
29th	Sun	MG	Bistro Lake Pleasant B'fast	09h00	yes	
October						
6th	Sun	MG	Greyvensteyn & Baker Cars & W.shop- Bring & Braai	10 til 1	Yes	
28	Sun	MG	Old Nick's @ Plett	09h00	yes	
November						
10th	Sun	MG	De Vaselot Bring & Braai Run via coupla passes	10h00	yes	
24th	Sun	MG	The BISTRO L.Pleasant Sedge B'fast	09h00	yes	
December						
6th	Fri	MG	Prawn Braai Angling Club	18h00	no	
13th Fri MG Kick wheels Bodge/Frost/Bruce # - Braai ** 16h00		no				
	* Limited to 22 MG cars					
			** Club Sponsored Sosaties & Bangers & a beer			

Herald World of Wheels Port Elizabeth 7th December

Not a MG car club event but a repeat of last years enjoyable event which was attended by a few of our club members. Those contemplating attending this year are reminded that this is scheduled for the day after our club's prawn braai.

Best of the Cape Auto Show 12th October

We have received the following (late) invitation to attend this show which as you will see is not an MG Club event but may well be of interest to members.

We are pleased to announce the Best of the Cape Auto Show at GrandWest.

DSA customs is geared towards becoming a very well known custom build / restoration organisation and are currently on tour in search of the best custom built vehicles in the country and will be stopping over in Cape Town in the 12^{th} October 2013. DSA Customs recently hosted the Best of

Joburg and the Best of KZN auto show and we are heading your way. We hereby cordially invite your organisation to promote its products and services at the Best of the Cape auto show. We will have a mobile microphone and the MC will be walking around and questioning you about your product and this will be a great way to reach all attendees at the show thus creating curiosity and possibly more sales.

The final showdown will take place on the 23rd of November in Johannesburg where the final judging will take place. We will announce and reveal the best customised car in South Africa and the Best of SA title holder will have to defend the title next year.

Agenda

Bike Display

Off-road displays Show and shine Interactive sound off

SPL sound off Bike display Off road display Exhibitors retail area Safety first demo

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MAINTAINING THE BREED

SAVVA Technical Tip 76 - ignition coils

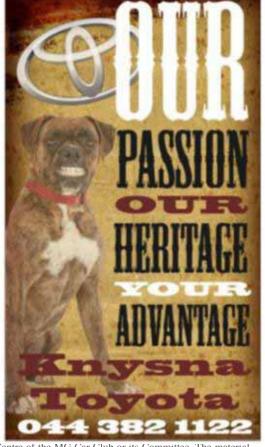
The following maybe old hat to most of us but newer enthusiasts could get caught out so let's look at it again. Incidentally, this applies to 12 volt coils only.

Recently, an old friend told the story about being on a vintage car run in his mid 60's sports car when the coil

gave up and left him stranded. Fortunately, one of the other participants had a spare. I asked if he had the old one handy which he had. As I thought, it was clearly marked "to be used with a ballast resistor". When I pointed this out to him he shrugged his shoulders and mumbled something like – so what's the difference. The difference is very simple – if you use these coils on 12 volts without a ballast resistor you will also end up being stranded on the side of the road.

If you go to the local scrapyard to retrieve a nice shiny coil from a newer model vehicle it will invariably be an 8 volt coil that requires a ballast resistor. The ballast resistor is usually a white porcelain thingie attached to the fire wall. These coils work such:

When you turn the key to start the engine and the engine is turning over you are putting 12 volts into an 8 volt coil resulting in a much hotter spark. This extra spark assists starting especially in cold weather or when the engine tends to be "rich". Once the engine is running and you release the key the current then flows through a resistor which takes away 4 volts leaving 8 volts for the coil. If you continue putting 12 volts on this coil without a ballast resistor it will eventually overheat and the windings burn out leaving you stranded like my friend was. So, when buying or replacing the coil on an early car not fitted with a resistor ensure it is a 12 volt one. Coils to be used with a resistor are usually marked – "to be used with a resistor".





Hundreds of cyclists trying to catch up with unidentified M type Midget

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F1 GRAND PRIX 60 years ago

German Grand Prix Nurburgring 2 August 1953

18 laps of 14.17mile/22.81km circuit

Place	Driver	Car	Laps	Time/Reason for retiring	Grid
1	Farina	Ferrari	18	3h 02m 25s	3
2	Fangio	Maserati	18	3h 3m 29s	2
3	Hawthorn	Ferrari	18	3h 4m 8.6s	4
4	Bonetto	Maserati	18	3h 11m 13.6s	7
5	de Graffenried	Maserati	17		11
6	Moss	Cooper-Alta	17		12
7	Swaters	Ferrari	17		19
8	Ascari/Villoresi	Ferrari	17		1
9	Herrmann	Veritas	17		14
10	Rosier	Ferrari	17		22
11	Nuckey	Cooper-Bristol	16		20
12	Helfrich	Veritas	16		28

13	McAlpine	Connaught	16		16
14	Krause	BMW	16		26
15	Villoresi/Ascari	Ferrari	15	engine	6
16	A Brown	Cooper-Bristol	15	engine	17
17	Klodwig	BMW	15		32
18	Seidel	Veritas	14		29
	Marimon	Maserati	13	suspension	8
	Claes	Connaught	11		25
	Barth	EMW	11		24
	Karch	Veritas	10		34
	Heeks	Veritas	8		18
	Behra	Gordini	7	gearbox	9
	Schell	Gordini	6	head gasket	10
	Bira	Connaught	6	rocker	15
	Fitzau	AFM	3		21
	Adolff	Ferrari	2		27
	Bechem	AFM	2		30
	Bauer	Veritas	1		33
	Salvadori	Connaught	0	rocker	13
	Trintignant	Gordini	0	differential	5
	H Stuck	AFM	0		23
	Loof	Veritas	0	Fuel pump	31

TALES OF SCROTUMS AND CIRCUMCISION

The Hospital Audit

At the end of the tax year, SARS sent an inspector to audit the books of a local hospital.

While the inspector was checking the books, he turned to the Chief Finance Officer of the hospital and said "I notice you buy a lot of bandages. What do you do with the end of the roll when there's too little left to be of any use?"

"Good question," noted the CFO. "We save them up and send them back to the bandage company and every once in a while, they send us a free roll."

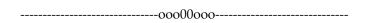
"Oh," replied the auditor, somewhat disappointed that his unusual question had a practical answer. But on he went in his obnoxious way? "What about all these plaster purchases? What do you do with what's left over after setting a cast on a patient?"

"Ah, yes," replied the CFO, realising that the inspector was trying to trap him with an unanswerable question. "We save it and send it back to the manufacturer and every so often they send us a free bag of plaster."

"I see," replied the auditor, thinking hard about how he could fluster the know-it-all CFO.

"Well, what do you do with all the remains from the circumcision surgeries?"

"Here, too, we do not waste," answered the CFO. "What we do is save all the little foreskins and send them to SARS and about once a year they send us a complete prick."



Phil's Scrotum

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers.

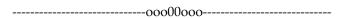
Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Phil, had a terrible bicycle accident and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him." You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Phil must have experienced.

"Phil was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain." We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Phil's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Phil. "Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Phil is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium. He said, "I'm Phil." The entire congregation held its breath. "I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."



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 (keiella1@telkomsa.net)

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING:

www.mgcarclubsc.co.za
http://gallery.mac.com/djwardell (website for MG 80 gallery)
www.mgcarclub.co.uk
www.motoring.co.za
www.mgcc-north.co.za
www.motorheads.co.za
www.motorheadsdiary.com (for motorsport/Historic racing diary)
http://www.myclassics.co.za/clubs.aspx

REGALIA

REGALIA NEWS FLASH

For all regalia items please order directly from Ron Hollis (e-mail ron@bodge.co.za).

Item	Description	Size	Price
1	South Cape Windcheater	S to XL	R 300.00
2	South Cape Windcheater	XXL	R 310.00
3	South Cape Windcheater	XXXL	R 320.00
4	South Cape Golf Shirt - short sleeve	S to XL	R 210.00
5	South Cape Golf Shirt - short sleeve	XXL	R 220.00
6	South Cape Golf Shirt - short sleeve	XXXL	R 230.00

7	South Cape Cap	Fits all	R 70.00
8	South Cape Cloth Badge (to sew onto personal clothing)		R 20.00
9	Club Name Tag (Please specify required name & surname)		R 70.00
10	Bumper Badge (Brass) Lower tongue for drilling/mounting		R 150.00
11	Bumper Badge (Brass) 2 rear studs for grille mounting		R 150.00
12	South Cape Licence Disc Holder (permanent type)		R 30.00
13	South Cape Licence Disc Stickers		R 10.00
	South Cape Club Sticker (smaller size than licence disc		
14	stickers)		R 8.00
15	South Cape Lapel button (approx 12mm)	12mm	R 20.00
16	South Cape Lapel Badge (approx 25mm)	25mm	R 40.00
17	South Cape Club Key-ring		R 80.00
18	MG Key-ring (please state colour preferences)		R 80.00



South Cape Golf Shirt



South Cape Cap



South Cape Wind Cheater



MG Key Rings and License Disk Stickers



South Cape Bumper Badges, License Disk Holder, License Disk Sticker, Sticker, Lapel Badges



South Cape Name Tags and Key Ring





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FOR SALE & WANTED

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

For sale MGA Twin Cam (YDH 5/930) roadster. All mechanics and hydraulics overhauled, new carpets and upholstery, fitted Weber 40 DCOE's on a Peter Wood Manifold (S.U.'s go with the car). Heritage Certificate. R330 000-00. Phone Trevor 083 6525151

For Sale 1967 MG1100 contact Christina Rock on 0823589273 or christinalynnrock@gmail.com**

For Sale 1950 MGTD and 1980 MGB GT tel Mike Trow at 0826835137 or mike@redletter.co.za **

For Sale For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 0828222146 or rcooper@cyberperk.co.za

For Sale 1972 MGB GT, o/drive, wires 52000km. Excellent motor, tyres new, some rust to be attended to and there is a hole in the rear silencer, tel Ronnie Duncan 0839849765 or 043 7353010***

For Sale MG TC or TD (maybe TF) original steering wheel. Its rusted in spots but repairable. If any one is interested, they can e.mail me and I can send

Its rusted in spots but repairable. If any one is interested, they can e.mail me and I can send them pics. I am in Upper Claremont. 082 5723914 or leon@monzagroup.com

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

Wanted MG TC Two front shock absorbers and a starter motor. Phone Trevor 0836525151

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS	ACCL	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	1	1	9
Baker Lew	Heather			
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			2
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	1,2,2	5	16
Bruce Brian				3
Burton Keith	Ella	2	2	20
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	1,1	2	17
Clough Pat	Ali	2	2	15
Cooper Ray	Pat	2	2	2
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	1,1	2	28
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie			9
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	1	14
Day John	Margaret	1	1	6
Doig Pete	Anne			
Douglas Murray	Anne			16
Dunlop Denis	Gill	2	2	13
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			8
Fisher Roger	Alva	2	2	5
Frost Norman	Jennie			4
Giggins Barry	Joan	1	1	3
Gilbert Greg	Rae			
Gough Dave	Margee	1,2.	3	9
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	1	1	6
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			4
Henderson Bruce		1,2,2	5	35
Henderson Mike				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1	1	14
Hogg John	Gill			10
Holliday Clive				1
Hollis Peter				4
Hollis Ron	Dee	1,2.	3	18
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	1	1	6
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			6
Jones Dave	Fay			4
Koch John	Jillian			1
Koncki Heinz	Paula			6
Krahe Alexander				2
Langman Frostie	Sue	2	2	18

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS	MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Lawson Ross	Antoinette				2
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila				3
Lodder Hugo					4
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	1.1	1,2	4	27
Mackey Ray	Angela	1.1	1,2	4	16
Madeley Brian	Lyn	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			10
Mangan Geoff	Chris	,	1	1	10
Marsden Susan	00		-	-	2
McCallum John	Louise				2
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma				2
Mentz Bunny	Jan				9
Miller Garth	Shirley				6
Mulder Chris	Ludy				_
Mullany Fred	Jo	1.3	2,2	5	33
Orsmond Ret	Julie	· ,,	,		
Parfett Ed	Jennie	1.1	1,2	4	11
Parker Wilf	Jenny	- 7		2	4
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2		4	28
Posniak Peter	Patti	_	<u>, – </u>		1
Pretorius Peter			1	1	9
Putter Willie	Linnea			•	3
Reitz Fritz	Madene				3
Rolf Anthony	Corrine				Ŭ
Rosser Phillip	Amanda				2
Scanlen Errol	lorr				_
Scheepers Bert	Renate				2
Slade Keith	Yvonne				15
Smart Laurie	Kate	1.2	2,2	5	16
Stead Heyns	Anne	- ,-	- 		2
Stockdale Brian	Dawn				
Thornborough Jim	Maxine				2
Tops Paul	Barbie				2
van den Bor Frans	Ellen				_
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath				
Vadas Peter	Vivian	,	1	1	9
Vadas Robert	Annabel				Ť
von Zeil	Margie				9
Warne Alan	Jillian				4
Waterston Allan	Pam	1.2	2,2	5	6
Wessels John	Jane	- ,-	- 		_
Williams Denny	Pat	2	2	2	6
Wilsher Martin	kim			_	Ť
Winter George	Liesel				8
Witemann Otto	Rosy				
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda				2
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	2	2	2	16
Zerwick Rick	Dolla	<u> </u>			1
Zerwick Karel					1
	1				





			ATTENDANCE		
	EVENT	DATE		NON	
EVENT No.			MEMBERS	MBRS	
1	Sundowner picnic	15 Jan 2013	29	6	
2	Bistro breakfast	27 Jan 2013	32	12	
3	George Car Show	9 Feb 2013	30	1	
4	Old Nicks	24 Feb 2013	18	5	
5	AGM	5 Mar 2013	20	1	
6	Bistro breakfast	24 Mar 2013	15	5	
7	Pensioners Brunch	24 Apr 2013	14	5	
8	Old Nicks	28 Apr 2013	16	4	
9	GRMC Car Show	4 May 2013	48	0	
10	Littlewood braai	19 May 2013	13	0	
11	Old Nicks	26 May 2013	14	1	
12	Glentana Braai	9 Jun 2013	9	1	
13	Bell Quiz	18 Jun 2013	13	3	
14	Old Nicks	30 Jun 2013	14	9	
15	Christmas in July	20 Jul 2013	15	4	
16	Bistro breakfast	28 Jul 2013	15	8	
17	Darts Challenge	13 Aug 2013	17	1	
18	Pensioners Run	14 Aug 2013	16	2	
19	Old Nicks	25 Aug 2013	20	4	









