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## FROM THE HIGH CHAIR

For those of you who are not familiar with the wonders of Namibia, you should do yourselves a favour and visit this fantastic country. There are different ways to enjoy a tour from the soft option of flying to Windhoek, hiring an ordinary car and staying in lodges, to the 'harder' version of driving your own 4x4 and camping. For the seventh time, the latter was our way on my recent trip although I confess that there was the occasional 'soft' night in a proper bed which also enabled a thorough clean up.

The nucleus and main destination of my recent visit was undoubtedly the most remote limit of this often remote country, the north-western corner at the mouth of the Kunene River on the Angolan border. Accessible only by participation in your own 4x4 on a tour with a guide whose company has the sole concession to take visitors there, we drove two and a bit long days from Swakopmund to reach the destination. Having later described the journey to a German tourist, we were asked what the roads were like; the penny had not dropped that for more than half the almost 800 km there were none! However the beach and some rudimentary tracks in places allowed us to enjoy the experience of the drive and the surroundings.

The return required the excitement of 85 km of 'dune' driving, a massive adrenalin surging exercise of roaring up dune slopes and descending 37 degree slip faces with vertical heights of 50 metres or more. The initial embarrassment of becoming stuck in the sand soon became a joke although we all improved our technique as we became accustomed to driving techniques and especially selecting the correct gear.

A steady drive for three days mainly meandering down the incredibly scenic Hartmann Valley and through the dry river beds of Kaokoland took us to a campsite near Etosha. Here, we were treated to an abundance

of game especially at waterholes. This was in contrast to my April experience when the profuse rains dispersed the game.

Namibia is a long way from Knysna but a visit is well worth the effort of getting there as there is such a variety of scenery to see, places to go to and things to do.

Club activity during the past month has been limited by many of us being away including the large contingent that went to Goodwood Revival. Hopefully they will have some good photos to present to us in due course. Those of us going to the Cape Centres gathering in Graaf Reinet are looking forward to it. We hope that Tony's TC will be ready and look forward to driving there with him. Heinz and Paula Koncki will join us in their beautifully restored Magnette, a photo of which was published in 'Fergie', the PE Triumph Club newsletter. For Duncan and Leslie, this will also be their first trip in their B GT.

A group will meet this week to work out details of the 2012 events calendar and this will be published as soon as it is finalised.

*Bruce*

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## EDITORIAL

More news on the new MG6 range has dropped into my inbox in that Bloomsbury Investment Cars in Tyger Valley are bragging that they have the full range available and the facility is there to book a test drive, - any takers ? Maybe a group representing the club could engineer a sponsored invitation?

For those of you looking for a different event to attend, we have been invited by SAVVA to the Nelson Mandela Bay Motor Fair in PE on December 3rd. Your Committee has decided that we are unable to participate as a club but individuals may wish to visit and an extract from the invitation is included below.

The Eastern Province Veteran Car Club is organising a Motor Fair that will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the Newton Technical High School, playing fields, between Mowbray Street and Westview Drive in Newton Park, Port Elizabeth. The Fair will form part of the Nelson Mandela Bay opening of the summer season. The event will run on Saturday from 9h00 in the morning to 16h00 in the afternoon.(perhaps of interest to some is the inclusion of a swap meet facility to display "spares for vehicles of yesteryear" Ed.)

This month under "Maintaining the Breed" I have included a passage on the MG P types for those with a post vintage leaning. Brian Davidson has followed up last month's article on WD40 with information on the remarkable basis of this product.

*Ray*

## RECENT EVENTS

### OUTDTSHOORN MODEL AIR SHOW

The highlight of the month has surely been the Oudtshoorn Model Air Show. This event, whilst not an 'official' run, was very well attended and proved to be a great success, mainly as a result of Fred Mullany's efforts. The group were given free entry, VIP parking and a drive-past parade. From those who made the trip, grateful thanks to Fred and a general acceptance that this event should become an official MG outing in future.

These pictures, take by Fred, show how far model aircraft have come since the days of balsa wood and rubber band power. The Hawk in the lower right picture however seems to be the real thing.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event and Venue	Details
<b>October</b>		<p>MG Cape Centres Gathering in Graaff Reinet set for end Oct – TBA</p> <p>Japanese Grand Prix 9 Oct</p> <p>Korean Grand Prix 16 Oct</p> <p>Indian Grand Prix 30 Oct</p>
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	90km route taking in Brenton on Sea, Rheenendal and Buffalo Bay. 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>		<p>Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 13 Nov</p> <p>Brazilian Grand Prix 27 Nov</p> <p>East London Grand Prix Era Revival 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>
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>		<p>Day of Reconciliation 16 Dec</p> <p>Christmas Day 25 December</p> <p>Day of Goodwill 26 December</p>
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	GRMC Christmas Dinner	GRMC members only
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> Friday	MGCC Christmas Dinner	MGCC members only

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to George Davey who has transferred his allegiance from the Cape Town centre. George owns a 1981 B GT and we look forward to meeting him and his car at future events.

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## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office –	Dr. Jones at your cervix
At a Podiatrists Office -	Time wounds all heels
On a Septic Tank Truck -	Yesterday's meals on wheels
On a Plumbers Truck -	We repair what your husband fixed
On another Plumbers Truck -	Don't sleep with a drip. Call your Plumber
On a Church's billboard -	7 days without God makes one weak.
At a Tyre Store -	Invite us to your next blowout.
On an Electricians Truck -	Let us remove your shorts.
In a Non-Smoking Area -	If we see smoke we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.
On a Maternity Room door -	Push – Push – Push.
At an Optometrist's Office -	If you don't see what you are looking for, you've come to the right place.
On a Taxidermist's window -	We really know our stuff.
On a fence -	Salesmen welcome, dog food is expensive.
At a Car Dealership -	The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.
Outside a Car Exhaust Store -	No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.
In a Vets waiting room -	Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!
In a Restaurant window -	Don't stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up.
In the front yard of a Funeral Home –	Drive Carefully. We'll wait.
And don't forget a sign at a Radiator Shop -	Best place in town to take a leak.
Sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck -	Caution – This truck is full of Political Promises

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## THE LOVING HUSBAND

A man had two of the best tickets for the Rugby World Cup Final. As he sits down, another man comes along and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.

"No", he says, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the man, "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Rugby Cup Final, the biggest sporting event of the rugby world and not use it?"

He replies, "Well actually the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Cup Final we haven't been to together since we got married."

"Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else, a friend or relative or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No. They're all at the funeral."

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## MAINTAINING THE BREED

### THE MG P SERIES



1934 MG PA



1936 MG PB

The MG Model P was produced from 1934 through 1936, during that time 2499 examples were produced. It was built as a replacement for the Model J. Using the same 847 cc engine but with a new 3 bearing crank it was more refined than its Midget predecessor. It continued the basic look defined by the J type. It had a fold-flat windscreen and a wheel strapped to the back of the car. The fuel tank was also located in the rear.

There were two series of the Model P, the PA and PB. The PA was produced from 1934 through 1935 with a total of 2000 examples being produced. The MG PB was produced from 1935 through 1936 with 526 examples produced. The PA was powered by a 847 cc four-cylinder engine similar to the one used in the Model J-Type. The PB had a 939 cc unit which raised horsepower to 43 horsepower. The other main difference between the Model PA and Model PB was the radiator grille. The PA had a honeycomb design while the PB had vertical slats.

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## TECHNICAL TIPS

WD-40... The last word - comes from Brian Davidson with acknowledgment, rather aptly, to "Dirty Trail" Magazine.

"Water Displacement No 40", the product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD\_40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a water displacement compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

One of the original founders says that there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower screen. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your cooker top... Kazamm! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

Rumour has it that fish oil is a major component, others say this is not so and the real formula remains a secret.

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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, Sedgfield, 6573).

## 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).

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

[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)

## REGALIA

For Club Regalia, please email your requests to Ron Hollis ([rphollis@gmail.com](mailto:rphollis@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.

## FOR SALE

**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)

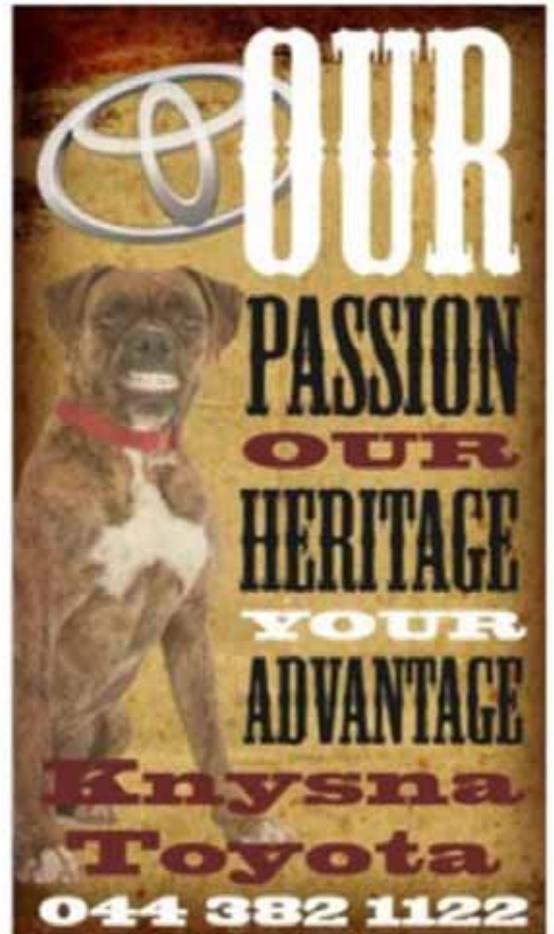
**Wanted:** MGB Bonnet and GT tailgate, contact Carel Zerwick on 044 382 2064

**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)

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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:     **KNYSNA** –     The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey St.  
  
                          **SEDFIELD** –   Engen One-Stop.

## ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS	MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth	2		2	8
Baker Lew	Heather				2
Battison Dave					
Bechlars Philip	Martina				
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	2		2	7
Burton Keith	Ella				16
Bush Marion	Gavin				
Cleland Jim	Glen				11
Clough Pat	Ali				9
Cooper Ricky	Colleen				23
Davidson Brian	Jose	1		1	16
Doig Pete	Anne				
Douglas Murray	Anne	22		4	16
Dunlop Denis	Gill	22		4	18
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette	2		2	15
Fisher Roger	Alva				7
Frost Norman	Jennie				6
Giggins Barry	Joan	2		2	7
Gilbert Greg	Rae				
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon				9
Hamilton Allan	Brenda				
Henderson Bruce		2		2	30
Henderson Mike					
Hewitt Lionel	Rose				9
Holliday Clive					2
Hollis Peter					4
Hollis Ron	Dee	2		2	29
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis				3
Jones Dave	Fay				4
Koch John	Jillian				
Koncki Heinz	Paula				10
Langman Frostie	Sue				14
Lawson Ross	Antoinette				6
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila				
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna				27
Mackey Ray	Angela	22		4	21
Mangan Geoff		22		4	10
McCallum John	Louise				
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma				4
Mentz Bunny	Jan	2		2	15
Mulder Chris	Ludy				
Mullany Fred	Jo	2		2	20
Orsmond Ret	Julie				
Parfett Ed	Jennie	2		2	11
Parker Wilf	Jenny	2		2	11
Paton Duncan	Lesley	22		4	23
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	2		2	14
Vadas Robert	Annabel				
Wessels John	Jane				4
Williams Denny	Pat	2		2	11
Wilsher Martin	kim				
Winter George	Liesel				7
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda				6
Yendall Graham	Sylvia				18

EVENT NO.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDED
1	Sundowner Picnic	11/01/18	24/38
2	Old Nicks	11/01/30	17/36
3	George Show	11/02/12	29/32
4	Ebb & Flow	11/02/20	1/2
5	Cafe Francois	11/02/27	14/18
6	AGM	11/03/01	27/27
7	Old Nicks	11/03/27	2/5
8	Cafe Francois	11/04/17	16/19
9	Knysna Car Show	11/05/15	30/34
10	Old Nicks	11/05/29	2/5
11	Duttons Cove	11/06/07	1/2
12	Quiz Evening	11/06/14	15/17
13	Cafe Francois	11/06/26	13/18
14	Christmas in July	11/07/23	16/27
15	Old Nicks	11/07/31	1/2
16	Witsand w/end	11/08/19	3/5
17	Cafe Francois	11/08/28	2/3
18	Lemon Grass	11/09/06	14/16
19	Old Nicks	11/09/25	9/14



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