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EDITORIAL

For those in the market for a new “plastic” - The Johannesburg International Motor Show is drawing near and with it the launch of the brand new MG3. There is no information available to date as regards to pricing and launch date but apparently it is intended to compete with the Hyundai i20 or similar . For those of you not in the market for a new “plastic” perhaps you are planning a trip to the Cape Classic Motor Show to be held on 3rd November. What might be of interest is the House of Classic and Sports Cars auction to be held at the event. If you miss that one there will be another auction at the Nelson Mandela Bay Motor Fare to be held in Port Elizabeth on 7th December.

The trip to the Greyvensteyn collection and Lew Baker braai was well attended and showed more evidence of restoration work being undertaken by members in the Garden Route area. On that subject, when I get enquiries for dashboards or ash framing from “up country” the usual questions include one of “.....and where are you based ?” My usual answer of “Knysna, the new classic car centre of SA” used to raise a chuckle at the other end of the phone.....not so much these days, people are getting to know what we are up to down here in paradise.

Keep the revs up !

Ray

FROM THE HIGH CHAIR, October 2013:

The major club activity since last month was attending the Cape Centres gathering. This was a most

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enjoyable event hosted by the Cape Town Centre and which will be described elsewhere in the newsletter. Although the trip there and back was testing because of the weather, the journey was well worth the effort and we congratulate and thank the organisers. For those of us who took a short and unplanned detour towards Malmesbury on the competitive rally, the additional views of the snow-covered mountains with the morning sun reflected at us could easily allow us to imagine that we had embarked on a bigger trip to Europe and the Alps.

I was pleased to hear comments from three sources about the 'cohesion' of our centres' members. Surprise and envy were expressed that eight of our centres' nine cars had travelled together and that the ninth had met the rest for lunch. This is an indication of the members of the group enjoying their company and being prepared to share the pace of the slowest car. It seems that all others had travelled independently even from Gauteng.

We sincerely thank Rudi Greyvensteyn for generously allowing us to once more visit his superb collection. His special cars never cease to amaze us and it is a privilege to be able to browse around them. Lew and Heather Baker kindly hosted the lunch braai for which we thank them and we were able to see Lew's progress, albeit slow, with his Aston Martin rebuild. Also 'on show' was the Mallock race car which features in the current edition of Classic and Performance Car. A "cheeky and brash" young Baker (can you visualise the scene?) persuaded Arthur Mallock to part with a copy of the plans for this car in 1967 but it was not until the Knysna Hillclimb of 2012 that it was seen 'performing in anger'.

Talking of the Classic and Performance Car Africa magazine, we note that Fred Phillips has transferred the ownership of the magazine to erstwhile editor, Stuart Grant. We congratulate Fred on his achievement in putting together this excellent publication and welcome Stuart to the driving seat and wish him well.

The Indaba front progresses. We have one confirmed sponsor in the form of Triton Express and I ask you to show your appreciation by supporting them in the event of your needing a courier service. Cruise Café has arranged a good wine deal for us and are allowing us to hold the rocker cover races on their deck. Meetings have been held with Peter Pretorius and his team about the MG participation at the Knysna Motor Show and our contribution will form a substantial part of the show.

Many of us look forward to Peter's Technical Tour to PE which promises to be of great interest.

Drive safely,

Bruce.

PAST EVENTS

Oudtshoorn National Model Aircraft Show Enthusiasm for what was to be a good turnout was negated by foul weather and only a couple of members braved the gale force winds for the drive to Oudtshoorn.

Bistro Breakfast By all accounts this venue is now back on track and provided good service for a decent turnout. 21 signatures on the attendance register tells me that this is a popular venue.

Greyvensteyn/Baker garage visits & braai. (Words and pictures courtesy of Tony Lyons-Lewis and Geoff Mangen)

Heavy rain persisted all Saturday night prior to our planned visits to Rudolph Greyvensteyn's collection and to Lew Baker's home in George for a bring & braai on Sunday 6 October. Sunday morning proved a little better with lots of cloud but at least the rain had stopped!

A really good turn-out of members in their cars set off from Knysna and were joined by a number of MGs in Sedgfield. The fleet then headed off to Rudolph's home in Wilderness. John Day kindly opened the garages for us to view the extensive collection of very desirable cars - Rudolph was away playing golf in PE!

It was nice to see our Lowveld members, Heyns and Ann Stead, currently holidaying in the area as well as meeting Stuart Cox, a George resident, armed with his membership application. Stuart has a 1971 MG B and is our newest member.

There were a number of our newer members present which afforded many of us to properly make their acquaintance.

We then set off through George, to Lew and Heather's home where Geoff Mangan had organised some fires for braaing!

Lew is busy rebuilding his nineteen thirties Aston Martin, and Alfa, a single seat racing Mallock and there is also an old single seater Austin Seven racer in some need of restoration!

Heinz Konci, club member and neighbour to Lew, had both his MG B GT and his Triumph TR2 out to view - the TR2 rebuilt by him as a replica of the speed record-breaking Jabbeke car. Jabbeke in Belgium was famous for it's stretch of highway used to test maximum speeds of production cars and officially timed by the R.A.C. The TR2 achieved a speed of 124 MPH.

The weather remained dry but a bit on the chilly side as the group enjoyed the braai and chat.

There were 17 MGs on the attendance register and 27 cars in total - all-in-all a very good turn-out. Thanks to Geoff for arranging it and Rudolph, Lew and Heinz for hosting us.



Cape Centres Gathering

4 seasons in one day ? - well not quite but the journey down to Stellenbosch took in rain, sunshine and snow on the top of the Franschoek Pass. The weekend's mystery drives took in the coastal route from Gordons Bay to Betty's Bay, Franschoek and the Motor Museum on the Saturday. Sunday's event included the discovery (for us at least) of the delightful village of Philadelphia, then around Table Bay, Hout Bay for lunch and then on to Simonstown via Chapmans Peak and Scarborough for tea at the Officers Club at the naval base. All in all a great weekend which included some good tips for the organising of our upcoming Indaba. The event attracted circa 80 participants in 47 cars. Tony Lyons-Lewis' TC was the oldest car in attendance. There were a couple of TDs, lots of MGAs, including 2 twin cams and a 1600mk2, plenty of MGBs including a V8 conversion and a factory V8 GT plus a lone MGC. The moderns were also represented with a couple of TFs

and a MG6 saloon.



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NEW MEMBERS.

A warm welcome to Stuart and Dottie Cox our newest members who have a 1971 MGB roadster.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rudolph and Sharon Greyvensteyn who tied the knot recently. The committee and members wish you both a happy and healthy future together.

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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 newsletter for details: Meeting places: Knysna – The Quays at Waterfront Drive end of Grey Street Sedgefield – Engen One Stop					
Date	Day	Host Club	EVENT	Quays Start	GRMC Invited
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					

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MAINTAINING THE BREED

Batteries (with acknowledgement to the Triumph Club)

I had to replace a battery on one of my vehicles and "googled" the internet. To my surprise I found that Tiger Wheel and Tyre now also stock batteries.

The batteries are imported from Korea and called ATLASBX. They are the 6th largest battery manufacturer in the world producing 9 million batteries per year and are sold in over 100 countries.

Reading up on it, it has the "latest" AGM technology (Absorbent Glass Matt), carries a 2 year warranty and is 100% maintenance free. I then found a local manufactured battery with the same technology but only with a one year warranty.

I then phoned around to get some prices. You won't believe me but the local one I could get for R1500 and the imported one for R650!! Their "normal" local battery also sells for R750. So, I bought the imported one and will see how it performs! Check it out for yourselves.

Spark Plugs (with acknowledgement to Martin Prinsloo in the Isle of Man)

I wanted to buy Champion spark plugs N9YC for my car but struggled to find it here. Came across the website below which cross-reference different makes which was very useful. I.e. the NGK equivalent is a BP6ES.

<http://www.sparkplugs.co.uk/pages/technical/Champion-to-NGK-cross-ref.htm>

I didn't know that.....

* The J-type MG Midget, introduced in August 1932 caused MG some serious problems when a tuned version was sent out as a road-test car to the press. The car duly achieved 80mph in the hands of *The Autocar* – way beyond the normal top speed. Abingdon was deluged with complaints from owners who couldn't get more than 70mph out of their J-type. And was obliged to fit higher compression cylinder heads to the cars of dissatisfied customers.

* Special bodied J-types included a coupe by Uhlik of Czechoslovakia and another by Vanden Plas.

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F1 GRAND PRIX 60 years ago

Swiss Grand Prix Bremgarten 23 August 1953

65 laps of 4.52mile/7.28km circuit

Place	Driver	Car	Laps	Time/Reason for retiring	Grid
1	Ascari	Ferrari	65	3h 01m 34.40s	2
2	Farina	Ferrari	65	3h 2m 47.33s	3
3	Hawthorn	Ferrari	65	3h 3m 10.36s	7
4	Fangio/Bonetto	Maserati	64		1
5	Lang	Maserati	62		11
6	Villoresi	Ferrari	62		6
7	Wharton	Cooper-Bristol	62		9
8	Landi	Maserati	54	gearbox	20
9	Sherrer	HWM	49		18
10	deTerra	Ferrari	48		19
	De Graffenried	Maserati	47	camshaft	8
	Marimon	Maserati	45	oil pipe	5
	Trintignant	Gordini	43	rear axle	4
	Behra	Gordini	36	oil pressure	12
	Bonetto/Fangio	Maserati	28	valve	10
	Macklin	HWM	28	valve	15
	Hirt	Ferrari	16	oil	17
	Frere	HWM	1	conrod	16
	Rosier	Ferrari	0	accident	14
	Swaters	Ferrari	0	accident	13

Fastest Lap Ascari 2m 41.3s 100.96mph / 162.48kph

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Manure... An interesting fact

Manure : In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not

only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a byproduct is methane gas of course. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction ' Stow high in transit ' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T ' , (Stow High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word. Neither did I.

I had always thought it was a golf term.

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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 (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
14	South Cape Club Sticker (smaller size than licence disc 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 Wind Cheater



South Cape Cap



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

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

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 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 **



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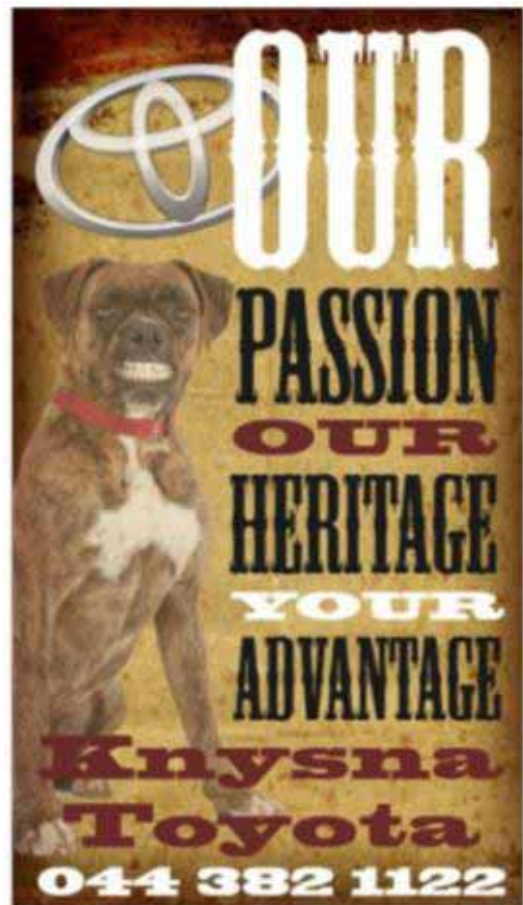
ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MG CAR CLUB SOUTH CAPE. ATTENDANCE RECORD, 2013 EVENTS									
MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL	EVENT No.	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
								MEMBERS	NON MBRS
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth			9	1	Sundowner picnic	15 Jan 2013	29	6
Baker Lew	Heather				2	Bistro breakfast	27 Jan 2013	32	12
Battison Dave					3	George Car Show	9 Feb 2013	30	1
Bechlars Philip	Martina			2	4	Old Nicks	24 Feb 2013	18	5
Bickley Fred	Cheryl			16	5	AGM	5 Mar 2013	20	1
Bruce Brian				3	6	Bistro breakfast	24 Mar 2013	15	5
Burton Keith	Ella	2	2	22	7	Pensioners Brunch	24 Apr 2013	14	5
Bush Marion	Gavin				8	Old Nicks	28 Apr 2013	16	4
Cairns David	Susie								
Cleland Jim	Glen			17	9	GRMC Car Show	4 May 2013	48	0
Clough Pat	Ali			15	10	Littlewood braai	19 May 2013	13	0
Cooper Ray	Pat			2					
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	2	2	30	11	Old Nicks	26 May 2013	14	1
Cox Stuart	Dottie								
Dabner Len	Sonia				12	Glentana Braai	9 Jun 2013	9	1
Davey George	Margie			9	13	Bell Quiz	18 Jun 2013	13	3
Davidson Brian	Jose			14	14	Old Nicks	30 Jun 2013	14	9
Day John	Margaret	1	1	7	15	Christmas in July	20 Jul 2013	15	4
Doig Pete	Anne				16	Bistro breakfast	28 Jul 2013	15	8
Douglas Murray	Anne	2	2	18	17	Darts Challenge	13 Aug 2013	17	1
Dunlop Denis	Gill			13	18	Pensioners Run	14 Aug 2013	16	2
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			8	19	Old Nicks	25 Aug 2013	20	4
Fisher Roger	Alva			5	20	Bistro breakfast	29 Sept 2013	15	5
Frost Norman	Jennie			4	21				
Giggins Barry	Joan			3	22				
Gilbert Greg	Rae				23				
Gough Dave	Margee	2	2	11					
Gregory Mike	Jan				24				
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			6	25				
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			4	26				
Hartzenberg Louw	Sarah								
Henderson Bruce		2	2	37	27				
Henderson Mike					28				
Hewitt Lionel	Rose			14	29				
Hogg John	Gill			10	30				
Holliday Clive				1					
Hollis Peter				4					
Hollis Ron	Dee			18					
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis			6					
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			6					
Jones Dave	Fay			4					
Koch John	Jillian			1					
Koncki Heinz	Paula			6					
Krahe Alexander		1	1	3					
Langman Frostie	Sue	2	2	20					

Note. Numbers above refer to each entry on attendance Sheet and do not take account of passengers or spouse.

Members with one MG which is under restoration can be awarded 2 points for attending in a "modern" if the editor is made aware of it.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER CONT'D					
MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS	MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Lawson Ross	Antoinette				2
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila				3
le Grange Poena	Rika				
Lodder Hugo					4
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	1		1	28
Mackey Ray	Angela				16
Madeley Brian	Lyn	2		2	12
Mangan Geoff	Chris				10
Marsden Susan					2
Marucci Oscar					
McCallum John	Louise				2
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma				2
Mentz Bunny	Jan				9
Miller Garth	Shirley	2		2	8
Mulder Chris	Ludy				
Mullany Fred	Jo				33
Orsmond Ret	Julie				
Parfett Ed	Jennie				11
Parker Wilf	Jenny				4
Paton Duncan	Lesley	2		2	30
Posniak Peter	Patti				1
Pretorius Peter					9
Putter Willie	Linnea				3
Reitz Fritz	Madene				3
Rolf Anthony	Corrine				
Rosser Phillip	Amanda				2
Scanlen Errol	Iorr				
Scheepers Bert	Renate				2
Slade Keith	Yvonne	2		2	17
Smart Laurie	Kate	2		2	18
Stead Heyns	Anne				2
Stockdale Brian	Dawn				
Thornborough Jim	Maxine				2
Tops Paul	Barbie				2
Urbanc Mirka					
van den Bor Frans	Ellen				
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath				
Vadas Peter	Vivian				9
Vadas Robert	Annabel				
von Zeil	Margie				9
Warne Alan	Jillian				4
Waterston Allan	Pam	2		2	8
Wessels John	Jane				
Whitehead Neville	Enid				
Williams Denny	Pat				6
Wilsher Martin	kim				
Winter George	Liesel				8
Witemann Otto	Rosy				
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda				2
Yendall Graham	Sylvia				16
Zerwick Rick	Dolla				1
Zerwick Karel					1





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