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EDITORIAL.

Ray is taking a well-earned break, visiting family in Pretoria so this newsletter is being prepared by a couple of amateurs, so please bear with us!

Between Bruce and I, we hope to bring you some news and update you on Club activities.

Firstly, you will have received an eMail carrying all the information pertaining to Indaba2016, hosted by Northern Centre in Pretoria. There are a couple of South Cape entrants already identified but we do need a good show of strength.

Northerns stepped up to the plate at fairly short notice and they deserve our support so please give it some careful consideration and see if you can't join the event. If sufficient numbers enroll, I am sure a group contingent could be assembled to travel together.

As you are all aware, by providing all the helpers at the Knysna Hill Climb, we receive a cash donation from the organisers. This money gets donated to a charity of our choice, Lukanyiso Safe House, Loeriehof and others have benefited in the past and this year we have decided to spread it around a bit. We have added the small profit shown after Indaba2014 so have an amount of R30 000 to donate.

An amount of R7 500 will be donated to Vermont Home, Loeriehof, Sanel and a small school that has been set up in Hornlee for deaf children.

This operation is run by a lady and her husband, with no funding other than her disability grant – she has been deaf since the age of six!

It is an absolutely heart-rending operation – I visited to assess the suitability and left in tears. These kids are totally marginalized in the poor community as there are absolutely no special facilities for them and their parents cannot afford to send them to special schools away from home!

Our donation will go towards repairing a disused garage at the Hornlee Community Centre which will become their classroom.

During the Indaba a Combined Centres meeting was held, to discuss matters of interest to all of us.

We pay a levy per member per annum which provides us with our Indemnity and public liability insurance.

This is currently R12 per member and will be increased to R15 next year. Your committee has addressed the cost implications and it has been decided that our current annual subscription covers us adequately so, subs for 2015 will remain unchanged!

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FROM THE HIGH CHAIR.

Delinquent barely describes how I feel about my non-attendance at events and club committee meetings since the Indaba. My apologies to all. It has however been an exciting and enjoyable time. The most recent absence was due to a camping trip to Zimbabwe. This country, sadly deteriorated, dilapidated and hungry, raises concerns for our own future although it remains a beautiful place to visit. Our regular camping group had a ball and was not put off even by mother and child elephants walking silently through the 3.5 metre gap between our 'dining room table' and the camp fire and beer fridge at Mana Pools one night. 7,500 kms is a substantial distance to drive and fuel costs are enormous but it was worth every cent.

I shall remain delinquent as I leave shortly for White River to collect my M type whose pictures you saw last month. These are exciting times for me! I hope to be back in time to show her off at Peter's Picnic at Old Nick's on Wednesday 8th October. This should be a pleasant outing.

More future events to look forward to are firstly our October tour to Port Alfred which will be almost on the start line when you receive this. We encourage you to join the Cape Centres gathering in April next year and the 2016 Indaba in Pretoria, information about which Tony will be circulating. The application information for the George Car Show was distributed recently. The George motoring fraternity attend our Knysna Car Show and we should reciprocate by attending theirs, at least on the Saturday. Please let Peter Pretorius know your car details.

Our very diligent editor is having a short well-earned break and I am grateful to Tony for filling in and putting the current edition together and for holding much of the fort while I am AWOL.

Fred has notified us of his intention not to remain as Events Organiser from the AGM. I thank him very sincerely for his enormous efforts. He has done a great job and kept us well occupied and entertained. I am grateful to Trevor Cooper for agreeing to fill this place after the AGM and we will for the time being, co-opt him on to the committee so that he can feel his way into the position.

The weather is ideal for top down motoring at present – enjoy your MGs and I look forward to showing off the M type.

Bruce

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PAST EVENTS

Bring and Braai at the Slades home on 21st September

Keith and Yvonne Slade hosted a most enjoyable day on the grass in front of their home in Harkerville, just down the road from the Knysna Elephant Park.

Braai fires were provided and a really sociable time was enjoyed by the participants.

Our hosts made us all feel very welcome and our grateful thanks go to them both.

The weather played ball and sunny, open-top motoring was the order of the day for a number of us.



Denis & Duncan chatting.



Umbrellas provided welcome shade on the day.



Keith's A, a couple of TCs and a Cooper-Healey.



Bs, As and a BMW were present!

Breakfast Run to Old Nicks 28th September.

As always, the breakfast run was well supported, notwithstanding the slightly dubious weather early on Sunday morning. However, the sun broke through and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

FUTURE EVENTS.

Our East Cape Tour to Port Alfred is in the final stages of organisation and looks to be an entertaining event. Visits have been arranged to various places of interest, including a cricket bat manufacturer, a river cruise and braai, the Coega Deep Water Harbour to mention a few – and, of course, plenty of good food, good wine and good fellowship!

Both Lionel and Tony will be using their TCs, so the drive there and back will be at a leisurely pace!

Information regarding the Cape Centres Gathering next year has been distributed to all members. The event is organised by Border Centre and takes place in Cradock, from 30 April to 3 May and accommodated in Die Tuinhuise and the Victoria Manor Hotel

When possible, runs will be on the second Sunday and Noggins on the second Tuesday of the month.
 Regular breakfast runs on last Sunday of the month
 Meeting places: KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront end of Grey St.
 SEDGEFIELD – Engen One-Stop.

OCT

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	GRMC Invited
8th	wed	GRMC	Peters Picnic in Meadow at Old Nic's Plett	09h00	MG yes
20-24th	4days	MG	Tour to Eastern Cape around Port Alfred & surrounds	09h30	Yes
26th	Sun	MG	Breakfast run to Zuccini's at Timberlake Village	09h00	yes

NOV

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	GRMC Invited
NOV 9th	Sunday	MG	Picnic/Braai at Littlewoods.	10h30	No
27th	Sun	MG	Breakfast run to Old Nick's	09h00	Yes

DEC

Date	Day	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	GRMC Invited
5th	Friday	MG	Prawn Braai at Angling Club	17h30	No
12th	Fri	MG	Street - Braai - Bodge/ Frost / BB Museum	16h00	yes

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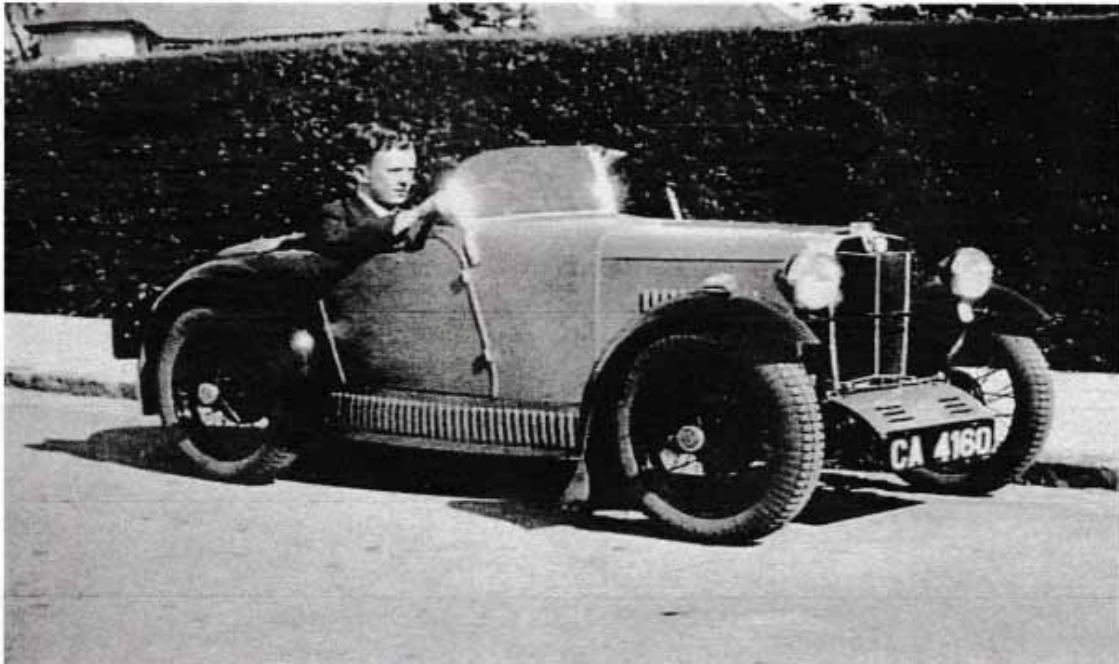
MAINTAINING THE BREED.

THE FIRST MG IN CAPE TOWN? (BY GEORGE DAVEY)

Arguably if not South Africa? A 1930 model 'M' type Midget brought out to South Africa by the owner Mr. Cecil David Thompson who resided in Cape Town (1908 - 1988) and owned "Lane & Thompson" Garage in Observatory, comprising of a Shell service station & also become the first Renault agent in South Africa. The picture shows a proud Mr. Thompson sitting in the vehicle. Mr. Thompson's son Robert whom I have known for many years gave me the photograph & related this story. "My father was stopped on De Wool drive a few times by traffic cops - not because he was breaking any law - they just wanted a closer look of the car".

Cecil found that the Cape weather was not quite "open car" friendly & sold the car. Rob unfortunately does not know to whom the car was sold & any further history, but would love to find out. The vehicle had a fabric body over a wood frame & was powered by a 847cc motor. This one is shown to be a 1930 model as the doors become front hinged in that year. Bodies become all metal from 1931.

If anyone can supply any History or whereabouts of this vehicle please contact Rob Thompson who owns "Robby's Motor Spares. Main Rd. Tokai Telephone 021 - 701 5520 or 072 - 637 5550.



Classic Car Storage

Ricky Cooper is offering a secure storage facility in the Knysna Industrial area for your classic car from 1 November 2014.

Included in the storage fee will be access to a 4-post hoist, a wash bay and electricity for Smart battery chargers.

There will also be roadside assistance for your classic car in the event of a break down!

CONTACT RICKY FOR MORE DETAILS ON 082 822 2146

Garden Route Motor Club - Affiliate Membership

Some time ago the Garden Route Motor Club (GRMC) offered MG Club members the opportunity of becoming affiliate members of GRMC. This would allow them access to the newsletter and GRMC events, without the right to cast a vote at an AGM.

A number of MG Club members availed themselves of the offer and it still stands.

Should anybody be interested, they can contact me for the appropriate form. The fee is R80pa, so is very reasonable.

Tony Lyons-Lewis

lionsden@netactive.co.za

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Classic Car Service Providers *(If members are aware of other reputable service providers not mentioned here, please let me know, Ed)*

Servicing and Repairs to Instruments

Derek Nightingale 0824562504 or nightingale.da@xsinet.co.za

Mechanical Repairs and Servicing

Bodge Engineering, Ron Hollis 0828598771

Knysna Motor Strippers, Ricky Cooper 0828222146

Radiators and Fuel Tank repairs

Silverton Radiators, Knysna Industria

MG Spares

Sports Car Centre Alan or Denise 011 4860021

Teds Spares, Knysna (parts/consumables for older cars) Oscar 044 3821335

Panel beating, Spray painting.

Tino 0782543643 Sedgefield/Karatara area – (including full restorations)

Spotless Knysna Industria Hein 0824706213/0793807337 (including valet service)

Rubber seals/sections

ProAuto rubber 29 Hibernia St., George; 044 8740817

Rubberman 61 Albert St., George 044 8732502 sales@rubberman.co.za

Ash framing, dashboards, door cappings, veneer repairs & refinishing etc.

Classic-Dash Ray Mackey 0829226106 brmprojects@telkomsa.net

Chrome plating

African Electroplating Peter Posniak 0825535032

Supreme Bumpers Glen Brits 011 6262304/5/6 or 0834503745

Chromeworks Peter Tiles 041 4841533 / 0828558628 or chromeworks@yahoo.co.za

Engineering

Precision Engineering Services, Knysna Industria, Aubrey Springer 0824448981

Exhausts, brakes, suspension, steering etc

De Graaf Undercar, Knysna Industria, Johan/Doreen 0820993164 / 044 3820806

Disclaimer : *The above list of service providers is included in good faith and no responsibility will be accepted for inferior workmanship or poor service. Members availing themselves of these services do so entirely at their own risk. Ed.*

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FORMULA ONE SIXTY YEARS AGO

Spanish Grand Prix: Pedralbes, 24 October 1954

80 laps of 3.925mile / 6.32km circuit

Place	Driver	Car	Laps	Time/reason for retiring	Grid
1	Hawthorn	Ferrari	80	3h 13m 52.1s	3
2	Musso	Maserati	80	3h 15m 05.3s	7
3	Fangio	Mercedes	79		2
4	Mieres	Maserati	79		11
5	Kling	Mercedes	79		12
6	Godia	Maserati	76		13
7	Rosier	Maserati	74		20
8	Wharton	Maserati	74		14
9	Bira	Maserati	68		15
	Mantovani	Maserati	58	Accident	10
	de Grafenried/Volonterio	Maserati	57	Engine	21
	Herrmann	Mercedes	50	Fuel injection	9
	Trintignant	Ferrari	47	Gearbox	8

	Pollet	Gordini	37	Mechanical	16
	Schell	Maserati	28	Rear axle	4
	Moss	Maserati	19	Oil pump	6
	Behra	Gordini	16	mechanical	18
	Swaters	Ferrari	15	engine	19
	Ascari	Lancia	9	clutch	1
	Villoresi	Lancia	1	brakes	5
	Manzon	Ferrari	1	engine	17

Fastest Lap: Ascari 2m 20.4s. 100.63mph / 161.95kph

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THE CLUB CAR REGISTER

At a recent Committee meeting an attempt was made to bring the register up to date. As a result, many members will receive a request to update or add missing information on the cars that they currently own. Please respond to these requests and assist Keith Burton in bringing the register right up to date. Would new members also please let Keith Burton have their car's details soonest. The information is passed on to the relevant model registers. Please send details to Keith (keiella1@telkomsa.net)

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

An interesting link sent in by James Thornborough who writes – “I thought the members might like this Daily Mail link to a classic car rally in the Lake District UK. Nobody seemed to mind getting their vehicles messy as they climbed a steep pass”.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2231588/Vintage-car-rally-Lake-District-Va-va-voom-Antique-cars-wind-way-2-126ft-tall-Pike..html>

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>

FOR SALE & WANTED

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

For Sale

1978 MGB GT spares - Rubber seal for tailgate glass, W/screen rubber seal, chrome finishers LH and RH for tailgate seal, Grille badge, (the above all new)

Rear seat and back, Spoke steering wheel, Aluminium badge “ MGB GT” for rear tailgate; chrome side strips.

Also a stack of MG Enthusiast and “The Breed “ mags thrown in for the buyer

(Bought an MGB GT some years ago , sent the vehicle to a garage which burnt down (along with the car) , but had these parts still in my own garage).

All the above for R1800.00 I'm based in C.T. Ebrahim Mohamed 0828008215 or 021 2028011 or email emohamed@kansaiplascon.co.za ***

For Sale

MGB GT Jubilee model. New upholstery and tyres. Looking for offers on GBP8000. Contact Tony Norval on email tony@qcp.co.za *

For Sale

Pair of Lever arm shock absorbers for MGB. Newly imported and unused, R2000 ea. Contact Ron Hollis. ***

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

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 Pair of inch and three quarter HS6 SU carburetors (not standard HS4s), inlet manifold and linkages for MGB. Ray 0829226106 ***

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

Why do shops have signs 'Guide Dogs Only'? Dogs can't read and their owners are blind.....

A guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?" The first guy said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms.

The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease.

As they were walking off number eighteen, the second guy was busy counting his \$80.00. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighboring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest.

The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money. The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings."

The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation..... And, if you want to bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

MEMBERS NAME	PARTNER	THIS MONTH	ACCUM	TOTAL
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth			
Baker Lew	Heather			5
Battison Dave				
Bechlars Philip	Martina			1
Bickley Fred	Cheryl			4
Bruce Brian				1
Burton Keith	Ella			20
Bush Marion	Gavin			
Cleland Jim	Glen	1	1	8
Clough Pat	Ali	1	1	16
Cooper Ray	Pat			4
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	1,1,1	3	24
Cooper Trevor	Marche	1,2,2	5	19
Cox Stuart	Dottie	2	2	6
Dabner Len	Sonia			
Davey George	Margie	2,2	4	16
Davidson Brian	Jose	1	1	10
Day John	Margaret	1	1	6
Douglas Murray	Anne	2	2	24
Dunlop Denis		2	2	15
Esterhuizen Tom	Jeanette			
Fisher Roger	Alva			8
Frost Norman	Jennie			
Giggins Barry	Joan			1
Gough Dave	Margee	2,2	4	16
Gregory Mike	Jan			
Grevensteyn Rudolph	Sharon			
Hamilton Allan	Brenda			3
Henderson Bruce		2	2	21
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	1,2	3	11
Hogg John	Gill			
Holliday Clive	Charlotte			
Hollis Peter				
Hollis Ron	Dee			16
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis			3
Hunt Bob	Lindsey			6
Jones Dave	Fay	2	2	8
Jones Ian				2
Jones Nick	Sandie			8
Koch John	Jillian			2
Koncki Heinz	Paula			12
Krahe Alexander				2
Kruger johan	Ilse			10
Langman Frostie	Sue			14
Lawson Ross	Antoinette			1
Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila			2
le Grange Poena	Rika			
Lodder Hugo				
Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna	1,2,1	4	25
Mackey Ray	Angela	1,2	3	29
Macmillan Ros	Gordon			2
Madeley Brian	Lyn			15
Mangan Geoff	Chris			7
Marsden Susan				12
Marucci Oscar				
McCallum John	Louise			
Metelerkamp Neil	Norma			3
Mentz Bunny	Jan			5
Miller Garth	Shirley			8
Mulder Chris	Ludy			
Mullany Fred	Jo	1,2,2	5	35
Orsmond Ret	Julie			
Parfett Ed	Jennie			10
Parker Wilf	Jenny			8

Paton Duncan	Lesley	1,2,2	5	22
Posniak Peter	Patti			
Pretorius Peter		1	1	9
Putter Willie	Linnea			2
Reitz Fritz	Madene			
Rolf Anthony	Corrine			
Rosser Phillip	Amanda			
Scanlen Errol	Iorr			
Scheepers Bert	Renate			
Slade Keith	Yvonne	1,2	3	17
Smart Laurie	Kate	2	2	8
Steenkamp Don	Joan	1	1	8
Stockdale Brian	Dawn			
Thornborough Jim	Maxine			
Tops Paul	Barbie			2
Urbanc Mirka				
van den Bor Frans	Ellen			
van der Hoven Hugo	Kath			
Vadas Peter	Vivian	1	1	5
Vadas Robert	Annabel			
v Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley			2
van Niekerk Charles	Carrol			2
von Zeil	Margie	1,2	3	15
Warne Alan	Jill			2
Waterston Allan	Pam	1,2	3	15
Wessels John	Jane			
Whitehead Neville	Enid			5
Williams Denny	Pat			10
Wilsher Martin	kim			
Winter George	Liesel	2	2	6
Witzmann Otto	Rosy			1
Woodgate Geoff	Merceda	1	1	1
Yendall Graham	Sylvia	1	1	18
Albisser Tony	Elsbeth			

EVENT	EVENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE	
			MBRS	NON MBRS
1	Sundowner picnic	14 Jan 2014	33	10
2	Bistro breakfast	26 Jan 2014	19	7
3	George Car Show	8 Feb 2014	26	6
4	Zucchini's	23 Feb 2014	20	2
5	AGM	25 Feb 2014	23	1
6	Glentana Fun Run	16 Mar 2014	20	6
7	Old Nicks	30 Mar 2014	22	4
8	Cheese & Wine	10 Apr 2014	28	0
9	Zucchini's	27 Apr 2014	16	5
10	Old Nicks	25 May 2014	19	7
11	Ebb & Flow	08 Jun 2014	24	4
12	Zucchini's	29 Jun 2014	19	7
13	Bell Quiz night	15 July 2014	12	3
14	Old Nicks	27 July 2014	13	3
15	Peppermill brunch	12.8.2014	14	0
16	Waterpomp b'fast	31.8.2014	22	9
17	Darts Challenge	9.09.2014	18	3
18	Slade's Picnic	21.09.2014	11	1
19	Old Nicks	28.09.2014	16	3



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