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FROM THE CHAIR

October has been a busy month and at the Natter on Tuesday, 9th we were spoiled to have been treated to Rodney Green's presentation of his 1933 K2. To see this rare car in such pristine condition and hear about its history, is truly amazing. We are so lucky to have members like Rodney who preserve these historical cars and are prepared to bring them out for us to see and share the stories and memories of the past.

The October club run to the Potbelly Coffee Shop and Bakery was very well supported, with 37 members present and was enjoyed by all. The committee are aware that, with the petrol price now at a record high, there are members who find the fuel cost of attending some of our events prohibitive. We will try to arrange runs and lunch venues that are evenly distributed, so if one month's run is too far from where you live, there will be a run closer to home coming up soon.

While we're thinking about costs, the committee has decided that the membership subscription rates for 2019 will increase by R10 for a single member and R15 for family memberships. This amounts to increases between 4% and 6% which will help us offset some of our escalating costs without placing too much burden on members. Membership renewal forms / invoices will be sent out during the last week of November.

Many of you may remember the charity run we shared with the Mini Club to Nazareth House, shortly before Christmas last year. The committee has decided this year we will support the Durbanville Children's Home, with a run to the home on Saturday, 17th November. We will make a monetary donation, comprising members donations and a top-up from the club, which will be presented on our visit to the Home. At the November Natter (Saturday, 10th) members will have an opportunity to contribute to this cause, so please come prepared.

Our Annual Show Day will be held at Timour Hall on Sunday, 9th December and as it is the Club's 70th anniversary we will be going the extra mile to make it a memorable day for our members. Although the format will remain a Show Day and picnic, we have engaged caterers to provide the meal and we will make it a very festive occasion. The club will subsidise the bulk of the costs, but in order to confirm numbers with the caterers we require you to reserve your space, together with a payment of R100 per person. As usual your children / grandchildren are welcome to attend (the rate for children under 12 years of age will be R50). Please see the notice in this issue of The Breed on page 6 and note the closing date for payments / reservations is 16th November 2018. We look forward to this being a great celebration.

Cheers,

Philip

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Moderns Register Captain Vacant

By the time you read this newsletter there will be 8 weeks left before Christmas. Ladies, if you are in a quandary about *'what to buy the man in your life'* relax, you can do your Christmas shopping from the comfort of your own home, whilst reading The Breed (of course). Turn to *pg.12* and you will see a rarity, it is not often you have the choice of either a stunning MG VA or a grand MG SA. Your husband's Christmas 'wish list' may just come true! Go on..... make that call.

Speaking of Christmas, come along on 17th November and take pleasure in seeing the delight on the children's faces when the MGs visit this benevolent, caring Children's Home in Durbanville.

Remember to check the Out & About as there are a few changes to some of the dates.

All articles for the December issue of this newsletter are due in by 23rd November.

*'May you live as long as you want
and never want as long as you live'*

Fran

Dates to diarise

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| Car Show - Killarney | 4th November |
| Kuns & Kulturfrees - Prince Alfred Hamlet | 1st December |
| S.A. Historic Grand Prix - Franschoek | 1+2 December |

Our bank details are:

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| Bank: | Standard Bank |
| Account: | MG Car Club – Cape Town Centre |
| Branch code: | 036 309 |
| Internet Branch code: | 051001 |
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OUT AND ABOUT

NOVEMBER

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| Saturday | 10th | Bring & Braai Natter at the Crankhandle Clubhouse, Riebeek Street, Wynberg from 2 - 5pm |
| Saturday | 17th | Club run to Durbanville Children's Home |
| Thursday | 29th | Veterans' run to SARDA Noordhoek - details on page 5 |
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DECEMBER

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| Sunday | 9th | Show day and 70th Anniversary of The MG Car Club - Cape Town Centre details on pages 6 & 7 |
| Tuesday | 11th | Christmas Natter & Noggin at the Crankhandle Clubhouse, Wynberg @ 7.30pm |
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6- Anne Morrison
9- Harold Chapman
17- Chérie Setzer
21- Malika Moodley
24- Geoff Ballantyne
26- Moria Peche



8- Mervyn Corbishley
11- Craig Browne
19- Stuart Leach
23- Chris Champion
25- Peter van Breda
29- Marius Herholdt, Laurette Ford

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COMMITTEE & SOCIAL NEWS

Condolences

The MG Car Club committee and members wish to convey their sincere condolences to the family of Sandy Muller, who passed away recently. Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time.

New Members

1357 - Andrew & Catherine Lewis, Durbanville (1972 MGB Roadster)
083 601 5836 email: alewis@shoprite.co.za

1202 - Rejoining members: Kevin & Shirley Hill, Kirstenhof (2004 MGTF 160)
021 71 58611/076 462 261 email: kevinh1802@gmail.com

Change of email address

Feliciano Martins - jater@mweb.co.za

MG Club Library

Please note, the library will be open from 14.00 -14.30 at the next Natter should you like to take out books or just browse.

MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2019

The committee recently approved modest increases in membership fees (between R10 and R15).

2019 membership fees will be as follows:-

- R260.00 - Single Member**
- R300.00 - Family Member**
- R220.00 - Country Member**
- R260.00 - Family Country Member**
- R190.00 - Associate Member**

Renewal forms will be emailed to members at the end of November. The few members who are not on email will receive their renewal forms in the post. Please note, in terms of the Club constitution your membership fee payment is due on or before 1st January 2019 - please assist the Treasurer and committee by making your payment timeously. When making any payment to the club account, please remember to use your member number and surname as the reference.

For our Club database we require up-to-date information regarding our members and all their cars. Please check the information on your renewal form and advise me of any details that need to be changed.

Thank you,

Shirley Roux shirleyroux@gmail.com (Membership Secretary)



FUTURE EVENTS

VETERANS' RUN TO NOORDHOEK

Thursday, 29th November

We have been given permission to visit Sleepy Hollow Horse Riding Farm in Noordhoek as a group and view a disabled riding lesson. Lunch will be nearby at 'Jakes on the Common' at 12.30-1 pm. We will all have to be early birds that day as the lesson begins at 9.30am. We ask that everyone find their own way to Sleepy Hollow Farm as there will not be time to gather at a particular meeting point like we usually do. (see map below)

The SARDA programme is used at Sleepy Hollow like they do in Constantia. Nadine who I spoke to said if there is anyone who would like to help with the lesson they would be able to. She has shown me a flat paddock where we can park, however it is right next to the paddock where the lesson takes place, so we will have to be parked there **BEFORE** 9.30am - the noise of the cars parking will distract the riders and possibly the horses. We should probably try to get there by 9.15am at the latest. If you are late you will have to find parking in the area where you enter the farm, among the volunteers' cars or out in the lane and then quietly walk past the office to where the lesson is being held. The lesson finishes at 11am.

Please follow these requests for the sake of the disabled riders.

The Sleepy Hollow Horse Riding website has interesting information about the farm and its activities as well as directions. (www.sleepyhollowhorseriding.com)

Please be warned there are a few speed bumps along Sleepy Hollow Lane and the road into the farm. Should you not be interested in this activity there are several places in the area where one could stop for coffee or shopping (Noordhoek Village or the Dutch Gardens Nursery) where there is a Deli/Restaurant, then join us for lunch later at 'Jakes'.

Lunch: 'Jakes on the Common' is a really nice venue and looks out over the Noordhoek Common with easy off-road parking around the restaurant. They have offered us a main meal menu with four options for R120 (including gratuity). Each table will get a bill for the drinks we order and a 10% gratuity will be added to the drinks bill.

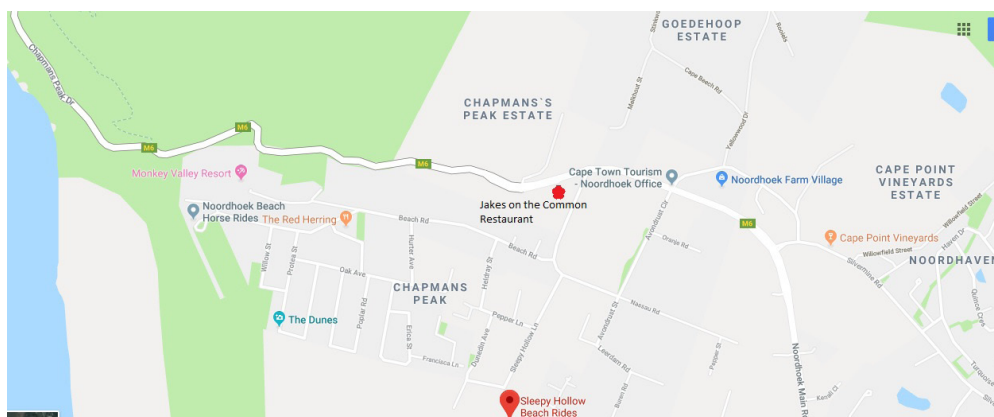
Menu

BCG beef burger - bacon, cheese, guacamole and fries *or*
Stylin chicken schnitzel - crumbed chicken, fresh tomato, feta, mozzarella and rocket *or*
Veg Burger - Tzatziki and chutney with fries *or*
Panko crumbed calamari - with chipotle mayo and skinny fries

Please let us know before Friday 23rd November if you are attending the riding class and if you are joining us for lunch as the restaurant needs to know how many to cater for.

Please note: if you book for lunch and do not arrive we will be charged for the meal.

Contact: Vernon and Sue Terrapon Tel : 021 786 3523 / 083 571 3803





Dear MG Members,

You are invited to attend our annual MG Show Day and
70th Anniversary of the MG Cape Town Centre.

We shall be celebrating in style and there will be a number of very special cars on display.

When: Sunday, 9th December 2018

Where: Timour Hall grounds, Plumstead

Time: The event will start promptly at 10h00

Cost: R100.00 per adult : R50.00 per child (under 12yrs)

RSVP: Your acceptance and payment needs to be made by 16th November 2018

What's on the menu:

Delicious, melt in your mouth, spit roasted lamb with home made mint marinade, roast potatoes, mixed green salad, spicy pasta salad and garlic bread.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses, chairs, picnic blankets, umbrellas etc.

We will provide cutlery, crockery and serviettes.

If there is enough interest, Father Christmas will make an appearance. So let us know if any children / grandchildren will be coming. Remember to bring along a present for them.

Please email your reservation and proof of payment to Brian Aslett at brazzle@iafrica.com

Bank details: MG Car Club - Cape Town Centre, Standard Bank, Branch code: 051001

Account: 271157925 Ref: **Name & Surname**

As this is also our annual Show Day, please email Mike Johnson at franjohnson35@hotmail.com to let him know if you intend to have your car on show and which category you are entering it for - Concours d'Etat and / or Tops. In addition there will be the 'Car of the Day' or 'Ladies Choice' where the ladies present may vote for the car they would most like to take home.

See page 7 for more Show Day details.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Chairman & Committee

MG Car Club - Cape Town Centre

BOOK YOUR PLACE - CLOSING DATE 16TH NOVEMBER 2018

MGCC-CT ANNUAL SHOW DAY

Car Judging Competition

Judging of cars will commence at 11.00am. Entries will be limited to one car per member for Concours d'Etat or Tops. Judging can be a lengthy process therefore only a total of 10 cars will be scrutinised, thereby affording the judges more time to enjoy the activities of the day.

Prior to show day, entrants will receive an e-mailed score sheet indicating the scrutiny criteria for preparation guidance. A standing rule is for cars to have hoods up and side screens in place, however for convenience, MMM / T-type / MGA need only display one screen next to the car. Winners will be announced at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Members wishing to enter their car for judging under the following two categories, please advise Mike Johnson by 5th December.

Contact details: 021 554 1097 / 082 7337 258 or email: franjohnson35@hotmail.com

Concours d'Etat

This is a formal scrutiny for originality, condition and cleanliness. Judging is according to the standing rules for d'Etat as prescribed by the MG Car Club Combined Centres of South Africa.

Tops

This competition was introduced to afford members a chance to enter their MG to be judged on cleanliness and condition, both interior and exterior, without the seriousness of originality and authenticity.

'Car of the Day' or 'Ladies Choice'

As usual there will be an opportunity for the ladies present to vote for the MG they would most like to take home. All attending MGs are eligible. We encourage ladies not to vote for their own cars.

Please note, this year there will not be *Concours d'Elegance* or *Concours de Comique* categories. - Mike Johnson



PAST EVENTS

Heritage Day Run

(24th September)

The annual inter-club Heritage Day event was organised by Hazel Walton of the Crankhandle Club, this particular event being the 5th. What a successful day it turned out to be, the weather, Hazel's organising and the company was perfect.

Members from various clubs met at the Village Green in Observatory at 09:30. Rusty's, a newly opened auto-orientated coffee shop nearby, did a roaring trade from those who needed to hydrate before departure at 10:30 to our destination, the Stellenbosch Airfield.

34 members and 8 guests from the MG Car Club comprising TCx3, TDx3, MGA Twin Cam x1, MGBx1, MGBGTx4 TFX1 and 8plastics. One participant included the magnificent Citroen Light 15 belonging to Shirley Roux. This car cannot be categorised amongst the plastics, thus special mention included instead. A leisurely run from Observatory took us onto the N2 Freeway. We followed this route until the turn off at Macassar whereby the final run was enjoyed along the scenic secondary roads to the airfield.

After choosing our location at the airfield, sunshades were erected and picnic tables set up in readiness for a relaxing afternoon of light and pleasant banter. This was amplified with the periodic arrival and departure of light aircraft. Braai fires had been lit and a choice of salads supplied by the airfield at a nominal cost. Part of this cost was a contribution for sterilisation and to supply food to street cats and dogs, a charity Hazel is passionate about. In fact R2780 had been raised of which, Hazel added another R1000.

One of the highlights of the day was that of Brian Wallace (a Crankhandle Club member and owner of an MGTC) who very kindly opened his hangar to display his collection of two light aeroplanes and an array of vintage motorcycles, in various stages of renovation.

All too soon participants had consumed their braai cuisine, contents of wine bottles diminished, chatter and banter was running low and braai fires had cooled off, thus time to depart to our respective homes.

- Martin Davies



Chris Champion's MG Twin-cam



Shirley Roux's Citroen Light 15

Hermanus Whales & Wheels Festival

(29th September)

Another year, another Hermanus Whales & Wheels Festival. From a car show perspective this year's event drew over 200 exhibitors covering a wide range of cars, motorcycles and tractors. Vehicles to suit the tastes of most motoring enthusiasts, from true classics to some more recent but well preserved examples were on display.

Our MG stand was occupied by 11 cars, 6 from local Hermanus members and 5 from Cape Town surrounds, showing the full range of post-war MG two seaters, TC -TD -TF- MGA & MGB to the modern TF. The line-up attracted much attention, especially Neil Beck's outstanding TC. It was interesting to engage in discussion with many of the more elderly browsers showing particular interest in the T-types as some had owned these models in their youth. The display gave them the opportunity to relive their by-gone days.

The car show includes a slow parade through the town along the main road and past the old harbour area. In our parade line-up we managed to arrange our MGs in model order, TC followed by TD, MGA and MGB. Regrettably the old and modern TFs did not participate in the parade. The route is always lined with throngs of spectators armed with cameras or cell phones. Their overheard comments are often quite hilarious - usually the words "tjorrie or old crock" could be heard – obviously a reference to Neil Beck's TC!

Our appreciation is extended to the car show organisers for their tireless efforts to ensure this was another successful well organised event and for once again inviting the MGCC to exhibit our cars. Oh yes, not to forget to mention there were quite a few whales too.

In the words of Arnold Schwarzenegger (The Terminator) – *"I'll be back"* – **Mike Johnson**



Neil Beck's magnificent TC



K2 PRESENTATION AT NATTER & NOGGIN

9th October

At the October Natter we were treated to a most pleasant surprise when Rod Green presented his beautiful and very rare 1933 K2. The car only arrived in Cape Town from White River that very morning, but advance warning the day before and a google message ensured a big turn-out of interested members.

This K2 was restored in Britain some years ago and sold to a French owner where it resided (and seldom used) for about 12 years, before Rod bought the car and had it shipped to SA via the UK.

Unlike the post-war years, during the late twenties and thirties, MG created a plethora of MG models, many fitted with specialist coachwork to the personal requirements of buyers. The rarity of this wide range of MGs makes it difficult for today's enthusiast to distinguish the individual models.

Rod's car is indeed spectacular and is one of the few survivors of around 20 K2 models built. Unlike many of the smaller MGs of the period, the K2 is a larger 2-seater car, with 6 cylinder, 1271cc engine and pre-selector gearbox, which as Rod described, takes a while to become accustomed to. Intended as a performance open tourer, the K2 models were originally fitted with twin SU carbs, however Rod's car now has a larger single SU carburettor with supercharger driven off the front of the engine, similar to the later, very successful K3 racing models.

Fittings on the car are of superb quality which added to the original high cost of the vehicle. Headlights are unique to the K-types, being affixed to the support bracket at the rear of the shell, instead of underneath. Rod pointed out the complex construction of the windscreen frame, another obvious costly item.

With the exodus of so many classic and rare cars from SA shores, it is indeed pleasing to note a few exceptions, where interesting cars are being imported into SA by enthusiasts of the 'real MGs'. Rod has promised to bring his K2 to Show Day at Timour Hall on 9th December, this will allow more members an opportunity to view and drool over this spectacular MG of yesteryear.

- Mike Johnson



BOOK REVIEW

Library book: Gen 02



SAFETY LAST

Autobiography of George Eyston

For a man with a penchant for speed on both land and water, the twist to the well-known MG slogan of “Safety First” to Safety Last” seems most appropriate for his autobiography. George Eyston was a well-known personality from the 1920s to early 1950s through his land speed record attempts and successes. He is described by Motorsport Magazine in 1979 (Eyston’s death) as being a large man but softly spoken, modest and always the courteous, perfect gentleman.

The book details his early life, his teenage passion for motorcycles and his military career with action in the first world, hence the rank of Captain while still in his early twenties. Apart from his involvement with speed record attempts he was also an engineer, yachtsman, pilot and held directorships in large companies, Castrol and Burma Oil being bit only two of many.

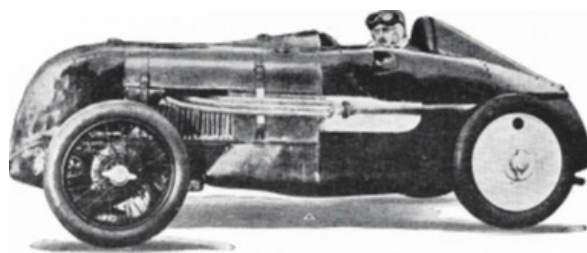
He tells of his good relationship with MG personalities, particularly Cecil Kimber. In 1934 he was the first man to achieve 100mph in a 750cc car – an MG of course! After giving up active high-speed work Eyston managed record bids for MG at Utah until 1959. His last speed performance drive had been in 1952, when at the age of 57 he averaged nearly 121 m.p.h for 12 hours in the unblown 1 1/2-litre MG EX179. Eyston was responsible for much of the engineering development that went into MG cars. Eyston’s fond association with MG can be noted in Chapter 9 which is devoted to earlier MG Clubs, particularly in America.

An interesting book and worth the read for those who would like to brush up on MG history, which remember, is bigger than the cars!

- Mike Johnson



The M.G. 'Humbug' which gained several International Class Records



The first '750' to do 100 m.p.h.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

FOR SALE

1937 MG VA DHC - Colour: red and black. This car is fully restored and needs to go to a real enthusiast.

Contact: Dave Lyons email: drl@mweb.co.za

1936 MG SA

44 years of an Edwardian MG

(built 1936 during King Edward 8's reign).

It is time to find a younger custodian of this elegant MG SA Tickford Coupe which lives in McGregor.

Extensive work history available.

R630,000 to the "right home".

Contact: Keith Poole 023 625 1306

email: k-mpoole@lando.co.za



1970 MG Midget 1275cc - Colour: white. Mechanically good, some rust, regularly used.

Comes complete with hood, tonneau cover etc. Price: R90,000

Please call Roger for a test drive.

Contact: Roger Bagshaw 082 224 3909

Dashboard for an MGB R700 onco

Contact: Philip Katz 072 1401518

'Safety Fast!' is the monthly journal of the MG Car Club (UK) which I joined in 1969. I have a complete run of about 600 copies since then. Downsizing dictates disposal, but not to the SPCA as waste paper! Would anybody would like to have them, for a small donation to Animal Welfare in McGregor? **Contact:** Keith Poole 023 625 1306 email: k-mpoole@lando.co.za

An advertisement for 'Classic Wheel & Tyre Specialists'. The top part features three images: a close-up of a wire wheel, a collection of tools like hammers and wrenches, and a set of car wheels. Below these images is a blue banner with the text 'Classic Wheel & Tyre Specialists' in large white letters. Underneath the banner is a yellow box with the 'SPEEDY TYRE & FITMENT' logo. To the right of the logo is a list of services: 'Specialist equipment for balancing wire wheels', 'Alignment database for classic cars', 'Classic car compatible tyre sizes', and 'Import service for vintage and classic tyres'. Further right is a logo for 'A MEMBER OF THE VALUE TYRE & FITMENT GROUP'. At the bottom of the advertisement, a black bar contains the address '88 Buitengracht Street, Cape Town, 8000', the phone number '021 424 5370', and the email 'infoct@valuetyre.co.za'.

WANTED

MGB Tachometer (Electric Rev. Counter)

This is the 4" Gauge as fitted to MGBs Oct 1967 to Aug 1976

Contact: Pat Coyne 021 785 4933 / 072 348 4493 (email: pacman@kingsley.co.za)

MGA Twin Carbs & manifold plus filters.

Contact: Pat Coyne 021 785 4933 / 072 348 4493 (email: pacman@kingsley.co.za)

Grille for a 1975 MGB GT

Contact: Jay Moodley 081 270 1585 (email: canx997@gmail.com)

5 Steel MGA disc wheels.

Contact: John or Stewart Woodley : 072 440 0255

(email: stewart@caperenovate.co.za)

Spares for MG Y-type

2 x door strikers

Spare wheel compartment lid

Headlight bracket, need the driver's side (stalk that mounts to the fender)

2 x support strut between firewall and radiator

1 x Winder handle to tilt the windscreen

2 x Ashtrays that fit on top of the Dashboard. (inlaid into wooden dash) (roughly 2cm x 9cm)

2 x Tail lights

1 x grab handle

Contact: Louis Fourie 021 976 6233 / 082 777 7106

