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**A Natter & Noggin** is normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm.  
**The Old Edwardian Club, Houghton**

For more details see Motoring Calendar in this issue of "Thumbs Up!"

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Greetings to all Jhb MGCC Members and all other readers. This is the first edition for 2015. After all my recent experiences re the Magazine, I am hoping that this one will work out a lot easier. I was advised by an IT specialist last November that he had introduced a "dropbox" system on my computer for me to send all my completed pages direct to our printer. This worked fairly well, but still a few hiccups occurred. For this edition a few changes were made, so hopefully all my problems have been sorted out. "Time will tell!!!"

I welcome you all back into this MG World of Ours. After enjoying a Happy Festive Season.

By all accounts it seems to be a very busy year, full of interesting events, not only in our own club, but also within the Inter Club, and International MG World as well. Just take a look at the Calendar pages over the next few months to see what is on offer.

December closed off with the usual Ladies Lunch at the Indaba Hotel, and a final Noggin, in which Norman expressed his experiences over the past 45 years of his MG life. Now that confirmed why he is called MR MG!.

The first run for this year was the SAMCA run to the Silviavale Museum in Vanderbylpark. This was fairly well attended with about 15 MGs going through the gates. It was surprising to find just how many changes these active people have been able to bring about, all in one year. Their grounds,

displays and newly restored cars were all presented so well, with improved restaurant and eating facilities which were made available.

Our AGM will take place on the 5th February, so, all members who wish to vote, MUST pay their subscriptions before that date.

Apart from the usual events published on the Calendar Page, there is the second MMM MG Gathering taking place at Franschoek. The Open Day will be at the Franschoek Motor Museum on the 22nd March 2015. Contact Norman, should you be interested in this event.

Then, Angela's Picnic coming up, as well as the Annual Stars of Sandstone 10 day event during April, both these events should not be missed. Then later, on the 19th July we have the Annual Scottburgh Classic car Show, which has always been a very well and organised event, and makes for a very interesting and exciting weekend away.

SO, the year 2015 is a great opportunity to prepare your MGs and enjoy driving your 'Little Treasures' to some (if not all) of these events.

**Cheers,  
Happy Motoring,  
Your Editor**

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# CHAIRMAN'S

*So this is 2015!*

Whilst I am now thoroughly disgusted with the lies Eskom has been feeding us and the lies government have been feeding us treating us all like idiots expected to pay for their lifestyles I have taken the healthy decision to simply excise everything in 2015 that pisses me off.

So that means life in the MG Car Club will be carrying on - it's been a fabulous ride and there is nothing, not a single teeny weeny tiny insignificant thing that I would change.

The Committee has been fabulous this year. We have an amazing team of people that Get Things Done and that makes my job easy and makes me look great when I don't deserve it. They have my unreserved thanks and even more unreserved admiration.

We have a ton of stuff on this year. Cape Centres, the A tour, Scottburgh, Stars of Sandstone, the PMB car show and that's just the stuff we know about and there will be a ton of stuff more that gets organised as we go through the year. This is your car club. Get stuck in and have some fun with us - truly this is how great memories are made.

Whilst membership remains a concern our Youth Project is going stronger than ever. By the time you read this the big event of the year, the David Piper gathering will be very close - it hits on 31 January and the kids will be there

flying our flag.



Piston Ring on the 15th is British Car Day. If you have never been to a Piston Ring swap meet before This is the one to go to! It is a blast - really it's a complete flea market in the truest sense but you can find the most amazing stuff. I would like to book a big table at the excellent pizza place down the road for the Club - but I need NUMBERS to know how many to book for. Be warned. You need to be AT Piston Ring by 07:00/07:15 on Sunday 15th or you WILL NOT GET IN. It is a big meeting of cars and you must get there early. Just head for High Street in Modderfontein and you simply cannot possibly miss it. There are signs all over just in case though.

So let's make a day of it - come one, come all - Piston Ring is not just about cars - I found the most stunning mushrooms EVER there the last time for instance, and some side flap thingies for my A that apparently I needed. It's wonderful!

And then of course it is the AGM on 5 Feb. I will see you all there. Plus the Run in the Sun on Sunday to Harties for a picnic - we haven't done that in a while! Yum!

Willyum.

# Scottburgh Annual Classic Car Show

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## The Franschhoek MMM MG Gathering

The opening Day will be hosted at the

Franschhoek Motor Museum on Sunday 22 March 2015 .

We are expecting M, D, C, J, P, L, N, & K Models, some Supercharged.  
As we did in 2013, we will be publishing a Highly Sought after 'Special  
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To book your copy contact Ted Borchers at  
[yellowbird@maxitec.co.za](mailto:yellowbird@maxitec.co.za) before 20 Feb to order.

To book for the tour to Franschhoek, contact Norman Ewing.

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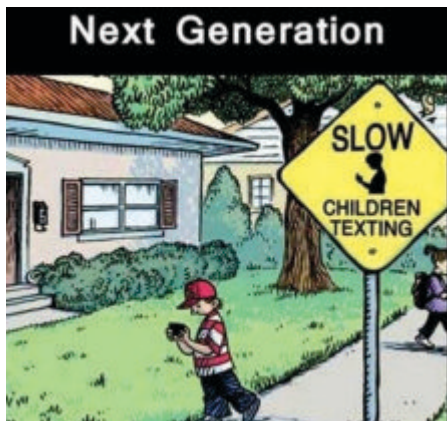
### SEX AFTER SURGERY

*A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE KENTUCKY POST REPORTED THAT A WOMAN, ANNE MAYNARD, HAS SUED ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, SAYING THAT AFTER HER HUSBAND HAD SURGERY THERE, HE LOST ALL INTEREST IN SEX.*

*A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN REPLIED:*

*"MR. MAYNARD WAS ADMITTED FOR CATARACT SURGERY. ALL WE DID WAS CORRECT HIS EYESIGHT."*

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# THE LAST RUN OF 2014



*...and the highlight of the day - William's detour!*





*Mystery 1964 MGB parked on a plot off Beyers Naude (not far from Garden World). Does anyone know who it belongs to?*



*William (our run leader) chatting to the MG participants stuck in the traffic jam en route to the dam wall bridge*



*Gilroy's - our lunch venue*



*Plenty of time to chat & admire the view of the dam while waiting to get across the dam wall*



*Some of the MG crowd at Gilroy's*





Many thanks to Abie Brink & the dedicated Sylviadale Team who went all out to create a good family event - the museum has improved significantly in the last few years

The outbuildings surrounding the central square were all full with things to buy, which created a pleasant market atmosphere



Tom & Hyla's wheels, a Morris which is proving reliable & economical to run... but must just be kept out of rush hour traffic



A rare sight - four traction & steam engines up & running at the same time

# SAVVA RUN TO THE VAAL



A trolley (smaller than a wagon) from the Anglo Boer war used by the British to haul munitions for the artillery



The times they are a changing... Rolf Schweizer's TF up for sale



A snapshot of some of the crowd - motoring journalist Shaun Johnson talking to Clive (back to the camera) & Tania



A view of "market square" full of MGs; the car park outside the gate was full of classic cars & across the road a separate car park had been created for moderns

# Our Experience on the Way Home!

*Written by Tom Kirkland*

Hyla and I decided at the last moment the day before, that should the weather be kind to us in the morning, we would take out our new little 1959 Morris 1000. We gave it a quick clean up and checked the oil, water, and tyres. Hyla then asked where was the master cylinder and how much brake fluid there was. Good Idea! I lifted the front carpet and showed her, it was full. The weather was fine, so in the morning the Morris was taken out and packed with all our chairs, eats etc.

At 7.00am, in great style we ventured out on our Vey First MG Run in our Morris (remember Morris used to be part of the MG Family). We called in at the Blockhouse Filling Station, but due to fears of traffic and unforeseen events we departed and cruised happily and safely all the way to the Museum. We were met by Abie and many others who had known this Morris from the past, as it came from that part of the world before we bought. After enjoying the Museum, and having to buy Hyla some jewellery etc. we finally said our goodbyes, and proudly departed for home.

Then -- at the second robot, I applied the brakes. There was a strange shudder in the front, but immediately everything seemed to feel OK. After that the brakes felt considerably weaker, but with the aid of a good hand brake, I decided to continue slowly. Realising we had a rather long straight forward drive all the way home, without many stop streets etc, I did not want to alarm Hyla of the problem. Eventually we reached home without any further noise or problem.

Early the next morning I went out to investigate what had happened, on removing the front left wheel I found the brake drum in two parts. I had the part that was fixed to the stub axle and a loose ring around the brake shoes. A-Haa!!! The drums had been skimmed so many times that there was just barely half a mm of steel left, so on breaking, that just sheered off - so, that was the noise we had heard, and why we had very little breaking power.

Why do we join these Motor Clubs??? Only last week I sent off my application to join The Morris Minor Club. But, first thing this morning I visited Midas, and Brake and Clutch in Kempton, four new drums were available at about R880.00 each. I came home to check the other three drums, which would surely be in the same condition. On looking at my E mails the Morris Club had approved my application, so I contacted the sender, and related my story. No Problem, he says, I have many drums and shoes, you can get some from me. Thanks very much, I said.

It seems that we have found another Friendly, Caring Motoring Club.

# NORMAN REMINISCES MGs CHANGED HIS LIFE!

At our first Noggin on the 9 January 2015, Norman took to the floor, and as it was the start of the 45th year of existence of our MG Club, he related how he became interested in MGs from his early school days, and how he finally got involved in building an MGA from a few parts and finding the rest from 'here and there' until it was finally completed and ready for him to start on his planned trip overseas. Here 'his wheels nearly fell off', when he met the lady of his life. Pat then decided to accompany him on his tour. They got married, and soon departed on their "First World Trek" which took them just short of 18 months to complete. They were then able to introduce their first born daughter, Sarah, to some very proud grand parents. Pat has been at his side ever since, and has been his pillar of strength all these years. He described in detail, all the events and tours which he had set up over the years, including the formation of the Johannesburg MG Car Club, some 45 years ago.

He has been instrumental in bringing out speakers and overseas visitors to attend all our Indabas, as well as organising overseas tours to Silverstone and other parts of the world, where many of our members were able to experience some of his

exciting adventures abroad.

Norman astounded most of us, by relating incidents from so many different events over the years, with such clear and precise facts and dates. It was clear that he has lived a very full life, and is still adding these experiences and expertise to help others with their events coming up in the future. Now he is very much involved in the "French International MG Indaba" coming up later this year.

Many of our members were taken by surprise by watching his 'slide show' which depicted events showing members who were hardly recognisable today, which were taken so many years earlier!

It is incredible to think how 'one man' has changed all our lives in so many ways over the past years -- Just because we drive an MG and opted to become a member of the Johannesburg Centre.





*THANKS TO OUR HOSTS, THE JOHANNESBURG MG CENTRE,  
FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.  
FROM GORDON VOGTHERR, NEW ZEALAND.*

Shirley and I both wish to thank the Johannesburg Centre for their generous and warm hospitality shown to us during our six day stay in Johannesburg. It was a real joy to be among so many MG enthusiasts so far from home. Thanks to Norman and Pat Ewing for showing us the sights of Johannesburg, and to Ruth for making her home available on the Sunday for such an enjoyable picnic and picture evening. These things have been appreciated and will always be remembered.

We are now back in reality, trying to settle down after such an eventful trip round the world. Constantly we awake from sleep, having been dreaming that we are in various places, such as Edinburgh, Germany or the Cybele Game Reserve.

We enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to possibly being able to travel again, and one thing is for sure, we shall certainly return to South Africa, hopefully some day with the MG. Our VA is on the road again after some frustrations. On tightening the head finally, one of the studs pulled out of the block! Imagine my thoughts! By the way, the remedy was not too drastic, 10x1,5mm helicoils are available, which allowed me to continue using original studs. This may be useful to some early MG owners.

We look forward to seeing some of you kind folk in New Zealand some day and being able to return the hospitality.

Yours Sincerely,  
Gordon and Shirley Vogtherr

*Coincidentally on looking through some old MG News Letters, I came across this, which appeared in the 73rd edition during October 1975, which had been sent by this MG couple who lived in New Zealand and was on a World Trek. They had been encouraged by Norman and Pat to visit them while in Johannesburg. After Norman's talk at the last Noggin, I considered it appropriate to insert this Letter in our Magazine.*

*Ed*

# NrmanTalks!

*We have a busy MG Year ahead!*

Welcome to 2015: We have all made it Safe and Sound through the Festive Season. Now for the year ahead. The first 'Big' MG event is the "MMM" - Triple M - event at Franchhoek in March. This event is for the owners of "Midgets" - Magnas and magnettes, being the pre-war titles given to vertical drive generator cars. Bob Wilmot and I have JZs - Henry Watermeyer, Pepi Gaspari and Heyns Stead have P Types - also Midgets. There is an L Magna in the Museum at White River and in Ladysmith, and Peter Posniak has a K1/KD Magnette. Philippe Douchet my mon ami mate from Auboune in Switzerland is bringing out his K3 - K3026 and Barry Foster is bringing out his C Type - "The Rat" - based around Johan Rupert's pad at L'Omarins, it should be Superb.

No sooner are we back, and it's away we go to the Cape Centres event in Cradock. Another glorious time to be had for MG enthusiasts before we come home to prepare for the final big event of the year - the MGA Diamond Jubilee Tour to the tip of Africa. Ten years ago this event was a highlight of MotorinG pleasure and enjoyment - enabling the MGA owners to really appreciate what I believe to be the epitome of a true British sportscar in the company of other true believers - it will be a Great Year!

In between all that there is an event to Sandstone, which will require early accommodation booking in the surrounding areas. And then the preparing of our cars for these events.

I have been clearing out under the house as there are J2 bits that have not come to light - and the culling of a lot of MG material, to make space, for other MG material.

Then - with the Tour to France for the MG event at the Le Touquet next June, with possibly Silverstone close after, and then the Indaba hosted by Northerns, it is set to be a glorious MG year to follow.

(Have you booked for the INDABA yet? If not you had better get cracking)

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## **"RED CAR & THE PAN AMERICA HIGHWAY IN 2015**

Many will remember the Australian & UK folk who completed the 'Cape to Cairo & Beyond' trek in their MGs during 2012.

Well, Ken & Sue Slater are off in their 1966 red MGB GT (with other MG nuts) during 2015 travelling the length of the Americas.

Please follow their progress on Sue's blog <https://susieslater.wordpress.com/> or <https://susieslater.wordpress.com/2015/01/page/5/> for details of the adventure to date ."

# TECHNICAL

## Remedy for T-Type Overheating Problems

Jacques de Biel 1987

Overheating in T-Types can sometimes be a little bit of a problem. Firstly start by flushing out the radiator, and inspect the cores; have it re-cored if necessary. Then check the radiator hoses, they could be restricted inside. Remove the water pump, clean rust build-up, or replace the pump if faulty.

Flush out the head and block, many additives are available. Check fan blades are facing the correct way, check fan belt. Valve clearances are also important – re-set to specified gaps. Check that valves and guides are getting generous quantities of oil. Check compression.

Remove rear inspection plate on head, to see if water passages are open, and that gasket is facing the correct way. Do the holes in the block and head correspond with those in gasket, and are they open, allowing the water to flow easily? What about any exhaust blockages. Also give the carburettors a once over, clean and polish the dash pots. Add 3 in one oil in the plungers. Tune and balance the air intake. Sometimes no matter how lean or rich, the overheating is still there.

Check the distributor thoroughly, bearings, weight springs must be equal strength, replace plugs, points and condenser. As a last attempt I suggest you knock out the two welsh plugs from the front and back of the rectangular water gallery on the right side of the engine. When these two plugs are out, look for two things. Firstly look for rough edges and rust build-up which may block the water flow. If so, chip or grind out to clear the passages.

Secondly, inside each plug is a 3/16 inch diameter hole, connecting the rectangular water gallery to the water jackets within the block. Make sure the 3/16 inch holes are clean. In most cases you will not be able to see the holes. Just scratch with a small screw driver and you will quickly see where they are. To clean them out a 3/16 inch drill spun between the fingers can be used. It has been found that even after a complete engine re-build some of those passages were still blocked.



# ADVENTURES OF THE PAST!!!

Have 'You' heard of a Greasy Sock?

This anecdote has been taken from an MG Magazine, dated 1976.

Submitted by John Fry

Anecdotes were flying thick and fast around the supper table at a meeting of the local TC Owners Club. The young devotee who had only recently acquired his machine, was agog at the florid tales of past exploits being spun by the more seasoned colleagues in his midst.

One of the veterans turned to the new chum and asked, "what does your old woman say about your greasy right sock when you get home?"

Choking back a half-chewed pasty, somewhat thrown off balance by the technical implications in the question, he replied, "Oh that . . . wel, er, WHAT greasy right sock?"

"You mean you don't get a greasy right sock in your TC?" came the sharp retort.

"Well I haven't really noticed. But I don't think I've got any oil leaks down there, and the pedals and linkages are all pretty clean."

Muffled laughter in the background.

"Listen", continued the veteran. "There's more to greasy right socks than shiny pedals. Picture yourself on a summer night, out with a gorgeous bird for her first spin in your TC. After the usual fast preliminaries around the suburbs, top down, wind in the hair . . . you know, the full treatment . . . you pull off into the undergrowth to press home your advantage. And things are looking good until the bloody steering wheel begins to cramp your style. But there's a remedy close at hand; you reach for that spanner, accidentally left on the floor and, in a flash, the steering wheel is in it's rightful place behind the driving seat. Do you see now?"

"Well, I can see one thing that's going to happen. But I thought that you were on about a greasy right sock".

"Sure I am," continued the storyteller. "No one wants to go home with a dirty big black mark down the back of his new shirt, does he? So what do you do? You whip off your right sock, bung it over the end of the steering column, and take up the action where you left off. Happy Motoring".

Amid the laughter and cries of "Rhubarb", the more experienced members of the group knew that the REAL education of another convert was only just beginning."

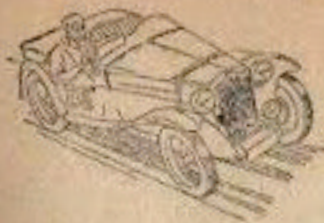
*Cheers, John Fry*

# “I Wonder Who is Paying for These?”

I did NOT see any Toll Gantries



Recently found on a Website, was submitted by a friend of mine



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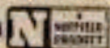


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Points for 2014

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Surname	Name	Sum of Points
Loader	Kevin	370
Erasmus	Hentie	335
Winterstein	Clive	270
Greig	Bill	230
Boshoff	Koos	225
Parker	Glen	215
De Groot	Rudi	185
Watt	Mike	180
Norton	Rodney	175
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Spavins	Derek	165
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De Groot	Anneke	315
Loader	Jenny	260
Winterstein	Tania Borg	225
Parker	Hilde	215
Dixon	Carol	170
Smyth	Wendy	155
Norton	Jocelyn	145
Greig	Daphne	140
Watt	Valerie	130
Kelly	Wendy	130
Cuninghame	Thelma	125
McLeod L	Marleen	120
Schweizer	Judith M J	105
Dixon M	Shelly	100
Holt	Heather	90
Ewing	Pat	85
Van Der Schyff	Maureen	80
Leppan	Melanie	80
Hain	Margaret	75
Westwood	Vi	70
Cass I	Daphne	65
Spavins	Lyn	65
Pearce	Lorraine	65
Brett	Louie	60
Aubourg	Jenny	50
Stokes	Joan	50
Mercer-Tod	Teresa	45
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Jones	Carole	30
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# 2015 Motoring Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Details	Place	Organiser(s)
8-Jan-15	Thur	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin	Arround the World in an MG - Norman Ewing	Old Eds	Norman Ewing 0836545433
11-Jan-15	Sun	09h30	Run	Annual Sylviadale Historic Museum	Sylviadale	Abe brink 084 652 7952 berylkb@telkomsa.net
31-Jan-15	Sat	Zwartkops International Historic Racing				Many interntional star plus the MG Youth Project need your support
05-Feb-15	Thurs	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin	AGM	Old Eds	William Kelly (082) 886 7114
08-Feb-15	Sun	09h30 for 10h00 departure	Run	Rob Herman's @ Harties <b>Bring your own picnic</b>	Mazista/MG Garage off Malibongwe	Norman Ewing 0836545433
18-Feb-14	Wed	10h00	Mid week	Exhibition on" <i>South African Prisoners of War</i> " Followed by lunch at Transvaal/Scottish Museum Buffet R100 pp  <b>FULLY BOOKED note 18 Mar</b>	Brenthurst Library  Federation Road , Parktown 26°10'17.55" S28°02'37.70"E <a href="http://www.brenthurst.org.za">http://www.brenthurst.org.za</a>	Norman Ewing 0836545433
TBA				Ladies Lunch		Lou Brett
05-Mar	Thurs	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin			
08-Mar	Sun		Run			
18-Mar	Wed		Mid-week	<b>MAX 20 PAX - PSE BOOK</b> Exhibition on South African Prisoners of War	Brenthurst Library	Norman Ewing 0836545433
13 - 23 Aug			Other	MGA 60th anniversary tour		Kevin Loader KLoader@worldonline.co.za
NON-CLUB EVENTS OF INTEREST						
15-Feb	Sun	Early	Other	Piston Ring <b>BRITISH CAR DAY</b>	Modderfontein	PJ Ryan / William Kelly
15-Mar	Sun	Early	Other	Piston Ring SWOP Meet	Modderfontein	Donation of goodies for MG Youth Club Fund Raising most
22-Mar-15	Open Day for the 2015 MMM MG Gathering to be hosted at the Franschhoek Motor Museum.					
05-Apr	Sun	Early	Other	Angela's Picnic	Delta Park	Club coordinator TBA
2 - 12 April 2015				Stars of Sandstone		<a href="mailto:babitan@sandstone.co.za">babitan@sandstone.co.za</a>
Railway enthusiasts, car and tractor buffs will love this one! Special offer for MG Car Club Members						
30 Apr - 3 May	MGCC - Border Centre : Cape Centres 2015					
17-May	Sun	07h00 onwards		Pietermaritzburg Cars in the Park		Wian de Villiers 0834167157
The club have been invited to join the KZN Mini Owners Club to display our vehicles at this event, please note we need to know who is willing to go to forward the numbers to them ASAP. Also according to the info we received from the organizers of the event a special display will be held for cars from 1975 or older. Please inform one of the committee members if you wish to join.						
19-Jul	Sun	TBA	Other	Scottburgh Classic Car Show 2015	Club coordinator TBA	Peter Fielding - Event Organizer <a href="http://www.scottburghclassiccarshow.co.za">www.scottburghclassiccarshow.co.za</a> Tel: 039 976 1995

# MG(A) 60 for Away Tour 2015

## Newsletter



Hello all you lucky MGA Drivers

Lucky? Why? I thought you might be interested. A local classic car dealership, Hamptons, recently had a 1959 MGA 1500 for sale at an asking price of R395,000, not bad I thought. I overpaid R110,000 for mine way back in 2001 and I've spent a few bob on it since but imagine if I was a golfer, no return except frustration and ulcers.

Anyway some more good news is that we have collected all the money for the first payment and the deposits so we're in a good financial position. So thanks to you all for your great response. We have paid all the hotels and we still have quite a good balance in the bank. Of course we now have to collect the next payments in February to pay the hotels in March.

As a matter of interest some of the folk (7) have paid in full!

John Buttress is hard at work putting the route book together and for those of you who don't know John, thanks to his earlier days as a rally driver, knows every highway and byway in our beautiful country. We have had some great input from various people, but if anyone out there has any suggestions about where to visit on route please let us know.

For instance, on the way back from the Indaba last year Derek Spavins and I were heading for Port Alfred to visit Derek's brother and we dropped in to Storm's River to find a coffee and we discovered the most amazing period café. This had a couple of classic bikes, a 1930's Chev (I think) as well as pictures of Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, etc., and believe it or not a period juke box with an Elvis number playing. Derek swears he doesn't like anything but light classics but his foot was tapping away with the best of them (pop in and try an old fashioned double thick malt).

Talking to Kevin earlier he mentioned that he had only received 8 car write-ups so this is an appeal to please give us some stories about your car as this generated a lot of interest on the 50th run and we'll need some time to collate and let you all have copies of the document.

As an aside, when John was using google to pinpoint Ronnie's Sex Shop his puritan system wouldn't reproduce "sex" so he had to enter s?x to find the co-ordinates.

You'll remember in the first newsletter I made the point that we have plenty of time to organise the run but all of a sudden we only have six months to go so please make sure your cars are in good shape and don't forget the WINNS additive as LRP petrol is no longer available on the freeways nor at many other petrol stations.

Kevin and Jenny were checking the old participants' lists and interestingly there are only 17 drivers on the 60th that also participated in the 50th. Someone suggested that we make up a song entitled "Where have all the MGAs gone?"

As I draft this missive I must admit that I really get excited at the prospect of spending time with like-minded enthusiasts driving a very special classic through this gorgeous country of ours. With the prospect of beautiful passes, great places of interest, some pretty good places to stay, some good food, humour and camaraderie (and perhaps a few noggins along the way).

I feel truly blessed to be part of it all and I guess time will flash by as it always does and we'll once more be out there again with the wind in what is left of our hair.

Best wishes and kind regards

Mike O'Keeffe and the MGA 60th Anniversary Committee



*The first MGA sport car was officially introduced at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 1955, and they were sold until 1962. Elvis Presley sings from an open top version in his 1961 film Blue Hawaii. Apparently, they're one of the best cars for vintage racing.*



# *Stars of Sandstone 2015*

PUBLIC DAY – SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL 2015



Sandstone is pleased to announce that it will be holding a special Public Day in association with the Armour Museum in Bloemfontein during its world renowned annual Stars of Sandstone event. The Sandstone Heritage Trust, which has the largest collection of Narrow Gauge locomotives in the world and one of the most impressive South African designed Military vehicle collections, holds an annual event that is fully booked months in advance. However, after consultation with the Armour Museum in Bloemfontein, who participate in a number of Sandstone events for the benefit of the public and for specialist interest groups, we have agreed to expand the programme to allow members of the public to attend for one day. There will be continuous 2-ft Narrow Gauge train rides throughout the entire 26-km circuit. We will in addition be running Military convoys which members of the public will be able to participate in by riding in Armoured Personnel Carriers like Casspirs, Ratels, and other vehicles.

Visitors can also enjoy the sights and sounds of vintage agricultural machinery, vintage aircraft as well as take a ride in a Voortrekker wagon hauled by Sandstone's span of Afrikaner Oxen. There will be plenty for the whole family to enjoy.

**Entrance is R75.00 incl VAT for adults and R25.00 incl VAT for children under 12.  
Food and refreshments will be on sale.**

While booking is not essential we would recommend that people advise us of their intention to spend the day at Sandstone. However, payment can either be made in advance or on the day at the gate.



*Photographs courtesy of Hannes Pallen, Rod Heeling and Dennis Potgieter*



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A detailed programme of the day's events will be published on 15th February 2015