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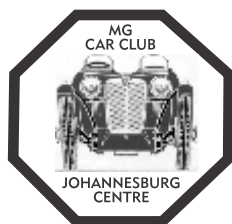
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Remember to **reference** your deposit with your **name** & preferably state your Membership Number

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!"

Club Runs, are normally held on the second Sunday of each month.

AFFILIATED TO THE MG CAR CLUB - ABINGDON-ON-THAMES - ENGLAND

Thumbs Up!!!



This has been the most trying time in the past 16 years of Editorship, as you all know I have been suffering with computer problems for a long time now.

With things not really improving I approached the committee, saying that if this did not improve, I would not be able to continue as Editor.

The Committee then agreed to assist by employing a qualified IT man to investigate the problem. After 2 1/2 hours, he announced that many faults had needed to be rectified. He was able to set up my system to again read and send my work onto the printer as we did in the distant past. I can now even find my photographs dating back to 2002 onwards. Great!

Now, back to MG matters. A busy period lately with something MG taking place every weekend for the past 6 weeks. However, unfortunately we have not had more than 11 MGs out at any of these events. We ask ourselves why? I am sure that there are just too many things on offer. Our members normally had the second Sunday diarised for an MG event. That date was always kept open for regular MG outings. Now when do they get time to attend to their other interests, and when do they visit their families? Those things have to be fitted in somewhere during the month as well.

One very regular event, being Norman's October run, always celebrating the anniversary of the formation of the Mother Club in the UK, with a cake being cut and shared out among the members. Here we usually have 25 or more participants. Only 9 MGs took part on this occasion. Most disappointing for the organisers of these outings.

The ladies Christmas Lunch will be next on the agenda for 6 November. Then the Noggin in December. The January Noggin falls on New Year's Day, so that will change to Thursday 8 January 2015. The date for the Annual SAMCA RUN to the Vaal will soon be confirmed.

Your Editor, after my Astra had been written off recently, had to find another vehicle, as my wife Hyla now needs to reach the shops etc. while I am at work. A little Morris 1000 was For Sale at the Vaal Show recently. In very good condition, we bought it, and it is now roadworthy and licensed. We did try to keep in the MG family, but where would we find a good MG for R20 000. After all, a Morris also originated from Abingdon. As for the roadworthy test, it just needed the hand brake adjusted, and some excess play taken up on the prop shaft. Hyla is now enjoying her new toy!

Your Editor
Tom

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CHAIRMAN'S



Contrary to popular belief I don't eat my Koi!

And whilst young James may have puked all over Scrooges - on the floor, in Wendy's handbag, all over my leg, the chair, Wendy's dress, himself and anyone else within a 5m radius - apparently the charity auction went well. Terrance kindly didn't evict us - but I'm afraid that we had to leave abruptly for obvious reasons.

Missing Aki at the noggin was not on the agenda and indeed this is now the second time sushi has had me man down - from different restaurants I may add. As I write this I am preparing for 10 days in Japan and my nervousness levels are at an all time high. If I cannot eat sushi in Japan it's going to be a total downer!

October was a blast - I can tell already(!). Karting, flowers, speakers, etc. And November is equally full with Christmas around the blerry corner already. James is beginning to understand the concept of presents now and I can see the monthly miscellaneous expense bill starting to rack up.

Those of you intimately engaged in the economy know we're in tough times. If someone would please explain that to the aqua culture industry I'd be very grateful. Couple that to a few more closures as opposed to endless talking about the industry - i.e. a bit more doing! and I'd be smiling a whole lot more than I am running around demonstrating and evaluating and proposing and assessing and quoting and accounting and writing....

Still they say that to be busy is a blessing. We'll take it thank you and any opportunity to help alleviate the tremendous assault on our oceans I happen to think is a good thing. It's not all about making money but about keeping things sustainable as well as making money.

It's a similar concept to our Club's finances really. Sure it's good to build up some cash and it's good to save on our costs where we can but ultimately the Club is about it's members. I think we should sustainably earn our keep having fun along the way and whilst we don't have oceans to save or rhinos to rescue I would like to see a bit more direction in our Club towards some sustainable altruistic end, outside of our Youth Project which has managed to find sponsors and support from within the Club.

In other words I'd like to see the Club start to make a small step or two in the direction of being sustainable within the broader community within which we find ourselves. I'm not talking about passing the hat around to raise money for some cause because we're not Rotary and nor should we be. But aligning ourselves as a Car Club that can be seen to support and be a part of something a little broader within our community would be nice.

Deep down I'd like to see a Chairman's Run - coupled to the biker's Toy Run. Who knows anyone in this event - the few enquiries I have made have stalled? Wouldn't it be bloody marvellous to have Angela's Picnic take to the roads in an orgy of heavy metal and petrol and to hook up with our two wheeled counter parts on a single day in which we can share

our love of mechanised movement in a Charity Toy Run? I can think of nothing more I'd like to do than to bring our City to a standstill in the same way those damned runners do once in a while... Man alive, it'd be brilliant. And I'd bet a lot of cash the other Car Clubs would be in - a chance to drive, show off our cars, be seen and contribute in a small way.

Upcoming events!

If you have not paid for your Xmas lunch you've missed out. Or maybe not - check with Suzette as you read this. It's a long shot but you might still get in. R120/head (your Club is subsidising it by R50/head) gets you a lunch you will not forget easily.

Listen, when we've been telling you that this is something not be missed - on every event it has been spectacular. Do not miss these - they're awesome fun!

New Members

There are a lot of MGs out there that are not part of our Club. Why? What are we missing here? I happen to think we're a great bunch of like minded people from all walks and I would like to see more of us. We're in short enough supply as it is.

Speaking of which it's been a horrible few months on the passing of friends. Don Lindsay who hosted us at his place at the Vaal at what feels like yesterday passed away recently, as did Dawie Gous. We've lost others and if we had an obituary column in Thumbs Up it would be full. These are not old people either and it serves as a stark reminder that we're all at the mercy of the Grim Reaper and that whilst you have the opportunity to drive your MG then get in the damned thing and do so! And enjoy it! Without fail mine bring me so much pleasure that even when they break down I don't really mind. It's all part of the MG adventure we all understand in ways non MG people simply cannot. Unless they're been brainwashed...

William

HELLO ALL

Unfortunately the time has come for me to part with some of my harem [no! not my wife!]

My MG B V8, MG TF 1954, and my MG VA Tickford 1938 will be for sale. All cars are in mint condition.

Please contact me for further information.

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“Way Beyond Grumpy” at the October Noggin

The 60 odd members and guests that attended the Noggin on 2 October were well impressed by Aki's tongue in cheek approach to dealing with the challenges and upside of technology.

INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed Aki Kalliatakis, is a sought after customer service expert speaker who gives motivational talks, conduct seminars, workshops and training courses all over the world. More here: <http://www.leadershiplaunchpad.co.za>

Since 1997, Aki has helped companies to develop their corporate strategic customer service plans. The client list includes companies like Liberty, Nando's, MTN, SA Breweries, Nedbank, Sasol, Johnnic Communications, VW South Africa to name only a few.



A well attended Noggin



Suzette (Event Secretary) and PJ (who hosted the Noggin in the Chairman's absence) with Aki Kalliatakis (Image by Kevin Loader)

Aki Kalliatakis has in the past hosted his own radio talk show on Radio 702 with Mike Mills; has written articles for various journals and is a published author with “Reflections on Delighting Your Customers” and a second book is to be released soon.

Aki's talk opened with “Hands up if you think that the world has gone quite mad... In the chase for technological superiority, political correctness, and corporate stupidity; surviving society in a reasonably sane manner seems impossible.”

His fun filled “the confessions of a totally bewildered Baby Boomer” had a lot of people feeling less “alone” although slightly bewildered PANDAs – those of you who attended will need to pass on the meaning of that Acronym!

We look forward to taking Aki and his 10-year old for a jaunt in one of the Oldies and will have to get him back for more inspiration and a book signing to boot!

...we're just PANDAs doing the best we can!



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Viewing Prize Gardens in Houghton Johannesburg

On Sunday 5th October Kevin and I led a convoy of 10 cars up the hill (Munro Drive) from Old Eds to the posh side of Houghton. Jeanne and Hentie came out in their new B Roadster and William and Wendy in their new MGA and we wish them all many happy motoring miles in their cars.

Nine historic homes and their gardens were on show and we had an interesting and very peaceful time wandering the streets admiring how the 'other half live' or did live in these historic homes of the gold rush era. We enjoyed a delicious tea and lunch along the way. Lou loved the meringues and jealously booked the table for the next MG sitting with Suzette, Peter, Paul, William and Wendy.

A few of us listened to a small pipe band and choir at KES which were most entertaining. Bill Greig had been in the KES pipe band for four years from 1951 - 1955, being the Pipe Major in his final year at school, so watching, took Bill down memory lane. Bruce and Carol Dixon's sons had also attended KES so this was also a bit of nostalgia for them too and I did see Michael and Shelly Dixon going off to look at old classrooms perhaps? Mike and Valerie Watt were most impressed with the KES Library.

Norman decided that the white house at no. 55 St Patrick Road was a very pleasant spot to live. The circular deck and views for ever over the northern suburbs along with the gentle waterfall were most inviting. Pat loved the simplicity of the gardens.

This city actually has a great deal to offer and it is opportunities like this that we should take through the year to explore and discover a bit more about hidden gems of Johannesburg.



Map showing
the gardens on show



Part of the MG crowd waiting to watch the pipe band at KES

*Bill Greig watching the band
& thinking back to the 1950s*



William & Wendy's "new" MGA

*KES pipe band with MG folk
watching from the library steps*



*Eight gardens on show, all in
walking distance - marvellous*



Part of the view of the northern suburbs from the ridge



More MG folk heading back for lunch



The house, deck & view that Norman enjoyed

Norman Sets All-Time Record

Usually over the past 30 years or so Norman has been arranging the Run on the second Sunday of October, and has regularly had a Birthday Cake ready to be cut during the day in celebration of the formation of the MG Mother Club, in Abingdon UK, which officially was started during October 1930.

This year was no exception - Sunday 12th was his day for celebrating this historic Occasion. A long complicated route schedule is prepared by Norman (and we suspect with Pat's help). Always following Abingdon Street names turning either left or right at regular intervals, through the suburbs of Johannesburg. Then there is usually a long Questionnaire, asking some very obscure questions, eg. How many times you saw the word "Abingdon" on buildings that you had passed during the morning's run?, or some hidden street names, relating to makes of cars etc. We have even found people stopping to consult a nearby computer web-site to find the correct answers, in the hopes of winning the prize of the day.

Now due to a small hiccup, with many roads being closed off on this fateful Sunday, Norman had no option but to cancel his planned schedule, and substitute it with the following. A curt SMS, sent out at the last moment, saying that we should all meet at Water World in North Riding at 9am.

By 9am, 9 MGs had assembled, only to be told that departure was meant for 10am. OK, so we wait. Most unusual -- Where are we going? -- and what are we going to be doing? The usual Cake did not seem to be there. We still assumed that the convoy would be heading back to the suburbs -- we all thought!!!

Now! Just before the starting time, Norman presented his Route Schedule -- A tiny scrap of paper measuring no more than 210 x 50mm deep, with only 32 words on it. (see picture attached).

Following the instructions, these 9 MGs headed at a fairly brisk pace in convoy towards Hartebeestpoort. However Norman (our leader suddenly indicated he was turning left into a very smart looking roadside café, where we had a leisurely 45 minutes. Sitting in the open air enjoying coffee and snacks. Then -- Right Let's GO! Norman announced. Heading off in the same direction, but now we mingled with many motor cyclists -- GOSH! The size of these bright shining machines these days is absolutely unbelievable. Each must be costing the amount of at least that of a Ferrari.

Anyway (modest little MGs sped along minding their own business - eventually turning back towards Krugersdorp. This quieter stretch turned into a fast challenge to reach the nominated lunch stop. Coming to a T-Junction, we found ourselves heading at a much slower pace going back to Harties. With flickers flashing, to turn left, we slowed to find a red coloured double storey building, with two old rusty Motor Car Bodies at the entrance. Some very, very loud music greeted us, as we were ushered to some tables near the noisy band. We doubtfully ordered our lunch - not really knowing what we were actually going to get. After over an hour's wait, and making friends with the band leader we were then able to listen to some real Old Time Music and songs of yester year.

The long awaited lunch was also divine, and well prepared. After this fine meal and pleasant change in music. The MG Cake appeared, was cut, and shared out amongst our MG members, and also a slice or two was given to the Band Leader and his companions -- they promptly stopped their song half way through, and enjoyed the MG Cake with us. Some cake was also given to the Bar attendants as well as patrons at the Bar.

All in All, a very Pleasant Day was had by all. I am sure many of us will be back visiting the

"Cradlestone Eye" Restaurant again soon.

NOW to Norman -- This Historic Sunday, may not have been what you originally intended -- but it turned out to be a wonderful Social MG Motoring Event!!!

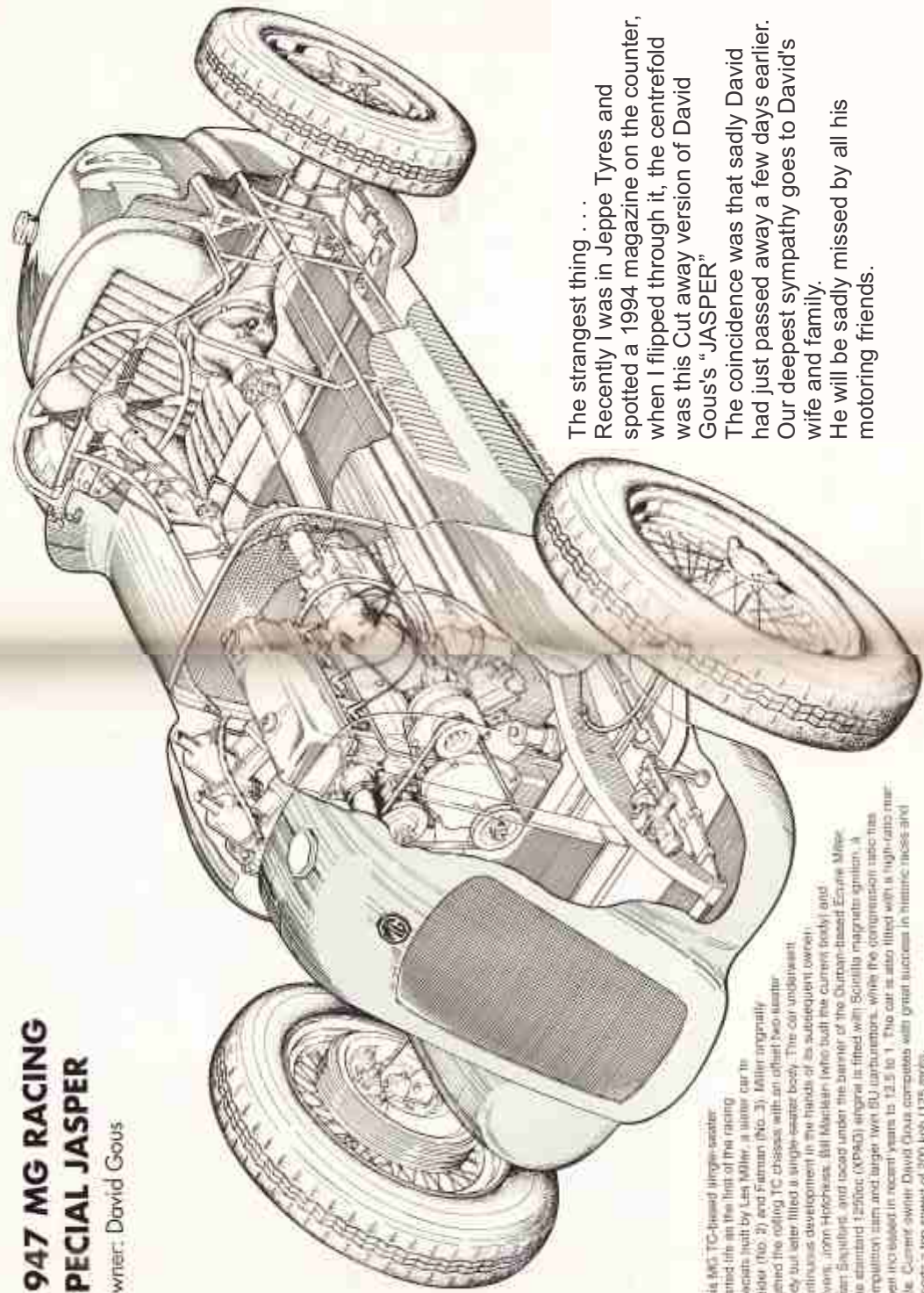
THANK YOU Editor.

AT GATE TURN LEFT ONTO R512
PAST LANSETRIA TO BREDERSTROOM - LEFT AT JUNCTION
TURN LEFT AT HARTBEESHOEK (CRADLE OF MANKIND)
PAST TRACKING STATION - T JUNCTION RIGHT ONTO R563
LEFT INTO "CRADLE'S EYE" - BONAPETIT



1947 MG RACING SPECIAL JASPER

Owner: David Gous



This MG TC-based single-seater started life as the first of the racing specialists built by Len Miller, a minor car to Spider (No. 2) and Farman (No. 3). Miller originally claimed the rolling TC chassis with an offset two-seater body but later fitted a single-seater body. The car underwent continuous development in the hands of its subsequent owner, driver, John Horsman. Bill Macklean (who built the current body) and Brian Squire, and later under the banner of the Curran-based Eyras Motor. The standard 1250cc (NP400) engine is fitted with Scintilla magnetos, a competition cam and larger twin BV carburetors, while the compression ratio has been increased in recent years to 13.5 to 1. The car is also fitted with a high-ratio main axle. Current owner David Gous competes with great success in historic races and reports a top speed of 200 mph (175 mph).

The strangest thing
Recently I was in Jeppe Tyres and spotted a 1994 magazine on the counter, when I flipped through it, the centrefold was this Cut away version of David Gous's "JASPER"

The coincidence was that sadly David had just passed away a few days earlier. Our deepest sympathy goes to David's wife and family.

He will be sadly missed by all his motoring friends.

Norman Talks!

Don't Drop the BALL!

Many years ago Chick Henderson called me “The most opportunistic little B.....” he had ever met, which I took as a compliment, as I was always ready to grab every opportunity with both hands – especially if it was shaped like a rugby ball!!!! Meant to be passed to someone else.

So after nearly forty years in advertising and marketing, I found it hard to believe that so many of those handed a golden egg on a plate try to kill the goose.

The day I met Dave Rowley, after Andy had asked me to “get involved “with Bloodhound, I had asked Dave what he was doing for transport. His answer astounded me. They were hiring cars! So I took Dave and Peppi off to MG, told Craig that there was something he had to see -- did a quick “Bloodhound’ presentation and twenty minutes later it was agreed, Dave Rowley would have an MG wrapped MG6.

Well, that was a good couple of years ago – I made sure the car, Dave and Wendy were at Clarens and Knysna for the Indabas -- And the car had pride of place on the Top Gear show in Durbs.

So – what did MG do? They took the car back.

Talk about dropping the ball! Carol Dixon suggested that all the centres should club in, buy it and keep it running with “Bloodhound” paying running costs -- the smaller centres would regard this as a financial killer. This centre is in no position to just blow its budget on this, and so between the National Body – and whatever can be done for the Indaba to raise funds -- we have to keep this iconic piece of SA motoring history in the public eye -- Watch this space!





The Points Position

Points are earned for:-Attendance at Meetings, and Runs, Tours etc. Submitting articles, or pics for the Magazine, assisting with organisation.

Gender M
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Surname	Name	Points
Loader	Kevin	400
Erasmus	Hentie	285
Winterstein	Clive	250
Greig	Bill	200
Boshoff	Koos	195
Parker	Glen	185
De Groot	Rudi	155
Cuninghame	Stewart	155
Watt	Mike	150
Spavins	Derek	145
Smyth	Cliff	145
Norton	Rodney	145
Knight	Peter	145
McLeod L	Les	130
Dewar	Alex	120
Van Der Schyff	Bryan	120
Schweizer	Rolf Peter	115
Hughes	Paul	105
Brink	Abraham J	100
MacKenzie	John	100
Moody	Alex	100
Holt	Dave A	90
Buttress	John	90
Cass I	Ian Devere	85
Kirkland R	Raymond	80
Brown GE	Graham E.	80
Brett	Michael	80
Martins	Esra	75
Pienaar	Johnny	70
Watson K	Keith	70
Pearce	Roger	70
Westwood K	Kevin	60
	Kevin Wes	10
Vercellotti	Greg(ory)	60
Langsford	Derek	60
Leppan	Raymond	60
Aubourg	Chris	60
Stokes	Nigel	50
Van Hell	Pierre	45
Hain	Stuart	45
Couling	Alex	45
Jones R	Roy	45
Mercer-Tod	Rob	45
Duncan	Kenneth	45
O'Keeffe	Michael	45
De Castro A	Jose Carlo	45
Grover	Richard	40
Dehlen	George	20
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Cass H	Henry Jam	40
Parrott	Nick	40
Westaway	Jay	40
Edmonds	Peter Scuti	30
Schiering	George	30

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Gender F
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Surname	Name	Points
Erasmus	Jeanne	385
De Groot	Anneke	275
Winterstein	Tania Borg	205
Loader	Jenny	205
Parker	Hilde	185
Dixon	Carol	130
Smyth	Wendy	125
Norton	Jocelyn	125
Cuninghame	Thelma	125
McLeod L	Marleen	120
Greig	Daphne	120
Watt	Valerie	110
Schweizer	Judith M J	105
Holt	Heather	90
Kelly	Wendy	90
Dixon M	Shelly	80
Westwood	Vi	70
Pearce	Lorraine	65
Cass I	Daphne	65
Van Der Schyff	Maureen	60
Leppan	Melanie	60
Stokes	Joan	50
Aubourg	Jenny	50
Van Hell	Amanda	45
Spavins	Lyn	45
Mercer-Tod	Teresa	45
Hain	Margaret	45
Ewing	Pat	45
De Castro A	Anita	45
Duncan	Lynda M	45
Brett	Louie	40
Kirkland	Hyla	30
Hopkins	Pat	25
Jones R	Janet	25
Wear	Eleanor	25
Caldecott	Sally	25
Couling	Maureen	25
O'Keeffe	Dawn	25
Legg	Patti	25
Parrott	Emily	20
Wickins	Pennie	20
Kirkland R	Joanne	20
Schiering	Margaret	20
Brown GE	Sandra	20
Watson K	Noel	20
Baylis NC	Tanya	20
Rutherford-Jones	Jill P	20
Colley	Jenny	10
Grover	Avril	10
Grand Total		3,631

The Points Position *Continued*

Gender	M
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Surname	Name	Points
Teixeira	Joe	30
Hopkins	Denzil	25
Legg	Edward	25
Caldecott	Malcolm	25
Wear	R.C.H.	25
Hutchinson	Leonard	20
Fielding	Peter	20
Pearce S	Sean	20
MacIldowie	Peter	20
Baylis NC	Bob	20
Holt G	Gavin	20
Ward	Mike	10
	Glenda	10
Wheeler	Dave	20
Schroder	Keith	20
Standing	Gavin	20
Phillips	William	20
Grover Jnr	Stephen	20
McMahon	Anthony	20
Westwood	Graeme	20
Govender	Thamlin	20
Groenewald	Herman	20
Burger	Ashley	20
Wickins	Doug(las)	20
Wilson M	Mark	20
Tracey	Brendon	20
Kernick	Stephen	10
Singh	Bhagved	10
Fear	Vic	10
Singh S	Sudev	10
Ludik	Ryan	10
Colley	Thomas	10
Wilson	Craig	10
Roediger	Paul Karl E	10
Meiring	John	10
Grand Total		5,835

HAD THE KEY ALL ALONG!!!

(I work as a receptionist at my local dealership answering the phones.)

Caller: "I need to have my car towed to your dealership. Do you have a service for that, or one that you can recommend?"

Me: "We do, but it's expensive. Can you tell me more about the problem so we can try and help you before resorting to that?"

Caller: "Oh, sure! Well, I think my key remote is dead, so I can't unlock my car. Because I can't unlock it, I can't get anywhere! This is my only car, and I rely on it. I need to get it unlocked as soon as possible."

Me: "Ma'am, have you tried putting the key into the keyhole on the door?"

Caller: "What? Cars still have that? I don't think mine does, but I'll go check."

(About a minute passes...)

Caller: "Oh, my God! You're my hero! It totally worked! Thank you so much!"

2014 CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKINGS

Bring the whole family and your Christmas spirit!

Sun 9-Nov-14 12H00 for 12H30

The Boma at Indaba Hotel, William Nicol Drive, Fourways

R 120.00 per person

Price includes a welcome drink, entertainment, Christmas crackers, a HUGE buffet (Come hungry!)

AND R100 Mowana Spa voucher ... It's a steal.

Confirm your booking by paying in advance – deadline 2 Nov

PAYMENT: R120 pp with your name as reference and mail POP to rybo@absamail.co.za

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DO IT NOW!

POWER

- Eurofighter jet engine EJ200 used for initial acceleration.
- Hybrid solid fuel rocket kicks in at 350mph.
- Peroxide is pumped through using a V12 racing engine.

FACTFILE: BLOODHOUND

- Speed: Mach 1.4 or 1,050mph.
- Length: 42ft
- Weight: 6.4 tons
- Height: 9ft
- Record attempt: 2011
- Cost: £10 million

BODYWORK

- Carbon fibre and titanium.
- Able to withstand air pressure of more than 12 tons per square metre.
- 200 sensors throughout body feeding into computer.

Solid fuel rocket

BRAKES

- Air brakes activate at 800mph.
- Parachute released once car slows to 600mph.
- Released in three stages to avoid ripping.
- Bloodhound apart.

V12 engine

WHEELS

- 36in diameter
- Made of solid titanium.
- Spin at more than 10,000 rpm.
- Turning circle 391ft.

- **AERODYNAMICS**
- Two computer-controlled 'winglets' on nose to keep on ground.



Pilot: Andy Green

Graphics:
John Lawton

TIMELINE

0-5secs

Jet engine accelerates Bloodhound to 100mph

15secs

At 350mph rocket ignites

15-40secs

Accelerates to 1,050 mph

40-43.5secs

Record attempt over one mile

44-85secs

Rocket shut off. Brakes

CARADVICE COMMENTS

Pics from Roger's Wild Coast Flower Tour



Don Lindsay

We will remember Don and his wife, for their friendly hospitality when visiting them at their lovely home on the banks of the Vaal River.

Although Don had not been well for some time, he was always cheerful, and was seen at the Old Wheels Club Show, only a few weeks before.

He was seen ordering a coal scuttle from a blacksmith, going into great detail with the exact design that he wanted the blacksmith to follow.

Our Deepest Sympathy to his family and friends



Rick and Rika Lewis

Those who attended the well presented DJ Run Talk a few months ago will remember the heavily bearded gentleman who was one of the 6 who addressed us that evening, with Stewart Cunningham.

Rick had just celebrated his 60th Birthday and had ridden his bike all the way to work at the harbour in Port Elizabeth. He rode through some very rough weather, caught pneumonia and died 3 days later.

Rika, Rick Lewis's wife (daughter-in-law of Moira and late Fred Kolbe) also sadly passed away on 22 Sept with meningitis

Our Condolences to their respective families and friends.



David Gous -- Owner of MG 'Jasper'

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of David Gous, He was a dedicated motor enthusiast, and very well known in the preservation field. To David's family and friends, our MG Members send you our Sincere Condolences.

Sincere Thanks, from Celia Baylis

To my dear MG Friends, who were so kind to send a message and have it attached to a Red Rose in my bouquet of 80! which I received on the morning of my 80th Birthday.

So many MG people sent me messages – all a great surprise!

My grandchildren are at university here, but my son, Dudley, lives in Joburg, and my daughter and her family are all widespread in different countries. I am glad I moved to Cape Town, which was the home of Tupperware for whom I worked for some 30 years, so it was like returning home. I am lucky to be in a really nice retirement village.

Some Tupperware friends decided it was a day to be remembered, and came around with Balloons and Happy Birthday Celia Badges, and someone had made a cake, on Jillian's instructions (wheat free!) with candles that keep re-lighting themselves, so I had quite a few blows, before I realised they were trick ones, so the laugh was on me.!

Then Nikki, (my grand daughter, who is at UCT) arrived on Tuesday afternoon with a huge bunch of 80 red roses, each with an email message attached, it was the biggest surprise of my life, It has taken me several days to get through all the messages, which I gather had been in the planning for months. When Dudley came down last he was apparently busy planning it with Liz, my neighbour. There are about 100 residents here, and I had to provide wine for all of them at lunch time! This is a tradition. Every 5 or 10 years you don't get away with not providing wine, but, of course, the lunch is provided by CP. So I had lots of well wishers. Not often we old people get a chance to bring out our tiaras!

Hopefully I will get to rest next week!

This week just seems to have been a non-stop one, but wonderful

My thanks to you all,
Lots of love,
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Just three years after returning to the British Touring Car Championship, MG lifted the prestigious Manufacturer's Championship at Brands Hatch last weekend.

The MG/Triple Eight team ended Honda's four-year dominance by taking the crown in a thrilling season-finale at the famous Kent circuit on Sunday

Drivers Jason Plato and Sam Tordoff racked up seven wins and 20-podium finishes between them in the 30-race calendar to see off rivals Honda by 95 points.

The BTCC programme has been a key part in re-establishing the MG brand in the UK and globally, raising awareness on TV, online and in national and local press.

The MG6 GT race car was designed to resemble the road car as closely as possible and in addition to the on-track programme, MG have also operated a very successful mobile showroom next to the track, enabling BTCC fans can see, touch and find out more about the latest MG6 and MG3 products.

MG Sales and Marketing Director Guy Jones said "Everyone at MG is delighted with this victory and the team's success in placing the iconic MG brand, with its rich history of motorsport, back at the top of such a prestigious, exciting and challenging championship as BTCC. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this a success both on and off the track. The team here at MG, Ian Harrison and the team at Triple Eight, the drivers Jason Plato and Sam Tordoff, Tesco, Castrol and all our other sponsor partners".



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2014 Motoring Calendar

NOVEMBER 2014

2014 MG Car Club of Johannesburg Events						
Date	Day	Time	Event	Details	Place	Organiser(s)
6-Nov-14	Thu	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin	All about Sandstone Es	Old Eds	Tom Kirkland (082) 445 6770
9-Nov-14	Sun	12H00 FOR 12H30	Annual Christmas Lunch	Price includes welcome drink, entertainment, crackers, HUGE buffet AND R100 Mowana Spa voucher	Indaba Hotel / Boma R120 pp	Suzette Bouwer 0732741120 Confirm your attendance by payment below
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				MG Car Club		
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4-Dec-14	Thu	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin	Andrew Thompson "Memories of F1 racing in the good Old Days"	Old Eds	Suzette Bouwer 0732741120
NOTE the DECEMBER MONTHLY RUN will be a week earlier than the traditional 2nd Sunday before you disappear for your Hols!						
7-Dec-14	Sun	09h00	Run	Irene Kamers vol Geskenke	Irene	Norman Ewing 0836545433
NOTE the January Noggin will be a week later than the traditional 1st Thursday						
8-Jan-15	Thurs	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin	Around the World in an MG by Norman - 45 years on!	Old Eds	Norman Ewing 0836545433
11-Jan-15	Sun	09h00	Run	Annual Historic Car Museum Day	Sylvia dale	Abe Brink 0846527952 berylkb@telkomsa.net
05-Feb-15	Thurs	19h30 for 20h00	Noggin	TBA		
08-Feb-15	Sun	TBA	Run			
OTHER CLUB EVENTS						
19-Oct-14	Sun	09h00	MGNC: Jacaranda Run ending with BYO Braai at their Clubhouse		Meet at Union Buildings, Pretoria	Steve Eden stevejreden@gmail.com
25-Oct-14	Sat		Pro Kart Charity	Race for Hospice Teams of 6 @ R300 pp	Vereeniging	Les McLeod ihmcleod@telkomsa.net
2015 dates for forward planning purposes						
22-Mar-15	Sun	Open Day for the 2015 MMM MG Gathering to be hosted at the Franschhoek Motor Museum.				
30 April to 3 May 2015		MGCC - Border Centre : Cape Centres 2015				



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1972 MGB – R118 000

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 1934 Studebaker Dictator... 1980 Mercedes 280SL... 1968 Wolseley 1660... 1986 Porsche 924S... 1958 Buick Special... 1974 Volvo 164
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