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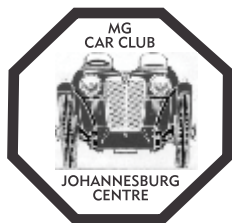
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For more details see Motoring Calendar in this issue of "Thumbs Up!"

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If you do not currently receive SMS event reminders and / or email newsletters, please write to Kevin at mgcc@worldonline.co.za with details of your name, cell phone number and email address. Thanks.

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EDITORIAL

Time marches on. Here we are, putting the final touches to all the events up to the end of December and beyond. Only 3 months to go.

At this Noggin in October we are hoping to have a sneak preview of the much talked about MG3.

We hope this latest version will live up to its claims and we will soon see many of them on our roads. It will be great to see that 'MG Badge' proudly displayed for all to see as was the TF and other brands that we saw some years ago.

Something not to miss, is the Spares Sale of old and redundant MG, Healey, Triumph and other Used and Well used Car Parts which Roger has set up at EmGee Workshop on Saturday 2 November. The proceeds will be donated to the Youth Project (See Ad on page 18)

Also, keep the 10th November open for our Annual Christmas Lunch, this is going to be a 'Grande' event with very affordable rates for Club Members.

The Youth Project has had some exciting ups and downs this year. The drivers have achieved some good results, and have had their share of mishaps at the same time. The A's motor has been re-built, and some minor body repairs have also had to be attended to. Thanks to those who so willingly come forward and provided sponsorship and support to keep these cars on the track.

Kevin has again formulated a comprehensive questionnaire which will be included in this Magazine in order to gather information regarding our members, to assist in the efficient planning and running of the club affairs.

Kindly complete the form and return it to your Committee as soon as possible. We would like to get your feedback, so that we can provide you with the events and activities that you desire from your Club.

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The Chairman's Twitter



The Chairman's (lengthy) Champ At The Bit.

I was in Cape Town recently at a conference and arrived early on Sunday am and was most lucky to join the CT Centres run (thanks to Andrew Blake) to a delightful breakfast in Simonstown. Talk about using my extended family - and meeting some new faces in an unfamiliar territory. There were some familiar ones too in the form of Nigel and Joan Stokes who are semi permanent in that part of the world now. They were anticipating the birth of their grand daughter (Jamie is a name in the running and gets my vote) who made her appearance a day later. Nigel, well Nigel was swelled beyond all manner of reason with pride and good for him too! You could not wipe the smile off his face if you chucked his TD into the sea. Same goes for Joan - hearty congrats to them, and of course to their son Rob and his wife too.

I also trekked forth to meet with them all at their noggin at the Crankhandle Club's venue later in the week (do yourself a favour and do as I did if you are ever there in CT). It's a fabulous meeting venue, truly fantastic and a not inconsiderable library to boot. Their wine happily is rubbish which gave me something to carp on about. Actually it's excellent but I couldn't admit that to their faces although I was being truthful about their rotten weather. Of note, Chris Champion, their local racing nut case, stood up and told us about all the MGs racing in what they call 'fine cars' down there which got me to thinking.

We have the same damned thing up here! We call it Marque Cars but it's the same concept. You drive your car to the track, stick it on the track, and then drive it home again. The beauty of the format is that YOU decide how fast or slow you want to drive - it's a timed lap consistency thing. What happens is that you 'qualify' with a few laps - and you set a time. Then for the actual race you get to nominate what you think your lap times will be. And when you race, you race to keep to those times - too slow and you're disqualified, too fast and you're disqualified. So you can go at whatever speed you and your car are comfortable with and still be competitive.

Now why is it that they have something like 8 MGs racing in this format along with a few rubbishy old Jags and the inevitable crappy Porsche etc? Surely, surely we have a few members who would like the thrills of racing without the spills, stresses and strains there of? There is a little work you may have to do to your car to get it race worthy but we have an entire team of youngsters who know exactly what you need to do (this is exactly the format we start them off in of course).

I missed the last noggin with the worst headache I have ever known (and have developed a new respect for the word migraine). Thanks to all for stepping in and helping out at the last second, namely Kevin! I don't want to ever repeat that experience thank you - it was excruciating, but not as painful as it is to lose to the juniors at what has become an annual thing - namely, the Karting Charity run that's on the calendar on 26 October. Les Mc Leod is the chap to speak to - it's a brilliant day of fun, truly.

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Piston Ring Event Raises R14,000 for YP

By Dave Holt, Pics by Kevin

The Youth Project hired a stand at the Piston Ring Swap Meet on Sunday 15 September, and once again, this resulted in a great boost to the Youth Project coffers.

As a result of donations, we had all manner of "goods" for sale, these ranged from car parts, through electric stove plates to old calendars. There were sets of wheels, a (dismantled) engine, a couple of gearboxes, a pair of Weber Carbs and even an ElnaPress clothes presser! Our grateful thanks go to all those who donated their surplus / unwanted treasures to us. Donors included Stuart Cunninghame, Koos Boshoff, Alan Farnell, Rodney Norton, Roger Pearce, Alex Couling, Mike Watt, Tom Kirkland, Keith Schroeder and Clive Winterstein, I'm sure that there must have been others, and I apologise if I have left out any names.

A very big vote of thanks must also go to Clive Winterstein who had handled the storage of the stuff left over from the previous Piston Ring event, arranged for the collection / storage of all the newly donated goods as well as the loading of and loan of the bakkie to get the stuff to Modderfontein. He and Tanya were there at the 5.30 am start to unload and "set up shop", manned the stand at times during the morning and helped with the re-loading of the unsold bits at the end. Thanks also to Ash Singh who gave a good chunk of his morning to help with selling and packing up. Gavin Holt assisted with the early morning collection and off-loading while Bugz Singh and Tim Brinkman helped with operating the stand.

The total raised was over R14,000 and this will go a long way towards keeping the cars and drivers on the track, and flying the MG flag! Our next event is the Historic Racing Round 7 to be held at Kyalami on 19 October, we hope to see you there supporting the MG team!



*The risks of travelling in a TC on Gauteng's roads.
This TC has a red flag for additional visibility.*



Seen helping out are Tania Borges, Koos Boshoff, Clive Winterstein, Dave Holt & Ash Singh. (At this stage of the day all the youth had been sent home to study.)

On Saturday 7th September 15 cars departed from the Bright Water Common in Randburg on Roger's Lap of Zimbabwe. There were 5 MGs in the group; Pearces, Mercer-Tods, O'Keeffes, Spavins & Rod Paxton from Border. The group returned to South Africa on Monday 23rd September. We hope to learn more about their adventure in forthcoming editions of Thumbs Up.



Mike Ford & Stewart Cuninghame; good to see that Stewart has recovered from his pneumonia & came to see his good DJ friend Mike off on the trip.



Pooh Bear attempting to hitch a ride on Rod Paxton's MGB



Lyn Spavins waves good bye before setting off on the Lap of Zimbabwe



The royal wave from the Mercer-Tods



Flower power - what's needed to get a VW Combi around Zim



The tour's rally plate on Roger Pearce's ZB Magnette

MGA
60th Anniversary Run
2015



I'm sure all participants will remember what a remarkably great time we all had on the MGA 50th Anniversary run. The magnificent scenery, the camaraderie, the humour and everything connected with the run.

I was recently asked by the Johannesburg Centre to arrange the 60th Anniversary run and I accepted with great alacrity. So where are we?

At the combined Northern and Johannesburg centres' show day I approached most of the owner drivers of As to get a feel for the levels of interest and have also spoken to various other people in other centres who were participants on the 50th. The overwhelming sentiment was "what a good idea". I also asked everyone what the feeling was about following the same route and apart from a few suggestions for minor changes, once again everyone felt it was a good idea. So with the enthusiasm from everyone here we go!

Can I suggest then that we start by asking interested MGA owners/drivers to leave an email with Kevin Loader, email kloader@worldonline.co.za so we can start building a list of possible participants. We'll send this missive to the other centres as well but still centralise the list with Kevin. If you're a techno peasant like me you can call me on (011) 4656957 home or (083) 4495220.

First off we will probably need your and your partner's names, email address, contact numbers and car details.

Remember that we are looking at mid 2015 for the tour, which seems a long way away, but is only approximately 23 months which, as you all know, goes by in a flash.

All the best
Mike O'Keeffe

P.S.
Obviously MG Magnettes such as Kevin's moon buggy are also welcome.

Annual Go-Karting Event

In aid of Hospice

Saturday 5 October 2013

This Annual Event has been very popular in the past, those interested please contact:

Les McLeod

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Come out & enjoy the day Spectator or Participant

Run to Hartebeespoort Cable Way and L' Afrique

By Jenny Loader, Pics by Kevin

With the scheduled run for September having to be postponed (it was to have been the launch of the new MG 3) a replacement outing was put together. Even with this September being a busy time, with two car tours, one to the north (Lap of Zimbabwe) and one to the south (Cape Centres), folk on various holidays and other just generally busy, the turnout for the September 9th run was 'not too bad'.

An assortment of 8 cars gathered at the Shell garage on Malibongwe Drive to take a leisurely drive out to the cableway at Hartebeespoort. New member, Greg Vercellotti came along in his recently acquired beautiful green MGB roadster, and we hope to see Greg and his wife on more runs in the future. It was also good to hope John and Joanne Buttress join us.

The road to Hartebeespoort is always busy on a Sunday, and this one was no less so as the McLaren club was out on a run! The plan for the day was to go up the cable car and then take our picnic lunches to the club house at the complex L' Afrique,, situated on the south side of the dam. MG members Rod and Sharon Herman have retired to this rather delightful French Provence styled complex and were happy to host our small group at the newly opened clubhouse.

The walk at the top of the cableway was made more enjoyable with a music recital from the Tswane Youth Orchestra; so encouraging to see talented youngsters playing classical instruments and obviously enjoying what they were doing.

A relaxing lunch was then spent in the shade of the deck at the clubhouse; the conversation dominated with MG stories. This complex is situated on the Crocodile River inlet of the dam on land previously owned by a former South African ambassador to France, hence the style of the homes. The views were stunning. All in all it was a most pleasant way to spend a warm and sunny Sunday. Thanks again to Rod and Sharon for hosting the MG group.



John & Joanne Buttress & Bruce Dixon take in the sights



A view from the top of the cable way overlooking the dam



A view of Le Club from below



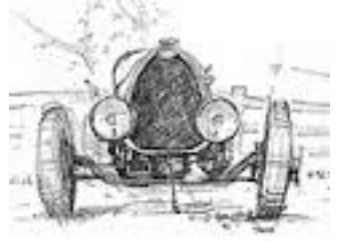
Parking outside the club house



Our hosts, Sharon & Rod Herman, who have happily retired to Estate D' Afrique.



The view from Le Club @ Estate D' Afrique overlooking the Crocodile River & Hartbeespoort Dam



Ode to Membership

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just content to have your name upon the list?

Do you attend functions and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home to criticize and mock?
Do you take an active part and help the work along,
Or are you the one satisfied to merely just belong?
Do you voluntarily some small responsibility seek,
Or leave the work to just the few and talk about the clique?

Come to the functions often and help with hand and heart,

Don't simply be a member but take an active part.
Think this over, Members, you know the right from wrong.

Are you an active member or do you just belong?



Ah, MOLLY! A Good Looking Wee Car Despite the ageing owner.

Submitted by Kevin

Long time MG friend, Royston Goodman purchased Molly from Brian Armstrong while in SA on contract and took Molly back to Scotland when he returned home at the end of his SA contract. A short paragraph based on Royston's future plans:

“let Norman know, we have decided to do the challenge “JoGLE” next year with the old car; well that’s the plan anyway. Let’s hope it comes off. Norman spoke to me about it on our last visit to SA, so a couple of things have triggered the idea again.

“On Norman's advice we've entered for the "John o' Groats to Lands End" challenge in 2014. Once done I will treat Molly to a strip down and rebuild, the whole intention is to get the old girl back to her original colour "Black" and after the round trip of some 1700 miles I think she will deserve it. We will raise money for the charity BRAKE in the memory of our beautiful niece who lost her young life in a car accident....so another contribution from the old car. All these plans which we hope will come off. On the way home it is our intention to pop into Kimber House to say hello to all the back shop MG'ers.”



Ah, Molly! Still a good looking wee car, despite the ageing owner!

MG Car Club Johannesburg Centre **Membership Drive**

We have included 10 Invitation Cards with your magazine. Please complete with your name and contact details and hand to any MG driver you see or place under windscreen wipers of any MG you see.

NormanTalks!

Come in Number One!.....

It has been an amazing MG month of old friends making contact, and a new friend buying not the MG he came looking for.

I also not only brought the J2 chassis home but delivered the radiator I borrowed back to Bob Jones who is coping well with chemo. Murray Arundell who looked after the 28 local members I took to Australia in 2007 jetted in on a flying business trip. The Stokes, de Castros, Ewings and Murray and Leigh had a wonderful evening together remembering old times. Then Tommy D'Arcy, now resident in Ireland and 80 years of age, made contact via Kevin.

In 1967 my closest boy hood friend Robin Hartgill died - I promised his widow Rita that I would fulfill his dream of starting an MG Centre in Johannesburg.

The first meeting was held at the Six-Gun Steakhouse in Linksfield, at which Keith Burton's incredible MG knowledge and quiet diplomacy ensured that those present who did not think that owners of MGAs and MGBs should be allowed to join, were given the greatest ever motoring history lesson by Keith. It was decided that we should call a meeting at Baragwanath a few months later. My wonderful boss allowed me to design and produce posters in company time announcing the date, assisted by apprentice's Costa Captonopolous and Gavin Ritchie. Keith was our first chairman.

Good friend and SAA pilot Brian Wallace took one of these and placed it on the seat of an MG on the East Rand. The car belonged to Tommy D'Arcy, and he arrived at Bara full of enthusiasm for the formation of a centre and requested membership No 1 !!! At our first committee meeting at my mother's Yeoville flat, this was agreed and Tommy duly became 'Member Number One!' Over the years he Found and collected all sorts of cars and spares, ensuring that many of the MGs

doomed then are still remaining!

I well remember him driving all the way through from Brakpan with a pair of new Lucas glass tail lights for our ZB when it failed roadworthy because the lights were too faded!! Thrilled to hear from you Tom.

Then Greg Vercellotti who stood up at a noggin two months ago looking for a TC, rocked up at my door with a glorious 'B' roadster for my opinion. After an exhilarating drive on my test route I told him to buy it. He did! Great!

Then out of the blue, Alma Hill sent me a fantastic picture from Pebble Beach. Those who were at the '86 Johannesburg Indaba may remember the little 10 year old son of Phil Hill - Derek. Well that young man still in his late thirties, took it upon himself to restore his dad's 101 year old car - a 1912 Packard in his father's memory - AND it won Pebble Beach. Sadly when I tried to open the picture, I lost it. But with Derek at the wheel and sister Vanessa and Alma in the back with the grand children, it was a picture perfect. I will try and get it re-sent on my return.

However, best of all was this. Daughter Sarah, seven years ago befriended an air hostess on a Virgin flight to London. For the last seven years Jane who lives in Dublin has come out a couple of times each year, and Sarah has been to stay with her and when she went last year to the US Jane flew over to join her. Anyway earlier this year she mentioned to Sarah that when she saw her aunt, she was asked to see if she could trace a family member by the name of Hartgill, killed in a motor accident. Bruce Dixon sent me off to find the remaining Hartgills on her last visit here - and this time we were able to put Tony, Darryl, Andrew and Melanie together for the first time ever! For a great evening. Hell these MGs are just MaGic.

On a freezing morning Rolfie and I set off for

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"Wheels on the Vaal" -- was it ever cold. I was top down, but Rolf came in his V8 roadster -- top up! I thought he was coming in his TF like me. It not only looks black and beautiful but boy does it go! The event was wonderful - there we met John Mackenzie - just three Jo'burg members - Yes it was cold -- but three!?!

Octagonally,

Norman



PS: After I wrote this, Simon Johnston our host in Belfast on the 1980 Tour of Britain contacted me through Kevin to say his J2 is on the road -- I'll have to get cracking!

A Sneak Preview of New MG3 at the Johannesburg International Motor Show in October

This new supermini will appeal to the younger generation with its sporty 78kW engine and chassis dynamics, as well as its generous specs, practicality and safety.

The new MG3, which is expected in South Africa before the end of the year, proves the old saying that "dynamite comes in small packages".

In the case of the MG3, however, it is more a case of TNT - the new model boasts unique design features such as its signature front LED daytime running lights and a wrap-around front windscreen.

It has a spacious interior - one of the largest in the supermini class.

Multiple airbags and a host of mechanical and electric features offer some of the latest safety technology as standard equipment.

The key attraction for many drivers will not only be the attractive looks of the new MG3 but also the massive fun factor offered by this new five-door hatch.

South African MG chief operating officer Craig Lanham-Love says the new MG3 offers buyers something really new.

"It is a stylish, practical car that is great fun to drive and fun to own" Lanham says.

Four models, with a full range of options and accessories, will be launched on the UK market in September

Specifications and options for the SA market will be announced at the JIMS in Oct.

Pricing details are expected to be announced closer to launch date.

The four models are the flagship MG3 3style, the mid-range MG3 3form and MG3 3form sport, as well as the entry model MG3 3time. Details of the local line-up for SA market will be announced closer to launch.

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Youth Project

Race Report - Kyalami, 17 August 2013

By Gavin Holt

The race day went well; my part I played was I was driver in the MG BGT, the 'Flag car', in the pre 66 sports and GT race event. The car performed well, as it normally does, but as with all mis-haps, it was the fleshy one controlling the car to cause the mistakes.

It was in the first race, I was getting more and more confident carrying my speed through the corners. Unfortunately on one lap, I believe it was on what would have been my third last lap, I got too confident going through the S's, the car lost grip and spun off the track, no accidents or damage was done. I tried to start the car, but the starter was overheated. I lost a full lap, but the "flag" started up and finished both events without further mishaps. I did get close to my goal of getting past the 2 minute 30 seconds mark. I am now 0.9 seconds away. All in all, a great day with great cars and more importantly, great friends.

Gavin Holt

Chairmans Twitter from Page 6

The Piston Ring fund raiser for the Youth Project knocked it out of the park - Clive, Dave, the kids and all those who gave so generously - guys - you nailed it! Cash in the bank and a great job by all. We also have a massive sale coming up at EmGee workshop scheduled for 2 November at which Roger Pearce will be clearing about three hundred years worth of collected parts - from brand new to reconditioned from Austin through MG all the way to whatever begins with a Z. This is going to be the sale of the century folks. DO NOT MISS THIS ONE. Your grandchildren's children will be talking about it in years to come.

Then we have the Jacaranda Run with our Northern brethren on the 20th of this month and this is more than a run to just see the trees. Can't wait to give Stiffler a good blast.

Onto matters More Serious. Whilst I am using super stealth techniques to stealthily subvert and persuade and dupe and cajole and beg and plead and coerce and drug whomever it is that I happen to be talking to in the Club these days, in all seriousness we need an understudy for Cliff to be Club Secretary. Please consider the post. Women will love you. Men will want to be you. Vice versa if you're a man.

Lastly, Joan Stokes made a comment that stuck in my head. Really. Stuck. New members to the Club. Please, come on a run. Or a trip. It is on these that you get to meet people - the noggins are one thing, but the real club lies in the people - these you meet and get to know at Events. To existing members. Grab a new member and drag them along to one outing. Just one. Make it your mission. Assimilate them into the MG Collective.

This is all. The Borg have nothing on us.

William One Red Eye Kelly

PS. Not enough space for thanks. All the committee, Anneke (who is doing a cracking job at regalia!), Jeanne (the same for membership), the YP guys - truly I have not enough talent in my memory banks to remember all of you - each and everyone who helps make this Club what it is.

MG



SALE

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Where do you pick up second hand and scarce parts for your MG, Jag, Healey, Mini etc besides on the MG Forum?

Well here is the answer.

Roger Pearce of Emgee Workshop is cleaning out his Aladdin's Cave . Hidden therein are used and new bits and pieces he has accumulated over many many years. On Saturday 2nd November, starting at 8am it will be opened for the first time to the public where you can browse around and select what you want. Roger will give you price and it's yours.

You will find , engines, gearboxes, steering racks, starters, generators, interiors, door handles, bumpers, wheels, glass, Lucas goodies, the list goes on and on and on. There are also a lot of new slow moving parts that he wants to get rid of. This is the first time that this cornucopia is being opened to the public. Don't miss this opportunity! All the proceeds are going to the MG Youth Programme .

Not only will we have these bits and pieces for sale but you are invited to bring your treasure and offer them for sale, so this is the opportunity you have been waiting for to clear out your stash of goodies. Bring them in your boot and park your car in the parking lot and offer them to people who need them. We are not expecting the proceeds to go to anybody but yourself. Naturally a donation to the project will be appreciated.

The Abingdon Arms will be open and we are asking the ladies to organise tea to quench your thirst and some delectables to feed you while you are hunting or selling. The Jag, Triumph, Healey and other clubs will also be receiving an invite to attend.

Bring and Braai Breakfast (+ your own refreshments)

Member questionnaire

The committee is keen to get the members' views on a range of topics. So please look out for a loose leaf questionnaire included with the October 2013 edition of Thumbs Up.

Please follow the instructions on the questionnaire and let the committee have your feedback before the end of October. Many thanks.



MOTORING CALENDAR

MG CAR CLUB -- JOHANNESBURG CENTRE

WHAT	Natter and Noggin, Preview of MG3, and possibly a Car will be on Display	
WHEN	3 October 2013	
WHERE	Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 11th Street, Houghton	
WHAT	Jacaranda Run with Northern Centre, (more than a drive to look at the trees)	
WHEN	Sunday 20 October 2013	Steve Eden 083 372 8740
WHERE	Meet at Ultra Shell, M1 N 8.30 for 9.00, Meet at N Centres Club House, for 9.30 departure	
WHAT	Historic Racing, Saturday, 19 October, at Kyalami	Dave Holt 083 675 0632
WHAT	Natter and Noggin, Talk by John Meiring on "Looking after your Health"	
WHEN	Thursday 7 November, 2013	
WHERE	Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 4th Street, Houghton	
WHAT	Historic Racing, Saturday 7 November, at Zwartkops	Dave Holt 083 675 0632
WHAT	Monthly Run, Christmas Lunch -- Something "Real Special" at bargain prices to members!	
WHEN	Sunday 10 November 2013	
WHAT	A Grande Venue to be announced Soon!	
WHAT	Natter and Noggin,	
WHEN	Thursday 5 December 2013	
WHERE	Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 11th Street, Houghton	
WHAT	Historic Racing, Saturday 7 December 2013, Kyalami	Dave Holt 083 675 0632
WHAT	SAMCA Run to the Vaal. Venue: Sylviavale Museum and Vaal Old Wheels Club House	
WHEN	Sunday 12 January 2014	
WHERE	Meet at Engine Block House on the R59S or Engine on N1S just before Grasmere.	
	Abie Brink 084 652 7952 or Clive Winterstein 083 795 0000	

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Letters

The Editor,

I recently read the letter sent by Graham White in connection with the forming of the MGCC, Johannesburg Centre. I am now residing in Ireland, but was at the meeting at Baragwanath when the club was officially formed. I still have photos of most of the people that were there. It was a bit of a surprise that Graham never mentioned my name as I was the very first person to sign up for the club and was therefore granted the Number 1. Although I was nominated I never served on the committee in all the years I was a member, but tried to do my best for the club in other ways by supporting all events and fund raising projects. I was also instrumental in saving MG Cars from being chopped up as scrap, and buying them to save them; many of these cars are now running and owned by members of the club. I am still an MG fanatic, and at the age of 80 am negotiating to buy a 2004 MG sports car. I would like to contact the likes of Norman Ewing, Keith Burton and Bill Ten Oever if they are still around.

Tommy D'Arcy

Keith Burton Replies,

Kevin, thank you for sending me the message from Tommy.

I have responded, but so far no reply. It was passed on to me by Bruce Henderson. I bought some of my J2 bits from Tommy and sold him

my MGA, back in 1977, wish I could find that A again but it seems to have disappeared. I first met Tommy a couple of years before the start of the JHB centre, so, that's about 46 years ago!! Wow, how time goes.

Do you happen to know of a reasonably good ZB bumper that I could buy, mine is sound, but needs re-chroming, with transport and plating; it's an expensive exercise!

Thanks again and keep well.

Keith Burton

Congratulations Stuart and Margaret Hain

on the birth of their beautiful twin granddaughters, Gabriella and Mackenzie, in London on Thursday 29 August. Granny and Grandpa are off to London to help Kirsten and Scott settle into life as new parents, and we wish them many blessings.

**Some
MG 3s**
have arrived in the country recently, the Official Launch will take place later this year.
Morris Garages will give us a preview at our October Noggin.



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