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# From the Chair



Firstly I must apologise for the delays in the magazine updates. It is the unfortunate result of working full time and studying at the same time and unfortunately responsibilities take priority. For the month of August, we started with an interesting talk given by our very own committee member, Jonathan Burke. Jon has made a career out of doing clinical trials. I am always blown away by his knowledge in conversations we have. So I thought I we should all share in this experience and learn from him. The talk showed how when we pop a simple tablet and not have a second thought about its safety it because the is at least 7 years of research and development in a product we take for granted. Most medications fail and will never make the market, Jon told us a story of one medication (he wasn't involved in) turning patients blue... and they didn't know why. Thank you Jon for your talk it was greatly appreciated

The Noggin was closely followed by a run to Irene dairy farm. And wow! What a day that was!! Due to the expense of the buffet breakfast I must confess I was expecting lower numbers than normal. And so I booked for 20 people. Well after the noggin we

had 18 without any online reply's so I increased the booking to 30.

Well the online responses were so positive that quickly filled up and then Northern's centre asked to join in on the fun..... so I increased the booking to 40. Well let's say I was utterly blown away to have 52 attendees!!! Irene were so great in hosting us and the buffet breakfast was perfect for that large crowd.

Waffles in company of baby calves "moo-ing" in the background was a perfect setting to share with the MaGic family. After we were filled with the buffet breakfast we rolled down the hill to a garage visit at Robin Clarke's house.

Robin and Liesel spoilt us even further with a spectacular spread of more delicious food and drinks. Visiting Robin's garage true craftsmanship strikes you! His incredible MGs displayed for us as well as a couple of engines being built on the work benches. Talking to the man about various technical aspects quickly drew in a crowd as we all knew there were some pearls of wisdom being shared!

Thank you Robin and Liesel for opening up your beautiful house to us.

Safety fast  
Mike



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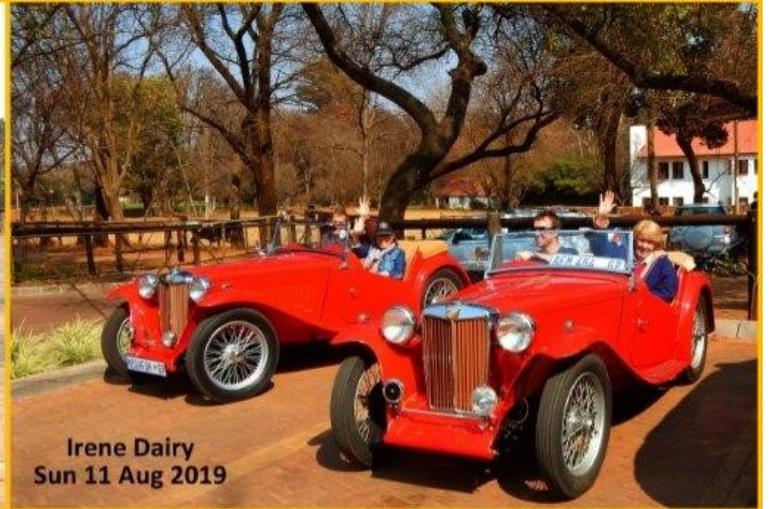
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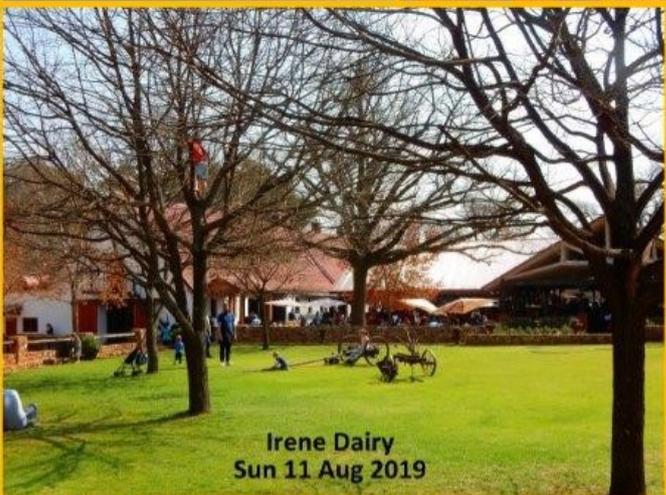
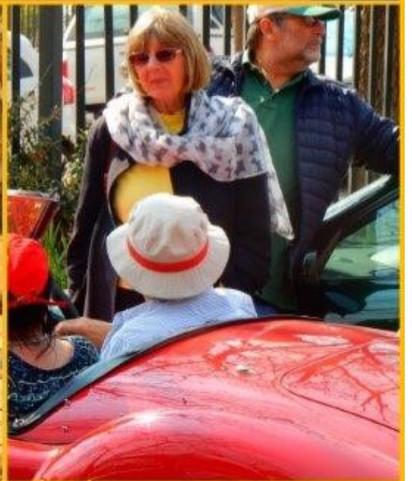


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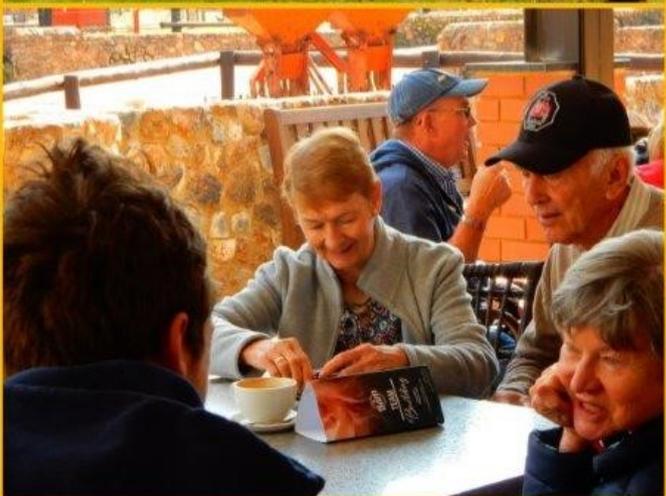
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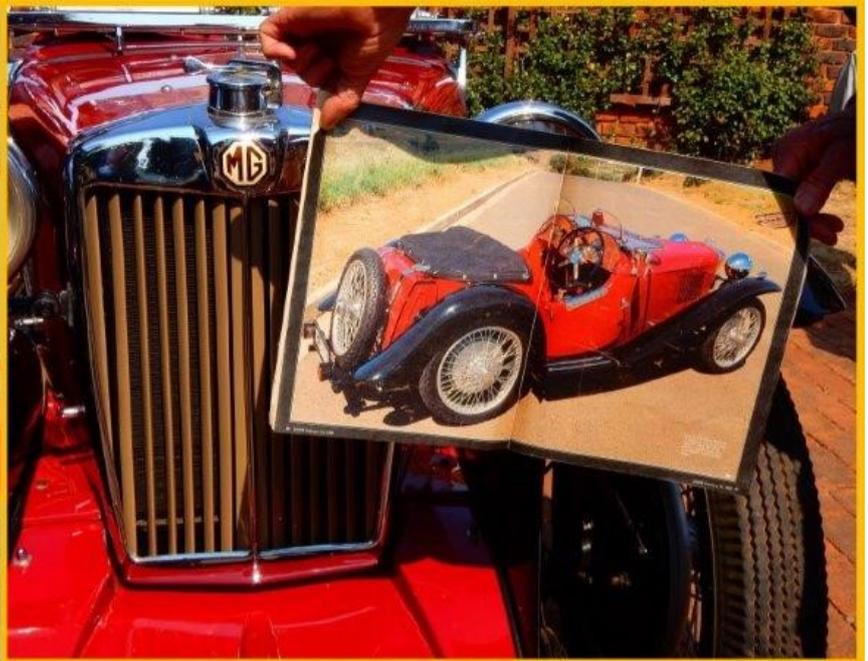
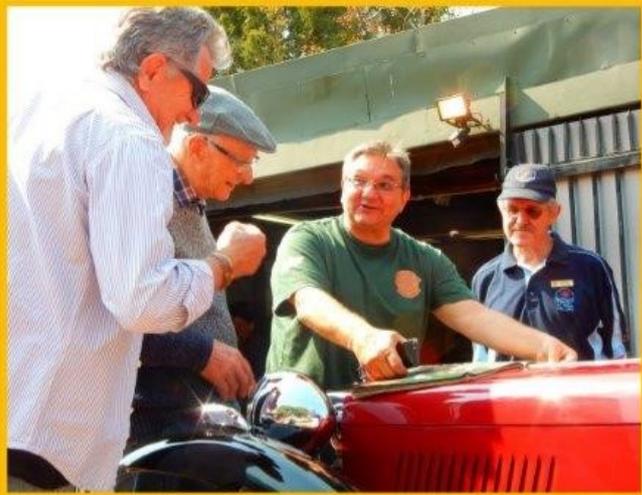
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# Tea at The Clarke's



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## Forthcoming Events

MG Noggin	Social Evening	9th January
SAMCA RUN	Stonehaven	19th January
AGM	Old Eds	6th February

### **MGA Register**

The MGA was undoubtedly the most attractive design of the marque ever built, some may differ but many will agree.

They have become highly sought after, not only in here in SA but worldwide and the current selling prices are proof of this, they may even be considered a good investment in time.

For those who don't know, the MGA was assembled by Motor Assemblies Limited in Durban during the mid 1950's though to early 60's and in fact many of the cars were still being assembled here a year after production in the UK ceased.

Initially only 1500 roadsters were assembled at Motor Assemblies, followed by the Twin Cam , the 1600 roadster, 1600 coupes and Twin Cam roadsters and coupes. All 1500 coupes were built at Abingdon and no official deluxe models (4 wheel disc brakes) were built in SA.

According to local records a total of 652 MGA's were assembled here comprising of 1500,1600 roadsters and coupes with an additional 88 twin cam cars with a combined total of 740 A's.

Apart from the local production many more were imported directly into the country.

Bo Giersing has done a superb job of tracking down

many of these cars but this has been a challenge due to the constant ownership changes and exporting to other countries.

I am assisting Bo in this regard and currently it looks like less than 200 have survived, however as only 88 twin cams were produced Bo has tracked down 66 twin cams still in SA and a few that have left our shores.

No doubt there are many more survivors in various stages of restoration or still stuck away in garages under a layer of dust as was mine that resided like this for 25 years still shod with its 560x15 crossply tyres.

We have now set up a MGA Whatsapp group to share information about these fine cars and at the same time attempt to update the register of survivors.

To date I have 28 members on that group but there must surely be more in the Johannesburg club and Gauteng.

I have also made contact with our friends in the North-erns club through Pepi , we plan to merge the two registers.

So if you are reading this article and have an MG A ..or two and are not a member of the WhatsApp group please drop me a note and I will add you to the list.

Randall

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# **SAMCA BREAKFAST RUN** **TO STONEHAVEN.**

When: 19th January

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