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I have just realised that we are now heading into the Festive Season once more. This will be the last Magazine for 2013. I will be off duty for a whole month, before I tackle the February edition for 2014.

I am thinking of working on my "Y" type, and would like to tackle the rear end, including the shocks and brakes, I must have something to keep me busy, and out of mischief!!

We still have the Christmas Run to Don Lindsay's river side farm on the Vaal. This will be an exciting Finale for the year's last event. As for 2014 we start off with a Noggin on the second Thursday in January, Followed by the SAMCARun to the Vaal Old Wheels Club on 12 January. Our Centre's AGM takes place on Thursday 6 February, it appears there are a few vacant posts to be filled at this meeting. So, please ladies and gentlemen, come forward and offer your services to a good cause. We can do with your help on the Committee.

The "T" Type Register is attempting to up date their records, so Bruce Dixon will be sending out inserts into this magazine, and is asking all "T"-Type owners to please give him as much information about your cars as possible. This will assist him in planning an interesting "T"-Type calendar for next year. Please return them to him as soon as possible.

I now wish all our members a Very Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year, May all your Gifts be MGs!!

Editor

Chairman's Twitter



William
Kelly

Wait! Is that a Reindeer in the sky?...

It's December already and the year has simply flown by. It is impossible to keep pace of what is now almost my first completed year in the hot seat. I'll look back closer to the time but already there is so much to look back on.

Looking forward we are going to have our problems, and our difficulties, but they're small potatoes in the scheme of things. The immediate difficulties lies in that 2014 is going to see a number of committee members leaving for various and valid reasons. The time to find replacements is now, and I urge and encourage you all to consider it.. It is a stupidly rewarding thing to do and it is a surprising amount of fun.

Various Club functions have been a lot of fun - sadly I have personally missed more than I would have liked owing to other commitments that somehow manage to slot themselves in most inconveniently. The driving tests held by Northerns was a lot of fun, we came, we saw, we kicked ass in the hospice fund raiser karting event, John Meiring's noggin was amazingly interesting and the Christmas Lunch by all accounts was a success.

Warwick introduced themselves to the Club at our last noggin. Basically they're a wealth management specialist firm that market themselves via non traditional means - as in they come up to you face to face and tell you what they can do for you and your cash. I will leave it to them to tell you what they can offer you and add that they spend their marketing budget by giving the Club a small share of the revenue that they earn from you. It's a unique and attractive option I think - so have a chat to the guys, and see if they can help you. And we might just get them into an MG whilst we're at it..

The final event on the calendar is the run to Don Lindsay on 8 December on his rolling lawns and

stunning venue. Of course, once again the fates conspire against me in that we will be in Balito convincing James that the sea is actually fun, but we will be with you in spirit - and from what Clive is putting together there should be no shortage of those.

I'm back to slaving over MGA parts and as I slowly come to the realisation of what it is that I have taken on here and now, thoroughly intimidated, my New Year's resolution has already been made! And so it is now just left to me to say Happy Holidays to one and all. Safe travels to those travelling, and may you and yours hold in your hearts fond memories of the Car Club in 2013 and may you make 2014 your year to make more with us all.

William MGA WannaBe Kelly

My Heartfelt Thanks

***to all club members who so
willingly***

***assisted me during my recent
sad loss of Martie.***

***Without your help, the Magazine
may not have been out on time.***

***Particularly to John and Jenny
Mac, Mandy, and especially
Denise, who has so willingly
assisted me with the makeup
of the Magazine.***

Thanks, Your Editor.



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MG Car Club - Johannesburg Centre

AGM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Clause 6.3 of the Constitution that the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at Old Edwardian's Club, 4th Avenue, Houghton, on Thursday 6th February 2014 at 20h30

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Notice of Meeting
3. Apologies and Confirmation of Quorum
4. Approval of the Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Treasurer's Report and the approval of the Financial Statements
8. Dissolution of the Committee and election of the new committee.
9. General per rule 6.5.6 (See item 3 below)
10. Closure and Thanks

Please Note:-

1. In terms of the Constitution the following Committee Members have been nominated by the Committee to be carried forward without election to the new Committee
 - A. Norman Ewing
 - B. Tom Kirkland
 - C. Tony Maybank
2. Nominations for the election of other committee members (between four and seven) will be accepted up to the commencement of the AGM if submitted on the subjoined or a substantially similar form.
3. Items which members wish to raise under General must be specified in detail and submitted in writing, signed by at least five members, and delivered to the Secretary at least seven days prior to the meeting.
4. A Quorum of Twenty-Five Members or 10 percent of paid-up members if greater is required for the AGM to be duly constituted. If a quorum is not present at the stipulated time, the meeting will be adjourned and reconvened within fourteen days written notice from the Secretary. The adjourned meeting will dispatch of business per the Agenda of the original Annual General Meeting.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

We..... and
Being a Full Member in good standing of the MG Car Club, Johannesburg Centre, hereby nominate

.....to stand for election as a member of the Club's Committee

Signed.....ProposerSeconded Date.....
I being a full member accept the nomination and agree to serve on the committee if elected

Signed..... Date.....

It all happened on Sunday 10th November

Firstly:

About 25 Couples turned up at the Banbury Cross Shopping Centre, anticipating a leisurely jaunt to the Christmas Lunch at Muldersdrift. Along the way we would be taken to inspect the new MG3. At 10.00am route sheets were issued, and the great adventure started. Following an exceptionally short tour of 1.5km, with many twists and turns, which confused almost all participants (Some had found one or two clues which we were to find along the way), but all eventually located the New MG3 headquarters in North Riding.

Secondly:

A Blast from the Past with the New Kid on the Block

On arrival we were greeted with tasty traditional mince pies and other snacks with tea or coffee. MG South Africa General Manager, Derrick Bishop welcomed the group and surprised them with the unveiling of two versions of the exciting new MG3, which will officially be launched through the MG SA national dealership network in early February 2014. The new MG3, which was designed and developed in the UK and Europe, but built by MG's new Chinese parent company in China, was recently unveiled at the Johannesburg International Motor Show, where the car was extremely well received by South Africa's top motoring scribes and the general public.

Ken Duncan, a member of the MG Car Club said "MG has come a long way since my car was designed." Ken, the proud owner of an impeccable 1952 version of the MG TD. And no! TD has no reference to the modern nomenclature for Turbo Diesel - it was merely the fourth generation of a 2-door soft top, called the MG TA,TB etc." Bought her back in 1972 when we still lived in the then Rhodesia. Although

I did a lot of work on the mechanics, the body is original and I haven't touched her paintwork," said Duncan, who also owns three other MGs. After a photo-shoot the enthusiastic group departed for the next part of their day's outing.

Thirdly:

The Drive through the Magaliesburg Meander to the Riverstone Lodge, Muldersdrift

After a rather longer drive through the Cradle of Man Kind area (looking for more clues) we reached the Riverstone Lodge, with the weather building up and looking rather threatening, we had an hour of socialising before lunch.

(Special comment from Kevin):Jeanne and Hentie helped get folk into the Christmas Spirit by holding some mistletoe aloft. Many more photos were taken, but had to be censored to maintain the family image of the club magazine. A lovely full course lunch was served, which was enjoyed by all.

After which the "Heavens opened" up, and it poured with heavy rain, drenching some of the little open top sports cars.

The socialising continued till late into the afternoon. We thank all those able people who put this wonderful day together. -- It was Great!!





Good to see Judy Schweizer out & about after her knee operation - & feeling so much better



John & Joanne Buttress



*Tom &
Jenny Colley*



Chris & Delice Baker-Duly



*Table settings thanks
to Jeanne*



The route quiz prize winners; Heather Holt (2nd), Mark Wilson (1st), Lorraine Pearce (1st), Joyce Bishop from Morris Garage's who kindly presented the prizes & Norman



Eileen Moggridge & Pat Ewing chatting in the lunch queue, with JEM Moggridge in the background

**Photos from Johann Verster,
Hentie Erasmus & Kevin Loader**

MG Cape Centres Gathering in Stellenbosch

Article by Jeanne Erasmus, Pics by Hentie

Rudi and Anneke de Groot, Glen and Hilda Parker, Roy and Janet Jones, Hentie and I set out on the 13th September. Our first night stop was spent at Prior Grange in Springfontein.

We enjoyed chatting to Blackie and Cheryl de Swardt in their pub/museum before an hilarious dinner.

Prince Albert was our next stop. We had a very pleasant stay at the Karoo Lodge. On our way out of town Hentie and I were stopped by a local lady resident, Mirka Urbanc. She was thrilled to see the Mgs, and is looking forward to taking either her TD or TC to the Knysna Indaba next year.

After Prince Albert we headed down through the Hex River Valley. The torrential rain and strong wind prevented us from seeing anything, as we coped with wipers blowing off the windscreen and total fogging up! We then all went our separate ways; the de Groot's and Parkers to a friend in Darling (and a wonderful meal at Muisbosskerm at Langebaan), the Jones' to Nigel and Joan Stokes on the Wine Walk at Wellington and Hentie and I to visit our family in Cape Town.

Registration for the Cape Centre's Gathering was on Friday the 20th. The welcome was warm and friendly and the event was well run and organised. Roger Lewis and his team really got it together. The venue was the Protea Hotel at the Techno Park in Stellenbosch. It was great to meet old friends. Alec Dewar had also journeyed down from Joburg and Nigel and Joan Stokes were there too. . . . A good representation from the Johannesburg Centre. We loved visiting Johan



Rudi pleased to see his Bugatti



Prior Grange Guest Farm Springfontein



MG parking in Prince Albert

Rupert's Car Museum at L'Ormarins. Rudi was chuffed to see the Bugatti that he sold to the museum some years ago.

On Saturday we drove around the coast, and through the beautiful snow-covered mountains of the Overberg before ending up in Franschhoek to explore, and lunch.

Sunday was good fun as we followed clues to Cape Town via Philadelphia and Blaauberg Strand. An option of two routes took us through the city for lunch at Hout Bay.

We followed on from there to Noordhoek and then to Simonstown and the Marine Museum for tea. We arrived back in "Stellies" for another lovely dinner.

A great time was had by all, despite the icy weather, and we said a sad goodbye, until the next time!

Some of us continued down the Garden Route to Arniston (where we had a lovely traditional dinner in a typical old white thatched cottage. The meal was served by the coloured family while the mother did the cooking). After that we stayed at Mosselbay, Knysna, Wilderness, Port Elizabeth and ended up at Kenton-on-Sea. We were able to chill out there in perfect weather, and had excursions to Grahamstown (to view the churches and the Camera Obscura) as well as Bathurst and Port Alfred.

The Port Alfred Classic Car Club invited the men to view their car collection, and join them for a drink at their club meeting.

On the way home we stayed over at Garingboom Guest Farm near Bethulie. Our hosts, Jan and Riette Griesel, were so interesting; particularly Riette who is an expert on dragonflies, damselflies, birds, butterflies and the fauna and flora of the area. She was delighted to show us slides, and share her wealth of knowledge with us.

We were fortunate to have many and various adventures and encounters with interesting people where ever we went. A total of 4'500 kilometres was covered without undue car problems. Another wonderful MG Tour!

Please Jeanne, do not stop writing for the Magazine



Happy Holidays!

Northern Centres Driving Tests

A Real Exciting Event A Real Good Venue But Few Participants

The wind had died down
The field was wet - No dust
But, very few participants

I arrived late, But what a sight - memories came flooding back. And the first person I saw was - Esra.
That was his farm where we held 14 similar events in the past and had 40 or more cars taking part.
Hopefully this will be the first of many more such events.

Tom, (Editor of Thumbs Up!!!)

*Dave wishes to thank all those who participated - and a bigger thanks to those who helped him on the day.
Now to Washing your car!!*



Dave Holt having a private competition with Heather.



Bill Flynn from the Triumph Club putting his TR3 through its' paces.

Official Results

<u>Class A Men</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st K Loader	MG Jhb	MG Midget	82.48s
2nd Dave Holt	MG Jhb	MGB R/ster	83.79s
3rd Bill Sales	Triumph	Mini	85.65
4th Bill Flynn	Triumph	TR3	89.06
<u>Class B Men</u>			
1st William Kelly	MG Jhb	MG C	86.03s
<u>Class C Men</u>			
1st Dave Westaway	MG N/C	Toyota	81.98
<u>Class D Men</u>			
1st Alan Uzzell	MG N/C	Subaru	90.39s
<u>Class A Ladies</u>			
1st Heather Holt	MG Jhb	MGB R/str	84.65s
2nd Jenny Loader	MG Jhb	MG Midget	93.38s
3rd Jennifer Bradley	MG N/C	MGB GT	98.19s
4th Rosa Westaway	MG N/C	Toyota	Still lost
<u>Autocross</u>			
1st William Kelly	MG Jhb		1m 10.40
2nd Dave Holt	MG Jhb		1m 11.06
3rd Heather Holt	MG Jhb		1m 11.44
4th Dave Westaway	MG N/C		1m 11.85



William creating plenty of dust.

NormanTalks!

The Registers: MMM & T -- MGA,-- MGB

When we formed this Centre in 1969 - we did so on the lines laid down by the Mother Club, with the various models looked after by "Registers".

Each of these registers was represented on the Committee by someone with appropriate knowledge of his particular model to be of help to any busy restoring that particular model.

For some reason the Registers were abandoned in 2000 and various other jobs given to Committee members, and until the 'Tusker Tour' there was no 'register run' or involvement, something that entries for the next MGA tour only seems to highlight..

So, - we are re-establishing the registers, and have already had two events - a MMM and T based on the restoration of the J2, and a get together of a small group of MGA owners, and lots of other interested MG people. In the past the main thrust was helping those busy on their own cars, and what is really wonderful we have not only Glen Parker and Bruce Dixon hard at it - but, we now have our Chairman William with the start of an MG project A!

It is my intention that we/he stays on this project and will be able to DRIVE it on the 2015 MGA Tour. Now isn't that something to look forward to? So - let's get cracking!

Your Register Captains are:

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MGA **Norman Ewing**
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MGB **Bruce Dixon**
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It has been a fair month with the Motor Show and a excellent Christmas lunch, run to boot. Well done team!

The Motor Show had no WOW! factor. The car that left me stone cold was the new 3 door from Korea - one door on the drivers side and two on the passenger side - looked like they had run out of doors.

Three MG3s were on show, but until stocks arrive next January, not a lot is likely to happen.

Morris Garages did themselves proud with the spread at the start of the Christmas Lunch run - Thank you so much Derrick and Joyce. Sadly Lionel is no longer at MG!

The run was fun - and everyone enjoyed it, except possibly the silly guy with the new top and no windows on his A.

To Jean, Hentie, Wendy, Cliff, Kevin and by no means least Jenny -- GREAT JOB!. It all augers well for the future. -- AND there was a fair bit of youth present - did you notice?

Octagonally,

Norman

Funnies...

Q: Why do Land Rovers have heated rear windows?

A: To keep your hands warm when you're pushing them.

Q: What's the difference between a Kia and the principal's office?

A: It's less embarrassing if your friends see you leaving the principal's office.

Q: What goes on pages 4-5 of the Jeep user's manual?

A: The train and bus schedule.

A man goes to a parts garage: Man: "Can I have a windshield wiper for a VW please?"

Parts man: "Yeah, that seems like a fair swap."

Q: What do you call a Freelander at the top of a hill?

A: A miracle.

Q: What do you call a Hyundai with dual exhausts?

A: A wheelbarrow.

Q: So you applied for a second bond?

A: Yes, my Merc needs a minor service.

I hear you've got a new car - a Toyota!
Yes, I won the second prize in a lottery.
What was the first prize then?
A fruit basket.



Randall Everson

Hi all you MMM & T type members, my name is Randall, and for my sins I have been appointed as Register Captain, Fancy title hey.

As a starting point we need to get the register up to date, the membership list shows some 90 cars in this class that's an awful lot of cars, but where are they?

Some have been sold but still appear on the list, others are still under restoration, and others no doubt are still waiting for something to happen.

I would therefore appreciate it if you could indicate on the enclosed schedule, the status of your car just by ticking the appropriate box and where necessary include more detail.

I foresee that the register members could in time become a support group for those who need help to complete their restoration, be that advice, spares or even physical assistance.

I have restored a number of B's and a few Frogeye Sprites, but only one TD, so I am no expert, but I know there must be years of experience in the club that we can call on.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire, and if you have more than one car, make a copy and send them back to me via email or copy the forms and hand them back to me at the next noggin. reverson@mweb.co.za

The Questionnaire will be inserted in this Magazine.

Annual SAMCA Run to the Vaal on Sunday 12 January 2014 at Old Vaal Wheels Club House Van Der Bijl Park

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Great Excitement for MG at Silverstone

Plato dominates race one in MG one-two

Jason Plato escaped a first corner scare to score a dominant win in round 25 of the British Touring Car Championship at Silverstone.

The Triple Eight MG star led from start to finish from pole position, but escapes a first corner near miss with team mate Sam Tordoff, who simply admitted he lost control of the rear of his car.

That sent Plato wide in avoidance and meant Tordoff was prone to attack WSR BMWs Colin Turkington.

Turkington grabbed second place at Becketts on the opening tour, but Tordoff snatched the position back on lap three exiting Luffield, just before the safety car boards appeared to deal with debris from a clash between Will Bratt, Nick Forster and Andy Neate at Woodcote.

At the restart, Plato eased away from Tordoff to win by 1.4 seconds in a convincing MG one-two. Jason Plato had a time of 26m58.881s.



Jason Plato celebrates his fantastic win at Silverstone

Triple Eight Race Engineering's Jason Plato lost out on the 2013 drivers' title by 17 points, less than a race victory, after an up and down season which saw him win more races than anyone else, but also had five non-scores during the season.

The 2001 and 2010 BTCC champion put on a strong charge on Sunday at Brands Hatch, winning the first two races and taking full advantage of Eurotech Racing driver Andrew Jordan's only retirement of the season to claw back from 49 points behind to be right in contention for the title by the last race of the day.

Reflecting on the 2013 season, Plato said:

"You can't win a championship with five DNFs. You can't win a championship when you're leading races and the car breaks," he told *TouringCarTimes*, "but that's negative talk. We sorted out some issues we had and it's been back on fire again.

Plato and Triple Eight will return to challenge for the title again for a third consecutive year next season with the MG6, with a development programme focussing on more speed and reliability over the winter.



Jason Plato - just missing the 2013 Driver's Championship by 14 points

THE STORY OF A CALENDAR

From Gavin "Doc" Ritchie:

Hi Kevin, When distributing the Doccolour calendar at the piston ring on Sunday 20th Oct, (in the rain) , there were two of the Doccolour calendars still on the wall in the pub. One, the 2002, and one from last year, with a Spitfire as main picture.

The 2002 item, which I requested be returned to me, has a bit of a story to it. In 1979, the formula one championship was won by Jody Scheckter for Ferrari. In 1980, I decided to make a calendar, with four MG pictures on it, they being Esra Martins TC, Nigel Stokes TD, my TF, and Marylin Nunn's MGA. The MG club were driving the GP drivers around the Kyalami track before the main race, each car had a race driver sitting on the back, next to the driver in each case. Esra had Jody, Nigel had Gilles Villeneuve, the TF carried Rene Arnoux, and Marylin, James hunt. I was fortunate to have all the cars photographed, and by co-incidence we had great drivers in the four cars which represented the most common known of MGs at that time in the club, suitable for the calendar I thought could be done in 1980. Remember, Jody and Gilles only won the championship by the end of 1979, and the Kyalami race was in March, early in the year. The calendar was done the following year to celebrate.

Well, printed 100, had them rimmed, and all club meeting dates etc were highlighted and so on, on the calendar. Tried selling them, and probably sold about ten. Gave the rest away, MG club members would not buy a calendar that did not have their own car on. The long and the short of the story is, the original calendar has become a bit of a collector's item. The size in 1980 was A/2, which is 600mm x 420mm, and the

borders around the pictures was gold.

In the year 2000/2001 Ferrari with Schumacher, won the formula one championship, for the first time since 1979/1980. Some mentioned that I should do the calendar again. I did. This time larger, and extra car club and car make badges were added in a red border around the pics. Sold enough of them to pay for some of the fine car racing that year. The rest given away. This is one of those calendars, and I thought you might like to have it for your garage/workshop? It is a bit tattered, but the cars are all MGs. One last thing, in the first calendar, I was not driving my MG, Roger Pearce was the driver, as we had a parade of classic racing cars before the main race, and I was in the MG special which was being campaigned that year. There was no time to get from one parade to the other, to drive in each. In the re done calendar, with a little bit of help from apple mac computers, had my head placed in the TF pic. The youngster in the passenger seat of the TF is a little Rob Howie, who is to navigate for Leeroy Poulter in the upcoming Dakar rally in the new year, as the second Toyota in the Giniel de Villiers team.

Have a nice day, Gavin "Doc" Ritchie.



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MOTORING CALENDAR

MG CAR CLUB - JOHANNESBURG

WHAT **Monthly Run** Picnic at the Vaal - Don Lindsay's Farm. Norman Ewing 083 654 5433
Bloody Mary, cheese & scrambled eggs supplied. Bring Chairs and Picnic Basket!
WHEN **Sunday 8 December**
WHERE Meet 9am for 9.30 at Blockhouse Engine on R59S or Engen on N1 before Grasmere tol gate
This is the final Blast for MG Members for 2013!!! Please make an effort to be there.

START OF 2014

WHAT **Natter and Noggin** Social Evening
WHEN **Thursday 9 January 2014** Note: 2nd Thursday
WHERE Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 11th Street, Houghton

WHAT **SAMCA Run to the Vaal.** Venue: Sylviavale Museum at Vaal Old Wheels Club House
WHEN **Sunday 12 January 2014**
WHERE Meet 9am for 9.30 at Blockhouse Engine on R59S or Engine on N1 before Grasmere tol gate.
R20.00 Donation or More Abie Brink 084 652 7952 or Clive Winterstein 083 795 0000

WHAT **Natter and Noggin and Annual General Meeting**
WHEN **Thursday 6 February 2014**
WHERE Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 11th Street, Houghton

Dates to Remember during 2014:

South Cape MG Indaba, 9-13 May;

Durban Dash, Weekend 16 - 18 May;

Trip to Scottburgh Classic Car Show, weekend 18 to 20 July;

MG Weekend away to Underburg and Sani Pass, 22 - 24 August.

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SA Company to supply Antennas for Bloodhound SSC

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Poynting engineering project manager Lara Viljoen said.

The Bloodhound SSC will be a world-first live open data project where all the data on research, design, manufacturing and testing of the car is shared through up to 300 media channels. The data will be used to video stream data in real-time so that the world can view the events.

"Bloodhound SSC needs reliable high-speed data communications from the vehicle to the MTN long-term evolution base stations in order to stream the data.

Poynting's deliverable will be qualified antennas, which will be mounted inside the vehicle fin and connected through radio frequency cables to the User Equipment Sierra Wireless modules to maximise the throughput bandwidth for the data link," Viljoen explained.

The Antennas will be developed making use of Poynting's current specialised antenna development methodologies and capabilities and will include a series of simulations, prototypes, tests and qualifications.

"A key objective of the project is inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers, by sharing this engineering adventure and engaging educators, learners and families. As well as the excitement of aiming for 1610km/h, that is the key reason we're involved in this landmark project," Viljoen commented.



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