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

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

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

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EDITORIAL

Yes we had a wonderful Christmas Lunch at the Rand Park Ridge Golf Course., which was well attended and enjoyed by all. This was something really different. More about that elsewhere in the Magazine.

Norman's Birthday Run will be the last run of this season, which is heading back to that wonderful scenic venue up in the hills overlooking the Hartebeestpoort Dam. Bring your own Picnic lunch and drinks. Norman will supply the Birthday Cake!

This Noggin we are trying something different. Each Committee Member will be describing his own tale about what he gets out of being a member of the MG Car Club. And, what it means to him. The floor will be opened up for members to air their views as well. We are hoping that this will be a Festive Evening for all to enjoy.

For the Editor, this has been a truly difficult year, particularly experiencing several Computer problems which have had to be sorted out, however, between Denise's help at the printers and the assistance from others, we have always had the Mag out on time, except for last month, when our website would not accept our Magazine in the usual way. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. But hope that this one will be back to normal.

In closing, I would also like to extend my, and Hyla's Best Wishes to all members for the Festive Season, and May the New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one for all. "May all your Gifts be Little MG's."

The Editors office shall be closed for a month, but will return well rested, to tackle the New Year.

TOM

PS:- Do not Forget the Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 4th February, 2016.

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Bill Greig

Doing some mathematics I realise that I have known Bill Greig for over 30 years. That's a long time and it started when I was in Scouts with his two sons, Bruce and Stuart at Greenside. Those were great years and both Bruce and Stuart also attended Parktown Boys when I was there. But I will never forget the day that Bill arrived in what must have then been his fairly new acquisition of the Orange (no, Bill, it's not red!) Peril - his now famous TD. What a car I remember thinking at the time with a suitably shade of the green eyed jealousy monster I am sure painted on my face. I remember at the time the talks of this legendary MG Car Club - and if I could have known then that I would one day chair the self same Club, what would I have told myself back then?

Stuart introduced me to the joys of MGs in Bills B Roadster - on an early Icicle Rally which is when I first saw the Club in action. We were terrible - Stuart was a rubbish driver offset only by my complete inability to function as a navigator. I know for a certain fact just how proud Bill was of Stuart's tremendous improvements in his driving capabilities to the point where now even I will grudgingly concede he has achieved 'better than competent, talented even' status!

Bill was the strong silent type. Resolute in his beliefs I was reminded, firmly, really just the other day with a 'Mr Kelly! A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed!' when I had made some flippant comment or other intended to get a rise from Bill. It never failed. Bill could be quite stern in his own way, but he was always gentle, fair and true to his word. Bill was the best of old school in other words, and

William

CHAIRMAN'S

December 2015

Merry Christmas



Twoo Whit Twoooo

Racing has always been a part of the MG heritage and whilst it is the Youth that are flying this flag for us within the Club it would not be happening without the likes of Roger, Nick and Uncle Glen - to name a very few. Cameron is doing a fabulous job of representing from the MG Committee side and generally getting things done. The YP is a major success of the Car Club and is now completing it's fifth year! Hard to believe how time flies.

Nick has some interesting ideas moving forwards - I shall say no more for fear of stealing his thunder, and thunder it is. Suffice it to say, it involves racing. And it is good.

You will note that the notice for the AGM is being circulated now. It's one of mixed feelings for me - because my time is up. My reign of terror and dictatorship as your Chairman is mandatorily term limited - for which I am eternally in favour of - because it means we will have a new hand on the tiller. This year has been a tough one for me personally as the demands on my time have made me feel a bit like Bilbo - thin - like not enough butter spread on too much bread. No more have I felt this than here - and no more have I been supported by such a wonderful committee, who have just gotten things done.

We've had some great times this year with the inevitable one or two small oopsies but generally I feel it's been a year of good things MG wise. Tours, gatherings, noggins, runs - we've been busy! And looking forward to 2016 we have a fabulous Indaba screaming up on us - we have an active car Club, we have new Youth Project stuff developing and we all have our membership of this fabulous Club to say thank you for.

It being December now all that is left for me is to say thank you to you all for everything that you do, have done and will do for this Club. And Happy Holidays, safe travels, blessed time with your families, your loved ones (your MGs obviously) and everyone else with meaning in your life.

William



MG Car Club - Johannesburg Centre

AGM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Clause 6.3 of the Constitution that the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at Old Edwardian's Club, 4th Avenue, Houghton, on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 20h00

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

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



Our MG Christmas Lunch A Most Enjoyable Occasion"



Pics by Kevin

Not being a Golfer, or being accustomed to finding any of the many Golf Courses in this town, it was quite an experience for both Hyla and I to find our way there. I knew it was near Cresta Shopping Centre, and that the entrance was off Republic Road? Then we were shown down some very quiet lanes, and suddenly we were there:- A massive parking area, with very little parking space to offer, but fortunately we found one vacant space within easy walking distance from the Massive and Inviting Club House entrance.

Inside, we soon met up with many of our MG friends, all following the directions towards the Dining Room. We were then ushered into a large Dining area. We then found that the whole area had been allocated for our Lunch, this lent itself to a very Social Atmosphere, where all selected seats at one of the well prepared and decorated tables. 58 Couples took up their positions.

After ordering drinks and a brief welcoming message by William, we then continued our socialising before joining the orderly queue at the serving tables. Here a wonderful array of very well prepared Starters, Main Course and then the Deserts and coffee were available.

We then were able to move around the tables and socialise with each other.

The Golfers were relaxing in the shade on the outside deck, presumably discussing their golfing strokes, and score Cards in minute detail after their game.

Eventually, we reluctantly moved off back home to reflect on our New Golfing Experience. However, I still think playing with our little MGs is much more fun and enjoyable in the long run. But the thought of returning to the Rand Park Golf Club House for another Social Occasion would not be a bad idea for the future.





Our MG Christmas Lunch



Many thanks for a super lunch at a pleasant venue - an excellent choice



One half of the dining area; close to 60 folk enjoyed themselves



Part of the buffet lunch; no shortage of good food



Clive particularly enjoyed the apple pie



Christmas greetings from Jeanne & Hentie



Good puddings for those not on diet



Congratulations to Rudi who celebrated his 80th birthday on 16th November



Rod & Sharon travelled in from Hartebeestpoort Dam; the December run will be to their place at the dam

Tom & Abie talk about world events

NMGmanTalks!

Boy how this year has flashed by -- again!

I mean, like last year. MG wise it has been great -- with the superb pre war event at Franchhoek with friends both old and new. A wonderful time spent with Dave and Janet Lyons in Hout Bay before the event, and then only months later -- a glorious MG month in Holland, UK, France and Switzerland, driving EX 182 replica at Silverstone, and taking it down to Vicky for the Grand Prix with Dave and Janet, again great fun.

And now we have had 'Thanks to young Shelly Dixon' an absolutely superb Christmas Lunch. Well done Shelly -- I think you are the best part of the "Clubs" youth programme!

Our table was most entertaining -- sitting with the Duly-Bakers, we spoke of the good old days -- Chris describing how in the sixties he often drove down in the Midget from Addis Ababa to Johannesburg! Whilst every year they took the BGT to Cape Town and Durban for year end holidays. Makes treks north sound trivial -- whilst just hearing how young Edward is doing now on Broadway, after years in the West End, makes us realise how quickly time has flown. Now with homes in England, as well as Sweden and the North Coast, they have most certainly enjoyed life.

It amazed me that Les McLeod didn't know of my love for rugby -- Pat telling him, as great as my love of MG's and we hadn't even got around to Talking about Ships -- my first ever love as a seven year old.

With taking me to Aussie in January we have already heard from the Bushes, Foldhazys, Glasby's and Bazzicas

So I will be sure to hang out an MG flag -- AND we will be a day in PE -- Great!

Have a Safe and Happy Christmas, and a truly Prosperous New Year.

Octagonally,

Norman

PS. Have been in touch with my Parisienne and other MG friends around France at this sad time, and have extended our sympathy to one and all -- they all look forward to seeing us.

STOP PRESS

The sad Passing of Peter Arnot

It is with deep regret that we advise the sudden passing of Peter Arnot. Peter was involved in organising and promoting Regularity Rallying for many years, and will be sorely missed.

Condolences from the members of SARRA to his family.

Syd Brett. SARRA

SAMCA RUN TO THE VAAL

CORDIAL UPDATE FROM FRIENDS OF SYLVIAVALE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Sunday 10 January 2016 is the date for the next SAMCA RUN TO THE VAAL, for many years now an initiative of the MG Club. With every visit more developments at the Museum may be appreciated. Look out for:

- A fully equipped and working Blacksmith Shop. The forges will be burning and some lucky visitors may try their hand at smithing
- New Outdoor Oven will be fired up ready for baking genuine home-baked breads
- New displays in Museum Hall No.2 to admire
- Genuine Museum home-grown grape juice may be ready for sale

Other attractions are working steam engines, Museum projects in progress, raffle tickets on sale and the Village & Country Market.

The Tea Room, operated by the Red Aprons, will cater for light meals comprising boerewors rolls, hamburgers, tea, coffee and cake. The Cock & Bull Pub serves fantastic craft beers and other beverages. The Courtyard seats over two hundred folks and live entertainment will be presented. More than another hundred folks may be seated in the restaurant, pub and tea garden.

Adonation may be made at the entrance gate, tickets for which qualify for lucky draws.

Classic Cars will be parked in orderly fashion in the inner precinct and in the public parking in the outer precinct. Modern vehicles park on an adjacent property. Don't forget your cameras.

Sylviavale Heritage Museum appreciates the support of SAMCA, as a private initiative the Museum can do with as much as possible

POLANA RALLY

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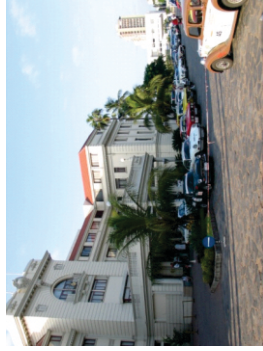
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Karting Report by FJ Smit

The karting was great and I had a lot of fun. I will definitely do it again next year and I am very much looking forward to it. We had a great team and I was proud to be part of them. As the MG Youth team we managed to win the Plate Final and as a team we were very proud to win it. We will aim to go through to the big final next year and hope to do good and hopefully get a place.



2P news



Race Report 17 October 2015

Gavin Holt

Qualifying

On Saturday when I arrived at the track, there were some issues with the clutch, and as a result of that we couldn't scrutinize the car until it was fixed, unfortunately I missed my qualifying by only a few minutes.

Heat 1

I had to start at the back of the grid because I didn't qualify, but I made my way past the slower cars without too much problems, but then an accident happened on lap 3 I think, where 2 cars spun at turn 4 and were in a dangerous position, so the safety car came out. The safety car was out for about 4 laps, but annoyingly the car in front of me didn't catch up to the rest of the pack that was behind the safety car, so I lost a lot of ground. Eventually the safety car went off and I could resume racing, but too many laps had gone during safety car so I only got to 19th place.

Heat 2

I started higher up in the grid this time, but the MG A is a little short on power so I lost a few positions and fell behind Paul Griffin and we had a great battle for the whole race, he would get me on the straights, but on the corners I was held up constantly because the MG handles extremely well. I was being held up roughly 2 seconds every lap so my times weren't their best but it was a lot of fun. At the final corner on the last lap I did late breaking and got next to Paul on the pit straight, and his little bit of extra power got his car ahead of me by 0.079 seconds at the line. And in the end I got first place in class.

Midvaal YP Racing by M Britz

With a an early start to the day the mood was electric, for we were on our way to Midvaal. The event was organised, we were ready and all that had to happen now was a fantastic day of racing.

I was in the best team, in my opinion. The MG One. My team mates and I were in the mood to have some good fun.

As racing commenced I was asked to bring us home. The competition was on point, but still got 3rd place. This meant we had qualified for the big final.

With the sun baking, and smiles all round, our final was approaching fast. With Murphy on our side the clouds loomed closer. The race was upon us. So were the rain clouds. The flag drops and we were now heated in battle, but as our luck would have it the rtain decided to join in the fun.

The sky's opened and it became a survival of the fittest. We ended up in 3rd place overall and soaked.

I love this event, and will continue to do it year after year, regardless of the weather.

Thank you to all involved for such an amazing day.

THE 2016 MacGREGOR MALUTI MEANDER

16th to 19th JUNE

Submitted by Roger Pearce

The 4th Maluti Meander Rally will be run over the long weekend of the 16th to the 18th of June 2016. Thursday the 16th is a public holiday, so only one day's leave will be needed. Departing Sunday the 19th.

On our first Maluti Rally in 2013 we had a spontaneous trip to the Green Lantern Inn at the top of Van Reenens Pass, which was very memorable for all that were there. I have had repeated request to return there.

WE have therefore decided to incorporate the Green Lantern into the 2016 Maluti Rally. The rally will start at the Green Lantern Inn on Thursday the 16th an overnight stay is available for those that want to stay the night of Wednesday the 15th of June at the Inn, we have arranged accommodation at a special rate. The rally will start late enough on the morning of the 16th to allow those who rather want to travel to the start to do so, and hence the overnight stay is optional.

Accommodation at the Inn is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, and will be allocated once we have received full payment for the nights stay, so get your booking in as soon as possible.

The first day's rallying will leave mid morning and follow a route from the Green Lantern passing through Golden Gate, to Clarence and onto Fouriesburg. Thursday afternoon will give you enough time to settle into Fouriesburg Country Inn, have lunch, a social and prepare for the next stage. A first for most of you will be a short night rally with first car away at 17.30. You will be greeted with hot soup, gluhwein and a roaring fire in the pub on your return.

Friday after breakfast will be a normal 09.01 start with a good day's rallying ahead. On Friday evening after supper we will be hosting a pub quiz. This promises to be a fun evening with questions that will encompass everything from music to who's whom, what and when. So get your teams of six together, and be prepared to have your general knowledge tested. A hamper prize will be awarded to the winning team.

Saturday morning will be a shorter rally, which will finish early giving you the afternoon at leisure. On Saturday evening we will have the customary spit braai, which the good people at Fouriesburg have become so famous for. The prize giving will follow, and on Sunday the 19th you will depart for home with more fond memories of another great MacGregor Maluti Meander.

The cost of the event, excluding the night of the 15th will be R5500.00, for three nights accommodation two persons, bed, dinner, lunch, breakfast, and entry.

For those who want to bring spouses or partners, who do not want to compete in the rally, there is an accommodation only option available. The cost for such accompanying persons will be R550 per night, which includes accommodation at Fouriesburg on a

dinner, bed & breakfast basis, attendance at the prize giving spit braai and involvement in the social side of the rally. There is a host of activities available in the Fouriesburg area for accompanying persons to choose from, and the hotel staff will be happy to assist in this regard

Booking forms for The Green Lantern and the rally are attached. A deposit of R1500.00 is required on or before the 29th of February 2016 for rally entry. The balance is to be paid on or before the 30th of April 2016. We have posted purposefully early, so as to give you enough time to start saving for this event. If you want to make monthly deposits, you are welcome to do so. No cancellations or refunds will be accepted after April 30th 2016.

It's going to be colder than any other Maluti Rally we have run, and who knows, perhaps we'll be able to build a snowman or two. So bring warm clothes.

For any queries please contact me (larina) on 084 949 0837 or mail larina.macgregor@gmail.com

MacGregor Maluti Meander 2016
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Norman***



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