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A Natter and 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 "Thumb's Up! Club Runs, are normally held on the second Sunday of each month.

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We are already entering the month of March, Where have the last two months gone?

Firstly, I must welcome Bruce Dixon into the Chairman ship of our MG Car Club. Bruce has been a very active member on our Committee for the past few years and took a very keen interest in Club affairs. He has a number of MGs in his stable, and has just added two more, an MGA and a TC to his collection recently. Then, Rajesh Thulsie was elected onto the Committee as our Events Coordinator, Rajesh, is a very keen MG Fan, and has had many years experience in building and maintaining MGs. After his recent input at his first Committee Meeting, we are eagerly awaiting his expert advice and expertise. Welcome Rajesh!

Other changes are that Shelly Dixon will be taking over the Regalia portfolio from Aneka de Groot. Here, we must thank Aneke for her services to that important function of the Club.

At our recent Committee meeting, our Magazine came under a lot of Serious Discussion. We all agree that it is the 'Life Blood' of the Club. However since going Electronic, a lot of our members are not receiving it via the Website. This is due to a number of issues. But, mainly the 'Dropbox' system that we chose to communicate with our Printing Company, has not worked well. We seriously need to work out something new and efficient in this regard. Rajesh mentioned a few of his observations and is now investigating the system used by our Northern neighbours. Their Newsletter is distributed through Emails. This seems more practical. And they can also find it on their Website!

Due to the problems with the Magazine distribution (See the separate page headed "This is Important") for more on this subject. Please, we urge all our members to please take Note, and act accordingly. All the above has seriously affected our Membership and Subscription Payments. Our Banking details can be found at the bottom of the Committee Page.

On a lighter note we have several Interesting events coming up in the near future. Including the possible formation of a "Z Series Register" being instigated by John Buttress. Please bring your Z Series Cars out on The Sunday Run to Nick Parrott's home, on the 13 March. If you don't have a "Z" then any other MG or "Plastic" will be very welcome. TOM (Editor)

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#### From the Chair,

Standards have been set for your committee over the 47 years existence of this club which are based on a fine constitution. My role as the new chairman is to lead the committee for the next year in terms of the constitution. It is a truly fantastic record for a club such as this to have survived for this long. Indeed many of the committee members have been involved for the better part of the 47 years. Norman in particular, has been an office bearer since the inception of the club. The requirement of the constitution is that the chairman should have served on the committee for at least one year. I would not have liked to take on the role without first having been introduced to the role over a period- in my case two years. The committee meets every month to address club management issues, events, magazine, finance, regalia etc. There are a number of ex-officio co-opted members who give valuable input into the club, recording laudorum points and organizing club events, registers etc. This is a voluntary group who are driven by their passion for MGs and they need the support of the members.

However the times are a changing- sadly, our membership has declined and indeed many of the existing members, some of many years standing, are not paying their subscriptions. One can ask why pay the subscription when all the benefits are available even if the subs are not paid. The magazine is freely available on the website, one can attend the runs and indeed enjoy everything that the other members have paid for.

The club is still in good shape financially having been frugal and disciplined over the years, but the reserves will soon dwindle if members don't pay up. All the subscription amounts and club banking details are printed elsewhere in the edition.

What does the club offer to members for their R210 subscription? Every year 12 monthly runs are organized. Much effort goes into arranging these and inviting members. There are 12 natters and noggins which often have interesting guest speakers or members sharing information and experience, there is the inter club quiz and there is an end of year lunch which is generally subsidized for paid up members by the club. There is a monthly Thumbs Up magazine published on the website, there is a well maintained (we have had problems!) web site that allows contributions from members , free advertising and links to interesting like-minded MG nuts. Membership records are kept. The club communicates with members via email, the magazine, SMS and shortly also via Whatsapp. So why the dwindling membership? Representation by a committee member on SAMCA, club insurance schemes, show days and participation at the Indabas. It can't be because there is no value for money - you could hardly get a cup of coffee every month for that. A lot of this is a repeat of what I said at the AGM repeated here for those who were unable to attend.

So how do we fix it? Suggestions from members have been that we should improve communication, that the noggin venue should be moved, that the Thumbs Up is difficult to read online.

We are working at the streamlining of communication, and we are looking at ways of distributing the magazine via email in addition to the link to the website. We will

offer IT assistance to those who are having difficulty receiving emails, Whatsapp and searching the web. We will arrange training sessions if there is interest. In this tech era there is so much to be had by simply being able to get into Google- it opens up a whole new world.

The first two runs of 2016 were arranged by last year's committee so as to hand over a running unit to the new committee. The January run, organized by Abie Brink, was to Silverdale at the Vaal, this was poorly attended by the MGCC, possibly because many members were still away on holiday or due to the sweltering heat that weekend. The February run to Hogsville on Valentine's Day was organized by Shelly and well attended and enjoyed by all. This was a repeat of the visit last year should become an annual event. The next event is being organized by John Buttress with an emphasis on the Z models, ZA,ZB, modern ZR and ZT- a Zaamtrek! All the details are in the event section and other models are welcome.

Bruce Dixon

# <u>Scottburgh Classic Car Show</u> Sunday 17th July 2016 at Scottburgh High School

#### We usually organize a Tour of MGs to Scottburgh (watch this Space!)

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## M G Car Club Johannesburg Centre. Minutes of 46th AGM Thursday 4 February 2016 Old Edwardians Club, Houghton, Johannesburg.

Attendance as per Tony Maybank 22 paid members. Quorum established. Chairman William Kelly welcomed all at 20.10

Non A G M matters mentioned. Upcoming events discussed. New member Nick Haines introduced.

Apologies: Norman Ewing, Rolf Schweitzer, Clive Winterstein, Glen Parker, Jones, DE Villiers, Alex Cooley, Shelley Dixon, Cameron McLeod, Tom Kirkland, Ken Duncan, Pierre Van Hel.

Minutes of 45th A G M read out by William Kelly.

Approved by Tony Maybank. Seconded by Randall Everson

William mentioned yearly magazine not implemented but a future possibility. William read out Chairman's report.

Tony Maybank read out financial report. Answered relevant questions. Report acceptance proposed by John Buttress. Seconded by Derrick Langsford Stuart Hain dissolved the current committee.

Tom Kirkland, Norman Ewing and Tony Maybank carried over onto new committee. PJ Ryan proposed as secretary. Mentioned to members that a non M G Car owner. Bruce Dixon appointed incoming Chairman. Proposed that Randall Everson, Michael Dixon, Cameron McLeod re-instated.

New member of the committee Rajesh Thulsi proposed.

Committee nominations accepted.

Bruce Dixon as new Chairman introduced himself and maid a few comments. The meeting closed at 21.00

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## How about Forming A Register for all "Z" Series Car

### Z Cars Assembly (Zaamtrek)

The first thing to make clear is that although this envisaged gathering is aimed primarily at Z car owners' it is open to all members and friends. The Z cars will take centre stage but all are welcome to gawk and talk.

As a Z car owner of 20 months standing I find myself talking to other Z owners at noggins, runs and other occasions. We discuss the foibles and idiosyncrasies of the cars and I learn a lot. Sometimes the advice received is contradictory. It thus occurred to me that it would be a fine idea to assemble as many as possible Z car owners and talk about the challenges we face and hopefully agree as to how to tackle them.

Accordingly we have been graciously granted a Sunday 'run' date of 13 March. Nick Parrot has kindly agreed to make his estate available for the gathering and will provide braai fires so please take your food, drink and chairs.

If you are a ZA, ZB, ZR, ZS (There is one about) or ZT owner please make sure that you are present at the meet. If you have to trailer your car please still bring it! Directions to Nick's estate will be issued soon.

Non Z owners are more than welcome to join us and add to the communal wisdom.

If you plan to be present please inform us by 3 March so that enough fires are lit. I can be contacted at:

jopie@iburst.co.za or 082 742-3844 or 011-678-1680 Emails are preferred so that I have a record.



intersection. Turn left onto Northumberland. (It is Witkoppen to the right)

Travel 1.3 km to the next set of traffic lights. Turn right into Aureole Ave. You will cross a sand road which is Valley Road.

The next gate on the right is 393, which is marked by large numbers on the wall. There will be an MG sign outside.



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# **HOGSVILLE** - VALENTINE'S DAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2016

Valentine's Day, no cheesy celebrations for the ladies of the Johannesburg MG club, we are past all that and to prove this point at least 20 couples came on the run to Hogsville; a great turn-out for the first run organised by our new chairman Bruce Dixon and ably assisted by Shelley Dixon.

We met at the Kyalami race track which is undergoing its upgrade and drove in convoy the short distance to Hogsville in Carlswald The property is the home of Wilf Mole and he and his wife joined us for a picnic lunch under the shade of the Willow trees on the banks of the little dam. At any moment we half expected 'Toady' to come racing along

in his "shiny new motor-car, of great size, painted a bright red (Toad's favourite colour)". A TD

In celebration of the occasion, many of the ladies and some of the men, dressed in red and white, making for a festive group photo. Anita de Castro won the prize for being "the best dressed lady who drove her husband to the picnic".

Peter Knight and his partner Val started off red and white balloons tied to their car, but they blew off and Peter and Paul who came in their 'new to them' MGB roadster



were delighted with the comment from a passer-by that their car looked like a 'little piece of the sky' (it is a soft shade of blue). Young James Kelly was really taken with the tractor and perhaps William could be persuaded to get him one if there is space at home?



5From memory I think this is the fourth time that we have been to Hosgville and each time there is something different on display. This time Wilf had two 'old Fords' and a post-war motorbike and sidecar for enthusiasts to look at. It was of German design, copied by the Russians for the Polish army and that is why it ended up as surplus issue at a quaint museum on a dirt road north of Johannesburg!

I've decided lunch tastes different when it is eaten outdoors away from suburbia and in the company of good friends making these runs so enjoyable.

Thank you Bruce and Shelley for the organisation and we look forward to seeing you all next month.

### **MG - Valentines Day at "Hogsville"** A Grand Day with Wilfred & Lyndie Mole

Pictures by Kevin

We awoke to a wonderful clear warm morning with hardly a cloud in the sky. A perfect day for a Valentines Day Picnic, which Shelly and Michael had put together for us.

After meeting at the Kyalami Gates at 10.00am a convoy proceeded to Hogsville, a few late comers arrived directly at the Farm (A little piece of Paradise in Midrand). We were w e l c o m e d b y W i l f r e d, who was making sure that we were all comfortable under the large Shady



Willow Trees, surrounding the large Dam in the centre of the property. Looking on to the Hogsville Garage that used to be the only Filling Station on the main road from Half-Wway House to Krugersdorp.







About 20 MGs were parked under the nearby trees. It was a privilege to be able to park next to Wilfred's newly acquired 1930's Fords. A Sedan V8 and a Bakkie, both in immaculate condition with Canadian registration plates.



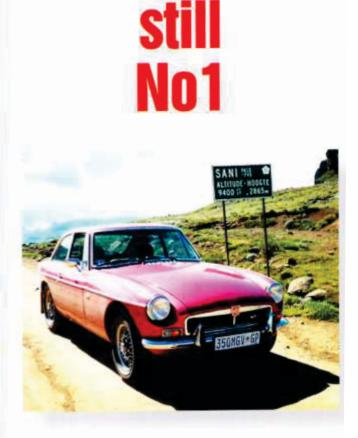
Soon the "picnic Baskets" were out and all enjoyed their home made sandwiches.





t was good to have several of our more senior members out with us. The Hain's, Watsons and then our newly elected member to the committee Rajesh Thulsie and his wife Shreen. A lot of socialising and discussions about future travelling tours and adventures for the coming months ahead were discussed.

Our thanks to Wilfred being and Lyndie for allowing the MG members to enjoy their 'little piece of Heaven' with them on this Valentines Day 2016.



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# A Very Pleasant Surprise !

# An Era of MGs on Display at Brooklyn Mall



At our Committee Meeting on Wednesday 17th February we were informed by the Northern Centre, that there was a Motor Show to be held at Brooklyn Mall from Friday evening over the weekend, ending on Sunday late afternoon. We immediately sent out SMS's and Emails to all our members early Thursday Morning, informing them of the event. Knowing that it was short notice.

Being curious to see what it was all about, Hyla and I ventured off to Brooklyn Mall on Sunday morning. We arrived on the upper level and looked over the Stainless Steel & Glass atriums . "WHAT A SIGHT!!!" 24 Spotless MGs ranging from the early M Type owned by Peppi to the most Modern version of the TF. There were only one car displayed of each Model, through the full MG range from the early 1930's to the mid 2006's.





We were immediately welcomed by Tony Cradock and his wife, then had a long discussion with Peppi and many other of their Club members. Apparently several of our Jo'burg. Members had called in, and also expressed their surprise at seeing such a Professional Display of MGs. What was most visible was the fact that each Model had a full printed description, and some history over the years displayed on cabinets next to the exhibit. So by Starting with Peppi's M Type, you could follow the sequence of each model with the various versions produced, eg. the MGA, both the Roadster, the Hard-top, as well as a Twin Cam, were there on display.

The Centre Management supplied the Advertising and Display material required, and also provided a Coctail Function on the Saturday evening for Club members and those who exhibited. Full Security was also provided throughout the Show. I must say that this was definitely one of the Best MG Displays that I have ever attended over my 28 years of membership. Congratulations to the Northern Centre Members, for putting on such a comprehensive and informative display of MGs together for the Public at Brooklyn Mall. Tom Kirkland, Editor Thumbs Up!







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# THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT!!!!

When last did you <u>"UPDATE"</u> your Personal details on our MGCC Records?

It has just come to our attention, that many of our members have not notified our Club Treasurer of any changes that they have made to their personal details since Joining the Club. (In my case that was almost 28 years ago). Your own personal Residential and Postal Address. All your Contact Numbers -- Home and Work. AND, Importantly, your Email Address.

(This is your Main Life Line to the Club)

Then, how Many MGs have you Added/Sold, in your Stable?

WHY all these QUESTIONS?

A case in point:- At our last Committee Meeting we needed to notify all our members of the pending Northern Centres MG Display taking place at Brookland Mall on 20/21 Feb. OK, Shelly, send out Emails Quickly.

She sent out 180 Emails and, YES, 56 bounced back.

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Kevin Loader	455	Jenny loader	310	
Bill Greig	330	Carol Dixon	280	
Rolf Peter Schweizer	250	Judith Schweizer	240	
Hentie Erasmus	240	Jeanne Erasmus	240	
Peter Faul	120	Hilda Parker	200	
Paul Spence	110	Wendy Kelly	190	
Glen Parker	200	Aneke De Groot	180	
Clive Winterstein	195	Anita De Castro	160	
Derek Spavins	185	Hyla Kirkland	130	
Alex Dewar	160	Jocelyn Norton	120	
Mike Watt	160	Wendy Smyth	80	
Koos Boshoff	160	Daphne Cass	80	
Peter Knight	155	Louise Brett	80	
Jose De Castro	130	Pat Ewing	80	
Esra Martins	120	Margaret Hain	80	
Cliff Smyth	120	Lyn Spavins	60	
Derek Langsford	120	Sharon Herman	60	
Rodney Norton	120	Amanda Van Hell	60	
lan Cass	120	Marleen McLeod	50	
Les MC Loed120	120	Thelma Cuninghame	50	
John Buttress	115	Joanne Butt ress	50	
Bryan Van Der Schyff	110	Pennie Wickins	40	
Michael Brett	100	Valerie Watt	40	
Mike O'Keeffe	85	Marlene Leppan	40	
Rajesh Thulsie	80	Jiesel Clarke	40	
Stuart Hain	80	Vi Westwood	40	
Rod Herman	80	Loan Stokes	40	
Richard Grover	70	Maureen Van Der Schyff	40	
Pierre Van Hell	70	Dawn O'Keeffe	40	
Glyn Phillips	70	Lynda Duncan	40	
John Meiring	60	Marilyn Phillips	30	
Douglas Watkins	60	Avril Grover	30	
Stewart Cuninghamme	60	Heather Holt	30	
Abraham Brink	60	Margie Lockwood	20	
Peter Edmonds	50	Carole Jones	20	
Dave Holt	50	Kalip so Hutchin son	20	
Plus 57 more names each with 40 points or lower.				









## MG CAR CLUB -- JOHANNESBURG

WHAT	Natter and Noggin Social Evening and Prize Giving Ceremony Nick Parrott will talk about
WHEN	Thursday 3 March 2016
WHERE	Old Edwardians, Cor 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Houghton
WHAT	Monthly Run – To Nick Parrott's Home, John Butress to attempt to form an "MG Z" Register
WHEN	Sunday 13 March 2016
WHERE	Meet at Shell Garage at Cor Malabongwe & Witkopen Roads 10.30 for 11.00am departure
WHAT	Natter and Noggin Social Evening, Talk by Norman Ewing, entitled "CECIL KIMBER"
WHEN	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2016,
WHERE	Old Edwardians, Cor 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Houghton
WHAT	SAMCA Angela's Picnic (in aid of Hospice) A Great Annual Family Event.
WHEN	Sunday 3rd Apri 2016
WHERE	Delta Park For best shady positions – Come Early and Stay 'til Late
WHAT	Monthly Run Special Cecil Kimber RUN Normans Delight!!!!
WHEN	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
WHERE	To Be Advised

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