



Incorporating the  
MG Sports Car Register

# The Breed

MG Car Club, Cape Town Centre, Suite 276, Private Bag X16, Constantia, 7848

www.mgcc-ct.co.za



Affiliated to the  
MG Car Club - England

Issue 2006/6

JUNE 2006

**Club Officials 2006/2007**

**President**

Frank Peché  
Ph: 028 ; Email: fankp@mweb.co.za

**Vice-Presidents**

Susan Tuck  
Charles Batham

**Trustees**

Ralph Clarke and Brian Hogg

**Chairman**

Roger Lewis  
Ph: 021-712-4806

**Honorary Secretary**

Margaret von Zeil  
Ph: 021-531-9370; Email: mvonzeil@pgwc.gov.za

**Honorary Treasurer**

Mervyn Corbishley  
Ph: 082 824-5440; Email: mgcorbishley@iafrica.com

**Social Secretary**

Rosalie Plows  
Ph 021 762 4748  
Email: rose@admin.sunlands.wcape.school.za

**Competition Secretary**

James Reinhardt  
Ph: 082 821-9157; Email: james.reinhardt@worldonline.co.za

**Register Secretary**

Peter Napier  
Ph: 021-712-1552; Email: panman@absamail.co.za

**Editor / Publications Secretary**

Rosalie Plows  
Ph: 021-762-4748; Email:  
rose@admin.sunlands.wcape.school.za

**Veterans' Secretary**

Jo Hitchcock  
Ph: 021-939-3803; 082-4461092

**Ex Officio**

**Club PRO**

Robin Rich - Ph/fax: 021 903-3426

**Membership Secretary**

Hildegard Rich - Ph/fax: 021 903-3426;  
Email: hfrich@hotmail.com

**Clubhouse Manager**

George Dommissie - Ph: 021 685-3489

**Spares**

Mike Plows - Ph: 021 762-4748;  
Email: rose@admin.sunlands.wcape.school.za

**Regalia**

June Stoddart—Ph 021 791 3343

**Register Captains:**

**MMM and T-Types:** Joan Parker Ph: 021 671-8379

**MGA:** George Davey 021 797 7954

**MGB and Moderns:** Peter James Ph: 083 448-2679

## FROM THE CHAIR

At the next meeting we will, I hope be able to enjoy the tales and achievements of our returning envoys from the recent National gathering, I myself have been away on a lecture tour which in itself took quite a bit of work, before and after the event, so much so that I missed the last tea run, Mervyn thanks for plugging the leak on the day.

Action is ongoing in terms of the 2007 Cape Centres and again we will get an update at the meeting. In terms of the 2008 National event I have yet to hear the outcome from the National body meeting, but will have answers before the next meeting so we have a better understanding of what is expected from our Centre.

Brian Hogg made known at the last meeting that the 2008 action group has disbanded, but we do need to put in place a body to look for potential venues and program for what will be the Indaba after the one being organised by the Port Elizabeth Centre.

The next major event is the weekend away, so please ensure your passports and bookings are up to date, just in case the Overberg group declares itself more than just an active bunch of classic enthusiasts.

See at the next event

*Roger.*

## EDITORIAL

Mike and I went by bus to KZN. The bus broke down 10km from Colesberg—we were picked up by a rival bus company and deposited at a service station outside of Estcourt - 3 hours later than expected. Thank God for cell phones! We used Angela's 1100 for the rest of the journey to the Champagne resort. The Indaba was excellent—Good food, company, weather and venue. See page 4 onwards for a day to day account of events

Rosalie

## IN THIS ISSUE

Classifieds	Page 11
Club Calendar	Page 2
General Meeting Minutes	Page 9
KZN Indaba	Page 4
Past Events TeaRun Veterans Run Overberg Run	Page 9 3 6
Secretary's Corner	Page 3
Social News	Page 3

## CLUB CALENDAR

### This month June.....

14	Wednesday	20h00 - General Meeting at the Clubhouse.
18	Sunday	Garage Meet at 1030h at James Reinhardt 7 Drakenstein Road Durbanville. Rebuild of Midget engine.
23 -25	Fri-Sun	Club Weekend Away—Napier by now you would have booked your accommodation—if not look in May breed. See page 8 for programme Accommodation offered: Self catering/ fully equipped R160/ person Country Home set on 1.3 hectares, overlooking 2 dams with ducks Lorna Young 028 423 3372/082 089 6904
20	Thursday	June 29: Thursday: Veterans: Visit Bird's Paradise in Robertson. Meet at N1 Engen One-Stop on the N1 for departure at 09h45 sharp. Possible tea stop along the way. Light lunch available at the Coffee Shop on the premises. Contact person: Jo Hitchcock. Tel: (021) 939 3803 or 082 446 1096.

### Next month July

12	Thursday	20h00 - General Meeting—Gluhwein evening
16	Sunday	Mid Winter Wine Tour: Wine tasting and lunch at MORGENHOF Estate, Stellenbosch. R110pp (incl wine tasting). Departure from Engen N2 1-stop - time of departure will be weather and oil-price dependent. If it is a beautiful winters day, we will depart earlier and take a scenic drive to Morgenhof but if it is a typical wet Cape July day, we will go straight to Morgenhof where we are due at 12 noon for the wine tasting. Contact person and bookings Joan Parker <a href="mailto:mulpark@intekom.co.za">mulpark@intekom.co.za</a> , 021-6718379, 082-2147561 by 5 <sup>th</sup> July – numbers limited.
29	Thursday	Veterans: Tour on the Breede Kloof Wine Route in the Slanghoek—Rawsonville area with wine tasting and lunch at the Opstal winery and restaurant. Meet at the Engen-One Stop on the N1 at 9.45 for departure at 10.00sharp. For more information see page 3 Contact person Jo Hitchcock tel 021 939 3803 or 082 446 1092

### ....and the next month – August

9	Wednesday	20h00 General Meeting
13	Sunday	Club run—to be announced
31	Thursday	Veterans <b>A Unique Historical Railroad Experience</b> in the Hexpass Express rail trolley at R80.00p.p. Picnic lunches can be ordered in advance. This promises to be a memorable trip and a once in a lifetime experience. Must be prepared to leave early in the morning. A deposit of R40.00 pp required by the August meeting. More details next time. Contact person: Jo Hitchcock Tel 021 939 3803 or 082 446 1092



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Congratulations to Ralph & Hilda Clarke who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 9th April—Hope you enjoyed it.

### ADD TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

de Villiers, Tony      Tel 021 786 2288  
17 Jackson Street  
Simonstown

Retief, Des              Tel 021 438 8429  
9 Victoria Road  
Bakoven

---

## SOCIAL NEWS

### Birthdays in June

1 Tinus de Jongh  
2 Graham Quin, Pricilla Bromley  
6 Rosalie Plows  
7 Margee Gough  
10 Malcolm Dryden, Stewart Woodcock  
12 Judy Cooke  
18 Tony Greenwood  
22 June Whittaker  
25 Les Wilson  
26 Robin Rich  
29 John Roux, Alister Colquhoun  
30 Philip Roux, Peter Vadas



2 George Stoddart  
3 Mike Khan  
4 Duncan Robertson  
5 Pam Saunders  
8 Joy Marais  
9 Nico Montauban  
12 Richard van Riet

---

### **Report Back on the Boat trip on the African Queen on the Klein River at Stanford 30 March 2006—by Jo Hitchcock**

---

Thank you Gerry! Although this was the second time for this specific outing during the past two years, it was as exciting and relaxing as the previous time. We could not have wished for a more beautiful day.

The drive along the coast, led by Garth Green, once more, was a thrilling experience for the MG-drivers, manoeuvre ring their MG's round the bends. Jenny Lock was very brave, I think, to drive their MG TF with her sister, Barbara, who was visiting from the UK, as passenger. John enjoyed the drive in his MG RV8. Our guest of honour was definitely Willie and Carole's young grandson, Connor, who was visiting with his mother, Chevon, from Australia. He was a model baby and did not utter one sound of discontent the whole day. The Peisers were very adventurous and preferred to be towed behind the boat while hanging in huge tubes and so was Gerry who dived into the river from the boat to have a swim.

After a two hour cruise down stream, waving to the residents on the banks or watching the bird life, the skipper stopped the boat in a shady spot. Out came the picnic lunches and the braai meat, for those who preferred to braai. Half an hour later the journey was continued back to port.

Thank you Gerry, on behalf of all the veterans, for the past two years. We enjoyed all the outings and shall reminisce about them in time to come.

---

### **FROM PAGE 2 - THE SLANGHOEK WINERY & RESTUARANT**

The Opstal Winery and Restaurant on the Breedekloof Wine route is home to 19 wineries which are all well worth a visit. Opstal Estate is on the Slanghoek Road. They boast the most sensational views on which you may feast your eyes while you dine in the restaurant. Opstal also makes a range of user-friendly wines which can be bought there or enjoyed in their restaurant.

The Slanghoek Winery, also on the Slanghoek Road is a co-op with rapidly growing reputation for quality & affordable prices eg their gold medal Vinay, a lightly wooded Chardonnay and a dry Chenin Blanc. Their fabulous dessert wines, a Cape Ruby, a Red Muscadel and the Hanepoot, really stand out and are really good value. What better way to end a meal than to serve chilled hanepoot, fresh fruit and apiece of ripe camembert or brie. Perhaps we can try out the self-catering cottages on some of the wine farms at a later stage to get away for a week-end.

## KZN CHAMPAGNE INDABA 2006

25 members of the MGCC CTC attended the Indaba, half the number that we normally have. There were many enquiries as to where the regulars were. The Richs (BGT), Ten Oevers (B), Recks (BGT), Pechés (TF), entrained on the Shosholoza to Johannesburg and then motored down to the Drakensberg. The Champions and Mervyn Corbishley towed their "A"s up. The Plows (ZR), Shields (TF), Derrick Smith and Malcolm (B) had offers of MG's from friends and family in Johannesburg and Natal. The Stoddarts (TF), Dallimores (MGC), Greenwoods (TF) and Lionel Baird and Matty (BGT) braved the road to the Drakensberg.

Once there we met up with acquaintances from earlier Indabas, made new ones and settled in to have a fantastic time with like-minded and like-interest people.

The saga of getting there follows:

### Cape Town – Johannesburg on the Shosholoza – by Frank Peché

We left Noordhoek at 06h30. We had not had to travel that route at that time of the morning before. Getting into Ou Kaapseweg from Silvermine Road was a short wait and from there, bumper to bumper over the Weg and along the Blue Route to Wynberg, took 30 minutes. We arrived at Cape Town station at 07h30 to be met by the Richs and Ten Oevers. Robin and Hildegard had left home early too and had been on the station before 06h00, joined by Bill and Lucille shortly after that. Dieter and Lorraine Reck arrived just before 08h00. Robin had primed Sakkie, the car-coach loader, and all went off like clockwork. Sakkie guarded our baggage as we went off to a Station Halaal café for breakfast and when the main train arrived he organised a porter trolley, loaded our baggage and took us to the coach – real service!!

Each couple was booked into a 4 sleeper and once settled we moved into two of the compartments and shared lunch. Afterwards we watched the scenery, caught some shuteye, and then visiting and being visited for the rest of the afternoon. Dieter had cornered one of the Dining Car staff and reserved two tables for the 8 of us for dinner. The caterers on the Shosholoza had been changed – for the better. The food was excellent and very reasonably priced – the wine and service too and we had a lot of jokes and laughter between the two tables, eventually all ending up in one of the compartments with the hilarity as loud as only MG members can be and one story eliciting another with roars of laughter which could be heard for the rest of evening. Olaf Berg and Cape Velvet by the wine-glass took its toll and by 22h00 the train settled into sleeping mode – most other passengers happy that we had calmed down.

Morning again – breakfast together and again a laugh a minute. As the morning wore on things seemed to go awry – we were running an hour late – then two – then by lunchtime, three. Some of us went for lunch, others chose to zizz. Eventually we arrived four hours late – Johannesburg in rush hour!! Oh dear!! And we do complain in Cape Town about the N1 and N2 at rush hour – they are quiet by comparison.

### WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006: by Robin Rich

On Wednesday morning we woke somewhere in the Western Transvaal after a very bumpy ride. It was bitterly cold, the veld was covered in frost and the heaters of the train were switched off. During the night there were lots of stops and very little starts so it was not surprising to learn at breakfast that we were 13/4 hours behind schedule. This they reckoned could still be made up.

Our breakfast in the dining coach (six coaches towards the front) consisting of 2 fried eggs, bacon, tomato and toast (R16) and coffee/tea went down very well.

And so started our long wait. All our over night things were packed and ready..... The road maps were scrutinised and we worked out how we could follow Dieter & Lorraine up to a point where they had to turn Right and we had to turn Left. Some later ordered tea and still later lunch. At the other side of Carltonville at a siding called Frederikstad the train stopped dead. We had to wait for the Railways to fix some overhead wires that Rovos Rail (the train before us) had damaged. This is the excuse given by the train Management. Now we were four hours late and had to enter Johannesburg station through Soweto. (That also happened in 2004 but only two hours late that time). We were on pins and needles as we had to get our cars unloaded and get to the Drakensberg before dark..... impossible!!

SAR set us loose at 16h30 in Johannesburg's peak hour traffic. We were all very nervous about this. Dieter led us out of the station, followed by Bill, Robin and Frank. With three left turns we landed in Wolmarans Street in the right-hand lane. A few cars had come between Bill and us and as we took the road going to the right (followed by Frank) we realised that we had made a mistake. A quick U-turn and a drive round the block found us in the correct lane. I had been listening to the instructions with half an ear but I remembered 'second turn-off M1 to the right'

The cell phone rang: "Where are you?" "Smit Street, BP Garage" . Just then I saw to the right a M1 sign ."Right lane, turn right M1" "OK Dieter, we're OK". Dieter and Bill were waiting for us just after the turn-off. Dieter took his right hand turn-off off the M1 and we didn't take the left. Anyway to cut a long story short with a detour we got onto the M2/N3 for Heidelberg and on our way to Natal.

At the One-Stop at Vosloosrust we stopped for petrol and a snack. Moira phoned the Champagne Resort to say that we were running late. Their kitchens closed at 21h30 and if we got there by then we could still have supper. At Harrismith 220 km later we realised that we were not going to make it. Another call to Champagne Resort – they were going to keep our supper warm for us and send it to our rooms as soon as we got there. In that 220 km we had passed at least one big truck every kilometre. A lovely road but VERY busy. It was a pity we couldn't see any of the scenery.

At 22h30 we arrived at the Resort. By 22h45 we were in our rooms. Nobody felt like eating. We were too tired – just a hot (and was it HOT!) bath / shower and BED.

It had been a very long day but at least we could sleep late the next day!!

On a Personal note:

The Shosholozza Meyl is good value for money. The catering department is definitely better than two years ago. The method of securing the cars in the car carriage is also superior to the cumbersome chains they used before. The cars are now secured in blocks / chocks and tension straps over the wheels – neat and effective. One must remember that this is an African train running on African time. To save a lot on frustration discard the estimated time of arrival and start making plans once you arrive.

The 2006 Indaba was the best Indaba yet. Yes, better than Montague.

From the Resort management side it was remarked that this was the first group they had ever hosted which seemed like family from day one! One up for the MaGic of MG!!

---

## **THURSDAY by Lucille Ten Oever**

Waking up this morning at the Champagne Resort was absolutely awesome. The Mountains touched by the early morning sun and soon the previous days frustrations were forgotten!

After a 5 course breakfast we admired the large selection of Regalia. Really 1st class, well done KZN Regalia Captain! After registration, we took a long walk around the resort, we were once again amazed at the breathtaking beauty—on our return to the hotel, we went huffing and puffing—reminding us how unfit we are.

By this time people were arriving fast and furious, each one having a story to tell about the trip to the Indaba. Meeting up with old friends and reminiscing about the good old days and previous indabas.

We met at 17h30 for cocktails on the verandah, where we were entertained by Traditional Zulu dancing. Followed by dinner in the Restaurant - gosh what a spread, Pity we couldn't try a bit of everything. But that would be impossible as there was such a variety.

At 20.30 we moved to the Conference room. The Indaba Chairman, Chris Brown welcomed all the participants, sponsors etc. Norman Ewing then introduced our guest of Honour, Peter Thornley, son of "Mr MG" the late John Thornley. Each centre was asked to do a skit as the "IceBreaker" -Cape Town did a skit on the Coon Carnival, JHB Centre did an African Wedding which was Hilarious—but my favourite was KZN Centre version of Elvis Presley Hit Tune "Are you Lonesome tonight" sung by Dudley Latimer accompanied by guitarist Chris Brown—KZN put their own words to the above tune—which I have included with this article—they repeated this song, this time with the cast dressed up and acting the parts to suit the words. This was very entertaining and we all had a good laugh. There were quite a few more events, Betty (Bloombers)\_ Bleeker sang her own Version of "It's a long way to Tipparie" - this was very well done and soon had the audience singing along with her.. A perfect end to a perfect day.

**Are you Lonesome to Night, is your bra far too tight  
Are you corsets all falling apart  
Does the size of your chest wear big holes in your vest  
Does your spare tyre reach up to your heart  
Are your stockings all wrinkled, your shoes wearing thin  
Are your knickers held up by a big safety pin  
Are your dentures so worn they fall down when you yawn  
THEN NO WONDER YOU ARE LONESOME TONIGHT**

EVERYTHING HAS A GENDER

A Tyre is Male, because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated  
Sponges are Female, because they're soft squeezable and retain water

## **FRIDAY 12th May by Lorraine Reck**

We woke up to the majestic Berg glowing red in the sunrise, with Caithkin Peak prominently in front and Champagne Castle slightly to the right. The tranquility of this scene was interrupted at 7 am sharp as Chris Champion's Twin Cam spluttered across the immaculate lawn to line up for the Concours d'Etat. Karin, who was snuggled up reading in bed at the time, received an agitated phone call from Chris: "Darling, would you please come down NOW" Karin: have I got time to shower and dress?" "NO!!" She did manage to clean her teeth however and conceal her pajamas before rushing down to Chris only to be told politely, "Darling, I've fixed it, I don't need you anymore!"

Whilst the Concours judging was taking place, tea and biscuits was served on the patio around the pool, affording us the time to leisurely chat to old friends from near and far. A bus had been provided to take the ladies on a little tour around the local places of interest where we could indulge in a little retail therapy. We visited the Kwa Zulu Weavers where we saw weaving and spinning and candle making. We also visited the Thokozisa Centre and lastly stopped off at Ardmore Ceramics to look at, but not buy the colourfully painted, intricately decorated and embellished ornaments made by local craftsmen. I found the R4500.00 teapot and R9000.00 jug slightly overpriced for my budget! Fiona, our guide, was very informative and gave us a fascinating overview of the area - geographically, politically and culturally and gladly answered our many questions with a good deal of local gossip and intrigue thrown in for good measure!

Still battling with the after effects of breakfast and morning tea, an "eat as much as you can" lunch was served which split the auction, entertainingly conducted by Clive Winterstein, into two halves, and an astounding amount in excess of R12.000.00 was raised for charity.

The Concours d'Elegance was won by Johan Meyer and Avril in Airforce attire. Many members will remember him as Captain Verneek from previous Indabas. In the Concours d'Comique, the Plows family's "Amazing Aging Machine" invented by Professor Plowzinski, instantly aged not only people but cars as well! Drive into the machine as a young person (Angela) in an MG ZR and come out of it as a grandmother (Rosalie) in an MG 1100. First prize in this competition went to P.E. Centre who had us in stitches over their rendition of "Ag Pleez Daddy Won't You Take Us To The Drakensburg"

The day's events culminated in a Gala Dinner after which the Blarney Brothers got everybody, old and young, on to the dance floor and entertained us with 50s rock music and a bit of Irish sing-along. Against our better judgement, we joined Bobby and Derek Graham for a night cap after the dance and wisely made our way back to bed at 2.00 am. Some of the others watched the sun come up at six!!!

## **SATURDAY 13 MAY 2006 by Mervyn Corbishley**

After an early breakfast, cars were to be in position for a photo shoot by 8.30 am. All those entered in the various categories for judging were asked to be in the front row facing the building, which unfortunately meant that it was not possible to get a photograph of the complete vehicle line-up as the ground sloped away.

Competitive events followed the photo shoot, with a fun run incorporating a 'hill climb' and driving skills competition. The 'hill climb' was unfortunately straight up a hill with no corners involved, but being in the mountains, glorious views of the area compensated somewhat.

After lunch in the restaurant, everybody departed for the Drakensberg Boys Choir School for a special performance by the various choirs who had returned earlier in the day from a presentation attended by the President, Mr Mbeki. An amazing show was staged for us, with classical songs from Mozart as well as local tribal songs.

Dinner and prize giving was held in the Monks Cowl Room. After another excellent dinner, the first prize to be presented was the Concours d'Etat, which was won by Chris Champion of Cape Town. The next award, Tops Only, also went to Cape Town, to Mervyn Corbishley. The 3<sup>rd</sup> main award was "Car of the Day" which was also won by Chris Champion. Despite Cape Town having won the main events, the overall prize for numbers attending and participation went to Northern Centre.

We were most fortunate to have Les Miller attend the Indaba and present gifts to some of the visitors from overseas. At 92 years of age, he is still a remarkable person who enjoys life as much as possible.

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for 5000.00 dollars, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for 150 dollars. The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend 5000 dollars to ship your wife home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only 150 dollars. The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead....I can't take that chance."

## From Frank Peche

After the prize-giving on Saturday we said our good-byes, as members were off at different times on Sunday morning in different directions. Some to visit friends and family in the area, others taking different routes home. We had chosen to overnight at Graaff Reinet and then go on to Sedgefield for a few days. The N3 was good but once leaving Bethlehem and motoring through the Free State and Eastern Cape we found the roads were the worst we have ever encountered. From Fouriesburg to Steynsburg was one continuous pothole. What the MECs for Transport in those Provinces do with the money for roads – no one knows but it certainly has not been spent on road maintenance on the route we travelled!! To avoid the potholes cars weave from one side of the road to the other but even doing that it is not possible to miss them all.

On Monday morning in Graaff Reinet we met up with Mervyn Corbishley at the Drosdy Hotel - he had shredded two tyres and damaged one wheel on his trailer – b.e.r. (beyond economic repair) on the same route we took. Later in the morning we shared coffee with Lionel and Matty on their way home.

Once in the Western Cape the roads were remarkably better. On reaching Uniondale we chose to use the Poort and Prince Alfred's pass to Knysna. Fantastic!!! Magnificent!!! A scary ride for the passenger as there are no retaining walls or barriers.

Halfway through the pass the back of the TF broke away on a hairpin bend and on stopping we found that the left back tyre had stripped and torn. Replacing it with the "marie biscuit" spare was started, leaning the spare against the rear of the car before jacking up, but the spare started off at a slow roll towards the precipice – fortunately Moira caught it at the edge of the cliff. From then on, 80kph – until a replacement tyre could be found. After exhaustive investigation we found the only source of supply was Tiger Wheel & Tyre in Sandton, Jhb., and a 2-day wait for the courier – it is a bind travelling at 80 in 120kph areas.

## Monday 8 May 2006 (by Tony Greenwood)

After a week of terrible weather in the Cape it was a bright and sunny morning if maybe a little crisp, that greeted us as we gathered at the N1 Engen petrol station for the leisurely drive to the Champagne Indaba due to commence Thursday evening. This dry fine weather continued throughout the whole period of the Indaba and return journey.

With only a short delay (I was a little late) our small band departed at 08H30 and comprised Lionel Baird and Mattie White in his 1971 MGBGT, George and June Stoddart in their modern MGTF and Tony and Liz Greenwood in their modern TF.

We drove to the Shell One-Stop at Worcester where we collected Brian and Eileen Dallimore in their 1968 MGCGT and our troop was complete.

From Worcester we made it as far as Robertson before the necessity of a stop at the winery for a little tasting and the obligatory stocking of our limited boot space with alcoholic refreshment.

By this time it was warm enough to convince George to drop the hood (although not after some protestations from June!). The fine weather and average pace of 100kmph enabled us to really appreciate the beauty of the scenic Route 62 as we passed through Montagu, Barrydale, Ladismith and Calitzdorp for a slightly late lunch at the Dorphuis Restaurant. An earlier stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop was disappointing due to the establishment being closed. By a strange coincidence Calitzdorp is the home of the fine Bopaas ports and wines and we again took the opportunity to test the elasticity of the MG boot. If there was a prize for this art it would most certainly go to George who I will not embarrass by listing the incredible inventory squeezed into the TF (it has to be said at no small discomfort to his passenger).

The afternoon was wearing on as we topped up fuel supplies in Oudtshoorn and we picked up the pace a little to enable us to arrive at our destination in Willowmore shortly after dusk. A pleasant evening was spent in the Villa d'Lockyer guesthouse where the dust of the road was washed out in the bar before dinner and an early night.

*An Arab diplomat visiting the US for the first time was being wined and dined by the State Department. The Grand Emir was not used to the salt in American foods (French fries, cheeses, salami, anchovies etc.) and was constantly sending his manservant Abdul to fetch him a glass of water. Time and again, Abdul would scamper off and return with a glass of water, but then came the time when he returned empty-handed.*

*"Abdul you son of an ugly camel, where is my water?" demanded the Grand Emir.*

*"A thousands pardons, O Illustrious One," stammered the wretched Abdul, "A man is sitting on the well."*

## Overberg Group Run – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Moira Peché

We set off alone from Napier on a crisp autumn morning, heading for the first meeting spot outside Caledon. Being the day before a 5 day long weekend had an effect on the acceptances for this month's run to Pringle Bay. The numbers dwindled to 11 by 'D' day, but still the towns of Napier, Greyton, Montagu and Hermanus were represented.

We had a clear run along the N2 from Caledon to Bot River, then via Kleinmond and Betty's Bay to our destination - Hook, Line and Sinker. Meeting places en route had been arranged with groups from different towns and we met up with clockwork precision – the day was perfect for top down motoring. At one of the meeting places our group of cars drew the attention of the owner of a MGB from Betty's Bay who stopped to chat – and who was promptly recruited as a new member.

At Hook, Line and Sinker (previously visited by the Veterans Group but unknown to most of the Overberg group) Jacki had all in hand and soon we were tucking in to the finest beer-battered hake and chips one could wish for. This was followed by the house dessert specialities – Crème Brûlée or Wicked Chocolate Pot (not recommended by a heart foundation and weighless) and coffee. One thing for sure, the grease-proof paper used for plates is ideal for when the grandchildren come to visit!

Chatter round the table focussed on car, food, cars, future runs, sewing, cars – and we also found out that some of the Overberg members would be keen to join the weekend away in Napier.

The run in May will be organised by Neil Bolton who lives in Vermont, near to Hermanus. Details will be available shortly.

## Programme for Weekend away to Napier - June 2006

### Friday 23rd June

#### **Arrive Napier – Settle in**

**19h30** Meet at Gunner's Mess for dinner (fully licensed) R70 p.p.

Dinner: Soup, Game Medallions and vegetables.

A Winetasting with the meal will be conducted by winemaker Jean Daneel who is now resident in Napier and producing his own wines here. (ex Buitenverwachting & Morgenhof) Dessert and coffee available afterwards for those who would like it - at extra cost.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June

**10h00** meet opposite Dutch Reformed Church in Main Road (direction South)

Proceed to farm  $\pm$  6 kms outside town for tractor ride to view site through fynbos. (R30 p.p.)

Return via Napier to Van Brakel's Store for local produce, art gallery, tasting of local wines and soup and local bread. (R30.00). ( $\pm$  27 kms)

Afternoon: Visit places of interest in Napier – see brochure on Napier provided.

**19h00** Meet at Pascal's restaurant for farewell dinner (fully licensed) R70 p.p.

(Buffet of: Soup, Chicken Pie/Roast Beef and vegetables, Cape Brandy Tart, coffee.)

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**08h00 – 09h00** Inter-denominational English Church Service at DRC – all welcome.

**09h30 – 10h30** Afrikaans service at DRC

**10h45** – Meet at Garage at entrance to Napier for choice of visits to the following:

Shipwreck museum in Bredasdorp (approx. 15 kms)

Agulhas – southern tip of Africa (approx. 50 kms)

Arniston (approx. 50 kms)

Lunch at venue of your own choice.

Return to Cape Town

(Or visit estate agency with a view to buying property in the area.)

---

A Web Page is Female, because its always getting hit on

A Hot Air balloon is Male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.

Copiers are Female, because once turned off ; it takes a while to warm them up again. Its an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed

Tea Run to Suikerbossie - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006 By Joan Parker

After four days of Cape wintry wet weather it was a pleasant surprise to wake up to sunshine on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and what more could one have wished for but to go on a scenic mystery drive somewhere in the Peninsula and end up at Suikerbossie for tea and scones. Our time of departure was scheduled for 14h00 with our tea stop only available at 16h00. The scenic drive unfortunately became an hour long wait in the Constantia Village car park while we awaited the arrival of the mystery organiser (who didn't arrive). Eventually the small convoy headed over Constantia Nek through Hout Bay on devious routes of their own making and made it to the tea venue early, and fortunately they accommodated us. The company was good and listening to those who had just returned from the KZN Indaba, made those of us who did not attend, very sorry that we had missed the best Indaba 'ever'.

I think there is a lesson to be learnt from this 'non-event' which was hurriedly announced at the last general meeting – members need to get information timeously about forthcoming events in THE BREED and also – a wiser move would have been to cancel the monthly event in Indaba month.

**MG CAR CLUB  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING —3 MAY 2006**

**Welcome (Robin Rich):**

Welcome prospective members and visitors - Graham Eben, MGA 1960

**Apologies:**

**J Reinhardt; B Markus; M Dryden; M Peche; K Champion; G Green; R & H Clarke; P & M James; D & E Hitchcock;**

**Minutes of the (Special) General Meeting held on 12 April 2006:**

Matters arising:

Proposed by J Mullen                      Seconded by J Lock

**Chairman's Report (Roger Lewis):**

**National Indaba 2008 & 2010 and Cape Centres Gathering 2007**

Work has been done since the 12 April meeting, however, PE Centre would like to host the National Indaba for 2008. PE Club will be approaching the National Body to host the next Indaba.

Next week some members of our club will attend the 2006 National Indaba. RCL / Membership cards were issued to members who required them.

**Club Charity – St Georges Orphanage for Girls (Gerri Stevenson):**

To date, our donations have been put towards the cost of life skills camps etc. However, with requirement for tutors, particularly maths tutors, future funds raised will be used to support maths & science tutoring.

Members wishing to donate items needed rather than money, stationery, warm clothes for winter and toiletries are always welcome

**Veteran's (Jo Hitchcock):**

Circulate Veterans board

Next events: 10 – 12 May 2006: weekend away – postponed to September – date to be confirmed.

25 May 2006: scenic drive & lunch at Die Meul, Philadelphia.

29 June 2006: Visit to Bird's Paradise in Robertson. Circulate board at May & June GM

Plaque of the month : Awarded to Doug Peiser for organising the April outing.

**Competitions ( Margie von Zeil pp James Reinhardt):**

RCL membership cards available from M von Zeil or mailed to members who request them.

British sports car run; Jaguar Drivers Club will organise the event, for 10 September

**Social (Rosalie Plows):**

**Breakfast Run to Meerendal organised by H & R Rich – report back**

Tea run, meet at 14h00 at Constantia Village Post Office for a run and tea at Suikerbossie Restaurant on 21 May.

**CLUB WEEKEND AWAY – 23 TO 25 JUNE**

**Friday 23 June:**

Settle into accommodation. Meet at "Pascal's" Restaurant for dinner at 19h00.

Dinner has been arranged as follows: Soup, a choice of two mains courses and coffee at R70.00. Dessert is available for those wanting. "Pascal's" is licensed.

**Saturday:**

The tractor ride and the potjie have been arranged but numbers for Potjie to be confirmed by 21 June.

However, if the weather is inclement, all to visit places of interest in the Napier area. Meet at 10h30 at the garage at the entrance to Napier. Drive approx 25km for local Wine Tasting and a light lunch. Return to Napier and those who have not as yet visited the Shipwreck Museum in Bredasdorp can do so. Bredasdorp is 15km south of Napier.

Evening as arranged. Dinner at Gunner's Mess at 19h00. Those coming will be asked to indicate their preference of meals on Friday night to assist with the catering for our group.

PLEASE give an e-mail address or telephone no so that you can be contacted in the event of any change of plan.

Also please do your own accommodation reservation. Lists are published in the May 06 Breed.

**Registers (Peter Napier):**

Next register meet to be held in June, date to be confirmed. James Reinhardt has offered to host a Midget garage meet. Members are asked to offer to host a garage meet if they are able to.

Update of databases: Register Captains & Hildegard Rich to assist in updating information & conversion to Excel.

Pro forma for members to update database on acquisition or sale of cars will be made available in the Breed.

**Vehicle Acquisitions & Disposals will become a standard item on the General Meeting agenda for future meetings.**

**Treasurer (Mervyn Corbishley):**

Movement of Club Funds to Old Mutual Investors Fund: Investment advisor recommended against this being done at present, due to anticipated levelling out of the market. No funds with thus be moved from the 32 day call account.

**Publications (Rosalie Plows):**

Breed : Articles required

Closing date 23 May 2006

R Lewis requested if any member has a PC for Rosalie to use to prepare the Breed on at home, this would be welcome.

R Rich proposed that the necessary equipment be purchased by the club. Members present supported the proposal to purchase a suitable PC & printer/scanner for club use.

**Secretarial (Margie von Zeil):**

Ratifications : Nil

Applications received : Nil

Application forms sent : Nil

**RESIGNATIONS:**

# 1122 Basson, P-J., Montagu. CM

# 1140 Carter, Linda & Richard, Edgemead. FM

# 1044 Dresner, Jonathan, Noordhoek. FM

# 883 Kennedy, Calvin & Moira, Constantia. FM

# 534 McLeod, Roy, Hermanus. CM

# 754 Sturrock, Michael, Claremont. A

**Spares (Mike Plows):**

**Regalia (G & J Stoddart):**

Nil to report. Regalia to be reviewed after the Indaba.

**Cup of the Month:**

Brian Hogg for his organisation towards investigating venues for 2008 National Indaba.

**General:**

Convoys going to the Indaba: G Stoddart & Nigel & Brian Dallimore & Greenwoods & L Baird will be driving up in convoy.

Chris Champion & Mervyn Corbishley will drive & tow; 4 couples are going by train. Members recommended to take car covers for their cars.

Cars in the Park in Pietermaritzburg will be held the weekend after the Indaba for members interested in attending.

Mid Winter Wine Tour for July: to be arranged for a Sunday.

2010 Indaba: in determining dates, bear in mind not to clash with any soccer world cup events

Congratulations to Ralph & Hildegard Clarke who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday 9 May 2006.

Archiving of MGCC Cape Town Centre records can be collated & stored at the Cory Library at Rhodes University. Contact Details : (tel) 0466038438 (fax) 046 603 8493 – Shirley Stuart.

Brian Hogg thanked all members who assisted in investigating venues & dates for the 2008 National Indaba. Thanks to the Champions for hosting meetings.

Cape Centres Gathering 2007: meeting has been held & future meetings will be held. Contact Roger Martin with any ideas.

The publication "Call it MGA" has sold out and will not be reprinted. Money paid will be refunded.

R Rich referred to two articles in the May edition of the Breed. It is heartening to see that members do make the effort to welcome & include new prospective members attending events.

R Lewis handed over the John Skaife trophy to the winner - Certificates were handed to George Stoddart & Brian Dalimore who came 1st and 2nd in Tops at Show Day

Car of the Day certificate for Chris Champion's MGA Twin Cam is still required. No award certificate was handed out at the prize giving in March 2006.

Declare meeting closed at 21h10.

Meeting attended by 36 members and prospective members in 10 MG's

The General Meeting of the MG Car Club, Cape Town Centre is held on the second Wednesday of every month at 20h00 at the M.G.C.C. Clubhouse in Cedar Avenue (off Howard Drive), Pinelands - exceptions in December & January.

Club outings are usually held on the Sunday immediately after the General Meeting.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### WANTED

MGA 1956, midnight blue, seeks MGB Roadster, must be 1963 & red & one family owner. With a view to a long term friendship & possible relationship & to enjoy the occasional run together. Please phone me on 083 677 0667

Looking for **RED MGB GT** in good condition. Napier, Western Cape. **Lorna Young—028 423 3372 / 082 089 6904 / Email lornayoun@telkomsa.net**

### FOR SALE

I have a 1966 MG B GT. The vehicle is red but I suspect that it is not the original colour. Mechanically the car is sound. It is licensed and registered and I use it often to travel around town. It has all 5 spoke rims and still runs on the original 1800cc engine. A new exhaust system was fitted recently. There is minor rust on the driver's side of the car.

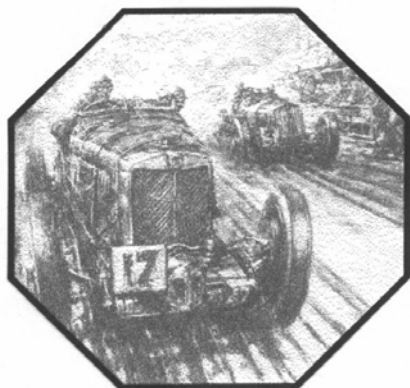
My asking price for the vehicle is R40 000 but this is negotiable. Chris Barnard 083 794 8881 East Rand Johannesburg

**OK I know I'm not a MG**, but we cant all be sexy & perfect. I am a 1975 Chevrolet Kommando automatic. I have 4.1 straight 6 cyl engine that has only covered 117 000km. I'm in excellent condition & had one careful owner since new. My body is tangerine red with a white roof. I come with a RWC. So if you are looking for a comfortable reliable family cruiser to trailer your MG to the next Indaba, I am it! I'm almost free to a ood home at R25 000 ono Contact George Davey (his late fathers car) on 083 677 0667

**MG ZR 160, 2004.** Black, with black interior featuring subtle red leather trim and stitching .. Quite rare and looks great 38000 VERY GENTLE KMS. Tyres as new. CD + 4 speakers, Air Con etc R160 000 ono Regretful reson fro sale. Phone Renzo on 532 3033 or 084 376 0663

**TC in running condition** but ready for restoration. Contact Des Price 083 5571211 or email ann.price@mweb.co.za

**.MG MAGNETTE ZB 1957** with RWC and in daily use, good mechanically. Genine , Gearbox and brakes recently reconditioned. New real leather interior. Mileage of 7700 is believed to be correct. Serious offers in region of R25000 considered. Call John 021 7051591 or 084 980 2011



# MILL GARAGE



car and



carburettor specialist

**Peter Jack**

(021) 531-0719(W); (021) 531-0353(H)  
083-2271005; (021) 531-0318 (Fax)

### Visiting Knysna?

Stay with us, George and Liesel Winter,  
at

#### Cape Explorers Lodge B&B

Situated in peaceful surroundings  
halfway between the Heads and town.

Arrive in a MG to qualify for a 10% discount.

Phone: (044) 3841061

Fax: (044) 3841973

e-mail: [info@capeexplorerslodge.co.za](mailto:info@capeexplorerslodge.co.za)

website: [www.capeexplorerslodge.co.za](http://www.capeexplorerslodge.co.za)



AUTOMOTIVE  
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL  
REPAIRS & SERVICES

for personal attention  
to your 

Contact

**Mike Plows Tel: 762-4748**

or call at 43 Maybury Road, Kenwyn

# Classically British

Parts: Importers of Classic and Modern Car

**MG, Triumph, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Mini and many more.**

We are based in Cape Town but distribute nationally

**Please contact us for further details, Great prices guaranteed.**

Glenda Mobile: 083 285 2806

Jason Mobile: 082 318 9706

Tel/Fax: 021 5543557 or 021 5541894 Email: [info@classically-british.com](mailto:info@classically-british.com)

Web: [www.classically-british.com](http://www.classically-british.com)

**A CLASSIC IN EVERY WAY**

## Wakefords

**Fine Furniture and Bedding  
Appliances. Videos and Hi-Fi.**

**And service with pace and style.**

**138 Main Road, Fish Hoek**



**TraX Interconnect (Pty) Ltd**  
SABS ISO 9002

Contact us for your through hole plated printed circuit boards

**Cape Town**  
Factory and Sales  
Frank Ellis  
Tel: 021 712-5011  
Fax: 021 712-5798

**Johannesburg**  
Monica Darmanovic  
Tel: 011 646-9341  
Fax: 011 646-5504

**Durban**  
Shirley Jones  
Tel: 031 52-5939  
Fax: 031 562-8988

### Montagu Country Hotel

Special Offer to MG Car Club members:  
25% discount on normal rates.

Beautiful drives, wine route, tractor trips, undercover parking, Wellness Centre, hair studio, traditional SA cuisine and pub



Tel: 023 6143125;  
Fax: 023-6141905; [montinn@iafrica.com](mailto:montinn@iafrica.com),  
[www.montagucountryhotel.co.za](http://www.montagucountryhotel.co.za)

### For your vehicle's water pump – rebuilt or modified.

Quality workmanship by the enthusiast for the enthusiast.



**Contact: Robin Rich**  
**@ (021) 903 3426**  
**9 De Eike Street**  
**Kuilsrivier 7580**



**For a wholesome meal  
with fast and friendly service**

Visit our restaurants at

Rosmead Avenue, Claremont 6710622	Main Road, Claremont 6832669
Voortrekker Road, Goodwood 5917561	Voortrekker Road, Parow 9395935

**FINGER LICKIN' GOOD**

## PARKADE JEWELLERS ~ WATCHMAKERS

since 1961

**REPAIR SPECIALISTS**  
**Watches ~ Clocks ~ Jewellery**

**Stewart Woodcock**

Parkade Mall (Pick 'n Pay)  
56 Strand Street  
Cape Town 8001

Tel/Fax: 021-4191977  
Mobile: 084-7027785