



# The Breed

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## **APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER** **From the Chair - James Reinhardt**

And so another club year begins. If you attended the AGM you will know that Margie von Zeil (who narrowly escaped the club committee a little over year ago) and George Davey have taken over the running of the clubhouse and bar. Great Things are planned, although obviously I cannot be trusted to know what they are.

Pat Masterson and his daughter Paula have taken on the role of Honorary Secretary, which is a source of enormous relief to me, as this will make the running of the club considerably easier. Ken Smith has taken up the reins, erm, cudgels, no, the keyboard and outrageous punctuation duties of the post of Editor. The old clichés are best, so “welcome aboard” to all of them.

At the same time, I would like to thank Jason and Leanne Hewitt for the contributions over the last two years, as they surrender the responsibilities of running the bar and the duties of Social Secretary.

The biggest goodbye that I have though is for Joan Parker, for her invaluable and enormous contribution as President and ‘Stand-in’ Editor, and her assistance in the running of the Club.

Over and above that, thanks to Mervin Corbishley, Derek Hitchcock and Pat Coyne who have agreed to stay on in the committee for another year, all of whom bring an enormous amount of knowledge, patience, enthusiasm, commitment and skill to the running of your Club.

Those of you have read my waffles over the past year or so will by now be familiar with my regular claim that the current season is absolutely the best time to drive your MG more. And indeed, autumn really is the best time to drive your MG. The fiercest heat of summer is behind us, the misery of winter is not yet here. Vineyards and deciduous trees are gloriously golden and the southeaster is taking a pause while we wait for the northwester to gather strength.

In August I’ll explain why MG motoring in winter is the most MaGical.

## CLUB CALENDAR

### April 2009

8	Wednesday	19h00	General meeting at the Clubhouse in Pinelands
19	Sunday	08h00	John Skaife Run – see below
30	Thursday	09h30	Veterans run – A naval Experience at Simonstown Naval Base. Details on Page 3 of last months Breed and see page 3

### May 2009

10	Sunday	TBA	Track Day at Killarney
13	Wednesday	19h00	General meeting at the Clubhouse in Pinelands
17	Sunday	TBA	Ladies day
28	Thursday	10h00	Veterans run – Meet at Constantia village shopping centre 10h00. Travel to Simonstown to visit Warrior Toy Museum and lunch at Bertha's restaurant.

### June 2009

10	Wednesday	19h00	General meeting at the Clubhouse in Pinelands
19/20 /21	Friday- Sunday		Weekend away to Hermanus – see page 3.
25	Thursday	TBA	Veterans run - An informative and through the back door tour of the Children's Red Cross Hospital is on the cards

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## **FUTURE EVENTS: JOHN SKAIFE RUN – SUNDAY 19 APRIL**

JOIN US for the John Skaife Run on Sunday 19 April 2009!

This will be a mystery tour through winelands, admiring the scenery and cracking codes & puzzles.

Don't miss the "edible regalia" at the start either - so get there early & join in the fun!

Meet at the **N1 Outgoing Engen 1-Stop Garage** parking area/truck stop at (8h00 for an 8h30 sharp departure)

Bring a pen or pencil and clipboard.

**Contact George Davey 083 6770667 or Margie von Zeil 072 686 0549 for more details.**

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**DOES YOUR WATER PUMP NEED TO BE REBUILT OR  
MODIFIED?**

Contact Robin Rich 021-9033426

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## FUTURE EVENTS: VETERANS GROUP - Jo Hitchcock

### **APRIL 30TH: A NAVAL EXPERIENCE AT SIMONSTOWN**

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Veterans are all excited and looking forward to visit the Naval Base at Simonstown. Please book well in advance. A list for names will be available at the April meeting. I shall need the driver's name, as well as the passenger's and the car registration number. We shall meet at the usual spot (post-office) at Constantia Village at 09h30 to depart at 09h45 sharp and arrive at the venue at 10h30. Lunch will be at the Officer's Mess at a cost of R55 p.p. A glass of wine will be available at R10 extra.

Contact person Jo Hitchcock: 021 939 3803 / 082 446 1092.

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### **MG CAR CLUB - CAPE TOWN CENTRE HERMANUS WEEKEND AWAY 19, 20 and 21 JUNE 2009**

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Jo Hitchcock will have lists of available B & B and other accommodation in Hermanus. Please liaise with Jo. Those that have Time Share or have own accommodation, and intend coming on the weekend, please advise Jo.

The numbers of those joining us for the weekend will be required for catering purposes by the end of May. Jo urgently needs names and numbers to plan the weekend.

Accommodation available at R120.00 p.p. in private home with four bedrooms, one full bathroom and two half bathrooms (no bath, showers only). There is safe off-road parking with lock-up gate. The house is beautifully furnished with well equipped kitchen. Please contact Jo – 082 446 1092.

\*Please bring your own towels.

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June:**

(Frank Peche will have details and a map of Hermanus available for all participants at the Braai – EdKen).

18h00. Attend a Braai at Doug Peiser's home in Onrus.  
Bring your own plates, cutlery, glasses, meat and drinks.  
Salads, etc. will be supplied by the Overberg Group.  
– turn left from main road, at traffic lights, towards Onrus.  
Go immediately left again through sliding gate – first house on right.

#### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:**

Early birds: Visit the market on the Village square  
10h15. Meet opposite 317, 7th Street, Voëlklip.  
On 7<sup>Th</sup> Street near exit from Hermanus towards Stanford.  
10h30. Depart for outing to Stanford area  
11h00. A visit to Birkenhead Breweries. (Half-hour tour and tasting R30 p.p.).

- 12h00 Drive into Stanford village - lunch at Peregrine.
- Afternoon: Your choice.  
Suggestions: Explore Stanford / Whale Watch / just relax.
- 17h30. Meet at Gearings Point (parking area near Old Harbour) for scenic drive up Rotary Way (weather permitting).
- 18h45. Dinner at Quayside Cabin in the New Harbour.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June:**

- 09h30. Meet for breakfast at Memories Restaurant (in Small Square next to KFC). Special breakfast being arranged, no details available at present.
- Afterwards: Whale watch from the cliffs above the Old Harbour.
- Later: Drive home safely.

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**FUTURE EVENTS - CAPE CENTRES: PORT ALFRED**

Should you be interested in a 2-night-stay-over drive there and back or just one of the two options please contact Jo Hitchcock I need numbers to book well in advance as school holidays start on the 23 September. We plan to leave the 22 September and return Wednesday, 30 September. Jo Hitchcock - 021 939 3803 / 082 446 1092.

**VETERANS' NEWS** - Jo Hitchcock

We really enjoyed the four-passes Breakfast Run. Thanks to Dieter for leading us on the right tracks in all kinds of weather – cool, cloudy, misty and eventually very warm and sunny. Brian Dallimore offered to write a report for the Newsletter and was presented with the plaque of the month. See Brian’s write up on page 5.

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**REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS:**

**BREAKFAST RUN TO NOORDHOEK - SUNDAY 22 MARCH.**

Ray Butters.

A good turnout of MGs gathered at the Constantia shopping centre on 22 March to participate on the Sunday breakfast run. Two MG TCs, four TDs, and a TF made an attractive spectacle at the start, although Joan Parker was unfortunately unable to accompany us on the run itself. Included amongst the Ts was the popular pairing of Paul de Groot and Mugabe - if only the latter's namesake up north was equally well behaved. In addition we had Bugs and Tinus with their MGAs, six MGBs, three MGBGTs and two new TFs. Having made an earlyish start, we had relatively little traffic to contend with, and a detour over scenic Boyes Drive bypassed any potential hold up from the Muizenberg road works. Our route took us through to Simonstown, up over Red Hill, past

Scarborough and down into Kommetjie, before heading towards our destination at Noordhoek Village where we enjoyed an excellent a la carte breakfast. The weather was not too hot and not too cold and the traffic was minimal which all in all made for a most pleasant run. - Thanks to James Reinhardt and Rafi Weiner for planning the outing and making the necessary arrangements.

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## **THE VETERANS "FOUR PASSES" BREAKFAST RUN -** **THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

Brian Dallimore

It was a cool overcast morning when we met at the N2 Engen 1 stop, an early start indeed for Capetonians!

A quick cup of coffee and just after nine o'clock we were on our way.

A total of 15 MGs and one plastic, including nine visitors and a possible new member in a 'B' roadster wound their way through the ongoing road works in Somerset West.

**Sir Lowry's Pass** was our first pass, on arriving at the top it was decided beforehand not to stop at the viewpoint as it would mean crossing over against oncoming traffic – so we pressed on.

**Viljoens Pass** The drive from Grabouw to Villiersdorp is a scenic route through the pine forest plantations and farmlands. We arrived at Viljoens Pass viewpoint to regroup and stretch our legs and admire the view of the valley below.

Lester and Dinky Braun brought along Helga and Harold Sandak-Lewis in their 'B' Roadster, the Bulmans had Bill and Janet from the U.K. Harold thought his 'B' was overheating but we assured him it wasn't and was probably a faulty temperature gauge!

The long drive down the pass to the farmlands below is one of my favourites, which also allowed the cars running a bit warm to cool down.

**Franschhoek Pass** The approach to the top has some twisting tight bends which gave the MG's a sense of speed and brought out the boy racer in some of us.

At the view point we regrouped and took in the splendid view of the Franschhoek Valley. Here we were joined by Stewart Woodcock and Gaby in her French Cabriolet.

The sun was breaking through now and it turned into another scorching day. We arrived in Franschhoek for breakfast at the Traumerie Restaurant and by now were all quite peckish; these early starts build up a healthy appetite.

Back to the visitors. I failed to mention Dieter Reck brought along Ronald, a German friend, in his BGT and Celia Baylis was accompanied by Jill, another regular. Bugs once again brought along Wally Parkes, a Jaguar member; there must be something about MGs and the good company they keep.

We also had our new members John and Veronica Taylor in their 'C' Roadster, not to forget the Armstrongs, ex Johannesburg, in their modern TF.

During breakfast, or should I say brunch, Jo Hitchcock had a display of golf shirts for ordering in white, navy or light blue.

**Helshoogte** was our last pass after breakfast and most folk from Somerset West and Cape Town went this way, we didn't as we went via Paarl to Riebeek Kasteel.

Thanks Jo for another successful run, enjoyed by all.

## **NEWS FROM REGALIA SECRETARY RE GOLF SHIRTS**

I placed an order for the twenty five shirts ordered and hope to have them ready for the next meeting on 8th April. I have to apologise as I did not realise that the price quoted did not include Vat, therefore I have to add on R10 to the price i.e. Shirts with pockets R90 and without pockets R85. I am sorry about this. I may even have the Vets' orders available at the Pringle Bay run.

Jo Hitchcock

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## **MG CAR CLUB CAPE TOWN**

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### **Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Cape Town Centre held on the 11th March 2009 Dennis Billingham Hall, Cedar Avenue, Pinelands; 20h00**

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#### **Opening of meeting and apologies for absence (*James Reinhardt*)**

- Welcome: The Chairman, Mr James Reinhardt welcomed all members to the 60th AGM of the MG Car Club Cape Town Centre
- Apologies: R & H Clarke; C Grove; A Stewart; A Blake; C & K Champion; D & L Reck; B & A Hogg; L & D Braun; V James; B & L Ten Oever; P Bromley
- Quorum was confirmed by Mr Mervyn Corbishley ( Hon Treasurer)

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 12 March 2008 and matters arising**

- Matters arising - nil
- Minutes of the AGM held on 12 March 2008 were proposed by G Green seconded by J Parker and accepted by the members present.

#### **President's Address (*Joan Parker*)**

Mr Chairman, members and guests

This past year has not been an easy one for your committee, and as members are fully aware of this, there is no point in 'harping' on it!!

Suffice it for me to thank the committee, and in particular James for what they have done. Your enthusiastic & hard working chairman has kept the ship afloat and deserves a resounding round of applause.

The time is now for members to take the club forward into 2009 and importantly into 2010 – the year in which the CT Centre are organising the National Indaba.

I would also like members to dwell on our situation in this building which we use once a month. As there is no alternative to us being here, why can't we make it more like an MG clubhouse and less like a crèche on meeting nights – hang up a few MG flags, have an events notice board, etc. I'll leave you with this.

I wish the incoming committee every success and I will continue to offer my support and assistance to the committee and will certainly continue driving my MG till the roads run out!

### **Chairman's Address including Secretary's address (James Reinhardt)**

Let me begin with the most important stuff that I will have to say this evening: Thank you. Thank you to those members who brought their MG's out to attend events. Thank you to everybody who contributed to what has been a very busy and very fast year. I am going to court personal disaster by singling out some names for special thanks. If anybody feels slighted by omission, do not take it personally. It's just my memory like a, you know, kitchen implement...holes....rinsing things.

So, to do this with some sort of structure, thank you to the committee. Committee meetings, as long as I have been involved with the committee have been social gatherings where tales of fixing, driving and generally playing with cars (mostly MG's, it must be said) flow with lubrication by the grape and hops. There are snacks. In an attempt to bring some sort of order, I tried a committee meeting with no refreshments, but Derek went and erm, spirited in some refreshments and we were right back at socialising and digressing. Your committee has worked hard to keep the club running, but some committee members have gone above and beyond.

The MG Car Club Cape Town Centre celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and Pat Coyne and Derek Hitchcock excelled themselves with organising a truly memorable event to mark the occasion. Everything was planned to a – dare I say it – “T”, they even managed British sports car weather on the day. Which is to say, cool, overcast, cold, misty, partly cloudy sunny clear and warm.

Towering head and shoulders above all of us has been Joan Parker, who did fantastic work as Club President. For providing discreet steering of your chairman alone I am deeply in her debt, but that was just the beginning. Joan put the security guards that we have outside tonight on a commercial footing, oversaw the cleaning of the clubhouse, the fixing of windows, a cleanup of the store room and much, much more besides. Madam Prez, you have been an absolute inspiration, mixing the best attributes of Athena with the best attributes of Jiminy Cricket. Thank you.

In the last year, our club website went from being hidden away on some company's server to being properly hosted, gained a forum, and will shortly gain a “storefront” for the 2010 Indaba. Erich Voigt has been helpfulness in person. Every time I call him or email him with a change to the website it seems like it's done before I put my phone down or shut down my PC.

Two events stand out from the last year for their excellent levels of participation. For the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run we had 90 cars in attendance, which was remarkable and delightful. What is less obvious is that it took a great deal of cajoling and persuading to get those 90 cars on the day. The other event that stood out was the recent gymkhana. For the gymkhana we had 24 MG's and a lone Lotus burning rubber, smoking clutches, straining spokes and generally behaving like hooligans. Except for Geoff Ballantyne who drove as calmly as a nun and as smooth as oiled glass. And won. Now that we have seen the level of gorgeous assistant that Derek has access to I am expecting at least twice as many competitors and at least twice as much hooliganism too.

Looking forward, the big challenge for the next year will be the organising of the 2010 Indaba. Roger and his team are building up a head of steam, volunteers have started to emerge and I have every confidence that we will host an excellent event.

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**The General Meeting of the MG Car Club, Cape Town Centre is held on the second Wednesday of every month at 19h00 at the M.G.C.C. Clubhouse in Cedar Avenue (off Howard Drive), Pinelands - exceptions in January (third Wednesday) & December (1st Wednesday).**

In a change to the format of club events, your committee has “volunteered” club members to organise events for the coming year. If you feel that you can make things even better do not be shy. I can guarantee that nobody will feel slighted if you step in to help, or even relieve them of their duties.

At the end of 2008 there were a total of 337 cars belonging to club members, and 2008 was as good a year as I have seen for new members, buoyed up by 7 joiners in one month (Feb) alone.

The veteran’s had another year of visiting interesting places and things off the beaten track and often put “us youngsters” to shame with their numbers and keenness.

### **Honorary Treasurer’s Report and adoption of accounts for 2008 (*Mervyn Corbishley*)**

Presentation of accounts:

The report was proposed by Rosalie Plows, seconded by Peter Flowers and accepted by members.

Approval was given to increase the annual subs from R135 to R150

Mr Corbishley thanked the auditors for their services.

### **Trustees Report (*Garth Green & Ralph Clarke*)**

- G Green gave the Trustees Report on behalf of himself & R Clarke

### **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees’ function is to be the representatives of the Club members in ensuring that the assets of the Club are not disposed of by the Committee, nor Club funds utilized over and above those necessary for the day to day running of the Club, unless with authorization.

### **CLUB ASSETS**

At the AGM in March 2008, we presented an Assets Register listing all those items on a list previously provided by the Committee which we considered to be true assets. We made a number of recommendations on disposal or re-categorising of a large number of other items that were on the original list. Almost all of these items were identified but 15 items were not found or were incompletely described and were still under query.

Regrettably, in spite of frequent reminders, we have received no feedback from the Committee giving their reaction to our recommendations and queries. We appreciate that the Committee has been under pressure due to a lack of willing hands to take up committee positions but we cannot report otherwise regarding co-operation by the Committee.

### **CLUB FINANCE**

We are not aware of any expenditure by the Committee over and above that for the day to day running of the Club. At the beginning of the year under review we requested that the Treasurer advise us monthly of expenditure incurred. On only two occasions (May and July) did we receive copies of his Treasurer’s Report as presented to the Committee. It is therefore not possible for us to comment further. The audited accounts of the Club to be presented to members at the AGM on 11 March 2009 should provide sufficient information to confirm that expenditure has not been beyond the authority of the Committee.

### **GENERAL**

We recommend to the incoming Committee that, for your Trustees to report truthfully and accurately on the status of the Club’s assets and finances, we must be supplied with the necessary information as has been requested.

### **Adoption of President for 2008 (*James Reinhardt*)**

The Committee has been unable to identify a Club President at this time. Position therefore remains vacant.

**Election of 2009/10 committee and Trustees and appointment of ex-officio members  
(James Reinhardt)**

Positions filled and positions vacant: Members were informed of the committee positions filled and vacant for the forthcoming year. Members were urged to support the club and the new committee by filling the vacant positions.

Election and acceptance of office bearers for 2009 - 2010:

<b>Committee Positions</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Accepted &amp; appointed</b>
Chairman	Second year of office		James Reinhardt
Hon Secretary	Pat & Paula Masterson	Committee	Pat & Paula Masterson
Competitions Secretary	Second year of office		Derek Hitchcock
Social Secretary	<i>Vacant – club members given individual event responsibilities</i>		
Publications Secretary	<i>Position to be shared : Ken Smith to edit Breed for 6 months</i>		
Register Secretary	Second year of office		Pat Coyne
Veterans Secretary	Jo Hitchcock	R Lewis	Jo Hitchcock
Hon Treasurer	<i>Position filled from 2007 by Mervyn Corbishley</i>		
Trustee	Garth Green	R Lewis	Garth Green
Trustee	Ralph Clarke	R Lewis	Ralph Clarke
President	No President appointed for 2009		
<b>Ex Officio Positions</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Accepted &amp; appointed</b>
Spares	S Woodcock	Members	S Woodcock
Regalia	J Hitchcock/J Lock	Members	J Hitchcock & J Lock
Public Relations	R Rich	Members	R Rich
Membership Secretary	H Rich	Members	H Rich
Clubhouse Manager	G Davey & M von Zeil	members	G Davey & M von Zeil
Club Historian			B Hogg
Register Captain T Types	Joan Parker		Joan Parker
Register Captain MGA	George Davey		George Davey
Register Captain MGB & modern	Peter Flowers		Peter Flowers

New committee members were welcomed.

Outgoing Committee members & Ex-officio members were thanked for their contribution to the club organisation and activities.

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**Presentation of awards (*Pat Coyne, James Reinhardt & Leanne Hewitt*)**

*Concours D'Etat*                    *MGB GT – Gold: Dave McKinney (accepted on his behalf by Dave Tudsbury)*  
*Concours D'Etat*                    *TD – Second place - Gold – Roger Lewis*  
*Concours D'Etat*                    *TD – First place – Gold – Derek Hitchcock*



**Garth Green**

**Dave Tudsbury**

<i>TOPS</i>	<i>TF (Modern) Second place – James Reinhardt</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>TF (Modern) First place – Dave Tudsbury</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>TF First Place – Ray Butters</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>Midget First place – James Reinhardt</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB – Third place - Pat Coyne</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB – Second place – Bill Ten Oever</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB – First place – Ralph Clarke</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGA – Second place – Bugs Crighton</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGA – First place – George Davey</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB GT Third place – Dave Gough</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB GT Third place – George Davey &amp; Margie von Zeil</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB GT Second place- Stewart Woodcock</i>
<i>TOPS</i>	<i>MGB GT First place – Philip Hitchcock</i>

<i>Brian Porter Rally</i>	<i>Philip &amp; Shirley Roux</i>
<i>Duckham Trophy for competitive events</i>	<i>Justin Hewitt</i>
<i>Rhodesia Petrol Trophy – Economy Run</i>	<i>Justin Moore</i>
<i>Susan Tuck Trophy – lady in competitive events</i>	<i>Margie von Zeil</i>
<i>Admirals Trophy</i>	<i>Hildegard Rich</i>
<i>Penman Trophy (awarded to former member)</i>	<i>Roger Davis</i>
<i>Plastic trophy</i>	<i>Derek Hitchcock</i>
<i>Cecil Kimber Trophy for best restoration</i>	<i>Grenville Wilkinson (MG TC)</i>

<i>Chairman's Workhorse</i>	<i>Joan Parker</i>
<i>Chairman's Trophy assistance to the chairman</i>	<i>Derek Hitchcock</i>
<i>Photographic trophy</i>	<i>Garth Green</i>
<i>John Skaife Trophy jointly awarded to</i>	<i>Leanne &amp; Justin Hewitt and to George Davey &amp; Margie von Zeil</i>
<i>Triple M Register Award</i>	<i>Ralph Clarke for work on "Hoodoo"</i>
<i>T Register Award</i>	<i>Garth Green</i>
<i>MGA Register Award</i>	<i>Bugs Crighton</i>
<i>MGB Register Award</i>	<i>Margie von Zeil</i>
<i>Modern Register Award</i>	<i>John Lock</i>
<i>Gymkhana Award</i>	<i>Geoff Ballantyne</i>
<i>Clubman's Award</i>	<i>Philip &amp; Jo Hitchcock</i>

**Other business (James Reinhardt)**

**Change to Club Constitution – Internet Banking**

The Treasurer, Mr Corbishley requested a change to the Constitution to allow for internet banking for the club accounts, with immediate approval to change constitution, waiving the notice period. Some discussions followed with clarity given that the club would still have two signatories on the account, but with far easier movement of funds, lower bank charges and less need to have club or committee members pay for venues, functions, equipment in advance and have to be reimbursed.

This recommended change was proposed by Mr Peter Flowers, seconded by Mr Tinus de Jongh and approved by all present.

Committee will determine and set a maximum amount for single transaction, within the Standard Bank limits per transaction.

This change was approved by members with the proviso that the Constitution be amended (14.3) after 'shall be by cheque' - add the wording 'or by internet banking'

**Editor for the Breed:**

There was much discussion regarding the future editorship of The Breed, and the possibility of outsourcing the publication should an editor not be found, prior to Mr Ken Smith volunteering to accept the responsibility for a period of up to 6 months.

The option of outsourcing the publication has been recently investigated, and found to be prohibitively expensive, at a minimum cost of R2500 per month. Please forward Breed contributions to Ken at [gloriana@telkomsa.net](mailto:gloriana@telkomsa.net)

**Closure (James Reinhardt)**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21h30

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## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Hildegarde Rich**

### **Birthdays:**

**APRIL:** 2-Joan Whitehead, Don Whittaker; 4-Liz Greenwood, Dorothy Bolton; 10-Bruce Beck, Glynn Barton; 12-Peter Knight; 15-Frank Pechè; 16-Brian Hogg, Jenny Porter, Gloria Smith; 18-James Ballantyne; 19-John Bulman; 22-Annie Carson; 25- William Ribbans; 26-Ken Smith; 28-Barbara Morrison, Roger Manton; 29-Irven Ridler, Leanna Hewitt.

**MAY:** 3 -Edgar Benden; 4-Ken Preston, Sandra Mitchley; 5-Derek Mitchell, John Lock, Raymond Frost; 7-Nicola Roux, Pat Masterson; 9-Barbara Breytenbach; 10-Jo Hitchcock.

### **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary:**

Philip & Jo Hitchcock – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

### **Address change:**

Les & Brodwyn Wilson, 146 Helderberg College Road, Somerset West.  
Tel: 021 855 3079 Cell: 083 324 6852

### **Ratified:**

# 1217 Kevin Turner, Green Point. 1969 MGB Roadster.

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### **Late Flash 1**

#### **Proposed UK Car Scrapping Scheme**

Owners of vehicles which are more than nine-years old could receive a £2,000 incentive to scrap their cars in favour of a newer model under the scheme proposed by business secretary Peter Mandelson as he looks to stimulate the struggling car industry. Under the plan, owners would be offered a credit of up to £2,000 for scrapping their current vehicle, which can then be used to offset the cost of purchasing any new vehicle, up to one year old.

The motor industry is undoubtedly one of the biggest victims of the current economic recession, with a number of manufacturers in the UK cutting back on jobs and production. Those cuts have had a knock-on effect in the car parts industry with numerous suppliers struggling to survive with increased costs, due to the strength of foreign currencies against the Sterling, and reduced orders from manufacturers.

The proposal has been largely welcomed by the industry, with a similar scheme currently being run in Germany boosting new car sales by 21% in February. Conversely, the number of new vehicle registrations in the UK fell by that very amount in the same period.

However, the scheme does represent a near abandonment of many of the government's "green" policies, with drivers effectively being incentivised to scrap what may be otherwise perfectly safe, operational vehicles in favour of new models. The plans will also have minimal impact on the availability of credit in the banking system, meaning that many would-be buyers may be unable to take advantage of the scheme.

### **Late Flash 2**

The dates for Silverstone 2009 have been confirmed as being 10-12 July 2009 and COYS auction house are the official sponsors. The event is called 'COYS MG LIVE'. Further information and up-to-date news can be found on the UK club website - [www.mgcc.co.uk](http://www.mgcc.co.uk) and on the events own website [www.mglive.com](http://www.mglive.com)

### **Late Flash 3**

I am trying to contact anyone in your MG club who might own (or used to own) an MGB Costello V8. These are the cars converted to V8 power by Ken Costello in the UK from 1970 to about 1974 (although more were done in the early 1990s), which gave British Leyland the urge to develop their own factory version - the MGBV8. The Costellos are rare beasts these days with only about 225 converted in those earlier years.

As a Costello Roadster owner here in the UK, I manage a website (as a hobby) which attempts to unite all the remaining current Costello-converted cars, allows owners to share ideas, stories, photographs, articles and so on.

If you have any Costello owners in your club I'd very much like to hear from them - it would be great to add more of these rare cars to our list. It's all completely free, and copyright is attributed to the owner for any photos or text they submit.

Take a look - <http://www.mgcostello.com> and drop me a line.

Kind regards  
Lawrence Wood.

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2) The following 2 MG's are for sale as a "Job Lot". They are in Piketberg and the owner is Langes Langenhoven who can be contacted on (022) 913 2162 or 083 676 0463 for further details and asking price. You are also welcome to phone Robin Rich on (021) 903 3426. 1965 MGB Roadster, wire wheels, hard top and O/drive & 1973 MGB GT Rostyle wheels and O/drive.

3) 1981 MGB Roadster - BLACK (original colour: RED) American Import - LHD. Third owner for 19 years and garaged. Mechanically sound, body/paint needs some TLC. Hard top and additional tonneau with folding soft top in good condition. Negotiable R48,000  
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### **WANTED:**

1) MGB Roadster in good nick for executive. No restoration required - Get in and drive daily.  
Contact: Stewart Woodcock [woodiess@telkomsa.net](mailto:woodiess@telkomsa.net) 084 7027785 Tel 021 4191977(W) 021 554 8118 (H)

2) A classic MG. Preferably a roadster pre-70. Contact Marius Botha 0836411222;  
[mkb@mweb.co.za](mailto:mkb@mweb.co.za)

3) A complete D, F, P, J, K or N type, front suspension and beam axle including steering box. Will consider TC complete front suspension and beam axle including steering box. Contact Peter Johannesburg – 0824128760

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