



The Breed

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February 2010 NEWSLETTER

From the Chair – James Reinhardt

My regularly beaten drum is a reminder of the joys of actually using our old cars. With the magnificent weather we have been enjoying I've been following my own advice and it's been a delight. My Midget is being used on a weekly basis, almost daily in fact and the car and I are both better for it. Starting – the car that is, not me – is instant now that I have added an electric fuel pump and the car generates positive attention wherever we go. In an interesting reversal of stereotypes, I've even had a woman ask me if I would carry her child. I had stopped on an errand and a woman asked where my son and I were headed next. When I told her she asked if her son could drive in my car and she would follow us. The little boy wasn't too keen on the idea though. "Was that boy shy?" asked my son.

"Yes he was, that's why he didn't want to ride with us."

"Oh." And then, after a short pause, "But I'm not shy, am I Dad?"

The AGM in March will be a different affair to what we have had in recent years. I am looking at venues where we can have a night out that is a bit more special than we have become used to. Members will be fed, and an attempt will be made to inject a touch of style, glamour and panache into the evening.

February and March are going to be spectacularly busy months. In February we have classic motor racing at Killarney and Economy Run Breakfast Run. More details of both of these events appear elsewhere in the Breed. Further afield, there is the George Old Car Show. In March the MG Car Club will hold a Breakfast Run with the Classic Motorcycle Club and the Triumph Sports Car Club will be holding their British Sports Car Run on March 28th.

In the coming weeks please apply your mind (and pressure!) to select and elect a new committee for the Club. Past Masterson and Mervyn Corbishley have indicated that they will be staying on for at least one more year, but the rest of your committee will be standing down at the AGM. This is your chance to make a difference to the future of your Club.

Beep beep!

James

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CLUB CALENDAR

Feb 2010

7	Sunday	TBA	Sun Southeaster Historic Race. Killarney Racetrack. See below for details.
14	Sunday	08:00	Economy Run. Breakfast. Calabash Bush Pub, Bains Kloof Pass. See below for details
25	Thursday	09:45	Faure Water Treatment Plant. See vets news below.

March 2010

21	Sunday	TBA	Breakfast with Vintage Motorcycle Club.
25	Thursday	TBA	Olive Farm Visit 5km from Darling. Lunch in Darling. Meet at Melkboss Total Service Station on Otto du Plessis (R27). Farmacyard Restaurant.

April 2010

29	Thursday	TBA	Outing being organised by Don and Les Waller
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FUTURE EVENTS

Economy Run/Breakfast Run – Feb 14

February 14th. It's a Sunday this year. There is a traditional event associated with this day. Naturally I am referring to the St Valentine's Day Massacre. You can avoid this happening to you. Tell your Significant Person that you will be celebrating the Day of Romance with a drive in the country. Early. Before the worst heat of the day. In a sports car. To quote Donkey in Shrek, "Chicks dig that romantic crap!".

Whenever there is a breakfast run, the air is thick with the sounds of people saying "That was great, we really ought to do more breakfast runs!". Sadly, whenever the Economy Run rolls around, people stay away in droves. I am hoping that by combining the two, into an Economy Breakfast Run, enthusiasm can triumph (oops, we're MG people, we don't like that word!) over apathy. With that in mind, if you like the idea of a breakfast in the country, but don't want to take part in the Economy Run, sign up for the romance. Drive to the Calabash Bush Pub on Bain's Kloof Pass, enjoy brekkie and then decide whether you want to drive the rest of the route or head for home from there. Just to make that absolutely clear, you can do the drive and enjoy the breakfast and not take part in the Economy Run.

Meet at the N1 Engen (outbound) at 8:00 and fill your car's tank for departure at 8:30.

MG Photo Competition – Feb General Meeting

MG-related photographs are required for the surprisingly annual MG Photo Contest, which will be held at the February General Meeting. Photos should be in electronic format. There is no restriction on size, subject matter (as long as it is MG-related) or file type. If you have old-fashioned printed photographs that you would like to enter, James Reinhardt can assist with scanning them in. The only rule is that photo's must not have been entered in previous years' competitions.

Sunday Feb 7 – Chairman's Tea Run

The "Chairman's Tea Run" takes the form of a visit to the Cape South Easter Execuline Historic Race Meeting on Sunday, Feb 7. Each classic car attending will receive one free ticket to enter the gate. The regular ticket price is R80 for adults and R20 for children. If you would like to attend, and did not add your name to the list at the last meeting, please let me know soonest, (preferably by email), so that I can add your name to the list of expected guests. Please also let me know what flavour of MG you will be attending in.

The list of cars which will be competing is stupendous and includes some absolute gems from the golden age of sports car racing from the 1950's to the 1970's. Among the more remarkable cars taking part are an Aston Martin DBR2/1, a Ferrari 312, various Chevrons, Lolas, Lotusesees, Porsches as well as some thunderous saloons. Roger Lewis is hoping to have "Hedgehog" running. Hedgehog is a T-type based single seater which ended up in ignominy and in a hedge. It has subsequently been rebuilt and is in Roger's custodianship.

A "parking marshall" is also required to assist MG's to find their parking spaces. This person will also need to attend a short meeting at Killarney on the morning of Sat, Jan 30 to finalise arrangements. Don't be shy!

More details here: http://www.wpmc.co.za/k_news.php Including a pic of a 6 million **Pound** Aston Martin

Late Breed

The Editor wishes to apologise for the lateness of this months breed. Sadly my Laptop was invaded whilst I was starting on the editing and the virus shut my machine down totally. It took four days, two different specialists and nine hundred and fifty rand to cure the problem. At the same time I had a stomach virus caused by medication that I was prescribed as a result of a spinal compression accident. It took a five minute free discussion with my pharmacist and one day to cure it. There must be a moral in this story but I can't find it. Sorry.

EDKen

March 10, AGM

This year the AGM will take the form of an evening out (venue to be confirmed). Attendees will be fed – there may not be such a thing as a free lunch, but there will be a dinner paid for by your club membership. The AGM will take place on March 10, and details will be published in the Breed. Please RSVP.

If you still have club trophies in your possession, please return them as soon as possible.

And finally, you will need to elect a new committee at the AGM. Please apply your mind to consider who should represent you, or better still, consider which committee portfolio you could take over.

Regards

James

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Veterans Outings

Veteran's Outing 28th January 2010:
Buitenverwagting and the one & only Kalky's.

MG veterans are a choosy lot when it comes to eating. They prefer the pairing of white wine with the fish, and don't mess about there either: They want to know about the construction of, and actually taste *Buitenverwagting Buiten Blanc* before eating the freshest fish in the Cape Peninsula at Kalky's in Kalk Bay.

Thirty seven seasoned veterans with two visitors met on Thursday 28th January at Constantia Village. We then drove along the cool and shady Pagasvlei and the Klein Constantia roads to the Buitenverwagting Estate. The farm was founded in 1796, and after varying fortunes was bought in 1980 by the German businessman Richard Mueller, who with his family restored the buildings and replanted the new vineyards. A son, Lars Maack, now runs the estate. We were lead by him into the cool inner sanctum, a cathedral of stainless steel containers holding the good stuff. While they grow many varietals, we concentrated on the *Sauvignon Blanc* and the *Buiten Blanc* (85% *Sauvignon* + 15% *Chenin*). The wines are always harvested in late January, when the grapes have their best sugar content.

The timing of our visit was thus perfect: we were able to taste a three day old wine – a unique experience - a cloudy frothy sweet mix of fruit with only 3% alcohol. [Thinks: is there such a thing as a breakfast wine?] Total fermentation time is 21 days at 16C, and we tasted the mature wines from previous vintages as well, now clear, still, dry. Apparently we should have recognised notes of gooseberry, green peppers and melon, but, whatever - pure pleasure. We left Buitenverwagting reflecting that our visit had certainly been beyond expectation.

We then made our way to Ou Kaapse Weg, and up and over the hill. A superb cartoon came to mind at one point when Joan Parker and Brian Hogg became serially stuck behind an ancient and slow moving diesel behemoth which was belching vast clouds of diesel smoke, almost obscuring them in the open vehicles behind it. It was then to Fish Hoek, and along the coast to Kalk Bay. Parking had been arranged right in front of the restaurant, and some drivers with cajones parked 50cm from the unprotected wharf edge. Hake & chips & wine was the order of the day, and the MG Tickford saloon size portions were eaten with the happy buzz of conversation, and smiles of replete satisfaction. The only fresher fish was swimming in the ocean in the bay, and the chips had the crunch of perfection.

We all thank Brian and Jenny Armstrong for a different and most enjoyable run, which is an excellent omen for the year ahead.

Details:

Attendance: 37 members + two visitors = 39.

Cars: 21 MG's + two plastics = 23

Car types: Y (1), TD (2), A (2), BGT (2), B (6), CGT (1), F (2), TF modern (5)

Visitors: Ginelle de Villiers, now from New Zealand, with a local friend Karin, in Ginelle's MGBGT. A surprise visitor all the way from Napier was Jimmy Alexander in his Y type.

Cancellations due to illness:

John & Veronica Taylor. Get well soon, see you at the Feb run.

Reporter: David Dent

VETERANS' NEWS - Jo Hitchcock.

25 February: Thursday: Re-visit to the Faure Water Treatment Plant. The last visit was six years ago. This plant is the most modern and largest Water Treatment Plant operated by the Cape Town Water undertaking – a most interesting operation. After our previous visit it worried me that they go to so much trouble to treat and purify the water of which so much is used to water our gardens, wash our cars, flush our toilets, etc. We shall meet at the Engen-One-Stop on the **N2** at 09h45 for departure at 10h00. Lunch in the Winelands area.

Contact numbers for booking: Jo @ 021 939 3803 or 082 446 1095 and for details : John Lock @ 021 851 5878 or 083 890 5289.

CANGO 2010 INDABA – OUDTSHOORN.

DID YOU KNOW -Number 7:

- Jo Hitchcock.

Did you know that during the time of the Ostrich Feather Boom (early 1900's) you could actually buy a large farm in the district for a handful of prime white ostrich feathers!

Did you know that there is an installation artwork called "Ode to stone" in Oudtshoorn that commemorates the different methods in which stone was used for building in the region?

Watch this space for more "Did you know's?" about Oudtshoorn and surroundings, next month. Information obtained from Greater Oudtshoorn Tourism.

M.G. REGALIA:

Need anything?

Contact Jenny Lock or Jo Hitchcock.

For Sale – at reduced prices:

3 Med long sleeve yellow and grey check shirts. R80 each.

1 Small short sleeve grey check shirt. R80.

MG licence disks – R1 each

Metal MG Hat/Lapel badges. R25 each.

4 Royal blue MG scarves. R70. each.

8 Orange / Green MG caps. R60 each.

2 MG Tool Rolls. R60 each.

Golf shirts:

Golf shirts: R90.00 each.

1 small blue; 1 L navy – all with pockets, available.

NB : Bumper Badges : Order for these were placed. More details about this next month, when they arrive.

TIMOUR HALL SHOWDAY – 24 JANUARY 2010

Submitted by Margie von Zeil

If you weren't there – you missed out !

What fabulous weather, cars, venue and company we had at the Timour Hall Show Day on Sunday 24 January 2010.

The MG Car Club display was graced by a good turn out of cars – in quantity and variety, with 18 cars on display comprising a good range of models and years eg 2 TC's, 4 TD's, 1 TF, 3 MGA's, 1 MGC, MGB's, 1 B GT. (where were the Midgets and "modern" F's & TF's??)

There were more MG's displayed in the Crankhandle Club area so the "marque" was well represented all round.

Sincere thanks to Mervyn for using his lovely TF as a goods transporter and arriving with the Club gazebo which really did a fine job of saving us from the sun and provided a good central point to enjoy the day, when we were not wandering about admiring other people's shiny treasures.

Feed back from the organisers of the event may dispute our observations, but it certainly seemed like the event attracted more vehicles than in the past – with all fields full of cars, bikes & engines on display, as well as plenty of “Joe Public” coming to admire the vehicles.

Of great interest to us was meeting Keith (?), visiting from the UK and current owner of the exquisite 1964 MGB roadster EPE 17B which features on the front cover and many of the pages inside in Anders Ditlev Clausager's book “Original MGB”. He was happy share some time and anecdotes and showed us some cellphone photos of his car, which has covered only 12 000 miles since new!

He advised that he will routinely remove the wheels after a “run” and clean out the wheel arches & underside of the car.... leaving it in concours condition AFTER the event with the bottom as clean as the top !

I guess I should feel guilty about the dusty BGT which we garaged directly after the show yesterday.....

Looking ahead – and particularly if you regret missing your chance to show off your MaGical MG on this Sunday past : The Triumph Club is shortly going to invite us to join them on the British Sports Car Run to be held on Sunday 28 March 2010. They are really planning for this to be a great outing so do diarise it now – more to follow at General Meetings and elsewhere in The Breed

WANTED: CLUB MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE.

If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact your Chairman, James Reinhardt, as soon as possible.

Next MGCC, Cape Town Centre AGM is on 10th March 2010

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Register News.

Nothing for this month

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MODIFIED?**

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Hildegard Rich

BIRTHDAYS:

FEBRUARY: 3-Sheila Clayton; 5-Stan Shield, Manfred van Heerden, Leslie Waller, Alan Lovell, Sharon Zazeraj; 8- Esme Hitchcock; 10-George Toop; 12-Andre Groenewald; 14- Kimberley Beck; 15-Lester Braun, Pam Leach; 18-Kevin Hill; 19-Johan Kriek, Peter Morrison; 20-Ken Cooke; 21-Richard & Dylon Ribbans; 23-Lorraine Reck, Larry Collins; 24-Nick Blackburn; 25-Tony Whitehead; 26- Margory Howard; 29-Geoff Husk.

MARCH: 3-Joan Parker; 6-Sue Terrapon; 7-Peter Petersen, Gerald Wright, Dave Hendry; 10- Rosa Ballantyne, Buddy Mockford.

NEW MEMBERS RATIFIED - 20/01/2010.

1241 Roy & Sharon Zazeraj, 6 Watson Walk, Tokai. 2004 MG TF 160 VVC

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2010

NB: The Membership Renewals for 2010 were posted on the 12th November 2009. If you haven't received yours, please phone me on 021 903 3426 / 082 473 9123 / hildegard@richpumps.co.za.

Thank you, Hildegard

MGCC Minutes of General Meeting – 18 January 2010

Welcome

Robin Rich welcomed all present and gave a special mention to a new member Richard Grinstead.

There were also 2 guests who were selling MG's:-

Brian and Rebecca O'Donnell are selling a 67 MG Midget to caring club member.

Jeanette De Villiers is selling an 81 MGBGT

Chair: James Reinhardt

General

AGM 10 March 10 details to be advertised. James is working on making it a more formal event and is looking at 2 venues.

There are two new vacancies in the present committee. Derek Hitchcock is now working in JHB and is currently commuting every week to JHB. With this new work load he can no longer attend club meetings.

Paula Masterson has been promoted as acting principal of the JHB branch of Cityvarsity and has moved to JHB early in Jan 2010-01-10

All those members who won trophies during the past year please get them out and polish them in preparation for their return to the club.

Events

International Historic Race Day 6th and 7th Feb. Members going to this event are asked to arrive in the period dress suitable for the time your car was manufactured.

This event is dedicated to the Goodwood Revival and there will be a number of special cars racing.

Drivers are free passengers will have to pay R80

Roger Lewis will be bringing Hedge Hog. Hedge Hog is single seat special based on a TC. It was built in EL and raced once. It was never raced again and was parked against a hedge where it deteriorated.

The EL club started to restore it and then looked to a responsible person to complete the restoration and race it. Roger accepted this duty and will bring it onto the track for the first time at this event.

He still requires a number of TC parts so if any member has anything that they think will be useful please contact Roger. Particularly urgent is a starter motor and a water pump.

Indaba 2010 – Mervyn Corbishley and Roger Lewis.

All Chalets are taken and further registrations are progressing well.

Plaque of the month Celia Baylis for her enthusiastic contributions to the Piketberg Run.

Registers – Pat Coyne

Please see Pat for entry to the Timor Hall Car Show

Secretarial – Pat Masterson
Nothing to report

Membership Secretary – Hildegard Rich

New member ; #1241 Roy Zazeraj, Tokai. 2004 MH TF160 VVC

Breed – Ken Smith

The closing date for the next Breed is 30 Jan 2010

Cup of the Month – Margie and George for arranging the December venue.

CLASSIFIEDS:

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The MGCC committee needs a full set of The BREED for 2009, which will be bound and kept in the Club's safe. If you have a set you don't want, please contact Joan Parker - joanrparker@gmail.com or 021-6718379 or 082-2147561.

Many thanks
Regards
Joan

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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).

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