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March 2010 NEWSLETTER

From the Chair – James Reinhardt

It is with very mixed emotions I write what will be my final waffle as chairman of the MG Car Club. It's been an interesting two years, but the time is now right to hand over to somebody else.

In fact, your club is in need of almost a complete new committee, as only Pat Masterson and Mervyn Corbishley will be staying on. All the other committee posts need to be filled. If there are aspects of the club which you have not been happy with, now is the time to do something about it: nominate one of your soon-to-be-ex friends onto the committee. Failing that, get involved and get on the committee.

The AGM next Wednesday takes place on the usual date (2nd Wednesday of the month), at 7 pm, but at an unusual venue. The venue will be the Speedway 105 Cafe, at the Tafelberg Restaurant & Bar, 6 Roodehek Terrace, off 105 Hope Street in Gardens, Cape Town. A light supper will be served and there will be a full cash bar. After dinner, if you feel so inclined, you can enjoy the sultry sounds of the "Restless Natives" jazz band. If you intend attending, and you have not already done so, please let me know and also let me know whether your preference is for beef or chicken. Email me at james.reinhardt@worldonline.co.za or contact me on 082 821 9157.

Finally, and fittingly, I was delighted today, when driving back from a bicycle race in the southern suburbs to spot many MG Car Club members out and about in their cars even if one of them - Hi Viv James! - wasn't an MG. As you may have noticed, over the last year or so, I've claimed that pretty much every month is the best month to take your MG out for a drive. Nothing against the post 1995 cars, but with the older cars, every month really is the best month for taking your MG for a drive. This is true for the simple reason that a drive in a classic car always has a sense of occasion (possibly brought on by worries of the initial starting) that is missing with more modern machinery. A day that includes a drive in a classic car is a day well spent!

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James

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CLUB CALENDAR

March 2010

6	Saturday	10:30	Garage meet for F, TF and ZR Owners. Contact Peter Flowers. See below.
10	Wednesday	19:00	AGM. See The Chairmans Waffle for details.
21	Sunday	08:00	Breakfast with Vintage Motorcycle Club.(SEE below)
25	Thursday	09:15	Olive Farm Visit 5km from Darling. Lunch in Darling.Meet at Melkboss Total Service Station on Otto du Plessis (R27). Farmyard Restaurant. More Details Below
28	Sunday	09:00	British Sports Car Meeting (see below for details)

April 2010

14	Wednesday	19:00	General Meeting
18	Sunday	TBA	John Skaife Run – 2009 winners to arrange
29	Thursday	TBA	Change of plan. Please see under Veterans news.

May 2010

12	Wednesday	19:00	General Meeting
16	Sunday	TBA	Breakfast Run
27	Thursday	TBA	Veterans Run. This run will be organised by Roy and Helen van Litzenburgh. More details next month.

FUTURE EVENTS

British sports car Run Sunday 28th March

After more than a few false starts, the tour will take place on Sunday at the end of March. Starting point will be the

Meet at the Engen garage on the N2, with registration at the truck area starting from 9.00 am. The route is then via the coast road and Houw Hoek pass ending up at the Elgin Country Club in Grabouw for a buffet lunch at 12.30 pm. Early birds can go slowly and stop for coffee on route. Special parking has been arranged on the cricket oval for all participants. Cost is R100 per head CASH on the day please! Space is limited so please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Contact Jamie Hart on 084 2200082 or jamie.hart@kingsley.co.za thanks.

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Veterans Outings

Veteran's Outing 25 February 2010
Faure Water Treatment Plant

After some serious rain during the night and drizzle round about the time of departure in the morning I decided not to haul out the hoodless TC but to travel in comfort in the BGT. How wrong and pessimistic I was. Just on the other side of the Helderberg the roads were dry and scattered sunshine was coming through. What put me to shame even more was that Mirka was ready to face the weather and belted along in her TC...

After a short drive on a picturesque approach road we came to the entrance of the Faure Water Treatment Plant from where we were able to enjoy a spectacular view of the rolling vineyards and distant mountain ranges, partly covered in cloud. Once inside the plant we were welcomed by Eric Groothuizen (Little Eric) who gave us a comprehensive insight into the operation and capacity of the plant. Raw water is received from the Theewaterkloof and Palmiet dams and is treated at a rate of 500 mega liters per day (Ml/d). The plant was put into operation in 1994 and is the largest and most modern water treatment plant in Cape Town. First impressions were those of absolute cleanliness and order in every detail. We learned that the plant is totally self-sufficient in terms of power consumption. Electricity is produced on site at a rate of 1750 kVA by a turbine driven generator which utilizes the 13 bar pressure of the incoming raw water. After passing through an intricate arrangement of concrete basins, where dosing, settling and filtration is taking place the water is transformed from its brown and acidic state on arrival into sparkling, safe and stable water on departure. It has been certificated as the best potable water in SA and has been recognized internationally as one of best municipal water supplies in the world. It was mentioned that in order to produce 1 liter of bottled water it requires 1, 5 liters of this very water, which in itself might be purer than the sold product itself...

The Plant Superintendent Eric Bezuidenhout (Big Eric) bid us farewell and thanked us for the visit, implying that we should rather stick to water than to indulge in brews that could lead us to doing damage to our precious cars!

A lunch table was reserved for us at the historic Neethlinghof Wine Estate where, despite all the foregoing, not too much time was spent over the decision as to what beverage would go best with the meal. A glorious afternoon was spent with good friends and in the shade of old trees. Thanks to John and Jennifer Lock for arranging this interesting and enjoyable outing.

Attendance: 35 members
Cars: 1 TC, 1 MGA, 5 MGB, 2 MGC, 1 F, 9 TF, 1 Plastic
Report by: Dieter Reck

VETERANS' NEWS - Jo Hitchcock.

April 2010:

29: Thursday: TBA. Due to illness the Wallers cannot organize this run for us.

Unless somebody else has a better idea, we'll go for a picnic at Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve in Stellenbosch, which will include a scenic drive. More details next month.

VETS RUN 25 MARCH 2010

The March Vets Run is going to the Darling Olives for an 'education' in what various types of olives are all about and how you can use them both for eating and for a lot of other things. We will meet at the Farmyard / TOTAL petrol station in Melkbosstrand on the R27, West Coast Road at 09h15 and will be leaving at 09h45 sharp.

The Farmyard is 10.6 km (6.6 miles) on the right down the R27 from the cross roads with Blaauwberg Road (M14). Please be careful on this road as it has a high accident rate.

Alternatively you can get there from the N7 by taking the Melkbosstrand Road (R304) and 8.4 km (5.2 miles) along at the Traffic Light cross roads with the R27 turn left towards Table View and the Farmyard is 1.1 km (0.7 miles) down on the left.

There is a R10 per head charge for the 'Tasting/Education' on olives so please bring the correct amount as the organisers have a "no change" policy. Apart from the various olive products such as the oils, olives, olive pastes, olive cheese, olive chocolate, olive bath soap and bath salts etc at a fair price they also produce very pleasant exclusive wines which are priced accordingly. Wine tasting is charged at R5 per person so please arrange that with the staff.

After the 'education' and shopping we will go to Bistro Seven in Darling for lunch.

The menu is as follows:

Choice of Main Course:

Either Malay Beef Curry with Basmati Rice and sambals

or Roast Lamb or Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Rice and lots of Veggies

or Fisherman's Pie with Veggies

Plus Coffee or Tea @ R90

Optional extra Choice of Dessert:

Either Lemon Lime Cheesecake with Berries

Or Cassata and Van der Hum @ R18

In order to assist with the service it would be appreciated if people coming on the Run would be so kind as to advise us of their intended selection before Monday 22nd.

After lunch there are some wine estates that you may wish to visit on your way home. It is up to you.

Looking forward to having you with us on the Run.

Angela and Roger 021-554-5949 or 083-415-3184

angela@mantons.net

Maureen James sent this to keep us up to date with our Country Members.

Take it or leave it: Farewell.

Summer is a perfect time for travelling topless. The day was perfect but as it progressed it became hotter and hotter so too many of us caught the sun, becoming overheated and sunburnt. However since our gathering time was at midday, it wasn't ideal setting off at 11:00 from Napier when the sun was almost at its highest point.

Twenty nine keen classic car enthusiasts left from Montagu, Barrydale, Greyton, Hermanus and Napier on Thursday 21st January 2010. The finish line was Stormsvlei where we went to bid farewell to Edwina, who retires at the end of the month.

There have been many gatherings at her wonderful Restaurant, "Take it or Leave it", where her fare is served so differently. Her menu is listed by her in her welcome speech. There are no waitresses to write down the orders, for everything is taken from the enormous platters set down in the middle of the tables and everyone helps themselves. Her policy of serving extras has a condition that those who have not been satisfied must empty their refilled plates. The pate starter served with home made bread and the little fish cakes wet everyone's appetite. There was a selection of four different meats, with appropriate sauces, tastefully arranged on the platter, along with a salad bowl and another containing mutton stew.

Unfortunately, for those sat at our table, the shade from the overhead vines didn't stop the heat waves from penetrating and the only remaining umbrella was broken. Standing fans would have made for a more comfortable meal. After the sweet we beat a hasty retreat to the cars and our cooler homes

Driving in our special cars and catching up with our like minded friends again made up for the rigours of the weather. Our thanks to Moira for getting us all together.

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.

Register Notice Garage Meet for all F, TF and ZR owners

On Saturday the 6th. March we are organizing a garage meeting for all owners of the MGF, TF and MGZR cars. As there are now 34 of these cars in the club, it is appropriate that we organize such a presentation. This will be held at The Classic Workshop, Bofors Circle, Epping at 10.30 on Saturday the 5th. March.

We shall have a TF on a hydraulic lift with some of its workings exposed, a large selection of both new and damaged parts will be on show and we shall have two experts to talk on the common problems which have occurred, their prevention and the solutions.

This is an ideal opportunity for all owners to learn more about these technically very different motor cars, as well as to share their experiences with other owners. The more you know about the cars the more you will be able to keep them in perfect working order. If any non owners are considering a purchase of one of the cars, they are more than welcome to join us.

Please let Peter Flowers know if you are going to attend, which will assist with the catering arrangements. (0219754475 or 0786390151)

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March 21st Breakfast with Vintage Motor Cycle Club

Meet at the Engen Winelands Onestop on the N1 "outbound" (direction Paarl) on March 21 at 8:00 for an 8:30 depart.

The route will take us through Franschoek, over the Franschoek pass and on to the N2, onto Clarence Drive finishing up at Pringle Bay for breakfast. Total distance approximately 150km.

With any luck, some of the older classic bikes (note: note the owners!) can be encouraged to join us, and share the blame for oil spots where we park!

Contact James Reinhardt for more details

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Hildegarde Rich

BIRTHDAYS:

MARCH: 3-Joan Parker; 6-Sue Terrapon; 7-John Saunders, Peter Petersen, Gerald Wright, Dave Hendry; 10- Rosa Ballantyne, Buddy Mockford; 12-Ralph Clarke; 13-Shirley Hill; 14- Hendrik Leusink; 15-David Tudsbury, Bill Cox; 21- Mirka Urbanc; 22- Gavin McNaughton; 26- Jackie Tipping; 27- Karen de Waal; 29-Lucille Ten Oever, Victor da Cruz, Renee Kruisinga; 31-David McKinney.

APRIL: 1- Joy Jack; 2-Joan Whitehead; 4-Liz Greenwood, Dorothy Bolton, Jane Landau; 10-Bruce Beck, Glynn Barton; 12-Peter Knight.

NEW MEMBERS RATIFIED - 10/02/2010.

1242 Richard & Jenny Grinstead, Claremont. 1980 MGB

1243 Martin & Joan Aldridge, Durbanville. MGB

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences go to David Jack and his family on the passing away of his wife, Elspeth. Our thoughts are with you.

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Minutes of General Meeting – February 2010

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CLASSIFIEDS:

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If you know of anyone who is looking for a car like this, please contact me.

Regards

Hugh Brinckmann
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I have a MGB 1980 , that can be broken up for parts , can you please tell your members.

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1980 MGB Roadster. Owned for the last 19 years. Black with "Buttercup" beige full leather interior (incl. all door panels, etc) and new carpets. Bolt-on wire wheels and chrome luggage rack. Completely resprayed. Engine completely rebuilt about 10000kms ago – every single moving part renewed or replaced (i.e. the usual mains, big-ends, rings, etc, but also brand new oil pump, Hepolite pistons, valves, valve guides, camshaft, cam followers, rocker shaft, rocker bushes, rockers refaced, etc). Engine converted to run on unleaded petrol and fully balanced at the same time (incl. pistons, con-rods and clutch components). Brand new clutch plate, pressure plate and thrust bearing put in at the same time. New full/one-piece mild steel exhaust system. Asking R80000 ono.

ALSO

1996 MGF 1.8i. Red with black interior. First owner – I imported this in April 1996 so it was one of the first in SA at the time. Engine rebuilt with new mains, big-ends, rings, "competition" cylinder head gasket, steel cylinder head locators, new cylinder head bolts, etc. Will be ready for sale during March 2010 and I'm open to offers. Stainless steel MGB sill covers. Used but still in good condition. New price almost £90 at Moss Motors. Asking R300 ono.

Please contact: Derrick Smith on 082 565 9164 (cell), 021 658 8040 (office hours), or email Derrick.Smith@intecbilling.com.

Give-away / Free to a good home:

4 x 15in retreaded tyres. They are old so I wouldn't recommend using them on the road, but could be used to move a TD/TF/MGA/ZA/ZB/MGC around during rebuild.

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Please contact: Derrick Smith on 082 565 9164 (cell), 021 658 8040 (office hours), or email Derrick.Smith@intecbilling.com.

WANTED:

Enthusiastic Committee Members for appointing at the AGM

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Exceptions in January (third Wednesday) & December (1st Wednesday).

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