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## FROM THE CHAIR

The highlight of the month was changing the normal format of the Natter 'n Noggin to a Saturday braai at the Crankhandle clubhouse. More than 40 members and friends turned up at the bring & braai. The fires were going, the drinks were flowing and a great time was had by all! This was a one off meeting which had been suggested by a number of members but I think it will become a regular event every few months. Next month's Natter will revert to the 2nd Tuesday, May 10th. Unfortunately I can't be there as will be hiking in the Karoo that week however, I am sure there will be a good turnout.

If you have any other ideas for the Natter, please send them to me at [brazzle@iafrica.com](mailto:brazzle@iafrica.com)

We are lucky to have a new, very enthusiastic member looking after regalia, Colin Cromhout. He is looking for ideas of what you, the members want, so please give him your ideas. We will then source them and take orders.

At our recent committee meeting we were concerned about the health of some of our members. Accordingly, we have been in contact with them to see if there is anything we can do to assist and also to lend our support and convey the Club's good wishes.

Finally, browsing through new MG websites I came across this design study:



Apparently the concept was based on the "classic MGB GT profile, updated to the 21st century". I can't decide whether it's a ridiculous parody or quite a clever concept. I guess it keeps the MG image alive into the 21st century. What do you think?

Happy MG motoring,

**Brian**

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With May approaching it is that time of year again when we need our scarves, jackets and gloves to take part in the Club's winter runs.

Hopefully we will have lots of "hood down" driving still to look forward to.

Norman Ewing shares memories of his magical cruise to Australia on pages 6 & 7 when he was fortunate enough to meet up with all his MG friends.

There are quite a few items in the For Sale section this month, there may be something there that you have been looking for!

Last date for articles for the June Breed is 23rd May.

### **Fran**

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## OUT AND ABOUT

### MAY

Tuesday	10th	Natter & Noggin at CHC Clubhouse, Riebeeck Street, Wynberg @ 7.30pm
Thursday	26th	Veteran's run to Cape Town Stadium, see details below

### JUNE

Tuesday	14th	Natter & Noggin at CHC Clubhouse, Riebeeck Street, Wynberg 7.30pm
Thursday	30th	Veteran's run, details in the next issue of The Breed

#### Dates to diarise:

Saturday 18th June - Napier Patat Festival. Full details available on [www.napierpatatfees.co.za](http://www.napierpatatfees.co.za)  
Sunday 11th September - Fun run organised by The Sunbeam Club, details to follow later

#### Veteran's run 26th May - Guided tour of Cape Town Stadium Brian and Jenny Armstrong

Please meet in the parking area at Gate 1 off Fritz Sonnenberg Road, Green Point at 09h30. The guided tour will commence at 10h00 and should take approximately 1 hour.

Fees to be paid at the gate: Adults = R45.00 Pensioners / disabled persons = R17.00

A buffet lunch at R75 pp has been arranged at the Cattle Baron Restaurant, Constantia Village from 12h00.

The attendance list will be circulated at the club Natter & Noggin on Tuesday 10th May. Those who have not put their names in after this date, please contact:

Brian and Jenny Armstrong 021 788 2188 / 082 442 774 email: [louisarmy@icloud.com](mailto:louisarmy@icloud.com)



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## **Veteran's run to Bloemendal - Gloria Smith**

Woodbridge Island was once again the meeting point for this run at the civilised hour of 11h00. Bill ten Oever told us that he had organised the weather, which was windless with the clouds clearing. Traffic was quite busy leaving Milnerton area, but with the suburbs behind us it went quiet. Travelling through the Durbanville hills was beautiful with the fields of Canola adding colour.

Bill had told us about some cannon sites in the area and that there was a cannon being fired at 12 noon on the top of the hill at Bloemendal, so we would have time to witness this before coming down the hill to Bon Amis restaurant for 13h00. Unfortunately the cannon firing was delayed due to the late arrival of dignitaries, so for those who drove up the mountain, it was a fruitless trip.

The restaurant organisation set up by Bill and Lucille was excellent, the quality and prices of both food and drink was good.

In all 34 members participated and I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as Ken and I did. The veterans congratulate Bill and Lucille ten Oever on a great outing.

### **Club outing to Philadelphia**

Sue Jones

25 members met at The Farmyard on Sunday 17th for our April Club run to the quaint little village of Philadelphia.

The low cloud soon dissipated and we had a most delightful run enjoying the beautiful landscape and farmlands along the way. Our cars must have made quite an impact to other motorists as we took the leisurely drive along the country roads.

This was Club motoring at its best.

We spent an hour or so browsing among the interesting minerals, clothing and objects d'art found in the little shops. There's a lot of amazing talent to be found in this area.

Lunch was booked at the Pepper Tree Restaurant and everyone enjoyed their meal which was really well prepared and presented. Well done to Megan and the team.

Philadelphia is certainly a hidden gem to visit any time of year.

## SOCIAL NEWS

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy London
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- 7 Pat Masterson
- 9 Barbara Breytenbach
- 10 Jo Hitchcock
- 11 Gavin Kemp,
- 13 Ian Irvin
- 14 Brenda Bulman, Neville Frost
- 16 John Morrison, Jon Taljaard
- 21 Garth Green
- 24 Leonore Haley
- 27 Frits Rossouw, Esilene Kemp
- 30 Roger Lewis, Neville Whitney

Happy birthday to you all!



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## **A magical cruise to Australia - Norman Ewing**

In close to fifty years, we met in 1967, my wife Pat has sprung many surprises, but none as incredible as telling me, that she was taking me to Australia, on the Queen Elizabeth, for my 75th birthday. Ever since we met, she has supported my passion for MG and love of all things nautical, even though she could see me and my car club activities far enough on more than a few occasions. But the Queen Elizabeth to see our MG friends in Australia, fantastic!

We loaded up the ZR and Sarah dropped us off at the airport for our flight to Cape Town. There we were met by old MG friends Heyns and Ann Stead. The time we spent with them gave us opportunity to discuss and plan our upcoming trip together to Le Touquet in France, for the European MG event of the year. The following morning we set off for breakfast at Groot Constantia and after a trip to visit a glorious classic car emporium, they took us to the Convention Centre for embarkation, where they wished us well on our way.

After a night and day at sea we steamed into Port Elizabeth complete with a large MG Car Club flag draped over our balcony, in the hope that MGA friends Terry and Lynne Estment would see and photograph it. No chance as with Cape Town, security was such that no one could get near. We were desperate to see the Estments before they set off for New Zealand for good, they came and collected us and took us to a local hotel terrace to enjoy some time together.

A night departure saw us set course for the tiny island of Reunion and our first chance to visit this department of France, I was staggered at the traffic and to discover that there are over 50,000 cars on the island, and no time restrictions on ownership as in Singapore and Japan, being part of the EU.

A day later it was Mauritius and then a 7 day stretch at sea to Freemantle. Whilst walking around the deck, I was stopped by Greg Hansen, who seeing my MGB 50 shirt told me he owned a 'B' in Perth he was keen to talk, which we did. That same day, Lord Paddy Ashdown gave a brilliant talk on the French resistance fighters, his book on the Cockleshell raid was in the ship's bookshop, I bought it and had it signed for my good MG friend Bob Wilmot, busy at home on my J2. It was all go with great talks on Cunard ships, French lessons, creative writing, walking and gym, interspersed of course with food, keeping us active.

We were met in Freemantle by old MG friends Harry and Deidre Pyle, who wrote the TC book 'Ride them till the roads wear out', MG TC author and friend Mike Sherell and Christine and Doug Bush, who are no strangers to South Africa. Doug an air traffic controller for years at Gatwick was South East Centre Chairman. We took the MG flag ashore for a team photo. Harry and Mike had come with two of the most iconic TCs, while the Bushes were in a black ZR. With the girls in the ZR, Doug and I in the TCs we were able to swop seats on an exhilarating drive up to Cottosloe, then on by way of a motor museum to the Bush's new home. Mike did some book signing, whilst Harry took great delight in describing how he retrieved my hat when it blew off. It was all over far too soon and we were out the harbour on our way to Adelaide. I then met an MG Car Club member Roy Drudge owner of an MGC and a Healy Silverstone who had been on Le Jog with Derek Edwards. Up again to greet the pilot in the dark, I was ready with the flag to no avail, the enormous roof of the terminal ensured that it could only be seen from the bow. I took it there and waved it at Bob and Shelley Bazzica who didn't see it. Dock security asked who they were waiting for "MG friends" they said.

"Oh" he replied "so the MG flag was for you?" "what flag?" asked Shelley. We disembarked and fell about laughing when Shelley described the flag story, I told Pat that they were looking right at the flag and didn't see it.

The day in Adelaide was pure magic after a tour all over Glenelg and the city for Pat we headed to the Bazzica's home, where members of the 1986-1990 and 2000 MG Indaba tour groups were gathered for lunch and a group photo with the club flag. David Pearson, who gave the, then Mayor of Johannesburg carrots for not mentioning the Aussies in his 1986 welcome speech is now 95 his wife, Joy who not only organised the trips, but also that of the South Africans to Aussie in 1995, is 90 and looks fantastic. Must be the water! It was fantastic to see so many old MG friends and to be made so incredibly welcome, it brought home to us how very special this MG family world-wide is. All too soon it was over, and sadly we drove back to the ship with Shelley and Bazz.

Pat is a Melbourne, Derbyshire lass and she wanted to see the 'other' one with just the two of us, we walked, rode trams and really did Melbourne, she loved it.

The planned Sydney get together did not materialise because Steve had to work. We were anchored for the first day and trips ashore were by tender so we agreed to meet Arnold De Castro on Sunday at the Opera house. He arrived and looked after us in the same way his brother has for so many years. We drove all over the city around the harbour to Watsons Bay and then home where Amanda and Michael spoilt us. A tour of their new home and the MGB they took over and it was tea time. In the old days at JC Auto we used to take turns buying pecan pies for tea. Amanda had not only got a pecan pie but insisted we eat something substantial before our flight home. We spent the day laughing as Arnold described to Pat various incidents when I took him to Silverstone, Scotland and France in 1999, stranded on the Paris Metro platform when the train left without him, with me on board, as only Arnold could describe. We were by now sad to leave and Arnold whisked us off to the airport.

A 28 hour flight through Abu Dhabi and we were home. It truly had been the trip of a lifetime and thanks to Pat my wife, the love of my life, who made it an extra special surprise.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some time ago Ralph and Hilda Clarke moved from Welgemoed to Van Riebeeckshof, then a few months ago to the George & Annie Starke Retirement Village. In retrospect it was an excellent move, however, I have been told that moving house is a very taxing experience, this was confirmed by Ralph.

In the meantime Ralph and has been having treatment by way of radiation and medication. He has taken this very well but has experienced difficulty in standing and walking. About two weeks ago he was moved to the frail-care facility, where the physiotherapist visits him daily to help him exercise.

Some of our members have visited Ralph these visits are very welcome which he appreciates them very much. It also helps to distract his mind from his condition. If you have not visited Ralph or Hilda, please try to do so, failing that, a phone call would also be much appreciated. We wish you a speedy recovery Ralph and be assured you and Hilda are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bowtie

## FOR SALE

**Spare parts:** MGB cylinder head (x2); MGB tappet cover; MGB spoke wheel (hub, rim, spokes); MGB rubber bumper, front; MGA 1500 cylinder head complete assembly; wheel hub for spoke wheels, new (could be Jaguar); 1 ½" S.U. carbs (alic6020Z); 1 ½" S.U. carbs (pdc1/zx1229f) all carbs butterfly spindles/bushes renewed; 1 ½" carbs Jaguar - for free; crypton synchro check; gas tester exhaust CO analyser with pulse pump, new.

**Contact:** Philip Hitchcock 021 939 3803 / 082 446 1092

**Spare parts:** Workshop manual for 1975 MGB (x2); wiper arms & blades; coil; various badges, caps and a few various parts. R800 the lot.

**Contact:** Garth 021 801 1234 email: flamingo@postnet.co.za

**1982 MGB GT** colour BRG in daily use by one careful owner for the last 15 years. In need of some restoration and respray. At present a new clutch is being fitted. R35,000 onco

**Contact:** Don Lilford 021 790 1955

**MGB 1800cc engine** – 5 mains – complete with head, oil filter and fly-wheel. Engine number: 18GB-U-L R7,500 onco.

**Contact:** Mike Hoare 060 981 8034 email: mandy.hoare1@gmailcom

Complete set MGB Smiths Instruments: temperature gauge, fuel, ammeter, oil pressure, speedo, rev counter. Fair condition, make me an offer.

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A huge collection of AF and BSW spanners, there are about 150 mixed pieces in a tool box. Ranging from all sizes, flats, flats plus ring, sockets and ring spanners including the tool box R1000 or nearest reasonable cash offer; small trolley jack R100; 2 torque wrenches R100 each; 2 sets of Whitworth taps and dies, 1 large and 1 small set R100 each; a set of oxygen acetylene control valves with gauges as new R200 each.

**Contact:** Pat Masterson 083 274 2550 email: pmasterson@gibb.co.za

## WANTED

9-pole Lucas regulator cover for MG TC wanted or complete 9-pole regulator (has nine screw attachments and fuses on either side) Contact: Godfrey Castle 082 566 5423 email: godfrey@caravansa.co.za