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EDITOR'S CORNER

Looking back to the July 2020 newsletter our hopes were that we would be getting together again to enjoy 'Christmas in July' at the Crankhandle Clubhouse. Sadly that is not to be. We missed it last year, and we will miss it again this year ~ Frenske's lovely mince pies as well as Dieter's famous glühwein. Don't despair Dieter has sent in the recipe (pg.9) for you all to try, albeit at home. You will not have to drive so you can have an extra glass!

Dieter also shares a rather unique story about a Clipper Blue TC from 'Down Under' (pg.5).

Well done to the MG fathers and grandfathers, you deserve a pat on the back for the outstanding photos on (pgs.7-8). Proud dads indeed ~ and my sincere thanks to you all.

*'A dad is a son's first hero
and a daughter's first love.'*

Please send in your articles, reports or photos for the August newsletter by 23rd July.

Remember folks even if we have had our first vaccine jab we still have a long way to go. Take care out there!

- Fran

Front page photos:

Top: Theo van der Hoek - 1957 MGA and 1950 TD
Bottom: Mike Johnson - 1957 MGA and 1950 TD

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FROM THE CHAIR

It is encouraging to hear that numerous members have already had their first vaccination. It appears most were done via 'walk ins' and not by specific appointments. They spoke of the friendly, helpful and efficient medical officials at the various vaccination sites. Also most retirement villages have been very proactive in getting their communities vaccinated which is good news. With the next batches of vaccines arriving one would hope that the majority of the population will be vaccinated soon - fingers crossed! Our thoughts and get well wishes go out to those members, families and friends who have been affected by Covid-19.

With the 3rd wave already upon us we need to be careful, so please bear with the committee if events are changed or rescheduled as the safety of our members is paramount. With the increase in Covid numbers, the committee has decided to hold a Zoom Natter for July. Hopefully this will enable many more members to 'attend' who otherwise would not have been able to. So please diarise the 13th July at 19h30. The link will be sent out closer to the time.

Our tradition of glühwein at the Christmas in July Natter, returns with a difference this year. Our very own German Glühwein Maestro, Dieter Reck, has agreed to have his family glühwein recipe published so that we may also conjure up a pot and sip on the delights as we Zoom in.

In May we were fortunate in having a Veterans' run and this took us to Rooi Els. We were lucky with the weather and the beautiful scenic drive didn't disappoint us either. We had a great turn out and it was quite spectacular to have 4 magnificent TCs on the run.

If you are not tinkering on your MG or taking it for a drive, there is an abundance of sport to watch to keep you entertained and don't forget to listen in to the MG UK podcasts. MG is making great strides in the electric car industry, and as a result of this the MG brand has a bright future.

Until next time,
Stay safe

Shirley



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SOCIAL NEWS

OUT AND ABOUT

It is with great regret, that due to the increase in Covid infections in the Western Cape, we have decided to cancel all future events and Natters for the time being. Once the '3rd wave' has subsided we will relook at the program. Thanks to those members who have 'volunteered' to organise runs for us, we will be calling on you again later.

There will not be a Natter at the club house on 13th July however, Victoria is setting up a Zoom meeting for 19hr30 on that date. Link details will be sent out closer to the time.

We look forward to seeing you all later on. - **Geoff Ballantyne**

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New Members:

#**1386** Dawie & Elmarie Erasmus - 1969 MGB GT & 1948 TC 083 253 7054
email: daviderasmus10@gmail.com

Dawie and Elmarie are currently members of the KZN club, and will be relocating to the Cape at the end of the year. The TC was previously owned by the late Barry Morton, and subsequently by Chris Champion.

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Change of email address:

Brian Hogg - brianhogg000@gmail.com

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Mike Kahn
- 5- John Elliott
- 7- Matthew Sleight
- 9- Nico Montauban
- 11- Carol Cromhout
- 16- Roy Zazeraj, Gary Shaw, Marylyn Hodkinson
- 19- Rodney Green
- 21- Vernon Terrapon
- 22- Mike Plows
- 25- Tracy-Ann Craig, Pat Oberem
- 30- Richard Grinstead
- 31- Dinky Braun, Chris Nel




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MG TC from South Africa to Australia

Graham Ross of Queensland, Australia has an interesting and rather touching story of how he became the proud owner of the 'Clipper Blue' 1949 TC ~ (pictured below).

In June 2017, Jane and Graham Ross who are originally from Stellenbosch became permanent residents in Australia.

Jane and Graham bought a home in Noosaville, Queensland in June 2018. They have two children and three grandchildren, all Australian citizens.

The 'Clipper Blue' 1949 TC was previously owned by Mirka Urbanc, who resided in the village of Prince Albert. Sadly and very suddenly, in March 2018 Mirka passed away.

Six months later, a doctor from Prince Albert contacted Jane to ask if Graham's surname was Ross and if so, he needed to contact her urgently.

Needless to say this raised concerns, however Graham did confirm that his surname was correct. It was then that he learned Mirka had found it in her heart to bequeath her beloved TC to:

'Graham Ross of Stellenbosch'

Graham returned to Cape Town in March 2019 and put in place all that needed to be done to transport the MG to Cape Town. It was delivered to Dieter Reck, who was responsible for a major service and to prepare the vehicle for export and finally, shipment to Brisbane. The TC safely arrived in Australia in October 2019 and recently, proudly took part in the Anzac Day Parade.



Prince Albert - South Africa



Queensland - Australia

Footnote from Dieter:

The story of this TC is possibly of interest to club members as it once belonged to our ex-Chairman, the late Gordon Howard. Gordon had sold it to Mirka Urbanc who, long ago was a member of the club and owner of a B roadster. After Mirka had taken ownership of the TC it became clear that the car was in need of a major overhaul in order to make it reliable for everyday transport and enjoyment.

It had been tuned by the previous owner to Stage 2, fitted with large valves, large carburettors and modified to high compression. As a result it was tricky to start, it leaked a lot of oil and tended to overheat. After 4 months in my garage the car was back on the road, faster and more agile than any TC I had ever known, ready to be driven by a temperament-laden lady. Sadly Mirka passed away shortly after moving to Prince Albert, however this tale does have a happy ending with Graham now enjoying driving the TC.

Veterans' run to The Drummond Arms ~ Rooi Els

We started out from the N2 One-Stop just before Somerset West, where a dozen MGs gathered between 10hr30 and 11hr00. From there, we drove along the N2 as far as the Gordons Bay turn-off, turning right to Gordons Bay. At the T-junction in Gordons Bay we turned left onto the beautiful Clarence Drive. After a few stops to admire the sea and views it was a right turn into Rooi Els.

We stopped off at *The Drummond Arms* for lunch. At this stage we lost two cars that had continued on to Pringle Bay. Along the way we did gain three cars from the Somerset West / Gordons Bay area.



3 of the four TCs on the Run



At the door we were greeted by the manageress Candy, with a glass of sherry for each of us. We had intended to have lunch outside but due to a chilly breeze we decided rather to have our meal inside, away from the wind.



Lunch orders were taken table by table which unfortunately resulted in the first tables finishing quite a long time before the later tables. The lucky draw prize, a box of chocolates, was won by the passenger in the first car to arrive at the venue, Shirley van der Hoek.



Theo's MGA was travelling so fast, his windscreen could not keep up

Thankfully the run had only one casualty, Vic Matthews, who had a fuel pump issue. His TC was given the necessary attention and Vic was escorted to his home in Gordons Bay.

Thanks to all who participated in the event, we hope a lovely time was had by all. - Geoff Ballantyne

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Father's Day MG Memories



Rodney Wayland Green with his son Edwin



Martin Davies with his daughter Tanya and granddaughters



Mike Johnson with his son Alan following his tyre treads



Dieter Reck with his family



Theo van der Hoek with his son Brendon and grandson Joshua



Pat Masterson with his daughter Paula



Darryl Dickerson with his son Bronson



Stuart Leach with his daughter Toni



Peter Waker with his family



Eugen Kohler with his fur-child 'Fee'



Chris Champion and his son Richard



CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Fran,

No other drink contributes more to light conversation, warmth, happiness, and red cheeks during these coming chilly, July evenings than this good old-fashioned Glühwein.

By the way the photo was taken before I started making the Glühwein.

- Dieter Reck



MG famous 'Christmas in July' Glühwein Recipe

1. Pour a cup of water into a suitable cooking vessel and bring to boil.
2. Into the hot water spread ½ teaspoon each of Cinnamon and Nutmeg powder, add some cloves and ½ cup of brown sugar.
3. Turn down the heat and add 1 bottle of (inexpensive) dry red wine.
4. Add sliced lemons or orange juice as well as sugar to suit your taste.
5. Allow it to simmer but do not boil it, you might just lose some of the delicate fragrances of the brew.
6. To avoid burning your fingers, serve in long stemmed glasses.



Prost and enjoy the experience!

Hi all,

I am aware that those members with MGFs sometime have a problem with their hydragas suspension, particularly the hydragas suspension units. There's now a small business in the UK repairing them:

<https://hydragasandhydrolasticservice.com/hydragas-unit-repair-service/>

- Brian Aslett



The advertisement features a collage of images: a wire wheel, a hammer and tools, and a tyre fitting machine. Below the images is a blue banner with the text 'Classic Wheel & Tyre Specialists' in large white letters. Underneath this banner is a yellow box with the 'SPEEDY TYRE & FITMENT' logo. To the right of the logo is a list of services: 'Specialist equipment for balancing wire wheels', 'Alignment database for classic cars', 'Classic car compatible tyre sizes', and 'Import service for vintage and classic tyres'. Further right is a logo for 'A MEMBER OF THE VALUE TYRE & FITMENT GROUP'. At the bottom of the advertisement, the address '88 Buitengracht Street, Cape Town, 8000' and contact information '021 424 5370' and 'infoct@valuetyre.co.za' are provided.

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FOR SALE

1950 MG TD

Colour: British racing Green

Excellent running condition

Fully restored

Includes a list of spares and extras

Price: R485 000

Contact: John Elliott (**member**) 082 377 4933



1950 MG TD The car has had a total body-off-chassis restoration over 3 years and was completed at the end of 2018. This includes engine overhaul, new brake system, new wood to replace the bad bits, re-chrome where needed. New radiator core, new wheel bearings, and seals & suspension rubbers all round. Other new items: soft top, tonneau cover, side screens, luggage rack, paint, battery, engine mount rubbers, modern oil filter & fuel pump, wiring harness, carpets and marine ply floor boards plus many smaller items. There are 200 photos taken during the 3year restoration plus a file detailing the total amount spent. Price: R375 000 onco.

Contact: Theo van der Hoek (**member**) 082 440 2520



1972 MGB Roadster 1800 purchased in February 1996 by Jim Crosier (MG member until 2016).

Last driven December 2018 due to family illness, stored in a garage since then.

Condition reasonable but would need to have some work done. Colour: bright red.

Soft top needs some attention. Detachable hard top in good condition. Price: R70 000 o.n.o

Contact: Jim Crosier (**ex-member**) 021 438 9959 / 082 658 2871 email: jimcrosier@telkomsa.net

MGTF Coolant (pink) 5lt Free to a good home.

A few more new parts for a small donation:

MGB Hockey Stick bag, new. MGB /A Clutch master, new (after market).

Various other bits free / donation. All donations to TEARS

Contact: Pat Coyne (**member**) 072 348 4493 /pacman@kingsley.co.za

Wood rim steering wheel and boss for MGB.

New plugs, points, condenser, wiper blades and other items. Price: R1,500

Contact: Wally Killops, Langebaan (**non-member**) 082 552 0686



WANTED

Looking for a full set of parts for a 1959 MGA soft top, including the frame and side windows.

Will also consider buying individual parts. E.g. just the frame or just the side windows.

Contact: Lorne Hallendorff (**non-member**) 082 728 3405 / email: lornehallendorff@gmail.com