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84th Year

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EDITORIAL - SEPTEMBER

Greetings All,

The Midget is at last back on the road and running well.

The MGA is back on the road with a bit of help from Chris Swale

Some sad news to report:

Peter MacNaught-Davis passed away on Saturday evening (26th August). He was bed ridden for the past couple of months and in many ways his passing is a blessed relief for him.

He was one of our most supportive members over the years and a great friend to me. He looked after the RAF Runs for many years until his health no longer allowed him to.

Always ready to help other members if they needed it.

Peter, Bev, Jill and myself travelled together on two major events. The first being the MGA tour and followed a year or two later by the Spridget tour.

Peter, you will be sadly missed

On the same evening, Don Sanderson Smith also passed on. Although we never saw much of him, He built a nice MGTC from bits and pieces.

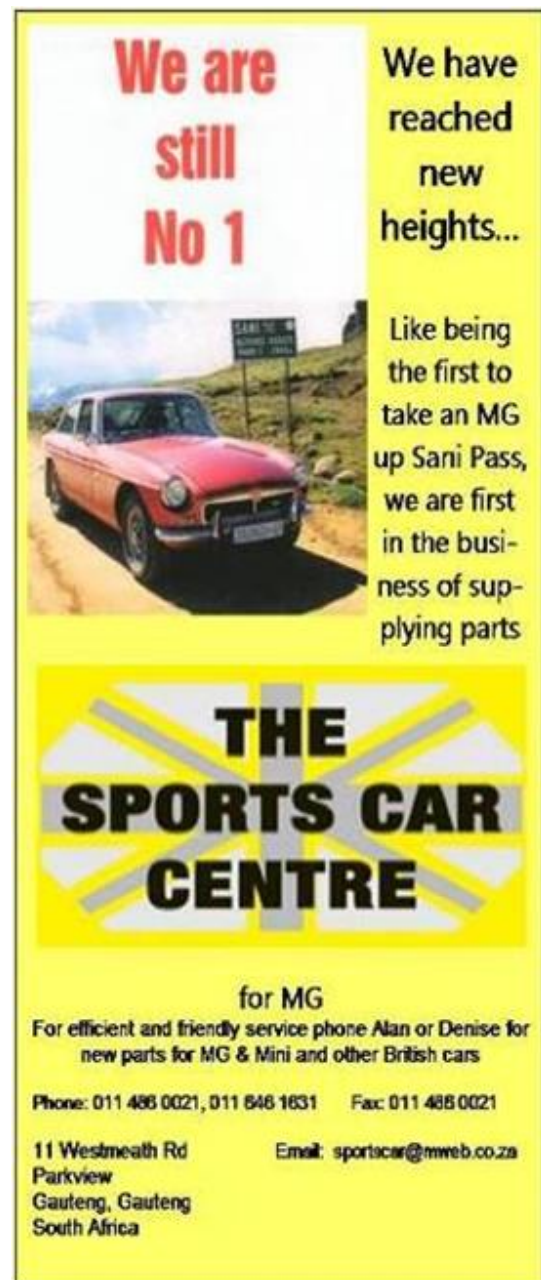
The Best of British event was a great one with 33 MG's amongst the 82 odd British cars on show. A great way to celebrate 100 years of the marque!!!

Weekend away down the South Coast is getting closer and there are not too many places left so book now to avoid disappointment!!

Show-day has been rescheduled for 10th September. You have all received separate notification of this. Will be another great MG day!!

Drive your MG's!!

Lawrence Sysum



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Chairman's Chat

Spring must be in the air - I heard and saw the Yellow Bill Kites during the latter part of mid-August 2023. Not so sure of whether it's an age thing, but this winter has been a cold one!

The breakfast run to the Springside Nature Reserve was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. The facility was well maintained, the toilets clean WITH toilet paper, all the participants (very few unfortunately) only left neigh onto noon, great day, great people, but few MG's.

The Best of British organized by the VCC with our assistance, what more can one say - best event I have attended for many years, (OK the TC won car of the day) and probably the best for years to come. The 32 odd MG's that attended made up the majority of the 82 cars that attended. Everyone made an effort to dress up and the MG / British flag cake went down a treat. Well done to Pam, the ladies for their decor and the VCC Members who did themselves proud, thanks to the parking marshals especially Claus who with his booming voice ensured that the drivers parked their cars correctly.

Our Show Day is on the 10th September, please sign up and join, this is always a great MG day out, the spit braai and the venue is First Class, the food will be good, the beer and wine cold and not forgetting the beautiful cars, so please sign up and come and enjoy the day.

The weekend away at Scottburgh - numbers are progressing slowly but surely, amazing the Members who pushed for a weekend away are now making excuses why they cannot come. People amaze me. Anyway, those that have booked will have a great relaxing weekend away and on the coast.

The money collected by the Members last year has been put to good, the donation was placed with CROW, and the certificate of appreciation is appended to this month's magazine.

No rebuilds that I know of, except for Lawrence's MGB which he sold to a Morris guy who is having the car rebuilt in Howick. With the exchange rate, the cost of rebuilding a classic car must be prohibitive.

On a sad note of the passing of Derek Watts of Carte Blanche fame this week, I bid the members cheers, see you at Show Day AND the weekend away, enjoy and drive your MG's.

TREVOR BURNETT

SECRETARY'S NOTES - SEPTEMBER

The Club wishes all the best to the following members who have birthdays in September:

- 2nd Lyn Spavins and Aroon Sukhnandan
- 6th Beverley Hall
- 8th Shaun Gillespie
- 9th Glynis Hammer and Ian O'Byrne
- 10th Colwyn Karius
- 12th Anita Meiring
- 13th John Meiring
- 15th Brenda Cox
- 16th Jeanne v d Merwe and Rod Hubbard
- 17th Fred Pickard
- 20th Kim Hammond and Evelyn O'Byrne
- 22nd Anthea Gillespie
- 29th Trevor Burnett



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We hope you all have a very happy birthday and a good year ahead.

That's it for this month - stay well and enjoy your MG's. See you at Show Day!

Chris B

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: **Annual Show Day**

When: Sunday 10th September from 9.00am

Where: VCC Club House - Old Main Rd, Kloof

We will be having a Spit Braai lunch with all the usual trimmings, at the nominal price of **R50 per person paid up front**. The Club will carry the balance of the costs.

Other Details:

Food will be served at 1,00pm

Those wishing to be judged please be there by 9.00am. The bar will open at 11.00am

As booking is essential for catering purposes, please WhatsApp or call Chris Brown on 083 440 1136 or Lawrence on 083 785 0340 now!!

Please pay your R50 asap in order to secure your place!

Send proof of payment to Chris Brown at Chrisjill@worldonline.co.za or Lawrence on lawrence@ionline.co.za

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MG WEEKEND AWAY SPECIAL NOTIFICATION

When: Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October 2023

What: Weekend away down the South Coast

Where: Cutty Sark Hotel, Scottburgh (Four Stars!!!)

The deal negotiated with the hotel as follows:

- 15 Double rooms have been reserved for the MG Car Club
- Check in from 14.00 pm
- Check out 11.00 am

Rates:

- Double (2 sharing) Dinner, Bed & Breakfast - R2,100 per night
- Single: Dinner, Bed & Breakfast - R1,635 per night.
- Should you wish to stay over an extra night, arrange with the Hotel

Bookings:

- They are ready to take bookings now. Just quote the MG Car Club when making your booking.
- It would be a good idea to book now as the rates may change later in the year. First come first served!!!
- All guests are responsible for their own accounts
- To make your booking email (foman.cuttysark@premierhotels.co.za)
- Confirmation letters with banking details will be emailed to you.
- Please advise me (Lawrence Sysum) when you make your bookings so we can keep track of who's coming.

Meal Times:

- Breakfast from 7.00 to 10.00am

- Dinner from 6.00 to 9.00pm
- Above meals are all Buffet style

MG Activities:

1 Friday

- Enjoy a welcoming cocktail
- Relax and enjoy the rest of the day / evening

Saturday

- A whole bunch of activities planned for the day. However nothing strenuous, just a relaxing day with fellow MG friends
- More details once we have them.

Sunday

- Vacate your rooms by 11.00am and enjoy the rest of the day

Attached is a pamphlet from the hotel slightly out of date as the hotel now has 4 Stars



RETIRED AND FREE !!

RAF Run – Tuesday 19th September

The Terrace, Illovo Nursery, 40 Elizabeth Avenue, Illovo Beach

Meet at Maytime to leave at 11.00am or go straight there for
12.00ish

Please advise Richard Holmes of your intention to attend on 083 409 6053

PICTORIAL REVIEW

Skottle Breakfast at the Springside Nature Reserve



A small turnout but a most enjoyable day

RAF Run to The Sand Bar, eMdloti



Some of the cars



Members enjoying the day!!



Best of British at the VCC



The MG's took up center stage (33 cars in total!!)



Trevor Burnett's TC won car of the day!!



The Sysum cars!!



The cakes we had made fed all!



Close up of the main cake!



Tables were beautifully set up

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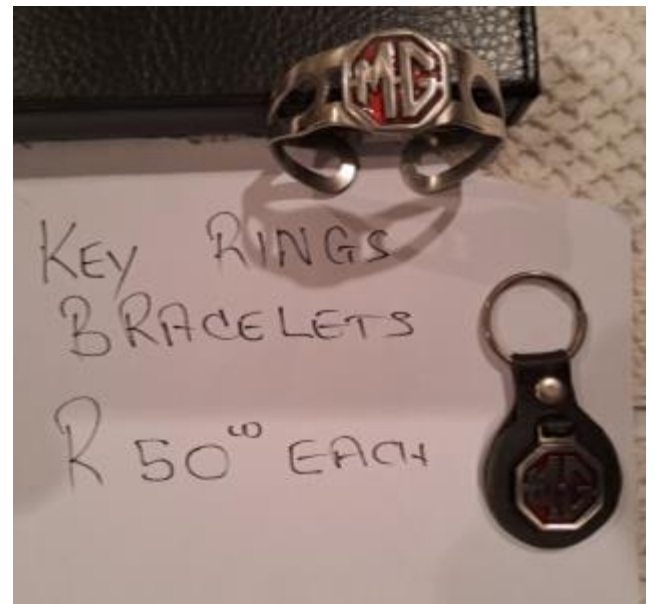
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