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EDITORIAL - APRIL

Greetings All,

Now that I am able to do a little work on the cars, both the Midget and the MGA continue to give me up hill!!!! Hopefully by next month I'll have better news

The Fun Run organised by Chris and Richard went well. Unfortunately I was unable to be there. It's a pity it was not better supported

The RAF run to Platz was cancelled due to lack of support and the fact that it was not our usual Tuesday

Lots of good events in the pipeline as you will see under the future events section

Drive your MG's!!
Lawrence Sysum

Chairman's Chat

Well here I am into my second month as Chairman. I must compliment Lawrence for this month of March, he sent out the magazine and then a supplement to the magazine with all the images, bloody hard work to do this kind of thing, the editors never get the accolades but here is to Lawrence, many thanks for all the hard work.

Apologies to Anton who was titled as Martin, confusing as Lawrence and I know quite a few Martin vd M, sorry Anton won't happen again.

The 2024 MG Indaba organized by the Cape Town Branch is being held at Houw Hoek, September in the Cape, beautiful, especially up the West Coast. So all going well and the roads in September 2024 allowing us still to travel in our MG's, we will spend a few days after the Indaba up the West Coast, six KZN Members have to date signed up. I am of the opinion that this event will be oversubscribed so get your applications in soonest.

"SAFETY FAST", this story comes from Norman Ewing so I must thank him for the article, the information he received was through George Tuck.

"He told us how one rainy day in 1929, his boss Ted Colegrove was driving behind one of the new Oxford buses. To warn those behind that it was fitted with brakes all round, and not just at the front so it could stop much quicker, painted on the back was a large Dewandre Triangle with "Safety First!" emblazoned on it. Ted thought if it was altered to read "Safety Fast!" it would be a wonderful slogan. When he went back to Kimber with his idea, he (Kimber) was at his desk steaming about a newspaper ad someone had sent him of the present MG ad, "Faster than most!" to which was added "bicycles". Seeing it could not be messed with, Colegrove was immediately instructed to use "Safety Fast!"

Chris Swales' run which culminated at Richards Holmes' house afterwards for a braai had the two Umhlanga Members in their TC and TD join us. Well done to all those that enjoyed (??) the run and thanks to Chris and Richard.

We will be in Australia for April so you will not have my chat in the next magazine. The May event will be a cheese and wine lunch at our house, this event is most popular and as the members are aware, we have enough undercover space for at least 50 people, so come rain or shine, the show will go on.

Have a pleasant Easter and enjoy your MG's.

TREVOR BURNETT

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SECRETARY'S NOTES - MARCH

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

- 1st Elsabe Nel
- 8th Margie Burnett
- 11th Joyce Tooms
- 14th Lynda Duncan
- 18th Ray Bester
- 19th Duncan Poynton
- 21st Gavin Tooms
- 25th Richard Bing

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

NEW MEMBERS

Time to catch up with a couple of new members who joined the Club during the last few months. First, a very warm welcome to Rod Hubbard who lives in Cowies Hill and who has an MG TD. Secondly, an equally warm welcome to Ernie Young from Kloof who hasn't got an MG yet but who knows, he may turn up in one sometime and surprise us!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription renewals have slowed down a bit. At the time of writing 70% of members had renewed. Don't forget that the cut-off date is **31 March**. If you decide to terminate your membership, please notify me accordingly.

A MYSTERY DEPOSIT

On 24 January a deposit was made into the club account and the reference appears as "**Membership Renewal**". It should have been referenced with the member's name and number as requested on the renewal invoice. Consequently we cannot mark off that member as paid up for 2023, whoever he or she may be. If you made this deposit please email me so that the deposit can be allocated correctly.

That's it for this month - stay well.

Chris B

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Breakfast Run to Impala Ridge

When: Sunday 2nd April

Where: Meet at Maytime Centre Kloof - 8.15 to leave at 8.30. Cost is R100 Per Person

Bookings to Kevin Cox no later than Thursday 30th March on 082 413 8181

What: **Plowman's Lunch**, (Cheese & Wine)

When: Sunday 7th May

Where: The Burnett's Residence
18 Woodside Avenue, Kloof
Please bring your wine and cheese (and any other beverage you may choose) The rest is on the house including pudding!! More details next month

Bookings only open from 2nd of May. Contact Trevor on 083 652 5151

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What: Annual Show Day

When: Sunday 4th June from 9.00am

Where: VCC Club House - Old Main Rd, Kloof
Spit Braai for lunch and the nominal price of R50 per person paid up front. **Please put this in your diary**

More details nearer the time

What: Run to Baynesfield Estate open day

When: Sunday 2nd July

Where: Meet at Maytime Centre to leave by 8.00am sharp, First, Bacon & Egg rolls will be available at the airfield then on to the estate.

RETIRED AND FREE !!

Next RAF Run – 18th April – Details to be advised

Please contact Richard on 083 409 6053 for catering purposes

PICTORIAL REVIEW

Fun Run to Richard Holmes, Bothas Hill



Ken's TD, John's TC, Chris's Y Type



Arnold's Midget, Trevor's B V8



Heavy discussion going on!!!



Members enjoying the braai !!!

Unfortunately not a great turn out,



Raymond Meyer Successfully finished the DJ on his 1934 machine
Well done Raymond from all at the MG Car Club

FOR SALE



MGC 1968 Fair Condition - Left Hand Drive. Spare engine (No Head)*

Asking R150,000 Contact Caroline on 082 777 1271

MGB GT 1957**

MGBGT 1967 for sale at Lake View in Scottburgh. It's red with painted spoke wheels but the overdrive is not working. It's a non-runner and the owner is asking R35 000. If you are interested, phone Roy Pollock 082 459 1809. (No time wasters, wine tasters or tyre kickers please!).

MGBGT PARTS***

- 2 x older model rear quarter lights. Good condition, No hinges
- 2 x later model rear quarter lights. Tinted. Frames require re-chroming. No lower hinges.
- 2 x Front quarter lights, tinted. Chrome needs polishing, fair condition

Price to be agreed after viewing

Contact Trevor Burnett on 083 652 5151

MGB GT 1975**

- Rubber Bumper
- Super Charger
- Parabolic Rear Springs
- Mag Wheels
- Original Service Book

Asking R120,000

Contact Chris Swale on 082 920 3914

MGB GT***

1972 MGB GT for sale.R80 000.00 onco. Engine overhauled 8000kms ago. Needs some fettling.

Email reception@chriswalemotors.co.za



MG BGT***

1967 MGB GT Licensed and in good running order, Spoked wheels.
R95 000 onco. Contact Colin Healey on 031 762 2058 or 073 383 1885

MGB GT 1967*



1967 MGB GT Damask Red*. Block upholstery wire wheels
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