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EDITORIAL - May 2026

Greetings All,

April saw the popular Cheese & Wine held at the Burnett's. There was a good turnout and the day was enjoyed by all. The wine on the tables went down well!!!

The RAF Run was not well supported but for those who attended a great day was had. Food was great and the company even better!!

Next event is the fun run, organized by Chris Swale and myself. Please come and enjoy the day!!! Flyer has been sent out.

See Pictorial review for the above events as well as a couple of "Bring back the pasts!!"

Drive your MG's !!!!

Lawrence (Below a space filler from my archives)



Elvis in his MGA roadster from the movie "Blue Hawaii"



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Chairman's Chat May 2026

We start this chat on a sad note, Reg Taylor who has been a great friend of the MG Car Club passed away on Friday night, Reg and Vivi attended a number of our Club runs/outings with their Citroen 2 CV as a guest, the two of them were always ready to attend the bar when we had a function at the VCC, Reg, will be sadly missed with the dry sense of humor and his amusing stunts behind the bar at the VCC, our condolences to Vivi and his family, REST IN PEACE REG.

Lawrence, as always, with his love for the Club, has again managed to get MG Pinetown to assist us with the sponsorship for our show day, this sponsorship not only assists us to maintain and reduce the entrance fee in the form of lunch for the show day, but allows us to support C.R.O.W. with a generous donation, WELL DONE LAWRENCE!

The cheese and wine lunch was amazing the spread of food together with the Schnapps aperitif and the Club sponsored wine went down a treat, the weather was kind to us and the banter was excellent, those who were unable to join missed a MaGic day of fun and comradery and of course, **a toast to Cecil Kimber on his birth date**

The month of May is the Autumn Fun Run, organized by Chris Swale and Lawrence Sysum, the run will be a short one, we hope the organizers now know their left from their right and their Engen garage from their Shell garage, the run ends at our house with a BYO braai and a MG pudding, a fun day not to be missed.

Oil leaks and spots on the garage floor go hand in glove with owners of early British sports cars, the Archimedes screw principal used successfully to pump water many moons ago is used as a device to keep oil in your MG engine in way of the rear of the crankshaft, a simple system is also used on the side shafts on the TC, thank goodness that Moss and other suppliers has a mod. to fit a common and successful oil seal, a mod is also available to fit a Chevvy seal in way of the crankshaft, but what about the distributor? This elusive electromechanical device can also pump out oil and spoil a beautifully clean engine and under bonnet space, I have a publication that allows for a home mod. If any of our Members has a problem.

Well folks, that's if, off to East London again for the last visit to my engine damaged ship, glad when this one is over, my days of airports and flying has long lost their shine, SEE YOU ALL AT THE AUTUMN RUN

TREVOR BURNETT

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SECRETARY'S NOTE - MAY

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

5th Marlini Sukhnandan
 8th Rodney Hall
 13th Richard Sawkins & Stuart Longmore
 16th Peter Greenfield
 18th Ken Duncan
 21st Jill Brown
 28th Derek Spavins

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

2026 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Outstanding subscription payments have slowed to a dead stop after only one payment this month. Reminder invoices have been sent out to the remaining members whose subs are unpaid.

That's it for this month, stay well and enjoy your MG.

Chris B

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2026

What: **Winter Fun Run**

A short Fun Run to exercise your brains !!!, beginning at Maytime Centre Outside the Fin & Scale, and ending at the Burnett's. Organized by Chris Swale & Lawrence Sysum

When: Sunday 3rd May 2026

Where: Meet at Maytime Centre

- Arrive - 10.30am
- Drivers Briefing - 10.45am
- First car off - 11.00am

Other Details:

- Bring your picnic or braai meat and of course your chosen refreshment. Braai fires will be lit. The club will provide some pud.
 - In order to know how many schedules to print please contact Lawrence on 083 785 0340
 - Please respond by Friday 1st May
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RETIRED AND FREE !!

MAY

Tuesday 19th May.

The Lookout, 36 Newport Ave, Glenashley

Menu is very enticing!!!

Meet at the venue at 12.00pm

JUNE

Tuesday 16th June

Steam & Cream, Kloof

More details next month

**Please confirm your participation with Chris Cardwell on
082 774 6196 or Lawrence Sysum on 083 785 0340**

MGCC Fairway Indaba September 2026

The 2026 MGCC Indaba is a three-day event to be hosted by the Johannesburg Centre of the MG Car Club of South Africa and will be held at the Fairway Hotel, Randburg, Johannesburg between the **21st of September** and the **24th of September 2026**.

Day 1 the **21st of September** from 12.00pm onwards is the arrival and registration of participants in the Chapel Hall immediately on your right as you drive into the hotel complex. Meet and Greet during the afternoon followed by a typical South African braai and welcome in the evening.

Day 2 the **22nd of September** is a day for driving tests, show day and rocker box racing all happening at the hotel. Depending on the Entry Option chosen breakfast is included, and a finger lunch and a buffet dinner are included for all participants.

Day 3 the **23rd of September** we will have an adventure drive out through the Cradle of Humankind area visiting the Maropeng Centre, lunch at Hartbeespoort Dam area with an early return to Randburg for a Gala Dinner and Prizegiving. Breakfast is an option as per entry and the Gala Dinner and accommodation is included for all participants. The dinner will encompass a Prizegiving, music and dance and a theme!

Day 4 the **24th of September**. Goodbyes after breakfast. Breakfast is included for all participants.

With the event being based in Johannesburg we will offer two entry fee options.

Entry Fee Option 1 will cost R12950.00 per couple for the three/four days above and includes all accommodation, functions, and all meals except the lunch on Day 3 which will be for your own account.

Entry Fee Option 2 will cost R8500.00 per couple for the three/four days above and includes accommodation on the third day, all functions, and meals except for the lunch on Day 3 and only includes the breakfast on Day 4. Participants will make their own arrangements for accommodation and breakfast on days 2 and 3.

Single Entry fees are available as per the Entry Form.

Your entry form and an **Indemnity Form** will require signatures at the Registration on the **21st of September** and a detail timetable will be provided.

Roger Pearce

PICTORIAL REVIEW

Ploughman's lunch at the Burnett's



The Spread!!!!



Members enjoying the day!!

RAF Run to the Jockey Academy



Members enjoying a day in the sun watching the horses exercising



The breakfast was excellent!!

Bring Back the Past!!!!



Happy memories of days gone by



Some memories from our 80th Anniversary Event at Champagne Castle 2019

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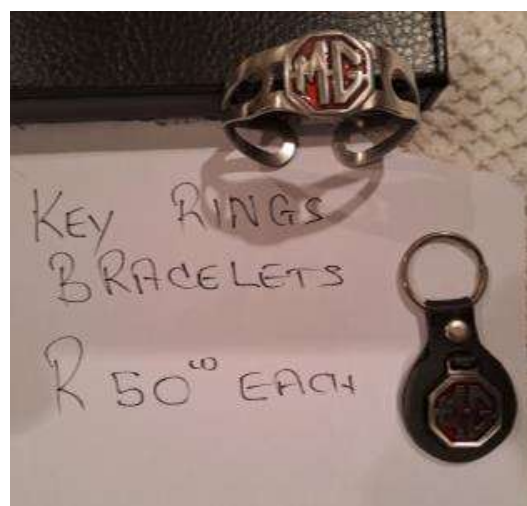
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