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## From the Chair .....

### From the chair, March 1999.....

"This is my last entry as chairman, at least for while. This year has certainly passed quickly, especially with all the activities that have taken place. On reflection my current term has as Chairman has been extremely rewarding, this has been made possible by the tremendous support that I have received, not only from my very dedicated committee but also you the members, thank you for making my job such an pleasant task."

### From the chair, March 2004.....

This extract from my last report was written almost five years ago to the day, how time flies.

At the time, I had been ask to remain in the Chair, which I did not consider appropriate for the future of our club. Much of our centres strength is that we ensure change, such that we do not land up in a situation were personalities become more important than the ideals of the club.

Many of you will remember that in the preceding year (1998) we had hosted the International Indaba and the celebration of the clubs Golden Jubilee, events that took a tremendous amount of time and effort, not just personally but also on the rest of my very productive and supportive team, we needed the rest. Five years on and again a great team has stepped forward to carry our Centre forward. The years in between have not seen the stature of our club diminish in any way, our current membership is strong and growing and club affairs have been professionally managed, all credit to Frank and the rest of those dedicated members who have ensured this situation.

The new committee is yet to formally meet and share key issues and to define a road map going forward. One thing is for certain, that it will strive to ensure that the standards we all take for granted are upheld and that the committee focuses on delivering what

you, the members expect. Not always any easy task especially when you consider you cannot please all of the people all of the time. During my hand over session with Frank it was encouraging to review the letters written by members offering proposals and suggestions, please do not give up on these, our job is to try and meet your requirements.

At the April meeting you will be faced by a full committee, which hopefully I will be able to keep under control, for those of you that remember, I will again be wearing shin guards.

See you at the next meeting.

Roger

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# Club Calendar.....

## April, May and June 2004

### This month - April

- 14 Wednesday** 20h00 - General Meeting at the Clubhouse.
- 18 Sunday** Braai at the home of Jo and Philip Hitchcock, 12 Leipoldt Street, Parow North (Tel: 021-939-3803) at 11h30, or depart from the Clubhouse at 11h00.  
Bring own eats, drinks, crockery, cutlery and chairs. Great opportunity for new members to meet fellow club members.
- 29 - Thursday -** Veterans: Weekend away to Ceres Pine Forest.
- 2 May Sunday** See final details on Page 4.  
Contact person: Jo Hitchcock (021) 939-3803.

### Next month - May

- 12 Wednesday** 20h00 - General Meeting at the Clubhouse.
- 16 Sunday** Breakfast Run. Meet at 1-STOP on N2 at 09h15 for departure at 09h30 for Bertie's Mooring in the Waterfront at Gordon's Bay.  
Route: N2 through Strand to R44 to Gordon's Bay by 10h15. Breakfast cost is R30.00. After breakfast, those wishing to can return to the R44 and follow route via Rooi Els to the N2.  
Contact persons: Lester and Dinky Braun: (021) 439-2293
- 26 Thursday** Veterans: Cape Point Run. Meet at Sunrise Circle parking area, Muizenberg, for departure at 10h00. Route via Main Road, Simon's Town, Cape Point and Soetwater for lunch in the Noordhoek area.  
Contact person: Gerry Stevenson (021) 712-8183.

### And the next month - June

- 9 Wednesday** 20h00 - General Meeting at the Clubhouse.
- 13 Sunday** John Skaife Run. Further details will be provided next month.  
Contact person: Joan Parker (021) 6718379
- 24 Thursday** Veterans: Visit Gordon's Bay. Further details will be provided next month.  
Contact person: Gerry Stevenson (021) 712-8183.

### MG Bushveld Indaba - Warmbaths - 13-17 September 2004

#### Cape Town Centre members who have registered to date:

Corbishley, Mervyn	James, Viv	Peché, Frank	Rich, Robin	Stevenson, Gerry
Heinze, Raymond	Lewis, Roger	Plows, Mike	Shield, Stan	ten Oever, Bill
Hogg, Brian	Parker Joan	Purcocks, Stan		

The General Meeting of the MG Car Club, Cape Town Centre is held on the second Wednesday of every month at 20h00 at the M.G.C.C. Clubhouse in Cedar Avenue (off Howard Drive), Pinelands - exceptions in December & January.

Club outings are usually held on the Sunday immediately after the General Meeting.

## Club Calendar - for the rest of 2004 ...

July	14	General Meeting at the Clubhouse
	17 or 18	Mid-Winter Wine Tour
	29	Veterans: Thunder City
August	11	General Meeting at the Clubhouse
	15	MG/Sunbeam/Morris Run
	26	Veterans: Replica AR (Austin Healey)
September	8	General Meeting at the Clubhouse
	13 - 17	Indaba
	24	Heritage Day Run
	30	Veterans: Porter Nature Reserve - Betty's Bay
October	2	Hermanus Whale Festival Car Show
	13	General Meeting at the Clubhouse
	17	Open (To be advised)
	28	Veterans: Hermanus
	30	Tygerberg Wheels Show
November	10	General Meeting at the Clubhouse
	14	Brian Porter Rally
	25	Veterans: (To be advised)
December	1	General Meeting at the Clubhouse
	5	Family Day/Show Day

### MGCC Cape Town Centre—General Meeting 14 April

Two items for the agenda:

**ITEM 1. Proposed Constitution change: Proposer - Brian Hogg.**

Members are hereby notified of a proposed change to the Cape Town Centre's Constitution. Approval of this proposal will be put to the vote at the April General Meeting. Members unable to attend the meeting wishing to cast a vote may do so by proxy or post providing these are registered with the secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The existing clause is printed below with the proposed addition in ***bold italics***:

12 MEMBERSHIP

12.1 f) Honorary Life Member : may be proposed ***only for non-members of the MG Car Club Cape Town Centre*** at the discretion of the committee for outstanding service to the MG movement.

**ITEM 2. Members will be required to vote on the recommendation presented by the President, Alex Stewart, at the AGM on 14 March:**

Proposal that CB Morton, J R Parker and JEC Mullen, be Honorary Members for 2004.

**Disclaimers:**

- ◆ Views, comments and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the club or the committee.
- ◆ Editorial contributions to The Breed are always welcome. All material will be used at the editor's discretion.

## Editorial .....

Here I am again as Editor!.....Derrick, you are a hard act to follow .....but here goes!

Please keep the articles flowing into my 'inbox' - in Word .doc files, and please send write-ups on past and future events before the cut off dates. Also, I'd appreciate it if photographs (.jpg files) of a manageable size (less than 100kb) were sent. Large files (eg 600kb) take ages to download, cost money and the photos fill about 3 screens!

There certainly was an excellent turn-out at the AGM last month—we almost made a century. The treasurer's report once again highlighted the very high cost of printing and posting THE BREED. Is it not time to consider an electronic version—either by sending it out by e-mail or by putting it onto our website?

Joan

PS: Closing date for next month's BREED is the 20th April.

## VETERANS WEEKEND AWAY to CERES PINE FOREST Thursday 29th April - Sunday 2nd May 2004

**Cost:** For 3 days - R55 per person per night.

For one or two days - R65 per person per night.

NB: Remember prices quoted are for four people sharing a cottage.

**Departure:** Thursday 29 April at 10:00

**Where:** Engen 1 Stop on N1

**Route:** Alex will lead us on a scenic drive to Ceres. We'll stop for a picnic lunch along the way - so bring your own.

**Bedding:** Available at R35 p.p. or you may bring your own.

**Remember:** Your own towels, liquid refreshments and braai grid. Food for breakfasts and evening braais may be purchased at the local Pick n Pay which is open on Saturday 1 May.

**Usage deposit:** R100.00 per couple or R200 per cottage is to be paid on arrival in cash - in an envelope with your name on it. If no damage or breakage this money will be refunded.

**Sunday breakfast:** Prince Alfred Hamlet Hotel which is well known to most of us.

**Outings:**

**Friday** - Koue Bokkeveld and the historical farm Boplaas now a National Monument and where Boerneet was born in 1743. Tea and scones served afterwards.

**Saturday** - A visit to member Basil Wessons emporium of classic cars. This is a visit not to be missed! I have managed to extend the booking time to give more members an opportunity to join us. Please book and pay in full by the next club meeting on 14 April. Come on you need the break!

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## Social News.....

### ◆ Birthdays in April:

- |                                             |                               |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 - Joan Whitehead, Don Whittaker           | 16 - Brian Hogg, Jenny Porter |
| 6 - Ellen Theubet                           | 18 - James Ballantyne         |
| 7 - John Roy                                | 19 - John Bulman              |
| 10 - Bruce Beck, P-J Basson<br>Glynn Barton | 22 - Annie Carson             |
| 12 - Peter Knight, Terry Westby-Nunn        | 25 - William Ribbans          |
| 14 - Bridget Coyne                          | 28 - Ian Aitken, Pat Lawson   |
| 15 - Frank Peché                            | 29 - Irvén Ridler             |



## Secretary's Corner.....

### Welcome to .....

The following new members were ratified at the March 2004 General Meeting:

- |                        |                                   |                                 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Member No 1136:</u> | Barbara Warner                    | (1972 MGB GT)                   |
|                        | 11 Handley Cross, 106 Rosmead Ave |                                 |
|                        | Kenilworth. 7708                  | (021) 671-2201 or (082) 9707292 |
| <u>Member No 1137:</u> | Christo Grovè                     | (1973 MGB GT)                   |
|                        | 4 Youngs Way, Tokai. 7945         | (021) 715-2081 or (084) 4456890 |

Congratulations and welcome to the club.

### Membership List 2003 .....

Please update your membership list with the following change:

Change of address: Gray Holland Suite 90, Private bag X4, Hout Bay, or 3 Hylton Way, Hout Bay

**Overheard in local MG garages.....**A certain black TC celebrated it's 57th birthday on 26th March and when its owner wished it that morning he heard it mumble from under its cover.....

"whenthehellaregoingtoputmeabacktogetherulazeebastardandIwouldpleaselikemyselfstartersteeringand manifoldsbakinplacepreferablytonightbeforethesunsets".

On being told this, a certain red TD, which is celebrating being in the hands of its owner for 30 years later this month, was vociferous.....

"you'vebangedonsince1996aboutanewenginebeingputinsidemeandIwouldliketoknow whetherIwillgetthedamnthing-beforewecelebratebeingtogetherfor30longyears"



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# The Octaginta Octagonal Quadri-Crevasse Frugal Circuit [Economy Run] - 21 March

Submitted by Pat Masterson

Once again our fortunes were in place, the weather was perfect and the company excellent. Although this was a competitive run, there was no need to hurry, which was the perfect setting for an excellent day's outing.

The circuit planned by Frank was possibly the most scenic drive the Cape could offer. The route comprised of the well known "4 Passes", i.e. via Stellenbosch, Franschoek, Grabouw and Somerset West.

All the entrants started the day by ensuring their tanks were correctly filled. There were liberal supplies of planks available to put under the wheels of cars with slab tanks.

A few of the drivers lost their way almost immediately, followed by other trusting competitors. This, as can be expected, was disastrous when the intention was to conserve fuel, one participant even had to return to the start and refuel as a result of getting lost.

The drive was wonderful; the scenery was at its best and the other vehicles on the roads proved to be in much the same mood "why hurry on a day like this"?

Lunch at the Orchards outside Grabouw was an excellent choice. They had the capacity, the staff, the menu and the ability to cope with the teams coming in over an extended period and to serve them efficiently.

The results of the run left Frank and I with plenty to think about, as quite a few drivers took the wrong route and consequently traveled further. As the aim was to measure the best fuel consumption of the day, should that matter? As long as the traveled distance is known? In the end judgement was given on the planned measured route distance.

What makes a day like this really worth while, was the good sportsmanship shown amongst the competitors. It takes a really good sportsman to bring his car back for re-measurement and this Robin did and it cost him heavily. He was clearly the winner and the re-measurement cost him many places in competition.

In the end Barry Morton won with a clear margin over the distance of 86.3 miles.

Just a point to remember for future events, a lot more people arrived at the start of the event than those registered at the Wednesday meeting. Whilst this is most welcome it can cause problems with catering arrangements. Wherever possible entrants should try to give some estimate of their participation as soon as their plans are known.

## Results of the economy run .....

Driver	Model	Target Consumption	Fuel used	Achieved Consumption	Percentage of Target	Position
Barry Morton	TC	35.39	8.66	45.34	128.10	1
Stuart Leach	A	38.16	10.08	38.95	102.08	2
Brian Hogg	A	38.16	10.17	38.61	101.18	3
John Lock	TF NEW		7.88	49.83	100.00	4
Philip Hitchcock	A	38.16	10.53	37.29	97.72	5
Mike Plows	1100	50.09	8.10	48.48	96.78	6
Peter Le Cordier	B	46.14	9.14	42.96	93.11	7
Roger Lewis	MAESTRO	47.36	9.75	40.27	85.04	8
George Toop	B O/D	48.69	9.69	40.52	83.23	9
Mervyn Corbishley	TF	43.14	11.20	35.06	81.27	10
Robin Rich	B O/D	48.69	10.00	39.27	80.65	11
Joan Parker	TD	43.14	11.49	34.17	79.22	12
Bill Ten Oever	B O/D	48.69	10.20	38.50	79.07	13
Paula Masterson	B O/D	48.69	10.77	36.46	74.88	14
Richard Carter	B O/D	48.69	10.92	35.96	73.85	15
David Dent	B O/D	48.69	11.94	32.89	67.54	16
Carl Ziervogel	B O/D	48.69	14.38	27.31	56.08	17
Lester Braun	TD	43.14	17.40	22.57	52.31	18

## Veterans: Visit to Hillcrest Berry Farm - Thursday 26 February 2004

Submitted by Gerry Stevenson

Brian Dallimore organised a visit to this beautiful farm set on mountain slopes just outside Franschoek. After meeting at the infamous N2 1-Stop we set off for Franschoek via Stellenbosch. For some reason this run was predominately B's which disappointed my passenger as my mother had come to see the 'old' cars. On arrival, after taking over nearly the entire car park (it was small), we waited for the tractor which some of us thought would be our method of touring the farm - unfortunately we were in for some good exercise. Most of us managed the 'walkabout' around the farm which consisted of some pretty steep hills but our host and owner was fit and very enthusiastic! He started growing berries as a hobby and bought more land on the slopes as the business grew, he now supplies food chains such as Woolworths. Later we relaxed in the farm's excellent restaurant where we sat outside enjoying the view of the mountains and a well earned lunch.

## Veterans: Visit to the Faure Water Treatment Plant - Thursday 25 March

Submitted by John Saunders

Pam and I had planned to visit the Somerset Mall on Tuesday 23 March, but one thing after another persuaded us to postpone the visit, firstly to Wednesday afternoon and then to the Thursday morning. So it was that, shortly after 10am on the 25th, we were approaching the Mall in our plastic Golf when I remembered that we should have been on our way to the Faure Water Treatment Plant in an MG! Agreeing that we should arrive on time in the Golf rather than late in the MG, we back-tracked and re-routed ourselves to the Plant - a wise decision!

We were soon joined by the rest of the group and shared with them the spectacular view of the Hot-tentots-Holland and Stellenboschberg mountains, and more spectacularly, the Helderberg, all of which were displayed before us in the warm morning sunshine.

Completed in 1994, The Faure Water Treatment Plant (FWTP) is the most modern and largest WTP operated by the Cape Town Water Undertaking. It is strategically sited to be able to treat raw water from either of the Department of Water Affairs' Theewaterskloof or Palmiet dams. It has a capacity of 500 megalites per day (MI/d) and discharges into a 650 MI capacity bulk supply reservoir, situated adjacent to it.

These statistics were given to us by Eric Bezuidenhout, the Superintendent of the Plant, who put these enormous quantities into perspective by pointing out that the peak demands on the overall water supply system during the hot summer months could be as high as 1400 MI/d. For a population of about 3.5 million, this represents an average per capita consumption of 400 litres per day. Frightening, isn't it?

As a matter of interest, the first WTP to be built in the Cape Peninsula (in 1932) is at Constantia Nek. It is still operational and treats 3 MI/d, all of which goes to Hout Bay.

After an introductory talk, Eric conducted us around the Plant, explaining the various operations performed on the water to transform it from its brown, acidic state on arrival into a sparkling, safe and stable water on departure, internationally recognized as one of the best municipal water supplies in the world.

We left the Plant greatly impressed by its cleanliness and the efficiency of its operation.

A short journey towards Stellenbosch took us to the La Pineta restaurant, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch.

Twenty-one members in 11 MGs and two plastics, took part in the outing and we are indebted to John and Jennifer Lock for organizing it.

[Ed: Due to space restraints in this months BREED, photographs have been held over till next month]

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## 10 MARCH 2004

### 1. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Mr Frank Peché welcomed all members present.

Attendance was taken from the register circulated, and apologies were recorded as follows:

Mr B Snell; members as listed under 'apologies' in the General meeting minutes of 10 March.

Country members not present were accepted as apologies.

A Quorum was declared and the AGM was opened.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE 2003 AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2003

Minutes of the 2003 AGM were proposed by G. Green and seconded by J. Mullen

### 3. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: MR A STEWART

The Club President, Mr A Stewart gave his annual report:

Mr Chairman, Fellow-Members and Guests

" I don't believe it- it has been an incredible year"- ( the first words by Charlize Theron over Radio S.A. on the award of her Oscar) - and so it has also been for the MG Car Club, Cape Town Centre. It can also be said - "Never has so much been done by so few" - this is intended to be a compliment to the Chairman and his skeleton committee who have carried the club through the past (two) years. The attendances at Monthly meetings and events have shown that the Club has not suffered and has indeed been well-managed.

**Volunteers:** I am happy to report that after our pleas and much cajoling, it would appear that nominations for the year ahead for all committee posts have been received.

**Chairman's Report:** I am in receipt of the Chairman's report (which is the next item on the Agenda) and notice one grave omission. Thank-yous are conveyed to everybody in the Club BUT himself. So let's deal with Frank now:

Frank, you did not choose your Committee but were given by the Club a skeleton number of Committee members with vacancies in some key posts. You were not aware that they were all busy people with business commitments in Johannesburg, the United Kingdom, France and Sweden, with children and grandchildren in Australia, Belgium and France and other responsibilities, interests and hobbies, where at Committee meetings apologies were often equal to the attendees. Yet, despite the above, you commanded a very tight ship, your administration was always shipshape, you very seldom complained, despite your health not always being 100%, your follow-ups, agendas, minutes and computer skills are tops, you were never scared or intimidated to carry more than your fair share when other committee members were out of town and you managed to "two-time" by alternating your secretaries - Frank we compliment you.

**Membership:** The Secretary's report will deal with the increase in membership, but even without statistics, I am of the opinion that a younger age group is moving into the Club now that original cars are becoming relatively more affordable, whereas re-built MG's are commanding high prices due to the exchange rate for spares and high labour costs.

**Sponsorship:** We encourage our members to support our advertisers ( 12 in the latest Breed) for without them our service level and enjoyment will suffer

**Charity:** I believe our Charity, St George's Home for Girls, will be our greatest marketing tool when we seek a corporate sponsorship for our magazine, Cape Centres Gathering or a National Indaba. MG Sports Cars are looked on as elitist, and we  
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need to show that we care for those less fortunate than ourselves. One of my proudest moments as President of this Club was at the St George's Home AGM when I, like other sponsors, was called forward and a "button-hole" made by the children, was pinned onto the lapel of my blazer. I personally would feel very sad should we change or charity, as we can identify with them and their needs by providing finance, clothes, linen, toiletries, videos, tapes etc. It is really appreciated by the girls and a devoted staff, some of whom have been working there for 15 years. In conclusion, I wish to congratulate the Club and the Committee for the year past and may the Club continue to grow to remain the best one-make car club on the African continent.

Following his address, the President presented a recommendation for consideration and vote at the April 2004 General Meeting. He nominated C B Morton and J Parker and J Mullen for Honorary Membership of the Club for 2004. This proposal was supported by members present at the AGM.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr Frank Peché**

Mr President, Honorary Members, fellow members and guests, it is my pleasure and privilege to report briefly, on the Club activities for the year 2003.

Thank you Mr President for your comment, and also for your advice, assistance and guidance to the Committee over the past year.

We started off the year with a very reduced Committee, which placed a heavy burden on the few members that were there. Thanks here must go to Vaughan and Derrick who had to do more than would normally be called for. However, the day-to-day administration of the Club remained well controlled. As has happened in the past, members came forward to assist when needed. We ended up with two quality volunteer secretaries on the Committee. Also, volunteers came forward to arrange or organise monthly runs and competitions. The mix of these events was varied and interesting, as were those of the Thursday runs. It was also noticeable, that the majority of those at the Cape Centre's Gathering were from our Centre.

The assistance of note during the year came from, the Ten Oevers, the Parker/Mullen, Roger Lewis, the Locks, Pat Masterson, and a very, very special mention is that of Hildegard Rich. Hildegard was also responsible for getting our embryo website off the ground. Thank you all!!

The Financial side of the Club remains stable and well controlled under Mervyn. More detail from him later.

We have had a busy year, with monthly runs and competitions as I said, the detail of this will be provided by one of our acting, temporary, unpaid, Honorary Secretaries, Margie von Zeil.

I wish to express my thanks:

Firstly, to the Trustees of the Club and other more senior members, for their guidance and advise, when called for. Secondly, to Robin Rich, Mike Plows, Ken and the late Joanne Preston, Peter and Maureen James, Geoff Husk and Kathy and Ian Jay, for their assistance and support.

Finally to the members of the Committee, for their dedication to the cause by trying to maintain the high standard set by our predecessors in the Club. In retrospect, I feel that they have achieved that.

I wish the incoming Committee members all the best, and assure you of our, the outgoing members, support over the coming years.

Thanks!!

#### **5. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs Margie von Zeil**

Although the portfolio of Honorary Secretary was officially vacant for the past year, it has in fact been very ably attended to by Moira Gebhardt for most of the committee and general meeting minutes; assisted by Margie von Zeil and Frank (all rounder as well as Chairman ) Peché. Hildegard Rich has again given invaluable support and assistance in handling all membership and attendance matters. Thank you to all for their generous and willing support in running the club over the past year.

General meetings were held each month and well attended, as were the social and competitive events during 2003.

In January 2003, the general meeting was followed by a "natter and noggin" and saw members examining the contents of their wallets at the sight of the new MG ZT saloon which visited the club for the evening.

A mystery breakfast run had a good turn out of members & guests to the Solole Game Reserve.

February started with the Historic Car Racing at Killarney, with some members joining in the lunchtime parade to show off their MG's and driving style.

A social run via Eikendal Wine Estate was concluded with a lunchtime picnic at Somerset College in Somerset West.

March was dominated by the AGM and followed by a cold, wet and rainy Annual Chairman's Tea Run which brightened up considerably with tea at the Nag's Head in Noordhoek. The Crankhandle Club cars added to the already impressive display in the parking lot. A photo evening was held at the clubhouse during March where good

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progress was made in identifying the events and people in some of the older photos.

April saw battle lines drawn for the Economy Run through Bainskloof. A welcome change put lunch in the middle of the run, with the order of economy being decided when almost home. The most economical of all was Brian Hogg much to the disappointment of Pat Masterson's daughter who was still discussing strategy by the lunchbreak.

May was a busy month with an excellent register meet to see Ralph Clarke's NA and enjoy delicious eats and treats, followed by a general meeting and a social run to Butterfly World. The weather again did not co operate with "topless driving".

June was once again a competition month with the John Skaife run being won by Joan Parker.

July wouldn't be mid winter without the "mid winter wine tour". A cold but enjoyable day out was had by members and guests, with a superb lunch in Riebeeck Kasteel. The cold weather and sumptuous services put the "getting lost" grumblings to rest.

August was a full month for club members with seven brave souls testing their cars rain resistance on display at Cars in the Castle. As the day went on, the weather improved, but the spectator turnout was still relatively poor. The MG/ Sunbeam/Morris Run was well organised by the Morris Club and attendance was much better than in 2002. It is probable that this event will be opened to all British Car Clubs in 2004.

September kept up the pace of August, with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bains Kloof being celebrated by amongst others, 71 MG owners and guests for a commemorative drive over the pass.

The general meeting was followed by a photographic competition with some great entries.

A particular highlight for those who attended was the long awaited opportunity to test drive MG TF's and a superb breakfast at the MG/Rover Cape Town Dealership.

In October, the General Meeting was moved earlier to accommodate the TAUT tour and the Cape Centres Gathering at Lake Brenton. The meeting was followed by Harry Braun's video of the Bain's Kloof 150 year run, and an auction. In all, 50 members attended the gathering and enjoyed the hospitality of the Eastern Cape (PE) and Border MG owners. A good turnout of MG owners from the Southern Cape added to the festivities.

Attendance at the Wheels 'n Whales show in Hermanus was less than in 2002, due to the proximity to the CCG.

A further "double booking" was the Classic Car Day at Killarney on 12 October, when most cars were heading back to Cape Town or still in Knysna.

Instead of gearing down towards the end of the year, it was competition time again with the Brian Porter Rally. To get us "in the mood" Hylton Ross entertained us after the General Meeting, and the hotly contested Rally was won by Alex and Mel Stewart.

November ended with a Club Weekend away to Arniston.

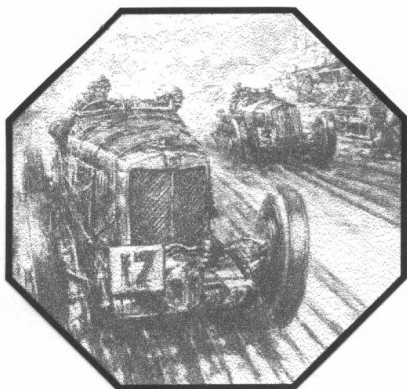
Once again December and Family Day/Show Day was upon us, with the Dresner family again graciously hosting hoards of members and guests as well as some of Santa's wildlife.

We just missed a "century" with 99 members and guests signing the register. Heather Dresner had good reason to worry about her fences when the blindfold driving test got underway. Well done to all who took part in the events of the day.

During 2003 we said goodbye to some members and welcomed many new ones. The year ended with 231 memberships which translate to 356 persons, as compared to 216, translating to 329 members at the end of 2002. 31 (47) new memberships were ratified during 2003 as compared to 15 (22) during 2002.

Sincere thanks to Hildegard Rich for making all records and numbers available.

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**MEMBERSHIP DETAILS AS AT THE END OF 2003**

	Ratified Membership	Ratified Members	Probation Membership	Probation Members	Total Membership	Total Members
Members	61	61	4	4	65	65
Country members	34	37	0	0	34	37
Family members	117	234	0	0	117	234
Associate members	6	6	0	0	6	6
Associate Family members	1	2	0	0	1	2
Life members**	5	7	n/a	n/a	5	7
Honorary Life members**	7	9	n/a	n/a	7	9
Honorary members	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>360</b>

\*Honorary Life members: Muriel Billingham, Jean Cooke#, Norman & Pat Ewing, Dieter & Lorraine Reck, Susan Tuck, Henry Watermeyer#, Grenville Wilkinson.

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\*\*Life Members: Jeff Fabian, Bill Oosthuizen, Guy & Tertia Patterson, Robin & Hildegard Rich, Bill Robinson

**Summary of ratifications for Membership in 2003.**

	Membership	Members	
Ratified members	9	9	Larry Snoek, Timothy Carew, John Constable, Vic Rossouw, Mike Watkins, Terry Westby-Nunn, Peter Leyland, Peter Napier, Francis (Bugs) Crighton
Ratified Family members	14	28	Peter & Maureen James, Derrick & Karin van Heerden, Victor & Cecelia da Cruz, Johan & Helmiem Combrink, George & Hilary Davey, T'jark & Rachel Bos, Philip & Gerry Stevenson, George & Sandy Domnisse, James & Jane Reinhardt, Ken & Judy Cooke, Paul & Barbara Ross, Johan & Marjorie van Heerden (ex Jhb), Les & Brodwyn Wilson (ex Jhb), Priscilla & Rupert Bromley (ex Jhb).
Ratified Country members	7	9	Mike van Wyk, Philip & Amanda Rosser, Christiaan Opperman, Peter Vadas, P-J. Basson, Mary & John Buxton Foreman, Ellen & Jean-Paul Theubet.
Ratified Associate member	1	1	Peter Longmore
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47</b>	
Members on probation	4	4	Edgar Benden, Tinus de Jongh, Lionel Baird, Barbara Warner

**Comparison: total number of members: 2000 vs 2001 vs 2002 vs 2003**

	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Total number of members:</b>				
Members	75	67	59	61
Country members	33	31	29	37
Family members	232	216	216	234
Associate members	6	4	7	6
Associate Family members	2	12	2	2
Life members	7	7	7	7
Hon. Life members	9	9	9	9
Honorary members	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>356</b>
New ratified (i.e.during year)	50	28	22	47
Not ratified during year	2	0	0	0
On probation at end of year	9	2	13	4
Application forms sent out	58	35	32	44
Probation appl withdrawn	1	1	1	0
Application forms received back	36	11	21	26
Wasted appl forms—no response	22	24	10	18

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**Attendance for 2003**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
January	General Meeting	64
	Breakfast Run	55
February	General Meeting	61
	Brunch Picnic	35
March	Annual General Meeting	76
	Chairman's Run	39
April	General Meeting	57
	Economy Run	46
May	General Meeting	58
	Tea Run	49
June	General Meeting	59
	John Skaife Run	35
July	General Meeting	60
	Wine Route - Lunch	35
August	General Meeting	69
	MG / Sunbeam Run	18
September	General Meeting	60
	Bainskloof Run	71
October	General Meeting	59
	Knysna Cape Centres	50
November	General Meeting	71
	Brian Porter Rally	44
December	General Meeting	70
	Show Day / Xmas Braai	99

	<u>Highest.</u>	<u>Lowest.</u>	<u>Average.</u>
General Meetings	March	April	64
Events	Show Day/Xmas Braai	MG/Sunbeam Run	48
Veterans Outings			21

**Membership:**

End of 2003: 231 (actual 356)      End of 2002: 216 (actual 329)  
 New members ratified in 2003: 31 (actual 47)      2002: 15 (actual 22)

**List of cars owned at the end of 2003:**

MMM	15	MGC	4 (3 roadsters, 1 GT)
SVW	2	MGB V8	1
T-Type	62	Midget	8
Y-Type	6	FWD	14
Z	7	MGF	2
MGA	58	MG TF	5
MGB	144 (75 roadsters, 69 GT's)		

**Total: 328**

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr Mervyn Corbishley**

Management Summary

The net surplus for the year totalled R32 083 (2002 : R18 892). This is made up of an operating surplus of R10 656 (2002:R875) before adding investment income of R20 793 (2002:R18 017).

Club reserves increased during the year by R32 083 (18%) to R210 005 compared to R18 892 (12%) and R177 922 in 2002. (At market value reserves increased by R39 060 (18%) to R251 897).

The primary sources of income were again subscriptions and investment income.

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The main expenditure incurred by the Club is for The Breed magazine and Club administration costs as well as clubhouse expenses and meeting costs..

#### Sources of Income

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Entrance fees	3 380	2 460
Subscription fees	29 317	25 772
Interest Standard Bank	18 980	18 017 combined
Interest & Dividend Old Mutual	1 813	
Regalia & Used spares	537	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54 027</b>	<b>46 499</b>

Investment income is mainly from the 32 day notice deposit with Standard Bank and the Unit Trusts purchased some years ago contribute interest and dividends as well as growth.

#### Expenditure

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Net cost of "The Breed"	10 379	16 257
Administration Costs	5 298	5 502
Clubhouse Costs	3 845	4 757
Other Expenses	2 422	3 145
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21 944</b>	<b>29 661</b>

The difference in the cost of The Breed is due to the cover advertisements being invoiced for a two year period with no income the previous year.

The Club finances continue to be sound with sufficient income to cover its operating expenses. Interest income is expected to decrease this year with the lower interest rates being achieved at present, but if expenses are controlled, the reserve should continue to grow.

During the year members donated R9335,00 towards St Georges Home For Girls. A cheque for R8775.00 was handed to the Home during the year. This donation is only from collections at General Meetings and Club events.

No Club funds have been donated to the Home.

#### **Adoption of Accounts:**

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Rosalie Plows and seconded by John Mullen.

#### **7. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

##### **President: Mr Alex Stewart**

Proposed by the 2003/4 Committee and seconded by members present at AGM.

##### **Trustees: Ralph Clarke and Brian Hogg**

##### **National Representatives: Joan Parker and Roger Lewis**

##### **Chairman: Roger Lewis**

Proposed by: Frank Peché; Seconded by: Moira Gebhardt

##### **Honorary Secretary: Kathy Jay**

Proposed by: Frank Peché; Seconded by: Moira Gebhardt

##### **Editor and Publications Secretary: Joan Parker**

##### **Assisted by : Gerry Stevenson and Margie von Zeil**

Proposed by: Jo Hitchcock; Seconded by: Frank Peché

##### **Veterans' Secretary: Gerry Stevenson**

Proposed by: Jo Hitchcock; Seconded by: Willie Engledow

##### **Social Secretary(ies): Lester and Dinky Braun**

Proposed by: Frank Peché; Seconded by: Moira Gebhardt

##### **Register Secretary: Frank Peché**

Proposed by: Roger Lewis; Seconded by: Moira Gebhardt

##### **Treasurer: Mervyn Corbishley (for second year )**

#### **EX - OFFICIO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**PRO: Brian Hogg**

**Membership Secretary: Hildegard Rich**

**Club House and Pub: Geoff Husk**

**Spares: Mike Plows**

**Regalia: Maureen & Peter James**

#### **8 CLOSURE:**

There being no further business, the AGM was closed, and followed by the prize giving and refreshments. The AGM was attended by 91 members and prospective members and 3 guests and 17 came in MGs.

#### **TROPHY AWARDS**

**CONCOURS/SHOW DAY AWARDS.**

**Concours d'Etat:**

First in Class: 1935 NA	Ralph Clarke
First in Class: 1948 TC	Viv James
First in Class: 1950 TD	Roger Lewis
First in Class: 1960 MGA	Feliciano Martins
First in Class: MGB, Midget, MGBV8 - post 70	1981 MGB Bokkie Markus

**Certificate Awards.**

1935 NA Gold	Ralph Clarke
1948 TC Gold	Viv James
1950 TD Gold	Roger Lewis
1960 MGA Gold	Feliciano Martins
1956 MGA Silver	George Davey
MGB, Midget, MGBV8, post 70	
1981 MGB Gold	Bokkie Markus
1967 MGBGT Silver	Peter Napier
1974 MGB Silver	Bill ten Oever
1968 MGCGT Silver	Brian Dallimore

**Concours Tops:**

First Place - 1947 TC	Viv James
Second Place - 1967 MGBGT	Peter Napier
Third Place - 1968 MGCGT	Brian Dallimore

**Car of the Day**

1935 NA	Ralph Clarke
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**MG Register Awards**

T - Type	Joan Parker
MGA	Graham Quinn
Moderns/B/C/TF	Jimmy Stevenson

**Concours Comique**

Trophy & Certificate	Margie von Zeil
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**Concours d'Elegance**

Trophy & Certificate	Joan Parker/Dieter Reck
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**COMPETITIVE EVENTS**

**Trophy and Certificate**

Brian Porter Trophy	Alex Stewart
Roy Driving Trophy	Derrick Smith
Rhodesia Petrol Trophy (Economy Run)	Brian Hogg
Duckham's Trophy	Viv James
Susan Tuck Trophy (Best Lady in Competitive Events)	Joan Parker
John Skaife Trophy	Joan Parker
Admiral's Trophy	John Lock

**COMMITTEE AWARDS**

Penman Trophy	Viv James
Maskew Miller	Peter and Maureen James
Plastic Trophy	David Tudsbury
Clubman Cup (Clubman Points)	Robin and Hildegard Rich
Cecil Kimber (Best Restoration)	Ralph Clarke
XPAG Trophy (Most original XPAG engined MG)	Derek Stuart-Findlay
Chairman's Trophy MGSCR	Hildegard Rich
Chairman's Workhorse (Chairman's Choice)	Margie von Zeil/Moira Gebhardt
Music Trophy	Maureen James
MG Photo Trophy (New Award)	Harry Braun
(Moira Gebhardt donated Trophy)	

## "Our" Classifieds.....

### For Sale:

**MG Midget(1979)** R40,000; Contact: Johnathan Ph: 082-5524818

## **Letter to the Editor.....**

**Let's get our act together!**

It was heartening to hear the President report in his address to the AGM that there has been an increase in the number of younger enthusiasts joining the club. There is a real danger of a diminishing number of members dedicated to the older models as they increase in value and become less affordable to younger ones so this trend is encouraging.

If this trend does not continue there is also the danger of the marque gaining an unfavourable stigma. I refer particularly to an article that was published in the Sunday Times "Motoring" supplement for February 2004. In this item entitled "Hooked on Classics", a young lady admits her "most committed relationship is with her 1972 MGB". Very commendable. She complained, though, of the lack of waterproofness of the car, many expensive services and frequent refusals to start but claims she is still "deeply in love with my car".

However, ladies and gentlemen, we need to get our act together if we want to attract the likes of this lady and others of the younger generation into the Club for, referring to the camaraderie that "these cars of charm and character" engender, she states "MG drivers belong to a club and I'm not talking about the official MG Club, because - with respect, gentlemen - that's a group of old men in pom-pom-ed plaid caps who go out on Sunday drives"!!!

So, that's the impression we have given to the younger generation, is it? What are we going to do about it? Here's a challenge for our new committee.

Yours Octagonally  
Horsepower

PS: I find it necessary to write to you over my nom-de-plume since I have to admit to at one time having driven my MG wearing a pom-pom-ed cap although it was not plaid. I would not like to be classified as one to whom the above

## **CONTINENTAL congratulations.....**

Members who attended last years Cape Centres Gathering will recall buying a ticket for a prize of 4 tyres kindly donated by CONTINENTAL TYRE SA (PTY) LTD.

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## Minutes: General Meeting—10 March 2004

**Welcome:** Robin Rich welcomed all members and prospective new members to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Ian & Kathy Jay, Harry & Sadie Braun, Jimmy Alexander, Ralph & Hilda Clarke, Derrick Smith, Brian Snell, Percy & Mavis Newsham, Pam & Stuart Leach, Buddy Mockford, Carole Engledow, Derek Stuart-Findlay, Dinky Braun. Doug Peiser, Ian Opperman, Roy McLeod.

**Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th<sup>st</sup> February 2004:**

Proposed by Willie Engledow and seconded by John Mullen

**Chairman's Report (Frank Peché):**

- Bushveld Indaba – Application forms are available from Frank Peché. Margie von Zeil has latest newsletter. Closing date for Indaba is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004.
- General Meeting April – This will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April (Election Day)
- 14<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday Argus Cycle Tour. The Chairman wished all club participants good luck on behalf of all the members.

**Veterans (Willie Engledow):**

- The outing on 26 February to Hillcrest Berry Farm was attended by 21 members, 2 guests in 12 MGs. Nice run out there and then a tour of the farm followed by lunch. Plaque of the month to the Dallimores for organising a very enjoyable event.
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – will be a visit to the Faure Water Purification Plant followed by lunch in the area, organized by John Lock.

**Competitions: (Vaughan Parvess):**

- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Economy Run – details are in the Breed. Pat Masterson and Frank Peché will organise filling up at the start and finish. Final route schedule will be handed out at start.

**Social (Frank Peché):**

- 15<sup>th</sup> February – 41 members in 21 MGs attended Chairman's Tea Run to the Wijnland Motor Museum. Very nice run, unfortunately a bit of a mix up with table bookings at the restaurant so members could not all sit together.
- 29 April to 2 May – Club weekend away at Ceres. Details in the Breed. R55 per person per night for 3 nights, but if only staying 1 or 2 nights then R65 per person per night. Bedding R35 per set. Closing date for booking 25 March – contact Jo Hitchcock.

**Treasurer (Mervyn Corbishley):**

Subscriptions still coming in – 175 members have paid but approximately 50 still outstanding.

**Publications (Derrick Smith):**

Closing date for the Breed – 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Secretarial (Margie von Zeil):**

Ratification of membership – Barbara Warner and Christo Grové.

**Spares (Mike Plows):**

Nothing to report.

**Regalia (Maureen James):**

New grill badges available at R90. Anyone interested in ordering new shirts to contact Maureen.

**Charity (Kathy Jay):**

A letter of thanks for the donation of the Christmas gifts was tabled from St. Georges.

**Cup of the month:**

Not awarded.

**General:**

- Unlucky Draw - No.18 – Peter Flowers (to help with the after meeting clean-up)
- Lucky Draw – No.42 – Tjark Bos.
- Frank Peché thanked all the ladies for the eats they had brought for the AGM.
- Tjark Boss read out an article from "The Tygerberg " about derelict old cars.
- Geoff Husk informed members that a crèche was operating in the clubhouse a few days a week and if anyone was planning a function in the daytime during the week they should check that the hall was not being used.
- Frank Peché asked for further nominations for Committee portfolios - Nil

**There was a short break before the start of the AGM.**