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FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

From the Chair – James Reinhardt

So *this* is what the MG Car Club has been waiting for...a gymkhana! (See Margie's excellent report elsewhere in this Breed for the gory details.) For an event that preceded the monthly meeting, no, wait, for ANY car club event, it was delightfully well attended. There were twenty entrants and a fair number of spectators too. It was also superbly organised, for which Derek deserves standing ovations, pats on the back and accolades of the highest order. Now that the membership's preference has been made known the way is clear. Henceforth, all events will be gymkhanas – please see the amended calendar on page three for details of the gymkhanas scheduled for the rest of the year. It's very difficult not to steal Margie's thunder on this topic, there was so much to be pleased with and proud of, but I will behave myself.

February is Valentine's month. The month of romance. So, in keeping with the spirit of the month, set some quality time aside for the true love of your life. Pamper her (or him) with expensive cleaning products. Perhaps some extra attention to those special things that make all the difference. And while you're at it being all romantical, don't forget your MG either! (Ah, the old double reverse sucker punch, you gotta love it!) February may be a short month but there's no shortage of MG stuff to do. On Sunday the 8th there is the Chairman's Tea Run, to go and watch classic car racing at Killarney. The following weekend, and at the other end of the motoring spectrum there is the Economy Run.

Unaccustomed as I am, I will finish on a serious note. The 2010 Indaba, which is the responsibility of the Cape Centre, is not looking good. There is a committee, and the committee has a plan, but there is a dire shortage of willing hands to put that plan into action. If your club can not put together a team to organise the event then we will have no option but to tell the national body that we are unable to host a national event in 2010, and look for somebody else to take our place. That would set a bad precedent in two ways. Firstly, it would probably be the death knell of national events organised by the Cape Centre. Secondly, I can see a situation where as soon as one club abdicates its responsibility, other clubs would follow suit. Don't let it happen!

REMINDER.....REMINDER....REMINDER....REMINDER

Subscriptions were due on 31st December 2008.

If you did not receive your Renewal Form for 2009 please e-mail Hildegarde Rich at hildegarde@richpumps.co.za or phone her on 021-9033426 for a copy.

CLUB CALENDAR

February 2009

8	Sunday	08h00 for 08h30	Chairman's Tea (breakfast) Run: Cape Southeaster Historic Race meeting – Meet at Milnerton Golf Club Car Park at Woodbridge Island (see below)
11	Wednesday	19h00	General meeting at the Clubhouse in Pinelands – Photo Contest
15	Sunday	09h30 for 10h00	Economy Run – details on page 3
26	Thursday	08h45	Veterans run - Four Passes Breakfast Run - details on page 5

March 2009

11	Wednesday	19h00	General meeting, AGM and Prize Giving at the Clubhouse in Pinelands
22	Sunday	TBA	Breakfast Run – Vintage Motor Cycle Club - details to follow
26	Thursday	10h30	Veterans run – Coastal experience to Pringle Bay - details page 5

April 2009

8	Wednesday	19h00	General meeting at the Clubhouse in Pinelands
19	Sunday	TBA	John Skaife Run
30	Thursday	TBA	Veterans run – Details next month

FUTURE EVENTS:

CHAIRMAN'S TEA (BREAKFAST!) RUN - KILLARNEY SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 08h00 for 08h30 - MEET AT MILNERTON GOLF CLUB CAR PARK – WOODBRIDGE ISLAND

It never ceases to amaze that people who own classic sports cars need to be cajoled into spending a day watching some truly special cars being driven on the limit. Last year's competitors included a Lotus Elite that had been a race car from its earliest days, race cars from McLaren, Lola and Chevron, MG-based single seaters as well as historic single seaters and classics from MG, Ford, Porsche, Lotus and BMC. Last year the heavens opened, and the wet track was a great leveller, to the extent that one of the saloon car races turned into a surreal David and Goliath contest between a Ford Galaxie and a classic Mini Cooper that would have fitted into the Ford's boot with room to spare.

The highlight of the Cape South Easter weekend is likely to be the final round of the Historic Formula Junior World Series that has been running throughout 2008 with early events in New Zealand and at Phillip Island in Australia. Competitors then crossed the equator before competing at great historic venues like Monza, Brands Hatch and the Nurburgring. The United States was next in line with two events at Laguna Seca in California and Lime Rock on the east coast.

The title chase will then be wound up in Cape Town, with the only championship event on the African continent.

Formula Junior as a single-seater series was begun in 1958 by Count Johnny Lurani as an attempt to create a single seater formula to launch aspirant drivers to Formula 1. Cars were typically 400kg vehicles with 1100cc engines. There is a tenuous MG link (as there is with so many aspects of motorsport if you look closely enough) in that the BMC A-series engine, which was also used in the MG 1100 and MG Midgets, was a popular engine choice for British designed FJ cars.

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Despite what you heard at the January monthly meeting, entry is free. Sort of. Classic cars arriving between 8:00 and 9:00 on the Sunday morning gain free admission for the driver, and will be entitled to park in the centre of the circuit. Passengers pay an entrance fee of R70. R70 for a full day's entertainment? That, my fellow petrolheads, is a bargain! You want more? Well, drivers of classics will be invited to do a parade lap during the lunch break.

Meet at the Milnerton Golf Club car park on Woodbridge Island by 8:00, departing for the short drive Killarney race track at 8:30. Pack some breakfast things and enjoy as The Jaguar Drivers' Club has once again offered us the use of their clubhouse. Bring along a folding chair if you want to sit on the roof/deck.

For more information, please contact James Reinhardt or Derek Hitchcock.

If you really, really, REALLY enjoy classic motorsport, this is a two day event, with a full schedule of racing on both the 7th and the 8th, but free entry is only available on the Sunday.

SUNDAY 8 TH FEBRUARY 2009

WARM UP

Porsche GT3	08h15 – 08h30
Pre 1977 Classic Touring Cars Class ABCDE/Marque cars	08h35 – 08h50
Pre 1972 Historic Single Seaters	08h55 – 09h10
Pre – 70 International Invitation sports prototypes/ Pre 66 SA Tourist trophy sports cars/	
World Sports Car Challenge	09h15 – 09h30
Historic Motorcycles	09h35 – 09h50
Super Prix World Formula Junior single seaters	09h55 – 10h10

LIST OF EVENTS

1) Marque Cars Race	10h20
2) World Sports Car Challenge Race	10h50
3) 1977 Classic Touring/Transam Cars - Class A to E	11h20
4) Pre-1966 SA Tourist Trophy Sports Cars/Pre 70 ISP's	11h55
5) Super Prix World Formula Junior	12h30

LUNCH – CLASSIC CAR PARADE

6) Pre 1972 Historic Single Seaters	14h00
7) Porsche GT3 Race	14h35
8) All comers race cars 1 Hour	15h15 – 16h15
9) Historic Motorcycles	16h25

ECONOMY RUN TO RIEBEEK KASTEEL SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 09h30 for 10h00: MEET AT CENTURY CITY SHELL GARAGE

This is a fun run through the beautiful wine lands of Agter Paarl and the Malmesbury District. There is an element of competition in the event but a large part of the day should spent taking a glorious, leisurely drive along surfaced roads away from the free-ways and the rush of modern life.

We meet at the Shell Garage at the Main entrance to Century City (not the Sable Road entrance) then go through the Durbanville Hills to the R302. We then travel around the Perdeberg and onto the R45 leading to Malmesbury.

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Before reaching Malmesbury we turn right to Riebeek Kasteel where it is intended to lunch at the Traveller's Rest.

It is important that we get off to an early start so the first cars will be leaving at 10h00 sharp and then at 1 minute intervals thereafter. Please arrive well before departure so that your car can be correctly filled with fuel and your entry into the event can be logged. We will end at a garage in Riebeek Kasteel to refill the cars and measure the fuel consumption of each participating vehicle.

Contact person: Pat Masterson – 021- 790 6557; 083 274 2550; pmasterson@gibb.co.za

OBITUARY

Samuel Ashworth Tingle

24th August 1921 -- 19th December 2008

Sam's passing is recorded with great sadness. He was the gentleman in motor racing sport. He was modest with a happy disposition, and willing to give advice and assistance to the 'new' boys to the game.

Sam was always immaculately turned out as were his cars and team. Although he was 'down to earth' and modest, he was a tough competitor, being a front runner in domestic Formula One racing, together with his great friend John Love as the Team Gunston pair.

Sam hung up his helmet after enjoying his racing for twenty five years, when a sticking throttle in his Brabham BT24/2 caused a serious accident at Killarney.

I first met Sam in 1948 when he drove his beautiful MG P-type special all the way from Johannesburg to compete in the Van Riebeeck Trophy race at Paarden Eiland. He was the same charming man then as he was when he died. In July 1948, I met Sam again in Johannesburg, where I bought my P-type from him on the AS and WHEN basis. But that was Sam, always willing to help the rookies in the game.

Sam graduated from the P-type special to a R-type MG with which he broke some hillclimb records in the then Rhodesia. I was able to buy the car much later and with Sam's assistance was able to rebuild the car, much to his delight.

Sam then purchased ERA Rb12 from the UK in 1956, being the ex-BIRA car 'Hanuman'. A Connaught eventually replaced the ERA. The Connaught was raced successfully and replaced with a LDS- ALFA in 1961, which is still owned by the Tingle family.

In 1967 Tingle and Love teamed up to up to form the GUNSTON team for 1968. This was to prove a formidable partnership, regularly finishing in the first two positions at events. Sam upgraded to a Brabham BT24/2 in 1968, which he raced with distinction until 1970.

His competition and racing career is recorded in the numerous successes he achieved on the track and he was the Rhodesian Champion five times.

In his retirement, together with his charming wife Mary, he extensively rallied his two vintage Bentleys, criss-crossing the whole of Southern Africa.

Sam enriched our lives in the motoring world. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy to Mary and her family.

Ralph Clarke

FUTURE EVENTS - VETERANS' GROUP: - Jo Hitchcock

FEBRUARY 26 08h45: FOUR PASSES BREAKFAST RUN

Are we not privileged to live in the Cape with so many options to enjoy our MGs?

This month's four passes tour reminds me of Joan's tour of 35 passes in October 2003. Sweet memories!

For this month's tour, we shall meet at 08h45 at the Engen-Stop on the **N2** to depart at 09h00 sharp to arrive at our breakfast venue at 11h00.

The route to follow is the N2 over SIR LOWRY'S PASS – carry on with the N2 – turn left at the Orchard Restaurant which is at the junction of the R321 and the N2. Carry straight on over VILJOEN'S PASS - enjoy the scenery at the Theewaterskloof Dam – follow R45 over the FRANSCHHOEK PASS to Franschhoek. Should we be able to find a safe look-out point, we'll make a brief stop on each pass to admire the scenery – except on Helshoogte.

On arrival in Franschhoek, look out for a big white church building on the right hand side of the road – off road parking is available next to the church and Traumerei Restaurant is on the opposite side of the road. Not a set menu.

After breakfast, carry on with the R45. Turn left at the R310 towards Pniel and then over HELSHOOGTE PASS to Stellenbosch. It will be great if everybody can make it their goal to complete all four the passes.

When you reach Stellenbosch you can choose to either travel via the R304 to the N1 or via R44 to Somerset West and the N2.

AND MORE VETERANS' NEWS.....

The Vets' plaque of the month went to Frank & Moira Peché for organising the run to Bot River and for his report back in the January Breed. It was a most interesting and enjoyable day. Thanks Overbergers for inviting us.

AND EVEN MORE.... THE MARCH VETERANS' RUN.....

MARCH 26 10h30: COASTAL EXPERIENCE TO PRINGLE BAY

A visit to an old favourite: the **Hook, Line and Sinker** restaurant in **Pringle Bay**. Meet at the N2 Engen One Stop in time to leave at 10:30. Bring a flask of refreshment to enjoy when we stop somewhere along the most scenic coastal road in South Africa (if not, in the world!). Then move on to Pringle Bay for Fish and Chips served in the traditional way (on newspaper!) And leave room for some of their 'to die for' Crème Brulé for afters. Put your name on the list at the next meeting – booking is essential. See U there!
Contact person: Garth Green 021-715 2470.

**DON'T FORGET THE PHOTO CONTEST AT THE FEBRUARY
CLUB GENERAL MEETING**

1. MG -related photos in jpeg format
2. E-mail photos to James Reinhardt (no more than 5Mb in total per e-mail)
3. Or...bring photos to the meeting on a USB memory device or CD
4. Or...send photos to James by the 9th February so he can scan them.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Hildegarde Rich

BIRTHDAYS:

FEBRUARY: 3-Sheila Clayton; 5-Stan Shield, Manfred van Heerden, Leslie Waller; 8- Esme Hitchcock; 9-Neville Aubrey; 10-George Toop; 12-Andre Groenewald; 14- Kimberley Beck; 15-Lester Braun, Pam Leach; 18-Kevin Hill; 19-Johan Kriek, Peter Morrison; 20-Ken Cooke; 21- Richard & Dylan Ribbans; 22- Mary Ann Lloyd, Gerry Stevenson; 23-Lorraine Reck, Larry Collins; 24-Nick Blackburn; 25-Tony Whitehead; 26- Margory Howard; (29-Geoff Husk).

MARCH: 3-Joan Parker; 6-Sue Terrapon; 7-John Saunders, Peter Petersen, Gerald Wright; 10- Rosa Ballantyne, Buddy Mockford.

MEMBERS RATIFIED:

1209 Isaac Codron (wife: Maureen), 14 Mountain Close, Devils Peak. Ex Jhb, ex Zim. MGA, MGB.

MEMBER RE-INSTATED:

1163 Eric Lothaller (wife: Dagmar), The Mount, 9 Rosmead Avenue, Oranjezicht. MGB

NEWS OF MEMBERS:

- Ex-member Johan van der Merwe died in his sleep in January of a heart attack. He and his wife Julie were members +/-1980/90 with membership # 369. Some members may recall Johan and Julie laying on breakfast at their holiday home at Stilbaai for club members en route to a centres meeting at Lake Brenton. Johan was a retired Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at Paarl.
- Member # 689 Chris Hood from Cradock passed away in December. His son, Andrew, will be taking over his 1950 MG TD and will also be joining the club.
- Lucille Ten Oever is going for a back operation on Thursday 5th February in the Panorama Sun.

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REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS:

GYMKHANA – 18 JANUARY 2009 – Margie von Zeil

I offered to do the write up on this event before I knew the results. Knowing the results changes what was a fun, worthwhile, important and noteworthy of the event somewhat, in my opinion, because what really mattered after the results were announced at the General Meeting is – **I BEAT JAMES REINHARDT** – the rest matters less...

But for those of you who weren't there and are wondering what it was all about:

There was a great turn out for this first event of 2009, and here is hoping that future club events will be as well supported. I counted up 24 MG's including a PB, TD's, MGA twin cam, MGA, MGB's, MGB GT's, 2 Midgets and 2 modern TF's. Also taking part was Justin Moore in a Lotus Elan. Supporters in MG's and a few plastics made up the numbers. There were 20 participants in total, some of whom took turns in the same car.

Derek Hitchcock did a superb job of organising 4 separate events and his timekeepers were loudly admired for their skills as well as presentability!

Oldest and wisest was the order of the day with Ralph Clarke starting the event off in his PB, which helped to give us novices some clue as to how it's done.



The first event comprised a 'wobble wobble' circuit through cones forwards, then same route in reverse – which confounded a few competitors and cost them penalty points, as did the "straddling" the start and finish lines.

This event was followed by 5 parking garages, 3 of which had to be reversed into and 2 driven into forwards and resulted in much route plotting and planning.

Next came the 'hooligan hoops' during which much rubber was laid down on the surface and the spectator crowd swelled with nearby commuters, truck drivers and the MG TOUR BUS all watching in delight.

Round and round the cones we went, and despite Bugs Crighton's concerns about his spokes prior to his turn, it was clear from the energetic and elegant driving, with a more than polite bit of tyre squealing that Bugs wasn't actually THAT concerned about his wheels at all !



The plumes of tyre smoke and signature doughnuts really belonged to the Lotus, which was clearly having a lovely time – that is – car and driver.



Finally, as we were all starting to wilt in the hot sun, with our own radiators pointed into the wind, let alone those of our MG's, we "jostled" for 3 rings, balancing on cones and then congratulated ourselves for a job well done.

Justin Hewitt's photographs tell the whole story as those who attended the GM will surely agree – these should be up on the website shortly – or take a look on www.perform.co.za

Thanks to all for a GREAT TIME and lets do it again sometime soon !

Congratulations to Geoff Ballantyne for quietly getting on and winning while we were trying to show off and avoid cones, to Justin Hewitt for his second place and a welcoming congratulations to VERY new member Douglas for his third placing.

Pos No.	Car Type	Competitor	Total Timed Runs	Total Penalties	Adjusted Time
1	MG TD	Geoff Ballantyne	169	5	174
2	MG Midget	Justin Hewitt	171	15	186
3	MGB GT	Douglas Whistance	196	0	196
4	MGB	George Davey	188	10	198
5	MG 1100	James Ballantyne	189	10	199
6	MGB GT	Paula Masterson	200	0	200
7	MG TF160	Dave Tuksbury	201	0	201
8	MGB	Margie von Zeil	198	5	203
9	MG Midget	James Reinhardt	194	20	214
10	MGA Twin Cam	Chris Champion	202	15	217
11	MG TD	Joan Parker	219	5	224
12	MG TF135	Peter Flowers	230	5	235
13	MG B GT	Pat Masterson	208	30	238
14	MGA	Bugs Crighton	192.5	50	242.5
15	MG Midget	Leanne Hewitt	243	0	243
16	Lotus Elan	Justin Moore	183	65	248
17	MG PB	Ralph Clarke	238.5	15	253.5
18	MGB	Andre Swanepoel	247	10	257
19	MGB GT	Don Waller	299	0	299
20	MGB GT	Philip Hitchcock	323	25	348

The General Meeting of the MG Car Club, Cape Town Centre is held on the second Wednesday of every month at 19h00 at the M.G.C.C. Clubhouse in Cedar Avenue (off Howard Drive), Pinelands - exceptions in January (third Wednesday) & December (1st Wednesday)

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2009 CLASSIC CAR SHOW – SUNDAY 25 JANUARY - Keith Poole

An inspiring collection of more than 220 classic cars, a horde of motor bikes and numerous side-shows, spread across six fields at Timour Hall, made for a fantastic day's entertainment. The Hall is the H.Q. in Plumstead of the International Police Association and is the regular meeting venue of The Crankhandle Club, which played a major role in setting up the event.

Although there was no official MGCCCT representation, the MG flag was flown by some members with 'dual nationality' i.e. Crankhandle Club membership as well as MG Club membership. Result - a strong showing, comprising :- 2 SAs, a VA, 4 TCs, a TD, a TF, a ZB, 5 MGAs, an MGB, and an MGBGT, not to mention an MGC lurking amongst the Austin Healeys.



Among some most welcome newcomers to the scene was David Ginsberg (photo on the left), with his 1938 VA Tickford coupe, happily undergoing refurbishment with the enthusiastic help of his young son Saul [one of our future generation of members?]. The VA was flanked by the two SAs, with Nigel Sedgwick's immaculate, newly-restored blue-and-silver Tickford coupé "on debut".

The occasion was also marked by the "return to the fold" of Aubrey Keller, with his former award-winning MGA 1500, coupled with a remarkable supercharged MGA 1600 (photo below). This was fitted with numerous performance extras, mostly sourced from that centre of MG enthusiasm in California - no doubt vying for "Safety Faster" with Chris Champion's immaculate Twin Cam!

Other cars on display ranged in size from a diminutive 1929 Austin Chummy, through the MG-precursor of a bull-nose Morris, to the vast "extravaganzas" of Bob Johnston's 1921 RR Silver Ghost, Stuart Halsall's 1907 Nordenfelt and Count Labia's 1905 De Dietrich and his 1929 Fiat Tipo 525, with its fascinating history of restoration recently completed.

Entertainment was liberally provided by Stuart and by Len Ward, custodian of the De Dietrich, who both demonstrated their prowess with the crankhandle [in true Crankhandle Club tradition!], their knowledge of the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of ancient motor cars, and their abilities to tell tall stories to gullible pretty girls in their audience. Close behind in technical wizardry was Harvey Metcalf, demonstrating the chuff-chuff running of the oldest car 'On Show', the 1901 Benz Ideal, nurtured by the CHC.



Entertainment of a different kind was offered by the Cape Stationery Engine Club, with their display of working engines, and by a remarkable Master of Meccano. He displayed and demonstrated working models of a carousel, ferris wheel, dockside crane and an ingenious but fiendishly complicated machine which automatically sorted rods by length. He capped this with a bizarre device from which, after being started by curious passers-by, there emerged a mechanical hand to switch itself off... !!

Good weather, a wide variety of food and drink stalls, the camaraderie of exhibitors and the efficiency of the Crankhandle members and marshals, all combined with the sheer interest of such a wide variety of cars 'On Show' to make driving the SA all the way from McGregor well worth the trip.

[Ed: Keith took a number of photographs at the Show and these will be put on our website]

PAST EVENTS - FROM THE VETERANS:

OVERBERG CLASSIC CAR GROUP RUN – 29 JANUARY 2009

Organised by Frank Peché – Report by Moira Peché

We had beautiful sunny weather for our first run for 2009, attended by 20 of our members who met up at Gunners in Napier coming from Hermanus, Greyton and Montagu. We had a very social coffee break at the outside tables while waiting for the different groups to arrive.

We drove in a convoy of 3 MGBs, 1 Austin Healey Sprite, 1 Mazda MX5, 1 Rolls Royce, 1 classic Mercedes and a few plastics through to Bredasdorp, along the Agulhas road and branched off for Elim. Frank was congratulated for putting on a show of a variety of raptors and unusual birds on this route.

The Black Oystercatcher Winery, 6kms before Elim on the new tarred road, is situated on the marine peninsula lapped by a perpetual ocean breeze. This winery, named after the endangered ocean birds which thrive along the coastline around the tip of Africa, was started in 1998 by Dirk Human and produces only 30, 000 bottles of quality wines annually. Dirk is one of the ardent conservationists in the Nuwejaars wetland system. In December last year they opened their new tasting centre and restaurant.



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We were welcomed by the owner/winemaker/viticulturist Dirk and his wife and by Anita Verwey, with whom the arrangements had been made. Anita settled us at 2 long tables on the patio, hosted the informative tasting and later took our lunch orders. After the lunch, members who came from afar, went off to visit Elim, Baardskeerdersbos and Agulhas before heading for home.

It was a very happy outing with wonderful weather, good company, great food and wine and a very pleasant venue.

The Overberg Classic Car Group's runs are held on the last Thursday of each month (except December). The following forthcoming outings are scheduled and we are waiting for offers from other members to organise runs for the rest of the year:

- February – Stormsvlei
- March – Genadendal
- April – Montagu
- May – Hermanus

If any MGCC Cape Town members would like to join us on any of our runs please contact Moira or Frank on 028 423 3018

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VETERANS' RUN TO DE POORT COMMUNITY PROJECT –
29 JANUARY 2009 - Roy and Helen van Litsenborgh

Nineteen cars met at the Engen-One-Stop on the N1 at 10h00. 1 MGA, 5 MGBs, 3 MGB GTs, 1 MGC GT, 8 Modern MG TFs and a plastic car. There were 36 members in all. We were briefed by John Bulman before setting off for the De Poort Heritage Village. The centre preserves the story of South Africa's first major transport industry – that of cart, carriage and wagon, sited at the entrance to Paarl and in the 1890s regarded as the transport capital of South Africa.

Thousands of transport wagons, carts and coaches were manufactured in Paarl to carry goods and heavy equipment as well as produce between Paarl and Kimberley and later to the Witwatersrand. The De Poort village project was founded in 2000 and registered as a non-profit Section 21 company run by a number of volunteers. The primary goal of the organization is to provide a home for the Drakenstein municipal collection. Only about 10% of the vehicles and manufacturing machinery is on display at present. The rest is still in storage in municipal warehouses.

So far the heritage village has been funded by donations from the Lotto people to the extent of some R5 million, with further grants in the pipeline. There are plans for a heritage school room, a heritage photographic studio and much more.

From the heritage site we proceeded to KWV where we were instructed in the delicacies of sipping fine brandies before and after nibbling an appropriate chocolate leaving a long and lingering aftertaste. A match made in heaven we were told. However, it was also made quite clear that brandy and coke at a braai is quite in order, especially in our hot South African climate. We were also told that brandy and cognac is one and the same thing, only that ours is made in SA and the other in France. The price of KWV brandy varies from R60 to R499 for 750 ml and some excellent wines from R23 to R850 for 750 ml bottles.

For lunch we were served bobotie, rice and salads. A truly great day was enjoyed by everyone.

Many thanks to our organizers John and Brenda Bulman and to Jo.

FROM THE 'NOW 2-MONTH STAND-IN' EDITOR.....Joan Parker

This is the second last BREED which you will be getting if no one volunteers to take up the challenge and take over from me for the April issue. Ideally, I would like the new editor to be available at the end of February to assist with the March issue of THE BREED to ensure a smooth hand-over.

Many thanks to all our contributors this month and some of the copy received will have to be held over for the next issue.

If you are receiving this issue by e-mail and you have decided not to have a hard copy, please let Hildegard know.



CAPE CENTRES GATHERING 2009

24-27 SEPTEMBER 2009

The members of Border Centre have pleasure in inviting you to the 2009 Cape Centres Gathering. This event will be held at the Green Fountain Resort, Port Alfred, the heart of the Sunshine Coast. The resort is situated 6 km outside Port Alfred just off the R72 to East London (all tar).

Accommodation will be in 22 self-catering luxurious 2 - 3 bedrooomed (all en-suite) thatched chalets/cottages. The chalets are very modern and are fully equipped with all necessary amenities including TV's. The complex is set around a scenic dam and includes an excellent restaurant, "The Milkshed", set under thatch and overlooking the pool area. They can also provide breakfasts for those who don't wish to self cater.

There is also a fully licensed pub and Function Centre which can accommodate up to 140 guests. Accommodation is limited as there are only 22 chalets which means that only 100 people can be accommodated in these units. Full details of this accommodation can be viewed on the Green Fountain website www.greenfountainfarm.co.za

For those who wish to camp there is a caravan resort attached to Green Fountain which has 48 spacious lawned stands with individual, private full bathrooms.

DATE: Thurs 24th - Sun 27th SEPTEMBER 2009 (3 nights) **NB:** Thursday is a Public Holiday.

COST: The chalet package will cost R2600 per couple, including all evening meals, entertainment + one lunch. Single participants will cost R1300 but will be expected to share a room

The cost for campers is R700 per person includes site and all evening meals, entertainment + one lunch
Registration per couple /Car if single R150 (R100 if paid at the Indaba)

PAYMENT to be made to the MG Car Club - Border Centre

- Internet transfer : **Nedbank, Savings a/c, A/c 9004193974 Branch 72-00-26**

- Bank deposit : Nedbank, Savings account, A/c 1619 001 853, Branch 161-905, Ref 9004193974 MG Car Club

R 150 Registration fee (Non-refundable)

50% of cost (R2600/1300/700) by 30th April 2009

50% of cost (R2600/1300/700) by 31st July 2009

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1. 1947 MG TC Ivory with green upholstery, excellent running condition, reg current. Registered with the JHB club for over 25 years. Various spares, books and manuals included. Only available to a loving home. Offers welcome (+/- R200K). Contact Steve: 084 580 4200 (JHB) for more details or 011 284 0000 (T) steve.johnston@liblink.co.za
2. MG Y-Series Handbook for sale. What offers?? Please phone Susan @ 021 559 1451 or A/H @ 021 558 9526

Wanted:

1. A complete MG (D, F, P, J, K or N type) front suspension and beam axle including steering box. Will consider TC complete front suspension and beam axle including steering box. Contact Peter (Johannesburg) 082 4128760; psia1@intekom.co.za
 2. MGB roadster in reasonable to good condition, with overdrive. Contact Ian Opperman 028 3162299; 082 6781207
 3. MGTD engine complete for parts. Also seats and panels, any condition, urgently wanted for restoration project. Contact Bob Acton 082 5720979, ackie@netactive.co.za
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If members have had good service from any specialist supplier not listed here, please give the information to the Editor of THE BREED and we can expand this list.

- **BMS Welding** - for specialized Aluminum repairs - 021 703 3510
- **African Cork Supplies** - make your own cork gaskets - 44 Marconi Rd, Montague Gardens
- **Power Flow Exhausts** - all branches - see telephone directory
- **Instrument Repairs** - phone Mr Z L Bobrowski at 021 948 3776
- **Kehl's Upholstery Supplies** - Voortrekker Road, Maitland - phone 021 551 2061
- **Tail light lenses** and Polyurethane seals, bushes and mountings - phone Roger Wood at 021 703 7368
- **Lenses (Gauteng)** Dup Car Lenses - contact Dup du Plessis @ 083 655 3657
- **Auto Electrical Repairs** - Morkels Auto Electrical - 021 591 7251
- **Rubber Products and Mouldings** - for various rubber trim and peddle pads - 021 593 2110
- **Water Pump Repairs** - phone Robin Rich at 021 903 3426
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- **Z & I Panel and Spray** - 021 704 0532 - Ottery (beautiful spray job seen at Hermanus Show)
- **ProAuto Rubber Cape** - 021 556 2814 - various rubber mouldings and very nice flexible carpeting

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS.....

- 1) Hot off the press.....e-mail received from James.....' the MGCC will be invited to the Alfa Club track day on May 10th - the Jag guys will also be invited (easy, Margie!) and the Triumph guys too. We might not be mixing it on track with other clubs but hey, nothing to stop us from doing some completely informal timing.'
- 2) AUTOJUMBLE organized by The Crankhandle Club will be held on Sunday 29 March 2009 at Timour Hall 08h30-14h30, To book a table (R30) contact David 021-6852259 or 083 2724340
- 3) CLASSIC & PERFORMANCE CAR AFRICA – a superb new magazine. The second issue (Feb/March) is now available. It is strongly recommended that you subscribe to this excellent publication. Six issues (one year) for only R200 – save R40 off the shelf price and get it delivered to your door. Contact Classic & Performance Car Africa, PO Box 26961, Hout Bay 7872; Tel 082 772 1909; E-mail phillipsf@telkomsa.net; Fax 021 790 5895

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