

Newsletter May 2018



2018 Knysna Motor Show

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FOR YOUR INFO.....

- Regular Breakfast Runs are held on the last Sunday of each month
- Meeting places – KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront at the end of Grey Street
- SEDGEFIELD – Engen 1 Stop

2018 GRMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p>4-5-6 Fri – Sun</p> <p>19&20th</p> <p>27TH Sun</p>	<p><i>JAGUAR SIMOLA HILLCLIMB</i></p> <p><i>LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS – PE</i></p> <p><i>BREAKFAST RUN – Moss & Maple, the Crags. Depart 09h00 CX Quays</i></p>	<p><i>ALL</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p>
	<p>10 June</p> <p>12th</p> <p>24TH-Sun</p>	<p><i>Sunday Buffet Lunch @ Wilderness Hotel. R145 p/p. 12h00 for 12.30. Please confirm with Dennis Cook by 4 June cookdennis001@gmail.com</i></p> <p><i>Sop 'n Dop – Pembreys. 6pm at venue</i></p> <p><i>BREAKFAST RUN – ZUCCINIS</i></p>	<p><i>ALL</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p>
	<p>10th Tues</p> <p>15th Sun</p> <p>29th Sun</p>	<p><i>Quiz night & Supper @ Belvidere Manor 6pm at Venue</i></p> <p><i>Tsitsikamma Memorial run</i></p> <p><i>BRAKFAST RUN – Moss & Maple</i></p>	<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p>
<p><i>Holy shit it's already</i></p> 	<p>14 - 17</p> <p>19th Sun</p> <p>26th Sun</p>	<p><i>MG ORGANISED TOUR to Nuy Valley & Arniston</i></p> <p><i>GRMC AGM</i></p> <p><i>BREAKFAST RUN - ZUCCINIS</i></p>	<p><i>ALL</i></p> <p><i>GRMC ONLY</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p>
	<p>7 – 18 Tour</p> <p>14 -16th</p> <p>19th Wed</p> <p>30TH - Sun</p>	<p><i>AUSTIN HEALEY TOUR</i></p> <p><i>TWO NIGHT TOUR TO GRAAF REINETT</i></p> <p><i>Fun Run, ending with lunch Mosselbay</i></p> <p><i>BREAKFAST RUN – POT LUCK - PLETT</i></p>	<p><i>GRMC ONLY</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p>

	14 th Sun	<i>CENTURY CLASSIC CAR RUN (100 KM RUN / LUNCH (AGE OF DRIVER & CAR MUST EQUAL MIN OF 100 YEARS)</i>	<i>ALL</i>
	21 st Sun	<i>Bring & Braai @ The Slades, Harkerville</i>	<i>All</i>
	28-29 th	<i>MG T-TYPE TOUR</i>	<i>MG ONLY</i>
	28 th Sun	<i>BREAKFAST RUN – ZUCCINIS</i>	<i>ALL</i>
	24 or 25 th	<i>GRMC XMAS LUNCH</i>	<i>GRMC ONLY</i>
	25 th	<i>BREAKFAST RUN- Moss & Maple depart 09h00 Knysna Quays</i>	<i>ALL</i>
	30 th Friday	<i>Prawn Braai Angling Club – MG members Only</i>	<i>MG ONLY</i>
	7 th Fri	<i>STREET BRAAI – GASOLINE ALLEY</i>	<i>ALL</i>
	14 th Fri	<i>Model Railway Exhibition George</i>	<i>ALL</i>

Chairman's Chirp

The GRMC major event of the year, the Knysna Motor Show, took place in perfect weather conditions on April 29. While you have been kept updated with all the press releases and the wrap-up of the event it is worth reflecting on the achievements of the 2018 Knysna Motor Show (KMS). In 2012 we set a vision for the KMS to be recognised as one of the best motors shows in SA and to become a national event, drawing participants and the public from across SA. As part of the vision, we did not want the KMS to become the largest motor show in SA, but instead the focus had to be in attracting top, quality, rare and interesting vehicles, all to be displayed in a unique format. A prime decision to achieve this objective was to make the KMS an “invitation only” event. Prior to this decision, the KMS was primarily driven as a charity event. With the new vision the focus was shifted to staging the best motor show, with surplus funds being donated to charity. In 2012 the event consisted of mainly GRMC and MG member vehicles. A total of 180 vehicles were displayed and an estimated 2000 people attended the motor show. Over the years steady progress was made towards achieving the KMS vision. This, to a large extent, can be attributed to the small KMS organising committee who dedicated many hours of their own time over a 4 to 5 month period each year. Three years ago it was recognised that to track the path of continuous improvement and the costs to

stage the event, a major sponsorship was needed. We set out to find a major sponsor. This was a lengthy process, and having approached several potential sponsors we were successful in attracting Sanlam Private Wealth, who has now sponsored the KMS in 2017 and 2018. While the sponsorship value was about one third of the actual expenses to stage the 2018 KMS, it greatly assisted us in taking the KMS to a new level and added an element of exclusivity. While there certainly are still areas of improvement, the 2018 KMS has pretty much achieved the vision adopted in 2012, some 7 years ago.

The 2018 KMS has been rated as a great success by many. An estimated 8000 people attended the event with gate takings reaching a record level of R294,000 (excluding sponsorship and sale of stands) . This compares with 2000 people attending and gate takings of R24,000 in 2012. However costs, to stage the KMS at the level achieved in 2018, have risen dramatically from a base of R12,000 in 2012 to R275,000 in 2018. Over the period 2012 up to 2017, it is worth mentioning that R400,000 has been donated to charity. We are still in the process of resolving certain issues before we can announce the amount to be donated to charity in 2018. Once this has been clarified you will be advised.

The reason for sketching the above is that we are at the crossroads again regarding the next phase of the Knysna Motor Show. The key elements are, do we have GRMC members who are willing to commit the time to take the KMS into the future years and the importance and need to secure sponsorship monies . Please give this some thought as it will be a major item for discussion at the AGM scheduled for August 19. It will be great to let me have your comments and thoughts - please let me have them.

In conclusion on the 2018 KMS , a special thanks must go to the 2018 KMS committee - Cedric Parker , Allan Waterston , Brian Gibson , Jill Morse , Peter Morse , Ann Griffiths , Brian Dowding and Peter Turner . This is the team that made the 2018 KMS the success that was achieved. To Karin Gibson who took care of the toiletries for the toilets and even setting up of a station to change babies nappies !!! . To Anne Parker who was always around to support where ever needed. Lastly to the GRMC and MG members who assisted with the laying out of the display areas and the marshals who assisted with the parking of participants cars. Well done to all !!!.

While we were still wrapping up the KMS, some of us were back on duty to support the MG Club with their pit and crowd control responsibilities at the Jaguar Simola Hillclimb. To those who assisted many thanks for your support. The event, over the three days ,was run in perfect weather conditions and a record crowd of 17,000 attended. It is amazing how the hillclimb record gets broken every year. This year Andre Bezuidenhout, with his purpose built hillclimb race car, shattered the 1.9 KM distance and achieved a time of 35.528 seconds . This is achieving an average of 192.5km/h from a standing start. If you are a petrol head and did not volunteer to assist , please do so for the 2019 event . The area of marshalling brings you right into the pits and close to where the action is. To Bruce Henderson and the team, well done and I am sure that the donation to be received from the Hillclimb organisers , will again be used for a needy community project..

With the hectic 5 months now behind us we can focus on enjoying the upcoming events. The group that went to the "Last Night of the Proms "in Port Elizabeth all had an enjoyable weekend. The show, with conductor Richard Cock, always is a hit and a must see for next year. You have seen my notes regarding the Buffet lunch at the Wilderness hotel on Sunday June 10th. If you have not given your

name to Dennis Cook - cookdenni001@gmail.com or cell no 072 122 9318 – please do so before June 4.

If you have any good stories or contributions for the newsletter, please forward them to Sylvia - sylvia.vintagerose@gmail.com . We seemed to get very little input from our membership and I am sure that your input will enhance the monthly newsletter.

Until next time and enjoy the ride,

Peter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - June 2018

1 st Gwen Lilleike	2 nd John Day	3 rd Linda McEwan
5 th Susan Dowding	8 th June Turner	13 th Pam Waterston
17 th Brian Bruce	17 th Jolene Cool	17 th Jane Cordell
18 th Haydn Franklin	20 th Bert Grobelaar	20 th Lynne Dean
21 st Linn Putter	23 rd Jane Wilde	28 th Mike Stuart
28 th Evelyn Cronje	28 th Paula Koncki	29 th Brian Madeley
30 th Peter Vadas	30 th Elaine Marais	

OUR LOCAL BOYS SHINE AT THE JAGUAR SIMOLA HILLCLIMB 2018

Two of our members, father and son team Ron and Peter Hollis, achieved success in the Simola Hillclimb held early in May. Entered on Classic Car Friday, both campaigned their regular cars for this popular event.

Peter's 1964 MG Midget received some special attention since the last year's event, aimed at making his car more competitive. The Midget was further stripped and lightened, enjoyed some engine and handling upgrades and was treated to new wheels shod with special semi-slick tyres. Peter used all of this to good effect, winning Class H4 for pre 1965 single seater and road race cars, achieving a sub 1 minute time in the class final, and beating some pretty serious contenders on the way. He now holds the course record for the fastest ascent in a car powered by a BMC/Leyland A Series engine (as originally fitted to Mini's and Midgets), and he was also the quickest MG at this year's event.



Ron again entered his well-known 4.2 litre E Type Jaguar and managed to win Class H2 for pre 1965 road cars. It seems practice makes perfect, since Ron has now competed in the event 8 out of the 9 times it has been held, and he achieved his fastest time ever during the 2nd practice session (56.2 seconds for the 1.9 km ascent). This was the first time that either of the pair achieved 1st in class results. Fortunately neither car experienced any problems and both could be driven home in one piece afterwards, so “for us it was a perfect event” says Ron.



WELL DONE Ron and Peter!!

Thank you....

To the members of the Garden Route Motor Club,

On behalf of all the staff, patients and volunteers here at Knysna Sedgefield Hospice I would like to thank the organising committee of the Knysna Motor Show for allowing us the opportunity to have a pancake stall at the recent event.

Being able to raise much needed funds while being able to interact with the public and prospective donors was invaluable. We thoroughly enjoyed part of such a well-run and attended event, fun was had by all!

We have 240 registered patients on average per month and it costs our organisation between

R1800 - R2200 for our terminal patients per visit per month. This cost includes home visits up to 3 or 4 times per week. The patient and their family are visited by one of our qualified palliative care nurses, our medical doctor, a care worker and a social worker to deliver the quality inter-disciplinary care that we pride ourselves on. We provide this service at no cost to the patient or their family. As a non-profit organisation we rely on donations and fund raising in order for us to be able to deliver these 5 star accredited palliative care services.

Thank you for your ongoing loyalty to Knysna Sedgefield Hospice, it is so greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,



Ashleigh Smith (Public Relations Officer and Marketing Liaison Officer)

Knysna Sedgefield Hospice

Thank you....

Once again I would like to say a very big thank you to you and the Garden Route Motor Club for allowing KAWS to collect at your recent Knysna Motor Show. We raised an amazing R7,403.40 in just 4 hours! We were worried that the rise in entry fees would affect our collection, but people were very generous and still gave us some generous donations.

I must congratulate you and your team on the wonderful organization and fantastic atmosphere on the day. Everyone was relaxed and really enjoying themselves and the field was laid out in a very orderly and navigable manner. I hope that you all had a great day and that you also raised lots of money!

Looking forward to next year

Warm regards

Cathie Garner

Fundraiser: KAWS

KNYSNA MOTOR SHOW EARLY MORNING SET-UP





A special Thank You to our Chairman Peter Pretorius and our committee members for all your dedication and hard work.



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To get on to our Facebook page Google Facebook and go to “gardenroutemc

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