



GARDEN ROUTE MOTOR CLUB

TORQUE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014



1951 Bugatti Type 101 Ghia Roadster

Please note:

- ❖ Regular Breakfast runs are held on the last Sunday of the month
- ❖ Meeting places – KNYSNA – The Quays at the Waterfront at the end of Grey Street.
SEDGEFIELD – Engen One – Stop.

Please note that the events in blue are for MGCC Members only.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2014.

Date	Host Club	Events	Quays Start
DEC			
Fri 12th	MG	Street Braai – Bodge/Frost Brothers/ Brian Bruce Museum	16h00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

Date	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
Jan 2015					
Tues 13th	MG	Sundowner picnic – Brenton on Sea	16h00	GRMC	Fred Mullany
Sun 25th	MG	Breakfast run to Sao Goncalo's (Old Nicks Plett	09h00	GRMC	Fred Mullany
Feb 2015					
Sat 14/15	both	George Old Car Show	08h00	Both	Peter Pretorius
18-21st		Lionel Hewitt – Cape Classic		Private	
Thurs 19th	GRMC	Pensioners Brunch at Enrico's	10h30	MGCC	Peter Pretorius
Sun 22nd	MG	Breakfast run to Zucchini's at Timberlake Village	09h00	GRMC	Fred Mullary/Trevor Cooper
March 2015					
Sun 15th	Both	Fun run to Glentana – Bring and Braai	10h00	GRMC	Trevor Cooper
Thurs 19-21st	MG	MMM Gathering - Franschhoek		MG Members Only	Bruce Henderson
Sun 29th	MG	Breakfast run to Sao Goncalo's – Old Nick's Plett	09h00	GRMC	Trevor Cooper
April 2015					
3-6th		Easter Week-end			
Sun 12th	GRMC	Storms River Passes run – Lunch at Tsitsikamma	10h00	MG	Peter Pretorius
Tues 14/15th		Brian Davidson's T-Type Tour		T Owners	Brian Davidson
Sun 26th	MG	Breakfast run to Zucchhini's at Timberlake Village	09h00	GRMC	Trevor Cooper
Thurs 30/3rd	MG	Cape Centres Gathering=Cradock		MG Members Only	Bruce Henderson

Date	Host Club	Event	Quays Start	Invited	Convenor
May 2015					
Sat 9th	GRMC	Knysna Motor Show		MG	Peter Pretorius
Fri 15/17th	MG	Hillclimb – Scrutineering, Parking and Marshalling		GRMC	Bruce Henderson
Sat 23/24th	GRMC	Last Night of the Proms			
Sun 31st	MG	Breakfast run to Sao Goncalo's – Old Nick's Plett	09h00	GRMC	Trevor Cooper
June 2015					
Tues 9th	MG	Sop en Dop at Pembreys			Trevor Cooper
Sun 14th	GRMC	Regularity run		MGCC	Cedric Parker
Sun 28th	MG	Breakfast run to Zucchini's at Timberlake Village	09h00	GRMC	Trevor Cooper

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Bruce Henderson – brucejhenderson@gmail.com - 044 382 1989

CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP.

Here we are already in December and 2014 is almost something of the past. All the formalities and events have been completed. It has again been a very full year of events enjoyed by all who participated. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Knysna motor show held in May. After almost 5 months of dedicated work by the committee, the result was the best car show staged by GRMC with many accolades received. It certainly will be a challenge in 2015 to surpass this standard. I will not be recapping the 2014 events except for what has taken place over the past 3 months. I would however like to thank Bruce Henderson and the MGSCC committee for the fine mix of events and to which GRMC members were invited.

MG CAR CLUB TOUR TO THE EASTERN CAPE (OCT 20 – 24)

A group of 32 MG and GRMC members and 17 cars set off on October 20 to enjoy 5 relaxing days in the Eastern Cape, with the final destination being Port Alfred. On the way to Port Alfred we indulged in some lovely cakes and refreshments at Le Chameleon in Humansdorp, then off to the wind farm near Jeffrey's Bay where we were briefed about the project. Lunch was enjoyed at Crossways Kitchen before heading to Port Alfred. The next couple of days were spent in the area, which included a boat cruise and Braai at Mansfield Reserve, Mohair Farm, Bathurst (Toposcope, Agricultural Museum, art gallery and lunch at the famous Pig and Whistle), visit to 43rd Air School and Albany Car Museum. It goes without saying that good food and refreshments were enjoyed by all -- some more than others. An entertaining quiz evening was also arranged which resulted in much laughter and fun.

On the way back to Port Elizabeth a visit was made to the Coega Harbour project. We were all a bit disappointed when one considers the cost of establishing Coega versus the activity and productivity levels that are being achieved. No doubt over time things may improve. We overnighted in Port Elizabeth enjoying a relaxed meal. On our way back to Knysna we stopped in at the Bellingham and Smith cricket bat factory. This was a most interesting visit and surprising to learn the amount of work that goes into making a cricket bat and that the olive tree wood is imported from the UK !!! A hat was passed around for a donation and three bats were purchased. These will be given to an underprivileged school.

We can truly say that it was a relaxed and enjoyable tour with much fun had by all.

See photo's below.





OVERBERG MORGAN TOUR (NOV. 9 TO 15) - Organised by the Cape Mog club – Cape Town

This is the 6th annual Morgan tour organised by the Cape Mog Club . A total of 17 Morgan's and 36 people joined in the Overberg tour. Included in the tour were 5 GRMC members and Morgan's - Brian and Sue Dowding, Paul and Sally Falla, Mike and Alice Barber, John and Candy Fraser and myself. Two overseas Morgan owners also joined the tour.

The tour took us through the natural beauty of the Overberg and whale coast covering over 500 kilometres. The group met at the Erinvale Hotel in Somerset West on the Sunday and departed the next morning for Arniston. The route included Caledon, Napier, Bredasdorp

before arriving at Arniston. Along the way we enjoyed some blind folded jam tasting and lunch in the country village of Napier. The Tuesday included a toy run to the Arniston play school, a visit to Cape Agulhas, the light house (southernmost tip of Africa) and Striusbaai. The evening meal was enjoyed in Kassiesbaai (fisherman village) where we enjoyed the country cooking of Tannie Bessie. After two nights in Arniston we drove through the Akkedisberg Pass via Stanford to Gansbaai / Kelders.

The weather was not on our side as we had to contend with a black south east wind and rain on and off. The result was that certain activities had to be curtailed. The whale watching trip on a boat was not possible, however many sightings of whale mothers and calves were seen very close to the rocks. Having eaten very well with much liquid flowing over the past couple of days, we returned to Somerset West via the coastal route which meanders from Kleinmond to Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Gordon's Bay. The views are just magnificent across False Bay to Table Mountain and the rest of the Cape Peninsula.

The tour was closed off with a dinner /dance and the theme being music - a great fun evening. Paul Falla in his Elvis outfit won second prize (ran a close first with the other Elvis outfit) and Alice Barber (also GRMC) won the ladies best dressed prize. That was not all, Brian and Sue Dowding won " the spirit of the tour" award. Well done to all.

Most of the success of these tours, of course is due to the cars and their owners. I found it a most enjoyable tour in all respects.

See photo's below





GRMC XMAS DINNER /DANCE AT THE SIMOLA HOTEL - NOV 29

The theme for this year's GRMC Xmas dinner / dance was "masks" in any form. What a great evening, enjoyed by the 66 GRMC and MG members who attended and what a great way to end off the year!! . Everybody embraced the theme and how wonderful to see the trouble that everybody went to --- many thanks for this. This year the evening was accompanied by a 4 -man live band - "Cloud 9 ". What a difference it made to the evening as all danced to the 60's music and enjoyed a fun filled evening. Simola Hotel also did not disappoint with the quality of the food and it was good value for the money. Avril Kaschula again did not disappoint us, kindly donating a bottle each of red and white wine per table.

It was extremely difficult to judge the couple with the best masks, as you were all winners. It was decided to give out three prizes to those couples judged to have the best masks. The two runner-up couples were Frans and Meg Gerber and Sue and Brian Dowding. The prizes were gift vouchers from Enrico and Fat Fish restaurants in Plett. The winning couple with their outstanding masks were Bunny and Jan Mentz - Lt. Col.Walter Aston- Bentley DSO, MG, GRMC (Rt.) and Lola Scagliatti!!! Ann Parker baked a beautiful Xmas cake and this was given to Bunny and Jan (I was also lucky to get a smaller version in return for my service to the club)

A personal thanks must again go to Sylvia Harvey for going to so much trouble in making the tables look so pretty. Also thank you to everybody for bringing a gift along for some needy folk who are not as fortunate as us over the festive period. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thank you to all who attended to make the evening such a success.

See the photo's below



Peter Pretorius



Bunny & Jan Mentz



Frans & Meg Gerber



Peter, Brian & Sue Dowding



Alistair & Libby Gibb & Ed & Jenni Parfett



Mike & Pam Stuart



Bernie & Lynne King



Peter & June Turner



Philipp Bechlars & Martina Holzl



Peter Pretorius & Heather Baker



Griffiths

Roger & Alea Fischer



Mike & Ann

Richie & Veronica Jute



CONCLUSION

A special thanks to Christine Finlay who quietly and so willing handles the Torque newsletter, communication with members and sorts out a multitude of requests/problems which crop up during the year. To Peter Hollis who looks after the GRMC website and the updates that arise during the year , many thanks for your effort. Lastly a thanks to the GRMC committee and members who have again contributed to another successful year for the club.

Finally, may I wish all of you a relaxed and enjoyable festive season, a very merry Xmas and may 2015 be a great year. Please drive safely and enjoy your family / friends over the festive period. I look forward to your participation in 2015 and let's make it another great year

Kind regards,

Peter

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

As we come to the end of 2014 and the last Torque for the year I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the newsletter. Without these contributions from members this newsletter would be most boring.

I would also like to thank Peter Pretorius, Duncan Miller and Peter Hollis for their help during the year. Peter Pretorius who is always willing to help with any questions I have from members if I cannot deal with them myself, Peter Hollis for maintaining our website and seeing that the newsletter is put onto our website every 3 months and Duncan for being my "go to" person if Peter Pretorius is on one of his many jaunts.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays spent with family and friends and I hope that 2015 will be a good one.

Happy and safe motoring.

Till next time.....

Christine

SAVVA Technical Tip 90 – Refurbishing Bakelite

Many cars from the late 1940's and into the 60's have Bakelite components; especially dashboard and window trim items. Unfortunately, over the years Bakelite takes on a dull unhappy appearance. The question is how do we refurbish it without damaging the original lustre (antique dealers call it patina).

I had this problem and was given the following advice from a restorer of early radios. You may recall radio cabinets from the 30's and early 40's were made of wood then from the 40's into the 50's were made of Bakelite. Bakelite was subsequently replaced by more modern plastic. Incidentally, Bakelite radios, telephones etc have become highly collectable. Bakelite is a brittle product and if broken extremely difficult, if not impossible to repair.

Here is what I was told to do – Firstly, clean all the old junk off by washing with a good solvent like Handy Andy. Then using water, lightly sand it down with a very fine water (flattening) paper. I used 1200 then 1800. Once the old dry powdery surface is removed, dry it and polish it with good old Nugget shoe polish. You may have to repeat the polishing

sequence a few times as the polish is initially absorbed into the Bakelite. Buff with a soft cloth and Walla a really nice original looking finish.



The \$383.00 Paint Job

The man told his wife he needed to paint his car and when he told her how much it would cost, she told him to “save his pennies”.

The \$383.00 Paint Job . . .

1949 Cadillac, completely covered with 38,295 pennies!

They were affixed one by one using Silicone. They added over 200 pounds to the vehicle's weight. The entire project took 6 weeks. The pennies are American, and include an 1817 "Big Cent", two Error Pennies, and four 1943 Steel pennies; (but who's counting?). And, it won't scratch.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Stuart and Sally Wedlake to the Garden Route Motor Club. We hope that when you are visiting South Africa from Australia you will come along and join in our events.

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Cliff Hewitt	3rd
Gordon Stewart	4th
Stuart Jones	7th
Bunny Mentz	8th
David Wright	10th
Graham MacDonald	11th
Mike Turner	13th
Ray Exton	18th
Angela Pope	20th
Bernd Rohloff	28th
Mike Wragg	28th

Wally Mears	29th
Ross Lawson	30th
Jean Mayhew	30th

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Jane Jones	6th
Lorna Lyons-Lewis	6th
Clare Miller	6th
Mike Griffiths	7th
Sylvia Harvey	9th
Pippa Jarman	10th
Bob Hopkins	11th
Kate Smart	13th
Laurie Smart	14th
Jan Mentz	14th
Dennis Dunlop	17th
Peter Pope	19th
Don Steenkamp	20th
Pierre Cronje	21st
Sheridan Renfield	23rd
Bernard King	21st
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