

Morris Matters

# Morris Minor Owners' Club Western Cape

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Welcome to all new members that subscribed so far this year. Also a heartfelt welcome to the new members on our Committee: Theo Smit as Treasurer, and Su Prins in the Membership Portfolio.

I am excited about the events lined up for the next quarter. Although the winter rains are almost here, we will have outings with our cars, as well as events in the newly restored Clubhouse. One of these events will be a Rocker Cover Race, either at Mark Harris' warehouse or at the Clubhouse. So, get your Racers in shape and if you have to make a new one, remember there are some guidelines to keep in mind, which we have outlined in this newsletter.

We received a handwritten note from Richard Laubscher, resigning as Technical Officer and Willie Bouwer is stepping into his shoes. The good news is that fact that Richard was able to write this letter by himself. Rehabilitation is slow but sure, and hopefully we will see Richard at events sooner rather than later. Richard, everyone is still praying for you and believe that you will be able to join your Morris family soon.

It was nice to see Cristina Jones again. She attended the braai on the 22nd March and we hope that we will be able to see her again before she leaves for the UK permanently. Lynne and Greg Smit are also emigrating - Lynne left the end of March and Greg will follow as soon as Lynne's mother's visa is issued. We are sad to lose them as they formed an integral part of the club and especially during the Rally. On the upside, Lynne will still be the editor of our magazine - thank goodness for technology! And that gets to the reason that this issue was delayed. Lynne apologises but all the logistics around her move meant that the magazine was put on the back burner for a while.


Although I cannot confirm any details yet, future events for the rest of the year include another Soup and Bingo event at the clubhouse, plus another lecture by Frikkie for the newbies and the girls. We are also going to have another Going Somewhere Slowly event which Ron will organize, and it is going to be a surprise for all of us.

When the weather is more favorable, we will have another picnic at Helderberg Nature Reserve, and also a drive to Stellenbosch Airfield for breakfast, combined with a demonstration/lecture about the aircrafts.

*Frikkie*



 Clubhouse: The Cape Multi Car Club, Jan Burger Sports Ground, Parow North

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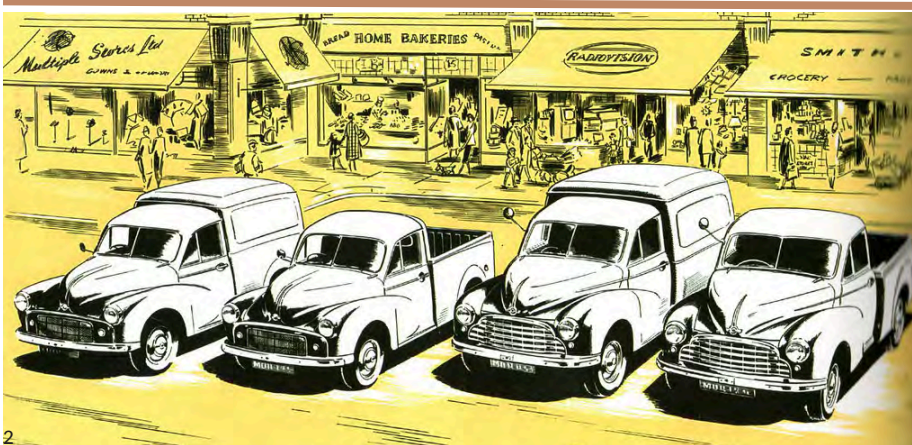
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# This is how you build a super-fast rocker cover racer



We're going to give you all the inside knowledge you need, but first we need to tell you that we have decided to amend a few of the rules.

Cars will be split into two classes: Standard class for cars using mass-produced wheels, i.e. wheels from a skateboard etc.

These wheels may not be modified in any way. The other class will be the Modified class. This is for cars with "homemade wheels". The maximum diameter for all wheels will be 100mm. Wheels made of metal must be fitted with rubber tires. Plastic/nylon wheels do not need tires. The only modification allowed to the valve cover, are holes or slots to accommodate the axles/wheels.

To make an RCR go fast, you need to understand what makes it go at all. Three factors make it go and many that make it slow.

The first "go" factor is GRAVITY which is the same for all cars.

The second factor is the MASS of the car. More mass means more speed, but the rules only allow 3kg.

The third factor is the HEIGHT above the floor. This is a constant as we all use the same ramp.

The three factors, when multiplied, give you the "POTENTIAL ENERGY" of your RCR when it is standing on the grid. Potential energy = MASS x HEIGHT

x GRAVITY = 3kg x 0.6M x 9.8N/kg = 17.64 Joule. It goes without saying, if your RCR has less potential energy on the grid than the one you are racing, your chance of winning is compromised.

Now for the action, when your RCR is released, it picks up speed, at the bottom of the ramp it reaches maximum speed and then its potential energy is ZERO, as the height above the floor is zero. The potential energy at the top of the ramp has been converted to KINETIC ENERGY at the bottom of the ramp. This kinetic energy propels the car along the straight part of the track until it is all used up and the car stops.

Let's look at the factors that could limit the maximum speed of your car.

The first that comes to mind is FRICTION. The wheel bearings should be as light and free as possible. Wheels should be aligned so that they all try to

move in the same direction at the same time. Wheels should be as light as possible.

A heavy wheel will use up more energy to get it moving and up to speed than a light wheel will. Wheels should be as big as allowed.

A big diameter wheel requires less energy to turn it, also a big diameter wheel will not need to spin as fast as a small wheel thereby limiting the effect of wheel bearing friction.

WE'RE  
PLANNING A  
ROCKER COVER  
RACING EVENT  
SOON. IS YOUR  
CAR READY?



## Club outings in the Western Cape are about *geselligheid*



What is the collective noun for a group of Morris Minors?

A moggy of Morrisises?

Maybe it is a mayhem of Morrisises, because whenever we organise an outing we are never completely sure who will turn up. Will they come in their Morrisises or will there be last minute breakdowns before they leave home? Will the entire group reach the destination, or will some get lost along the way? How many will break down on the way there or the way back?

We can't answer any of those questions but what we do know is that there will be lots of fun and laughter, which is why we think that the Afrikaans word *geselligheid* sums it up completely.

*Geselligheid* is a state of cosy conviviality. Its been described as a state of upbeat enthusiasm and enjoyment of each other's company - just like our outings!

If you haven't joined us on an outing yet, we'd love to see you on the next one.





## 2022 Rally news

The rally will be held in Graaff-Reinet from Sunday 13th – Thursday 17th March 2022. It will take place at the Profcon Resort in the centre of Graaff-Reinet.

When searching for a suitable venue the committee decided that cost was a priority to get members to attend. The people of Graaff-Reinet have gone out of their way to accommodate us and we have found that for most clubs the cutting down of 550 km off their trip will make a huge difference in time and cost for most members.

The accommodation consists of one, two and three bedroomed cottages which have secure parking. All have air conditioners and DSTV. They are all together in a block in the centre of the town. There is a swimming pool and most of the events will take place in this complex. There are bar facilities, and the cottages are self-catering. <http://www.profconresort.co.za>

The Rally organising committee will have the sole discretion in the allocations of the different units. The cost per delegate is R3350.00 (sharing accommodation) or R4380.00 (single accommodation) The cost includes: accommodation, all meals at the venue, as well as lunches on the outings, entertainment, goodie bags, prizes, and a rally shirt.

- Closing date for entries is 30 August 2021.
- 50% Deposit by the 30 August 2021.
- Final Payment by the 31 December 2021.
- Please note that the delegates must be fully paid-up members of their respective clubs.

### Bank Details

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REFERENCE: YOUR NAME ..... MMOC

BRANCH..... RALLY 2022



**This bright and shiny spot is the newly revamped Multi-Car Clubhouse, We are really excited about our 'new' home and can't wait to show you all the changes that have been made when we hold our first meeting since the renovation. It is not long to wait... Join us on June 20 for a bring and braai.**

**See you there!**



## The Morris that moved to Oz



Longstanding club members will remember Jane and Graham Ross who left us in June 2018 and moved to Australia to be with their children and grand children. When they left Stellenbosch, the first items to be packed in the container were their two 1960 Morris Minors - a 4 door sedan and a Woody. Their VW Combi followed in 2020. There is an interesting story attached to the MG. It was bequeathed to Graham by a Ms Mirka Urbanc from Prince Albert, and shipped to its new home in Brisbane in October 2019.

## The little lilac car that marked a Minor million Morris



In 1960, when the Morris Minor had been in production for around 12 years, it was clear that the car would reach the 1 000 000 vehicle milestone in late 1960 - a first for a British vehicle. It was clear that something had to be done to celebrate, and as a result of a well-lubricated lunch - known in the factory as 'management by agreeable luncheon' - together with some difficulty with imperfect paint colours at the time, lilac was chosen.

[Click here to read](#) the great story of how one of the coveted 350 Morris Minor Million cars was found in a scrapheap and, at least partially, rescued.



**REGALIA**



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MAGNETIC STICKERS	R40
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## June

- 4 Dien Riggs
- 14 Sandy Gush
- 15 Riette du Toit
- 18 John Scott
- 18 Richard Laubscher
- 19 Alastair van Huyssteen
- 21 Johan Bruce
- 21 Danie Wagener
- 24 Craig Buchanan
- 26 Mitford Roberts

## July

- 3 Izak Beukes
- 5 Llewellyn Buckley
- 6 Su Prins
- 6 Patsy Buckley
- 11 Annerene Harris
- 19 Danie Bothma
- 24 Alida van Eeden
- 25 Frikkie Muller
- 25 Sue Tissington
- 30 Sharon Clark

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### Club fees

Full member	R300	New applicants must pay a registration fee of R50.
Full member + partner	R350	
Senior citizens (+65)	R250	Membership Badge included.
Senior citizen + partner	R300	Final payment is due by the end of March each year. A re-joining fee applies after this date.
Under 25's	R200	No cheque payments are accepted.
Country members (>100km from Cape Town)	R210	EFT to:
Members living outside SA	R210	Morris Minor Owners Club
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