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My laptop screen developed a crack and became unusable. Luckily I was able to retrieve the information by plugging in my PC screen, so all was not lost! I decided to go for the free offer and load Windows 10 which has been well received by all those I spoke to. There are some learning curves but one soon adapts. I still have to work out how to turn this newsletter into a pdf document before sending out.

HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A MERRY NEW YEAR.



THE CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF

Dear Morris friends,

It is that time of the year already! Not long to go for 2016. As we get older time seems to be getting shorter. That is more the reason for getting involved with the Club, posting articles and photos in the magazine or our facebook page, attending the numerous events, getting to know each other better and enjoying this Morris friendship. We are privileged.

This time, the "end of the year function" will be held at the Westlake Golf Club. Most of you will remember the previous years when we had such a superb lunch in a splendid setting so there is no excuse for not attending this year. I hope to see you all there (more details in the Events List).

Last Saturday lots of us attended the Karoo Cultural Festival at Prince Alfred Hamlet organized by Annalie Wesson. What a treat! Definitely is gaining popularity as there were more cars exhibited, a greater variety of food stalls and a larger public attendance than last year. Looking forward to the next one!

A very warm welcome to our new members: Stephen & Alina Warner, Nico & Schalk Wolmarans and Sydney & Daphne Young. May they enjoy many happy Morris moments.

The Committee of the Morris Minor Owners Club Western Cape wish all our members a Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming Year.

Cheers,



Malcolm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Phone Frikkie if you need more details of any event.

15 November – Boot Sale at the clubhouse in collaboration with the Early Ford Car club. Gates will open at 8.00. Tea, coffee and eats and maybe hotdogs. Book a table with Paul Hoffman, 073 787 5284. Watch your e-mails for final details.

6 December– End of the year function. R165 each. Bookings must be confirmed with Frikkie.

24 - 28 April 2016 - Maselspoort, Bloemfontein

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BIRTHDAY LIST

| NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | |
|---------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Frans Visagie | 6 | Dylan Birkett | 4 |
| Tony Harrison | 9 | Gawie Hugo | 5 |
| Ohna Visagie | 10 | Claire Hoffman | 6 |
| Jane Ross | 12 | Melanie Buchanan | 7 |
| Paul Hoffman | 12 | Mark Harris | 10 |
| Peter Leatt | 21 | Jasper M. Hoon | 17 |
| Coetzee Burger | 24 | Amanda Bruce | 18 |
| Pierre Olivier | 24 | John Carne | 20 |
| Helmine Derksen | 27 | | |
| Samantha Le Grange | 27 | | |
| Mariette Terblanche | 28 | | |
| May Muzic | 30 | | |




The Chairman and members of the Club extend their condolences to Peter Albert on the passing of Colleen. We well remember her participation at various Club events in the past. May her soul Rest in Peace.

We received very sad news that Petr Muzik(ova) (the Legend) passed away peacefully on Friday, 23 October 2015. Our sincere condolences go out to the family.

Tony Harrison, Mike Farella and Peter Alberts represented the club at the service.

RECENT EVENTS

THE AMAZING RACE 20 September 2015 Gerda Muller

BRITISH CAR RUN



The British 5 Car Run takes place every year in 20th September. Each of the 5 car clubs get a turn to organize The event and this year was our turn. We discussed this during a committee meeting and at the request of Richard and Bertha Laubscher, who were not able to attend the first one, it was unanimously decided to have another Amazing Race, as the previous one, held on the 18th August 2013 for only MMOC members, and was very popular.



Frikkie and I immediately went to work, planning the route, getting sponsors. Bearing in mind that nobody, not even the committee, was supposed to know anything, we had to incorporate help from outside the

club. Needless to say, it was a huge undertaking with a lot of obstacles, but one by one, we eliminated them. We did the route three times, changed some clues and questions. Friends of ours went with us the second time, to have lunch at De MalleMeul to “sample” the food, as we knew the price could be regarded as an obstacle. To our minds, the food was worth every penny, not even the fussiest eater could complain. Cristina mentioned that for her, as a

vegetarian, there were so many different veggies to choose from. For the not so fussy eater, there was even tripe! Of course for Frikkie, the dessert table clinched the deal!

I sent out invitation to all the clubs and had to keep reminding them that we needed the final figures to book for lunch. The place is packed to the rafters every Sunday, and there was no way we could just pitch up. As usual, in the end, Frikkie had to call everyone to get the numbers, which, of course, can be very annoying, not to mention costly.

The Saturday before the race, we had to do the trip again, to make sure that all the participants and help were ready for action. Frikkie had some Union Jack flags made at school to be displayed en route, but that turned out to be futile, because Mitford warned us that they would get stolen.

Early on the Sunday morning, my friend Madelein Venter and I drove off to fasten these Union Jack flags to various objects, only to find that the first participants were already past these points!!! Then the race really began for me, because I tried to outrun the forerunners, but alas, they won fair and square. When we got to Philadelphia, a whole bunch of cars were already there and I started to explain, but fortunately, everyone was so supportive and felt good about the whole race.

As I didn't take part in the race itself, I cannot comment on how it was to participate, but as the cars arrived and Madelein started calculating the scores, we ran into the next obstacle.... most of the people got all the answers right.... and here was I, thinking it was too difficult. But, like we say in Afrikaans, "n Boer maak 'n Plan"! Chris Nel from the MG Club, being first to arrive plus having most of the answers right, thus being the all over winner, won the shield and a bottle of KWV brandy.

Rudy Schats was the only participant from the Jaguar Club, and so was Johann Jooste from Sunbeam Club - both of them won prizes. Danie Barkhuizen from the Triumph Club and Claude André from the Rover club won for their clubs, and from the MMOC, Gerhard Robbertze, our esteemed Treasurer held our name high. In the draw Malcolm Jones, Rudy Schats and Neil Adendorff each won a prize.

Rudy Schats.





A wonderful surprise was Lord Richard Gwynne-Evans who came with Tony and Mike – even more surprising, as it was his birthday! What a nice way to spend your birthday! Ronan Sanderson, from the Triumph Club, didn't tell his wife about the lunch and surprised her and their son with a nice meal. Graham Ross brought friends, Peter and Trudy Hargreaves, who,

(Do I see Frikkies Vaaljapie in the background? Ed)

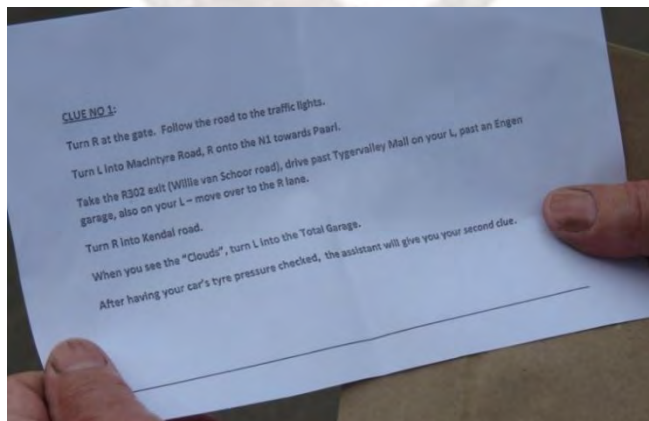
whilst living in the UK, had a Morris, and apparently are interested in acquiring one again and will be returning soon. I can assure everyone who participated in any way or form that our



hard work paid off, and the day was a huge success. Needless to say, that evening Frikkie and I were exhausted – almost impossible to believe how tiring organizing something like this event is.

I want to thank everyone who participated, everyone who helped in any way, Autozone in Bellville, who sponsored most of the prizes, Elsabé and Hennie Heydenrych, for the bottle of

KWV, Gerhard and Christa Robbertze for all the other prizes, and Mitford for supplying the goody bags at the first stop. Thank you even those who encouraged us when we were feeling despondent – we really do appreciate it.



Is Bobbie looking confused or.....



Claude Andre

Danie Barkhuizen

Johan Jooste





Gerhard



Malcolm



Neil

Thank you Sandy for all the end of event and awards pictures.

**My Grandfather Is Eighty: And Still Doesn't Need Glasses...
He Drinks Straight Out Of The Bottle.**

Woensdagaand 23 Sept 2015 is die motors soos gewoonlik nagegaan om seker te maak dat alles in werkende toestand is en is die 'goody bags' uitgedeel. Dit het alles glad verloop, want



dit is immers die vierde keer dat die Erfnistoer gehou word dus is die beamptes en Tilly al ge-oefen in hul taak. Die 'goody bag' was weer eens 'n Wenner!! Ek het net soos tevore gevoel dat dit darem 'n Groot geskenk is. Baie baie Dankie. Al die deelnemers is dit eens dat die groot swart

reisigerssak darem 'n duursame handige item is om te ontvang. Boonop was dit gevul met die lekkerste eetgoed & koeldrank, die brandblusser, motorwasgoed en lig is 'n baie baie waardevolle geskenk wat almal baie waardeer. Ook het elke deelnemer 'n duursame moulose baadjie gekry. Ons kon nie vir meer gevra het nie! Liquorland se vorige baadjies word natuurlik nog altyd gedra en kry hulle baie beslis die nodige advertensie.

Ons groepie het die 24e vroeg reeds op die parkeerterrein voor die Wimpy in Yorkstraat bymekaar gekom vir 'n koffie en muffin. Dat ek nie tee kon kry nie was nogals baie vreemd inderdaad, maar mev Hoepfner se gebak het opgemaak daarvoor. Dit was puik. Die deelnemers het rustig vertrek na die Kontrei Kombuis by Louterwater in die Langkloof. Die personeel en diens was baie goed. Ons het die lekkerste gevulde roosterkoeke & vetkoeke met tee gekry. Die appels was kraakvars. Die sonnetjie het so lekker geskyn en dit maak jou mos vaak - baie sterk tee het gehelp dat die Langkloof se mooiheid nie by my verby gaan nie.

By Kareedouw se Mall het Jan du Randt reggestaan met 'n groot gasbraaier wat lekker prakties was om 'n worsie op te braai. Dit het goed gewerk. Weer eens het ons ge-eet alhoewel ons nie honger was nie, almal het rondgesit en gesels. Van hier het ons vertrek na die Seashell Hotel in Jeffreysbaai waar ons sou oornag. Ons moes woonstelle deel. Vir my was dit lekker om te deel met Pierre Conradie, Maritz, George Marx en Mariette. Hulle kon lekker onderhoudend gesels

en is regte 'sout van die aarde' soort mense. Richard en Pierre het dit geniet om langs die see te gaan stap. Die restaurant het puik kos voorgesit en tydens aandete het 'n jongman ons kom vertel van sy poging om geld in te samel vir mense wat nie kunsledemate kan bekostig nie. Toe hy 13 jaar oud was, het hy sy been verloor met 'n bossiekapper. Sy lewe was baie moeilik sonder 'n kunsbeen, maar nou het sy lewe verander. Met sy twee vriende het hulle 'n jaar opsygesit om deur die land te stap om geld te in. Ons groep het mildelik bygedra en ek glo dat hy in sy doel sal slaag omdat hy so positief is.

Vrydagoggend het die groep stuk-stuk vertrek na Uitenhage se VW museum. Na ontbyt het die stryd weer begin om die luukse Packard aan die loop te kry. Dit was baie duidelik dat die kar nie versorg was nie. Richard en Pierre Conradie het alles in hul vermoë probeer en ten einde laas is dit 'ge-jump start'. So ongeveer 10.30vm het ons darem in die pad geval. Jannie Stander het ook probleme met sy motor se wiel gehad en hy moes self planmaak om n noodvoertuig uit te laat kom. Die program vir die dag was om die VW museum te besoek asook die Addo Olifantpark. Teen die tyd dat ons die museum bereik het, was die groep al weg. Weereens was dit 'n geval van die Packard wat 'n Dr dringend nodig het. Die kort en die lank van die dag was dat ek my as af gesit en wag het en toe nie die olifantpark gesien het nie. Wat 'n teleurstelling was dit nie. Humeure het lekker vlam gevat die dag. Die wonderlike mooi Packard was voorwaar 'n groot groen drol in die drinkwater.

Saterdag het die groep vertrek vanaf die Commadore naby Addo na Steydtlerville. By Kirkwood was dit 'n geskarrel vir petrol. Die ou dorpie het darem waarlik 'n vrou se hand dringend nodig. Ai tog! Op pad het 'n paar lede afgedraai na die Wolwefontein hotel - dit was baie aangenaam. Die eenaar en sy vrou het vars gebakte muffins en brood voorgesit met tee. Hulle is besig om die ou gebou te restoureer, ons het na die reggemaakte kamers gaan kyk. Die mense was baie gasvry.

Steydtlerville is 'n pragtige ou dorpie. Die middelman in die hoofstraat is versier met familie wapens en bougainvillas Dit skep 'n netjiese indruk. Buite die dorp is ou vlae teen die rotswande geverf. Dit was lekker om straat af te stap en net die dorp te geniet. Ons het tuisgegaan by die Royal Hotel. Die aandete was gekookte kos uit die boonste rakke. Ons het ook 'n privaat koffie winkel+museum besoek. Die plekkie was beslis 'n besoek werd. Die skilder Johan Trollip is gevestig in die dorp - sy skilderye was in die hotel opgehang. Ook het ons AG Visser se huis gesien.

Die afsluiting van die toer was dan soos gewoonlik 'n 'fancy dress party' - vanjaar was die tema Sport. Mev Smidt het pragtig gedans. Elke bestuurder het weer 'n R500 kontant bydrae vir petrol gekry en die dames 'n 'pepper spray' en noodreinjassie. Die reelingskomitee kan verseker wees dat ons dit opreg waardeer.

Die motor van Jan du Randt, Mike Alexander en die Packard is verkies as die gewildste motors.



Die ster van die toer was dan beslis Sydney Young. Hy het Sondagaand eers 9.40nm tuisgekom doodmoeg met 'n stukkende bril. Die Packard het steeks gebly. Ek wed jou daardie kar is 'n vroulike kar want dit is net 'n vrou wat so sal 'retaliate' as jy haar so afskeep! Op die ou-end het die bedrading

dan ook uitgebrand en moes die yster massa op die ou sleepwaentjie. Ek hoop regtig dat die man na waarde geskat was.



My opregte dank aan die borge: SuidKaap Oumotor Klub, Liquorland, Jannie Barnard, Kobus Halliday, Daan Botha, JP Spares, Exite Computers, Letca Vervoer, Gerhard Barnard ens ens. So ook aan die organiseerders.

Om die Erfenistoer mee te maak is 'n Voorreg.

Thanks Richard for the pictures. The one above I don't know? Lekker toer!

Everything will be OK in THE END!

If it is not OK, it is not THE END!

Firstly I need to say thanks to Frikkie for having arranged this outing on such a beautiful Spring Day .

There were eleven Morris'es who left from the Engen Garage on the N1, aided and abetted by Willie Bouwer who brought a bit of character to the occasion by driving his special Moggie.



It was an ideal run for the old cars and everything went well until we had got to about the half-way mark when all traffic was stopped because a pedestrian had apparently been hit by a car. There was no indication of how seriously the person had been hurt. This stop allowed us the opportunity of meeting up with the other classic car clubs that ventured out to make the trip through Ceres. Anyway after about a 30 minutes delay we were all allowed to proceed.

A short while later, the Gushes followed Richard and Bertha to Tulbagh to call on Sydney Young, to inspect a four-door Morris that he had acquired. Richard needed to establish what immediate aspects needed attention. He was most appreciative of Richard's input and there is a distinct possibility that he will want to join the Club as soon as the car is up and running.



Of course we had gone to Prince Alfred Hamlet to celebrate with the friendly folk from that part of the world and enjoy the annual Karoo Festival. Any member who reads this article but was not on the trip should consider taking steps which will ensure that you do not miss out on this outing in 2016.

There were lots of stalls for the ladies to shop at, various team games, like the 3 legged race which some of the Morris Club members were keen to participate in. Not sure if it was just a threat or reality. We will have to check with Ron and Sharon. Much fun was had by those who participated in the "Tug of War" game, though my only regret was that the lady who previously provided a stall which offered Railway Coffee with condensed milk was not there but we did enjoy the live music from a talented duo called Bottomless Coffee.....



To our gracious host, Annelie Wesson, thank you for all your hard work with the organising of the event and inviting us to join in the festivities again this year.

HAKSKEENPAN - THE BLOODHOUND PROJECT

This picture in a local magazine and the hype developing around Haskeenpan with the Bloodhound Project and the challenge to attain 1000 mph, I think will gather momentum now. Pun intended! 1000mph = 1 mile in 3.6secs or 1 km in 2.5secs. Somerset West to Stellenbosch in under a minute but only on a straight road!!

In 1929 (not then Sir) Malcolm Campbell attempted to break the record at Verneukpan. It was called off when the specialized tyres were shredding too much.

Bloodhound will use solid aluminium alloy wheels with huge technology going into them.



Frikkie Viljoen's rat rod with Ford Winsor V8 on the pan earlier this year.

Must be the hottest Minor looking mod! ONLY 100 MPH??

The magazine involved with the picture were contacted for permission to publish the photograph but did not reply.

So I assume this is too small fry and not worth their time.

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Nice row of Morris Minors

Parel Vallei High School Matric Farewell at Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West.

Quite an experience! Lots of Classics even a motor bike with side car in front of me, driven by the son and Dad drove it away after the arrival reception at the entrance.

45 seconds window to drop off, take the pictures, and get out of the way with the klaxon going, which had a good reception from the audience.



The editor disguised as a chauffeur