



Volume 31 & 32

We have endeavoured to combined all the news, events and adverts since the previous newsletter, please accept this as volume 31 and 32 then we are up to date till the end of June. I will temporarily fulfil this function until our regular editor John Watts is back. Lets pray together that John's wife Joy will have a speedy recovery. Please forward all possible articles, adverts ECT, to Gerda for publication.

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MORRIS MATTERS

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Chairman's brief

Dear friends,

This is our second "Morris Matters" of 2016. We have had a bit of a delay but Neil Adendorff will take charge of editing our magazine for the time being.

We have been quite active since then. We had a successful Morris attendance at Timour Hall, the classic car and motorbike show in Plumstead, one of our members' favourites for January.

Some of us went to the George Car Show in February, another classic exhibition of old cars, bikes, tractors and all sorts of vehicles. Never disappoints. The drive to and from George went smoothly without any mechanical problem.

The brunch at Burger Fair also in February was a winner. Plenty of good food followed by a drive and ice cream at Melkbosstrand which everybody enjoyed.

In March we had our AGM with a good attendance and great camaraderie as always. Unfortunately I could not be present due to health problems but Mitford Roberts rose to the occasion and conducted the meeting effectively.

Quite number of our members went to the Bloemfontein Rally in April. In this volume there is a more comprehensive article regarding this rally.

In May we gathered at the Clubhouse for a bring and braai, another winner among our members. We have had a few changes in our Committee. Bertha left Regalia, which is now being run by Mitford. Frikkie moved to Vice-Chairman leaving Events Portfolio to Neil Adendorff and Charl Cilliers. We welcome Neil and Charl and say good bye to Bertha. Sorry to see her leaving. And I mentioned above Neil will be our temporary editor.

Articles and photos for "Morris Matters" are welcome. Remember that it is you (the members) who made the Club with your input.

Cheers to all.

See you at our next event.

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Past and Forthcoming Events



24 – 28 April:
15 May:
26 June:
17 July:
6 November:

Maselspoort, Bloemfontein
Braai at clubhouse
Stellenbosch airfields
Clubhouse/Suggestions
Vintage Car show at Killarney

birthday list



APRIL

Cristina Jones	4
Ryk Melck	7
Alan Bradley	10
Mila Bouwer	12
Santina Harrison	13
Michael Morris	14
Pat Birkett	16
Craig Buchanan	24

MAY

Daphne Young	2
Stephen Leibbrandt	6
Sarel Barnardo	10
Mike Farella	12
Anita Wright	25

JUNE

Gary van der Westhuizen	3
Dien Riggs	4
Norman Penfold	5
Lorna van der Westhuizen	13
Sandy Gush	14
Richard Laubscher	18
Helmine Claassen	19
Johan Bruce	21
Craig Buchanan	24

Happy
birthday!

TIMOUR HALL

Sunday 24 January 2016

As usual with this yearly event, Sunday the 24th January was well organized and because Frikkie had to do the booking, he made sure that we had dibs on our usual spot under the trees. We share this spot with the Mustang club, which is not a problem... because both the Morris and the Mustangs are chick magnets... to our male members' delight.

Frikkie and I were first to arrive, to make sure that everyone receives their armbands, but Claire and Paul Hoffman were way ahead of us and were at the gate to welcome us. Ten Morris, one Moke and one Metropolitan Nash made their way to "our" spot, to be parked under the watchful eye of Frikkie. Out came the coffee and sandwiches... waiting for the day to start in all earnest.

In the years we have attended Timour Hall, we never realized how the trees under which we always park, grew. This time the branches were too low for the gazebo's to fit under. Malcolm and Frikkie had their work cut out for them to make sure everyone had a bit of shade, whilst still waiting for Tony to arrive with the club's gazebo, but alas, that was not to happen. For the first time in 30 years, Tony had a breakdown with the Morris - his petrol pump just gave up a-pumping! So for the Harrison's and Farella's not to be present, made all of us feeling something was amiss.

With the men and doing the rounds to check up on other cars and clubs, and Bertha and Cristina off to buy some books, myself, Lynne and Yvonne were having a ball making a study of the passers-by, with running commentary, of course!

We had our usual "drop-by's" – people wanting to know more about the Morris, people wanting to catch up with old friends, people having their pictures taken with the Morris, ex-Morris owners, prospective Morris owners – things that make a gathering like this worth your while.

All in all, another great day at Timour Hall.





BREAKFAST AT BURGER FAIR ROADHOUSE, BELLVILLE

21 February 2016

At one of the Committee meetings, Mitford Roberts came up with this brilliant idea to take our Morris for a late breakfast/early lunch to one of the last drive-in restaurants in South Africa. I think people familiar with Burger Fair Roadhouse, will agree with me that it still looks the same as when it started in the early 80's. If you haven't been to Burger Fair yet, then you are truly missing out on an exceptional experience. The famous South African rapper, Jack Parow, brought Burger Fair back into the limelight with his music video for "Cooler as Ekke" and now customers head to the spot in the droves whenever they feel like a retro burger and milkshake fix. The best thing about visiting Burger Fair has got to be that they still serve your food in an old-school food tray attached to your car window! The portion sizes are generous and the prices are good, and the service excellent. Diners can choose from breakfasts to a wide range of burgers, sandwiches and shakes, not to mention their calamari and chicken and chips. Their ice-cream cones were our favourite when we were kids.

Sunday morning 21 February, the Morris Club with 14 Morris, 1 Isabella Borgward, 1 Mini and 1 Chev El Camino pick up, invaded Burger Fair. Other patrons with their plastic cars quickly realized that they should rather move their cars out of the way, because the MMOC was representing! Passers-by stopped to take photos with the cars – I think the owner of the Burger Fair was smiling all the way to the bank.

Our Morris owners, being a little finicky about damage to their cars, decided to rather use the undercover area to have their brekkie, instead of the food tray attachment. After everyone had their fill, we decided to take a road trip to Melkbos where we had the most **delicious ice cream**.

It was such a beautiful, clear and windless day, that being at the seaside was the icing on top of a wonderful day.

Gerda Muller



BRAAI AT CLUBHOUSE

Sunday, 15 May 2016

This was the first event that our two new Events Coordinators, Charl Cilliers and Neil Adendorff, had to organize and Frikkie was grinning from ear to ear..... to be able to sit back and enjoy and let someone else sweat it out. Not knowing how many people to prepare for, not knowing how much firewood to buy, not knowing how the alarm works ...and in the end to find out the alarm wasn't even set!!!! Our two newbies did an amazing job and it was one of the best turnouts of the year so far!

Having been in cahoots with the previous Events Coordinator (hubby, of course) I know exactly how much effort goes into organizing an event. A braai at the clubhouse is easy,

but to cater for everyone's needs and tastes and pockets when you go out on a drive and to find the perfect place to have a cheap, but tasty meal, is really not easy. If something goes wrong (here I'm not talking about a Morris breaking down – that's the fun part!) but like the food or lack of good parking or even the weather, you get your dissatisfied customers and if you are a people's pleaser, you really take it hard. To make matters worse, our newbies don't have wives who can kick their bee-hinds when they forget things. Usually the ladies on the committee organize the cups/mugs, do the dishes, and make sure that there are enough

toilet paper and dishwashing liquid and clean towels and cloths. With Bertha, who resigned, it was up to Cristina and I to add the feminine touch but alas, it wasn't meant to be. Cristina was in bed with a tummy bug and I had an arthroscopy of the knee 4 days before the braai. Fortunately both our events people brought their lady friends with and in no time everything was organized, down to sweets on the tables!!

Neil handed out numbers for a lucky draw, which Malcolm Jones, our esteemed chairman and Peter Gerstner won.



The cherry on top was when Neil got his flat screen TV out of the car and started showing recordings of his 60th birthday party in Muizenberg, as well as an excellent version of the Bloemfontein Rally, filmed and edited by none other than our former Treasurer's wife, Sandy Gush, complete with Golden Oldies music on in the background. The whole contingent, who went to the rally, was very excited about the excellent way the Bloemfontein Club organized the rally and how much they enjoyed it.

Something to consider, guys.....



We are looking forward to our next event... by then the newbies would have graduated into being full-fledged Events Coordinators good job guys! You passed with flying colours!!!!

Gerda Muller



EN-ROUTE BLOEMFONTEIN NATIONAL RALLY 2016

The Morris Minor Express

We started the journey Saturday 23rd April at the Engen Garage on the N1. Lead by Richard we prayed for a save trip to Bloemfontein. We revved our engines at 06:00 in the rain and left for Worcester through the Du Toits Kloof tunnel with Tony our lead man, the five Morris's and two plastic cars of Norman and Andrew as our wingman's.

In Worcester we took our first comfy break and filled the petrol tanks to the brim. The Last of LRP gas until we return. Then on our way to Laingsburg for Breakfast and the long haul to Three sisters were we enjoyed lunch and a short break. Our Mafia Boss is tough man and like most Italian's drive like hell (Fast) you either keep up or you are left behind.

We left for Colesberg and arrived just before 17:00. We met up with Johan & Amanda Bruce.



Now we were six Morris's. We were well entertained we were in Colesberg and after a fine dinner, a good night rest and breakfast, we were ready for the last stage to Bloemfontein.

The lead man eased a bit on the accelerator so we had a relaxed drive into Bloem on Sunday the 24th April and arrive at one of the Shell Ultra Cities to fill our Morris's and human tanks. We said goodbye to Andrew and Norman who each went their separate ways to visit family and friends.

We then proceed to Maselspoort our Rally home for the next few days. After registration we booked into our little homes and were surprised with the context of our goodie bags etc etc. The venue, the food, the outings the organization – The everything was excellent – We went on riverboat rides, we went star gazing (I personally think this was the highlight of the Rally). Our Morris's was displayed at the Mimosa Mall, we went the Naval hill and the Mandela statue and "die Vroue Monument" Elvis was at our Fancy Dress Ball, and we were entertained to real-time Rocket car racing.



The closing ceremony was very special and our team walked away with a number of prizes a few won lucky numbers cannot remember whom won what, but Johan & Amanda were the best dancing couple, Yvonne the best women Rock & roller and Tony the best men's Rock& roller and Mike won a special prize of filmmaker of the Rally. Saying goodbye was with mixed feelings as we were sad to leave behind these joyous few days, but we were happy for the new friends that we met.

Special congratulations to the Bloemfontein team for the well planned Rally. I personally think it will take some planning the beat them at this – From all of us WELL DONE!

The trip back was also without any technical glitch. No one even had a flat wheel. The Morris Minor's ran so well because their owners care so well. We stop over in Beaufort West before stating the last stage for a final stop in Worcester – The team, through Richard, thank the Lord for a save journey back. A special thanks were giving to our Lead man Tony for his leadership on the trip. We then all went our separate ways home.

Neil Adendorff





VILLAGE PEOPLE

Being on the Pinewood Village Voice teams means that you get the opportunity to sit down with people whom you might not have seen and even greeted for years, but have never really got to know at all. For me Norman Penfold is such a person; a quite but kind, content man, who lives down at southern end of Mangolia for nearly 21 years.

Norman, an only child was born in Pretoria, in Robert's Heights as it was known then, because his father was a Captain in the Airforce.

Before he reached school-going age, his parents move to Cape Town, Pinelands. Norman did his schooling at Marits Brothers in Rondebosch. It was a school for boys only then, of course and they were taught by Brothers. Though he was not much of a sportsman, he enjoyed watching sport, as he still does, and loves music, both Classical music and Jazz. At one stage he played the organ and for many years did ballroom dancing, traveling all the way to Sea Point where his group of dancers lived. Occasionally he still goes to Fish Hoek to dance with a group of dancers there, but it is a long way and he's not keen on traveling at night anymore.

After school Norman went to work for the Post Office, where he remained for 41 years. At first he would cycle from Pinelands to Claremont to work, until his grandmother bought him a motorbike. Neither are a really good means of transport in the wind and rain, of course, and at twenty he bought his first car, a Morris Minor with a split screen. He later discovered that it had belonged to his previous boss he has no idea why it had been sold because there were only 19 000 km on the odometer. He still has a photo of the car, framed and in a prime place on a dresser. With this little car began the love of a life time for him.

Norman continued to live in his parents' home for a long time in order to be able to help care for his mother who was not well, finally being confined to a wheel chair. When his father per-deceased her, Norman had to move her to a frail care in a retirement facility in Milnerton. He remained in the large home in Liddesdale for another four of five years until, in March 1995, he moved into the cottage in the Village where he now lives.

At the time of his move to the village, Norman no longer owned a Morris Minor but here he met Andrew Riggs, another Morris Minor enthusiast, who told him that he could belong to the Morris Minor Club even if he did not own one himself.

Joining the club opened a new world for him. He met many liked-minded enthusiasts and in 2007 he eventually managed to find a 1960 model to buy. He has been on Rallies as far as George and Bloemfontein in it and goes regular to meetings at the Club House in Parow. Parts for the old car are becoming increasingly difficult to acquire, so traveling far afield alone isn't a good idea. At the time I interviewed him, he was about to set out to a gathering of Morris Minors in George. He would be driving in a convoy with other Morris Minor enthusiast and their cars, though, not alone.

Norman likes long trips. He has a cousin living in Bloemfontein and drives up to see her and her fairy at least twice a year in his Hyundai i20, at first doing the distance at one stretch, but nowadays breaking the trip at Beaufort West. I grew up in the Transvaal and my mother's parents live in Sedgefield. Every year we would drive down to spend a holiday there. My dad loved those long drives, preferably at night under the full moon, so I understand Norman's love of traveling though the wide open spaces of the Free State and Karroo. We have a beautiful country and the long roads of the interior are so often missed by tourists. They have a charm of their own which those who are always in a hurry do not get to love. We wish Norman many happy hours of driving still ahead!

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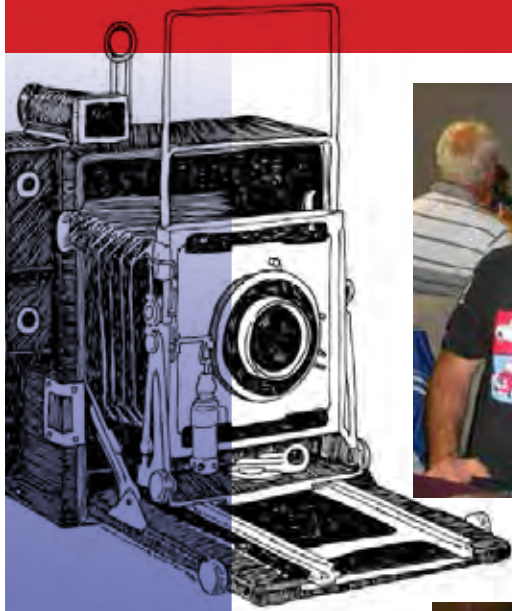
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