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EDITORIAL by Cristina Jones



We had a good start of the year with three famous and exciting events in the past two months: Timour Hall Classic Car and Bike Show in Plumstead, George Car Show and the AGM. All very successful and well attended. You will find comments and photographs on them below. We need ideas, suggestions, sponsors and hands to help the Committee with the big task of organizing the National Rally which will take place here in Cape Town in 2020. It will be our moment to shine, as we did in 2010.

Following the National trend of "Cabinet reshuffle" we had also had some changes in our Committee. First of all, Congratulations to our new Treasurer Ian Pretorius. Sandy and Donata have been promoted from co-opted members to now official members in charge of Hospitality and Events, respectively. Good luck and all the best!

As a bonus and as a finishing touch I've included at the end of the magazine a photo gallery from Martin Parr, renown British photographer, entitled: "Abandoned Morris Minors of the West of Ireland", exquisite black and white photos of old Morris Minors.

HAPPY EASTER to all our members and their families!!!

Articles, photos and suggestions are welcomed (crisota@netactive.co.za / 083 522 8881)

ADVERTISING IN MAGAZINE			
Full page	R 1,200 per year	Two lines plus photos once off	R 100
Half page	R 600 per year	Two lines once off	R 50

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

I am very proud and satisfied with the growth that the club has shown in 2017. We welcomed app. 17 new members, of which quite a few are young. This is what every vintage car club needs – young blood to keep our babies going.

We started off the year, as usual, with Timour Hall, which is always a very enjoyable event. This is one event that one should never miss.

George Classic Car Show had a British theme this year. It was nice, after all these years of attending this show, to meet up with old (and new) friends from other clubs as well.

A report back on the monthly Multicar Club meeting:

The Treasurer, Bob Corbett, was still unable to give us any feedback from the Killarney Car Show about the amount of money due to our club. In future, they plan to make the stalls more popular by launching a competition for the best stand. They are hoping to attract more people that way.

Roger Robeck, from the Jaguar Club, is trying to get all the British cars into joining a Combined British Car Club. Personally, I don't think it's a good idea, because we want to keep our individuality. Most of the other clubs feel the same. However, he came up with a very good idea, by planning a car boot sale/swap meet every month. This will be held under the roof of the car pits at Killarney. -----



At our Annual General Meeting, Ian Pretorius was elected as the new Treasurer and Charl Cilliers announced via email, that he won't be able to fulfil his duties as Events Coordinator in future, due to very demanding studies. The rest of the committee will take the responsibility of planning events, whilst Donata van der Merwe is still willing to help with the admin of the portfolio. Sandy Gush, previously co-opted onto the committee, is now a full-fledged committee member in the portfolio of Hospitality.

2018 is a very important year for the Morris Minor.... it's 70th birthday!! On our next Committee meeting we will have to start planning for this major event. Our aim is to get 70 Morris together and the idea to do a run to Hermanus. Non-members are welcome, so spread the word, please.

The fortunate members, who will be traveling to Johannesburg for the 2018 Rally, will be leaving on 17th of March to represent the Western Cape. We wish good fortune and safe returns for the group.

FRIKKIE

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members to the Morris family.

Peet & Wilma Badenhorst
Michiel Coetzer & Sune Brummer
Mariana Snyders
Rob & Christopher Worthington-Smith



May you enjoy many long and happy Morris years!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

18/22 March Johannesburg National Rally
18 March Braai at the clubhouse for those members who will not be attending the Rally



More details on each event will be sent by e-mail closer to the date. Please contact Donata (083 258 4853) should you wish to attend any of the above-mentioned events.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES for 2018

Notice the new Subscription Rates:

Full Member	R 250.00
Full Member + Spouse/Partner	R 300.00
Senior Citizens (over 65 years)	R 200.00
Senior Citizens + Spouse/Partner	R 250.00
Students (25 years)	R 150.00
Country Members: (Living more than 100km from Cape Town)	R 160.00
Overseas Members	R 160.00

Subscription Fees include **R50.00** National Rally Levies determined by the National Body. New applicants must pay REGISTRATION FEE (Compulsory) of **R50.00**. **Membership badge is included.**

Bank: Standard Bank
 Branch Code: 050 704
 Account name: Morris Minor Owners Club
 Account no: 27 119 3093

PLEASE NO CHEQUES. PAY CASH OR BY EFT TO SAVE THE CLUB BANK CHARGES,
 Kindly notify Bertha Laubscher of change of address or e-mail so you can be sure to get all notices.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE end of March. A re-joining fee applies after that.

BIRTHDAY LIST

MARCH		APRIL	
Dave Gerstner	1	Greg Smit	3
Malcolm Jones	3	Cristina Jones	4
Rob Tissington	15	Ryk Melk	7
Heidi Fourie	15	Christopher Worthington-Smith	8
Marie Petousis	15	Yvonne Bootcov	9
John Swift	24	Mila Bouwer	12
Johan Dahms	3	Santina Harrison	13
		Michael Morris	14
		FC Kotze	15
		Pat Birkett	16
		Anthea Kotze	21
		Johnny Maritz	22
		Ettienne van Bergen	24
		Roger Buckley	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

RECENT EVENTS

TIMOUR HALL - 21st of January

by Mitford Roberts

Cloudy skies greeted us at daybreak, cool with rain threatening any minute, as we motored on to Timour Hall. When I came there, Frikkie was already on site. We started off-loading gazebos, tables, chairs, ready for a busy day! By 9:00 am everyone had arrived, parked in our usual spot under the shade of the trees – always a blessing for the cars being out of direct sunlight. Timour Hall is really one of the nicest venues for a car show.

Donata did her bit to canvas for new members and as a result we got a father and son, Rob and Chris Worthington-Smith to attend the AGM as new members.

By late morning, the clouds had dispersed, and the sun was blazing. Folks were in abundance and it was so nice to see a few familiar faces, like Mike Chemonais and Glynn Murrell.



A special treat for Ron Clark was that the previous owners of his “brand new” black Morris, Percy van Zyl and after him, Lyn Bradley and her son, came to visit and admired the work he had done to the car.

Most of the classics were represented, including motorcycles, Heales, Triumphs, Citroëns, Jags, VWs, Sunbeams, etc., in total, as always, creating a lot of interest.

With the German Artillery selling bratwurst as ammunition to the masses (!) against strong competition with burgers, shawarmas, it is always a good thing to end it off with pancakes with a cold ice cream to cool down afterwards.

By 4:00 pm we started packing up our kit, already looking forward to the next year. I'm sure our events people will make sure that we get our regular spot next year again.

GEORGE CAR SHOW, 10/11 February



**Suid-Kaap Oumotorklub
Southern Cape Old Car Club**

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Dear fellow old car enthusiast

This is to again say many, many thanks for exhibiting your old car/s at the show.

The show was a big success with more than 13 000 people attending and some 900 old cars, trucks and tractors on display.

All the clubs had magnificent displays and a special thanks to the Renault Club as well as the other clubs who still had most of their cars on display on the Sunday. Also many thanks to those clubs and exhibitors who travelled from afar to come to the show.

The variety of cars, trucks and tractors at the show was again exceptional, which together with the constant

drive-through of the vehicles in the arena has become the successful formula for this show.

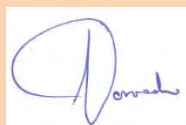
A large proportion of the income from the show will go towards charity organisations, and you can be proud that you are part of this together with the water that was donated at the show which will be distributed to the drought stricken Cape Town area.

As usual many friends were reunited at the show and new friends were made together with an exchange of useful information to keep the old cars on the road. This is what the old car hobby is all about.

Your participation in the show is the main reason for its success and the show organising committee thank you for this.

Next year's show will be held on 9 and 10 February 2019.

We look forward to seeing you there again.



*Pierre Conradie
Chairman: 2018 George Old Car Show*



AGM, 18th February

During our Annual General Meeting prizes were awarded to:



For Re-Joining: **Steve Leibbrandt and Philip Trotman**

For Restoration of Black Morris: **Ron Clark**

For Best Attendance at Events: **Willie Bower and Peter Blease**

For Hardworking at All Events: **Mitford Roberts**

For Most Fun at Events with Costumes: **Bobby Moore**

REGALIA**AVAILABLE STOCK**

30TH ANNIVERSARY MUGS	R 115.00
BUMPER BADGE	R 180.00
CAP BADGE	R 35.00
CAPS	R 65.00
CARDS	R 15.00
CLOTH BADGE (rectangular)	R 15.00
CLOTH BADGE (round)	R 20.00
FLAGS ENGLAND	R 30.00
FLAGS UNION JACK	R 30.00
FRIDGE MAGNETS	R 20.00
GOLF SHIRTS	R 145
KEY RINGS	R 50.00
LRP ADDITIVE	R 120.00
MAGNETIC STICKERS	R 40.00
PENS	R 25.00
STALK FLAG	R 20.00
STEERING COVER	R 85.00
STICKERS	R 20.00
TIMING COVER METAL GASKET	R 100
VARIOUS BOOKS	PRICE ON ITEMS

WILLIE'S MOKE

by Willie Bouwer

I am the owner of a 1970 Australian mini Moke MKII, one of 56 imported from Australia.

I bought the Moke in Witbank in April 2010 for R 20,000. After a small floor repair and a repaint, the Moke passed roadworthy test on the 30th of November 2010. Engine is a 1098 cc unit. Mods done to the engine is an electric fan, a 1½ ins S4 carburettor and a branch and exhaust system. Disc brakes on front wheels, adaptors to change the PCD from (4 ins) 101.6 mm to take 100 mm, PCD mag rims with 175/70 x 13 tyres. Workshop manufactured items on Moke, parcel trays, windscreen side screens and wiper motor cover, boot lid and roll cage to take safety belts.

I have done 9.000 miles with my Moke in 8 years without a breakdown.

UK Mini Mokes manufactured by BMC, Blackheath between July 1962 to June 1971: total 412.

UK Mokes built in Umtali, Rhodesia: total 350



BIRD'S EYE VIEW:

by Gerda Muller

I am a transcription typist when I'm not working for the Morris Club, and in the course of my work I work with British, as well as American companies, which means I have to make use of the wonderful feature on a computer called "spellcheck"! What was interesting to me, was the difference between the American vs. British English.



So, I started asking Frikkie about technical terms and names of car-oriented objects. The outcome was quite significant!

AMERICAN

Fill up with gas
Coupe (pronounced koep)
Glove compartment
Headers
Stick shift
Blinkers
Rocker cover
Gas pedal
Trunk
Hood
Driver's license
Ground wire
Highway
Traffic circle

ENGLISH/SOUTH AFRICAN

Fill up with petrol
Coupé (French pronunciation)
Cubby hole
Exhaust manifold
Gear lever
Indicators
Tappet cover
Accelerator
Boot
Bonnet
Driving license
Earth wire
Motor way
Roundabout

Ordinary, day to day expressions and words, as well as spellings are quite different. For instance, pants vs. trousers, check vs. cheque, braces vs. suspenders, drawing pin vs. thumb tack, dummy vs. pacifier, nappy vs. diaper, dressing gown vs. robe, cot vs. crib, glasses vs. spectacles, stove, vs. cooker, barrister/solicitor vs. lawyer/attorney, eggplant vs. aubergine, biro vs. ball-point pen, bank holiday vs. national holiday, candy floss vs. cotton candy, car park vs. parking lot, bathing costume vs. swimsuit, caretaker vs. janitor, biscuit vs. cookie, caravan vs. trailer, bill vs. check.

I can go on and on and you might not find it as interesting, but Americanization is here to stay due to the television and "colonialism" is nowadays a swear word!!

Brooklands

Brooklands was the birthplace of British motorsport and aviation and the site of many engineering and technological achievements throughout eight decades of the 20th century. The racing circuit was constructed by local landowner [Hugh F. Locke King](#) in 1907 and was the first purpose-built racing circuit in the world. Many records were set there. Many aviation firsts are also associated with Brooklands, which soon became one of Britain's first aerodromes. It attracted many aviation pioneers prior to [World War I](#), and was also a leading aircraft design and manufacturing centre in the 20th century, producing a remarkable total of some 18,600 new aircraft of nearly 260 types between 1908 and 1987.

The museum is open daily and displays a wide range of Brooklands-related motoring and aviation exhibits ranging from giant racing cars such as the 24-litre [Napier-Railton](#), motorcycles, and bicycles to a unique collection of [Hawker](#) and [Vickers/British Aircraft Corporation](#)-built aircraft including [Concorde \(G-BBDG\)](#).

In August 2011, the new [London Bus Museum](#)^[5] opened in new premises on land at Brooklands Museum. Formerly the private Cobham Bus Museum from 1972-2011,



MARTIN PARR's [Abandon Morris Minors of the West of Ireland](#)

Often times landscape photographers will take pains to remove all signs of human life from a scene before they take a snap.

Not so with the latest limited-edition release from award-winning documentary photographer Martin Parr, whose new book, [Abandoned Morris Minors of the West of Ireland](#), focuses on the niche of dilapidated old rides he's stumbled upon traversing the land.

Curated by editor Craig Atkinson, the tome includes never-before-seen selects from Parr's archives. Adept at capturing the essence of humankind, each of Parr's photos is both bleak and beautiful. Some are even on the brink of becoming one with nature altogether. Taken together they offer a nostalgic charm as much as the impetus to ask, "Who did this to you?" Because as they say, one man's trash, is another man's photography subject.

