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EDITORIAL by Cristina Jones



I trust you enjoyed Mother and Father's Days. Our Club, true to Morris tradition, celebrated them in style. Both events were lots of fun and very well attended (see articles and photos in this issue).

There are also some always useful technical tips for the petrolheads and other interesting pieces to read.

Great events have been planned for the coming months. As you know the Committee is working hard organizing the 2020 Rally, busy trying to gather funds and need all your input, being: ideas, prizes and helping hands! This is an opportunity for all members to get involved.

Enjoy the read!

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

Sadly, we lost one of our former members, Bettie Viljoen, to cancer – you might remember her and her husband from driving the most beautiful turquoise Traveller. Bobby Moore is out of hospital and doing well, firing on all four pistons! One cannot believe how quick time flies until you look at Donata van der Merwe, our Events Coordinator. Tuesday, the 19th a year ago, she was in a very serious car accident and after countless operations and procedures, is almost back to normal.

To all the men, a big thank you for organizing and executing an amazing Mother's Day feast for the ladies in our lives. A special thanks to Mitford Roberts for taking initiative and making sure that everything went smoothly.

Thank you to all the members who regularly attend our events and outings. That is after all what the club is all about: to enjoy our Morries, to exhibit and show them off and for the camaraderie, which makes the club feel like one big happy family.

15 July is our Soup and Bread Bingo event. We want to fill up the hall – please bring your family and friends. Lots of prizes to be won.

The 70th birthday celebration of the Morris Minor will take place on the 16th of September. Paul Hoffman (073 787 5284) is working hard behind the scenes to get 70 Morries together, which will be exhibited at Canal Walk. This will also serve as a fundraiser, as we want to sell boerie-rolls as well. Mitford Roberts (Regalia) is currently working on special, once off, bumper badge commemorating this big event. As this is going to be a rarity, make sure that you let us know, in advance, if you are interested in buying one, as Mitford has to order them.

The days are getting longer, spring is around the corner, the Cape will be more beautiful than ever due to the blessed rain we had – hopefully we will see more of our members than just the usual group that always attend our outings.

FRIKKIE



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to family and friends of our former member Bettie Viljoen, who passed away recently.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 15 July: Bingo at the clubhouse, plus soup and bread - fundraising event, so bring a few friends.

Sunday 19 August: our yearly trip to Snoekies in Hout Bay. Always a winner with the club members.

Sunday 16 September: Commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the wonderful little car that brought us all together. We are trying to get 70 Morris together.



Sunday 21 October: Still to be decided.

Sunday 4th November: Killarney Classic Motor Car Show

Sunday 11th November: Beatlemania at the Artscape

Sunday 2/9 December: will be out End of the Year Function. Venue to be decided.

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

<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
Lewellyn Buckley	5	Yolinda Gerstner	1
Su Prins	6	Tilly Olivier	8
Patsy Buckley	6	Jill Gerstner	13
Graham Ross	14	Bronwyn Moore	14
Danie Bothma	19	Laurie Claassen	18
Alida van Eeden	24	Bertha Laubscher	27
Frikkie Muller	25	Michael Bagley	28
Sue Tissington	25	Andre Mostert	30
Sharon Clark	30		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

RECENT EVENTS

MOTHER'S DAY BRAAI @ THE CLUBHOUSE - 20th MAY

by Cristina Jones

What a fantastic Mother's Day celebration we had at the Clubhouse! The ladies of the Committee excelled themselves, preparing a delicious variety of salads and cakes. The men, of course, as it was previously arranged, did the braai, and that's not all, they even washed the dishes (which is a bit unusual in this type of gatherings) and there are photos to prove it too for the sceptical ones!



The long table was arranged beautifully, and we even had a champagne toast and lovely words fit for the occasion from our Chairman.



Ron organized a raffle with a stunning wrist watch and a smoothie maker, won by Malcolm and Norman respectively.

We couldn't hope for a better way to celebrate that special day, particularly for Moms (like myself) who have their kids living overseas. That shows that our Morris Minor Club is a real family!

PRINGLE BAY FATHER'S DAY -17th JUNE

by Donata van der Merwe

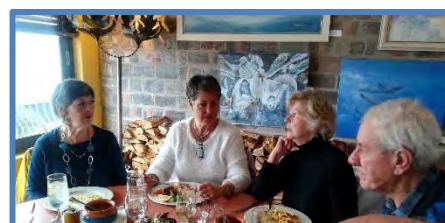
The Pringle Bay Father's Day event on 17 June was a huge success although the weather was pretty rough!

Some of our members did not read the mail correctly and the group had to wait for them on the N2 meeting spot, as they went to the normal meeting spot on the N1. This did cause some hilarity!

The scenic drive to Pringle Bay was so beautiful, with Mark Harris recording the convoy as they came past. The restaurant, Bistro 365 in Pringle Bay was absolutely fantastic, beautifully laid out and cosy with the inclement weather outside. Paul Hoffman was a star as he organised a large group of the Hermanus Morris owners to join us, so they could meet us and get involved with the 70th Morris Club event coming up. Paul is doing his level best to amass 70 Morris vehicles for the 70th Birthday Event. Well done Paul!

The Morris's and other Vintage vehicles outside the restaurant caused quite a stir for the public present, it really looked fantastic!

As it was Father's Day, the restaurant was fully booked so the food took a little long to reach the last table, but as our party alone were 39 people, that was to be expected! The waitresses and restaurant staff did very well under the circumstances and remained calm although they had a FULL house of hungry customers.



TECHNICAL

TECHNICAL TIPS PART 6

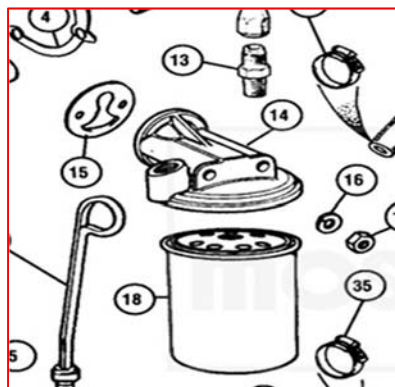
Compiled by Richard Laubscher

Repair of oil leaks:

The saying "if an engine does not leak, there is no oil in it" is quite applicable to Morris Minor Owners, as unfortunately, the Morris have the reputation of leaking oil! I found that although Loctite 542, which is a thread sealer, is expensive at R447, it is a fantastic product and worth the price. It's also easy to use, because it's in a liquid form and it will seal the thread when tightening bolts in an engine block. It is available at Goeie Hoop Onderdele.

I recently fitted a new oil filter conversion kit to our 2-door split-screen Morris and the oil running from the engine through the pipe to the fitting, leaked at the fig. 13 on diagram. As it wasn't successful at first, eventually I undid the pipe union fitting midway, as it is difficult to line it up once completely

loosened. I cleaned it and applied Loctite 542 to the bottom threads. I tightened the union pipe nut, left it for 30 minutes for the Loctite to set and it worked. I did the same to the differential and gearbox drain plugs, as they are notorious for slow leaks. Morris Minor gearbox selector housing bottom plates are prone to leak from the bolts. I removed each bolt separately, cleaned them, fitted an extra flat washer and 6mm copper washer and put Loctite 542 on the bolt threads, and tightened them. I will definitely use this product on all threaded fittings.



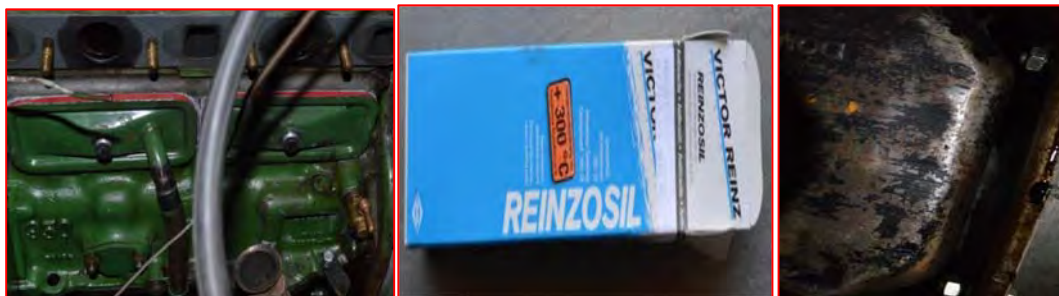
Another excellent sealant, the best I found so far, is Reinzosil. This is a product professional engine rebuilders prefer to use. I used it rebuilding my 1275 Austin Marina engine and thankfully only had a small leak on a sump bolt. I solved the problem by applying a little bit around the bolt. What I like about this product is that it can be used both externally and internally. I have used it on the cork gasket at the back of the sump, on timing covers, cam follower covers, etc. where it usually leaks. The secret is that it has to be cleaned properly, and to apply sealant with a narrow piece of wood, small enough to fit in between the sump and the bellhousing back-plate. Use a good light. According to research I have done on the internet, you have to leave it to set. Once it's set, apply another layer and make sure to clean the excess. On the cam follower covers the following parts are recommended:

2 x GUG5505GM Gasket;

2 x 12A1177 Cup Washer seal

2 x 12A1176 Seal.

This can be ordered from The Sports Car Centre @ 011 646 1631. Smear the gaskets on both sides, making sure that the torque (2 lbFt) applied to the bolts, is low. Be careful not to over-tighten it. I would recommend purchasing 5mm longer high tensile steel bolts, as the original ones are normally too short for the improved cup washers.

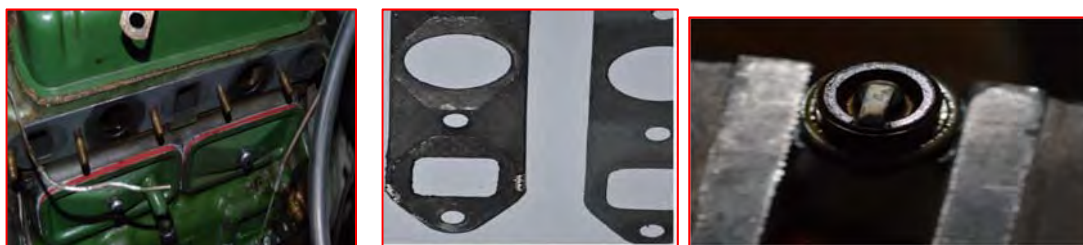


Usually, leaks spring from the differential seals and causes oil to run onto the brake linings. This is normally the result of wear and tear, or loose bearings in the hub. If necessary, replace the hub,

bearings and seals. If it does need replacement, I would recommend a good quality bearing, such as NSK. The manufacturers reckon that these bearing should last 300,000 kms.



After removing a perfectly fitted manifold, for the first time ever, I encountered a loss of power in the engine. After inspecting the plugs, I discovered that they turned white. I removed the manifold and found it did not seal properly after installation. Due to this, the manifold warped. I would recommend checking the manifold and cylinder head side warp before installation. The bottom photos show air & fuel leaks at the inlet ports and gasket manifold indentations before and after installation.



After doing some more research on the internet, I found that it is a sign that the fuel mixture is too lean. According to the experts, a white spark plug is a sign of a car running too lean.

I have drafted a tabled format to test distributor performance. I also have the specifications for distributor degrees and RPM for the 803, 948, 1275cc Marina engines and the A Series Morris Minor. Contact me if needed.

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Granny"

The first and most successful rally car was called Granny: a souped-up light green two-door driven by **Pat Moss**, the show jumper and sister of **Sir Stirling Moss** (who shared her love of speed and had a very early Series MM Minor of his own). For three years between 1957 and 1960, she hurled NMO 933 round the worst challenges that the rally circuit could offer, failing to finish only once, when the car slithered off a snowy road en route to Monte Carlo and whacked into a concrete post. In her book *The Story So Far*, Pat Moss describes Granny as the "most fantastic, incredible car I have ever driven". She rallied it for an unprecedented four seasons, at a time when it was almost unheard-of for a car to last a year on the taxing routes, and it motored on long after other cars of its age had fallen apart.

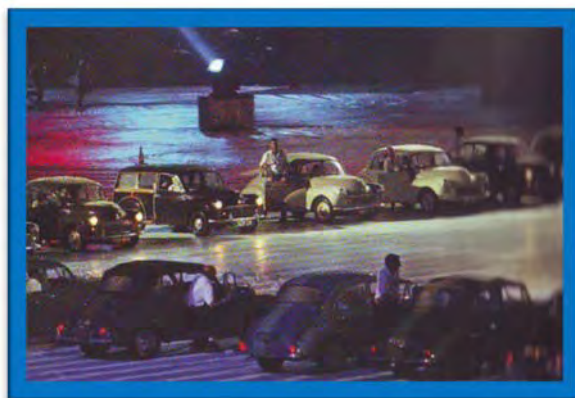


Britain's best-known racing driver Stirling Moss did wonders for the Morris's image in the 1950s, as did his rally-driver sister Pat. Both owned beefy, tuned-up models.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2002 the MMOC was invited to take part in the closing ceremony of the Manchester Commonwealth Games, where 41 MM, owned and driven by club members, performed a “dance”, as part of a spectacular light and sound show, that was broadcast to millions of viewers all over the world



FROM OUR PHOTO GALLERY



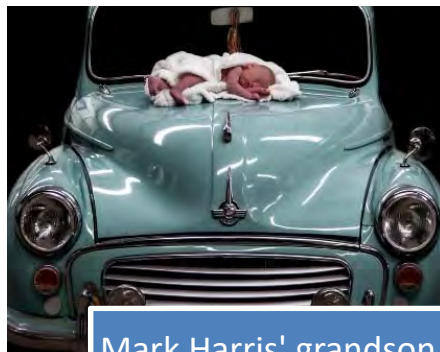
Mitford Robert's
retirement statment



Bobby Moore's sweet
Miss Daisy



Dirk Potgieter's Morris in Calitzdorp



Mark Harris' grandson
