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EDITORIAL by Cristina Jones



Greetings to all Morris enthusiasts! Finally, Spring seems to have sprung in the Cape. Although reluctantly at the beginning, it came down with full force and now it's like the middle of Summer! Mind you, we shouldn't complain about our severe Winter since it brought lots of rain and snow on the mountain, which is what we needed after the drought we experienced.

So, to celebrate the change of seasons, the Club hosted four events: Morris' 70th birthday gathering at Century City, Show Fundraiser at the Barnyard Theatre, Whales and Wheels at Hermanus and the classic "Snoekies", one of our favourites. Although not an official Club event, the Veteran Expo at Delvera also attracted some members, who confirmed once more it is worth a visit.

This will be the last magazine of 2018. So, let me convey my best and warmest wishes for the Christmas season to all the Morris family. Enjoy your holidays and if you're going away, drive carefully.

And as always, my thanks to Gerda, Mitford, Bertha and Richard for commenting on the events and providing notes throughout the year and to Sandy, Willem and Michiel for sharing with us their beautiful photos

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



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To everybody who was involved with the 70th birthday celebration of the Morris Minor on the 16th of September, accept my heartfelt gratitude, especially to Paul Hoffman for convincing non-members to join us in our quest get 70 Morris together, Sandy Gush, who was responsible for all the certificates and rosettes, Ron and Sharon Clark, with their assistants, Charl Cilliers and Bernita Blease, for doing the boerewors-rolls. Also thank you to Mitford Roberts, who, as always, worked hard to get special shirts, T-shirts and badges made for this great occasion, Donata van der Merwe as hostess, who welcomed everyone and also helped Sandy with the registration. Peter Blease, who sold spare parts. Thank you to Willie Bower and Malcolm Jones, who added special flair to the event, for exhibiting and demonstrating a beautiful Marina engine, on a stand.

To the participants who brought their Morris on A-frames, trailers, being towed, running only on 3 cylinders, a special thank you, because our Morris are not always in mint condition, but they are still faithful. Also, a huge thank you for the Morris whose owners make sure that they're always in mint condition, showing the rest how a Morris should look.

This was a very special event in the Morris calendar, because who will be around for the 80th birthday celebration? The lucky ones amongst us, witnessed the 60th celebration, with 60 Morries and we feel grateful that we could still be present at this one. See you at the 80th birthday bash!

Our first big fundraiser was on the 28th of September (incidentally also Gerda's birthday) which, due to dedication and hard work, was a huge success. Thank you to Gerda, Bertha and Sandy for selling the tickets and a special thank you to Alastair van Huyssteen for sponsoring the prize for the raffle, and also to our Raffle King, Ron Clark for selling tickets at each event.

With reference to fundraising, a huge thank to the Treasurer, Owen Gush, still recuperating after a hip replacement, and his wife Sandy, for taking care of our money - no-one realizes what a huge responsibility and hard job, it is.

As we enter the last quarter of the year, there are still a few events before Christmas – so please keep on attending them. We can't exist as a club without you, our members.

See you at Snoekies!

FRIKKIE

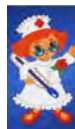
NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members to the Morris family. May you enjoy many long and happy Morris years!

**John and Lynn Scott
Malcolm & Adrian Johnston**



GET WELL



Wishing **Bernita Blease** a speedy recovery.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Sunday 4th November: Classic Car Show at Killarney;

Sunday 18th November: Braai at the Clubhouse combined with spares for sale;

Saturday 1st December: Karoo Arts and Culture Show, Prince Alfred's Hamlet;

Saturday 1st December: Vintage Obs Day, Observatory

Sunday 9 December: End of the year function @ Sunset Bay Spur, Beach Road, Gordon's Bay

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 2019

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>NOVEMBER</u>		<u>DECEMBER</u>	
Ian Pretorius	1	Dylan Birkett	4
Wilma Badenhorst	5	Janet Swift	4
Frans Visagie	6	Gawie Hugo	5
Tony Harrison	9	Claire Hoffman	6
Ohna Visagie	10	Melanie Buchanan	7
Jeanne Burton	10	Amanda Bruce	18
Jane Ross	12	John Carne	20
Paul Hoffman	12	Bernita Blease	28
Willem Nel	16		
Mariana Snyders	17		
Courtney Buckley	19		
Peter Leatt	21		
Coetzee Burger	24		
Pierre Olivier	24		
Mariette Terblanche	28		
Michiel Coetzer	30		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

RECENT EVENTS

70TH ANNIVERSARY MORRIS MINOR – 16th SEPTEMBER

by Mitford Roberts

This was an amazing event organised by Paul Hoffman. His vision was to have 70 Morris for the occasion. Unfortunately, this did not happen due to technical problems: cars not available at last moment and a host of other issues. However, he managed to get 66 and a special word of thanks from all of us for the effort he put into this memorable occasion.

The cars started arriving from 8.00, driven, towed, A-framed or on trailers. We set up Regalia. I hadn't properly laid out the table yet when the sales started rolling in: caps, badges, t-shirts, key rings. As they went on display, so they sold.

And it wasn't only Regalia that was busy. Ron Clark and his team (Bernita Blease and Sharon Clark) were producing boerewors rolls of note! We never had much time for chit chat. They were rolling off the grill with our braai master Charl Cilliers, battling to keep up. Coffee and cool drinks did well to quench the thirst.

Sandy Gush and Donata van der Merwe busy with registration, handing certificates and rosettes.

Peter Blease had spare parts for sale while Willie Bouwer and Malcolm Jones assembled a Marina engine on a stand, which were displayed at the site, causing a lot of interest among the crowd.

So nice to see so many new members joining the occasion and lots of old faces too!

The event was filmed and showed on TV later that evening. The presenter chatting to our Chairman Frikkie Muller and different members, enquiring about their vehicles.

We started winding down just after lunch as a few members who came from outside Cape Town, Hermanus, Strand, Stellenbosch, Paarl, Worcester, had to make their way back home. Once all was sorted out, our secretary Gerda Muller treated us to a glass of much appreciated bubbly to a day enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who made this great day possible. Look forward to seeing you at our 80th Anniversary!!!





BARNYARD FUNDRAISER – 28th September

by Gerda Muller

With the 2020 Rally looming just around the corner, we have seriously started doing fundraising and during the whole of 2019, we all will really have to put in a huge effort.

So, Bertha and I decided to get the ball rolling by booking at first 100, then another 100 and then another 20 seats at the ever-popular Barnyard Theatre at the Willowbridge Shopping Centre in

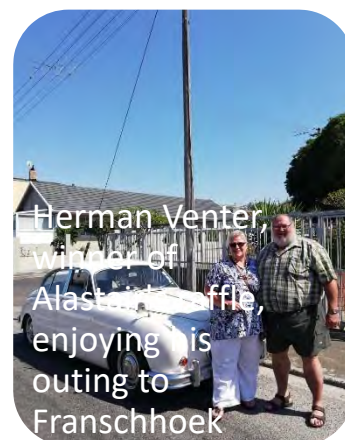


Durbanville. Initially, we thought that if each member would be willing to take one table's seats to sell to their family and friends, we would be able to fill up the whole theatre, which seats 500 people.

Unfortunately, things didn't work out that way and we really worked hard to sell those tickets, but in the end, we made quite a few rand, plus Ron was able to sell R1650's worth of raffle tickets.

I have to thank our friend Alastair van Huyssteen, member and owner of a Traveller, Liefie Mk2, who so kindly sponsored the grand prize of giving us the use his Daimler, to take the winning couple to Franschoek, for a lunch worth R1,000, plus 2 T-shirts with his logo printed on it, plus one of his CD's. Yes, many of you didn't even know that we have a celebrity in our midst! The winning couple turned out to be friends of an ex-colleague of Frikkie's – the biggest guy in the whole theatre! Alastair, maybe you must just give two T-shirts to his kids!!

All jokes aside, thanks to everyone who contributed by selling and/or buying tickets. May our next fundraising be even more successful.



HERMANUS WHALES AND WHEELS SHOW – 29th September

by Gerda Muller

Paul Hoffman made a deal with the Hermanus Morris owners that if they supported our 70th celebration, we will attend the Whales and Wheels Show, held yearly in Hermanus. We have been invited every year to this event, but never went, because it always clashed with some other event.

This year was no different, but 4 of us decided that we have to make good on our promise, as there was another show at Delvera to which we were invited to as well. I must admit that although the Barnyard event was the night before and we really weren't in the mood to get up early to go to Hermanus, it was thoroughly worth the effort.

The Whales and Wheels Show turned out to be one of the best and most enjoyable shows we've ever attended. They made a huge fuss over the Morries, we got the prime spot right in front of the mobile radio station, Frikkie was interviewed by their local radio station and had the opportunity to promote the 2020 Rally as well. I was invited to write an article for their local magazine, we made good contacts, and there is promise of good things to come in 2019 – more opportunities to raise funds.

Personally, I think that this show should be on our yearly calendar. I just hope next year we will be able to get more people to attend. Thanks for this opportunity, Paul!



VETERAN'S EXPO at DELVERA – 29th September

by Willie Bouwer

Six Morris cars and a running Marina 1300 engine (the people can't believe an engine can run outside a car!) went to Delvera Estate, situated on the R44. It was a beautiful summer day, with lots to see and do. Land Rover was celebrating its 70th birthday and they had more than 70 Land Rovers on display from 1948 to 2018 models. Lots of farm tractors, steam engines and military equipment were also on show. The Renault Club was exhibiting a lot of nice-looking cars too. There was also plenty to see and eat. What a nice day! We thoroughly enjoyed the day and were invited to the next event. Something not to miss.



SNOEKIES-HOUT BAY – 21st October

by Cristina Jones

What a pleasant outing it was! Snoekies never disappoints. As it is a classic place for fish and chips in Hout Bay Harbour, we arrived there quite early, so we didn't have a problem in finding parking for our Morris, choosing tables to sit and ordering from the varied seafood menu. When we left a couple of hours later, the place was crowded. After lunch some members finished the outing with an ice-cream or a walk to the Craft market just around the corner. The weather couldn't be better, warm and although windy, the area was quite sheltered.

13 Morris, 1 Mini and Hannes and Alida's beautiful Model A Ford formed the convoy from the centre of Cape Town to Hout Bay, drawing admiring glances from other cars, including the owners of a fleet of Ferraris, that were having a day out too!



LAURA & CHARLIE

If you use Facebook and follow our Morris Minor page, you must have read about Laura Morrison, who is driving her Morris Minor (Charlie) from Aberdeen, Scotland to Cape Town, South Africa, raising funds for cancer research: **Morri 2 Africa**. The car was shipped from New Zealand to Scotland to start the trip. Laura was born in Zambia and has spent a lot of time in various African countries (Botswana, Malawi and Zimbabwe). She currently lives in New Zealand.

This amazing trip is in memory of her Dad who always wanted to drive from Aberdeen to Cape Town but never got the chance as Cancer took him too soon. The Morris Minor was her Dad's car before he passed it onto her.

More info on this amazing lady's whereabouts in our next issue.



TECHNICAL

TECHNICAL TIPS PART 8

Compiled by Richard Laubscher

Booster diaphragm and rear brake drums heating problems

Have you ever heard of a brake booster not giving sufficient pressure to the front brakes (disc brakes), and very little pressure to the rear brakes? The brake pedal feels solid and there is brake fluid going to the rear wheel cylinders under pressure. Upon investigation it seemed that the booster master cylinder did not function properly. The diaphragm of the booster got stuck and did not return properly on application. Modifications to the booster's diaphragm housing had to be made to ensure that it was able to move without restrictions.

The modification of the handbrake holding ability wasn't adjusted correctly and resulted in brakes building up. The handbrake lever was positioned further back, due to a 5 speed gearbox that was fitted and additional brackets were made to compensate for correct cable position. Due to brackets that wasn't up to standard (lightweight material) it bent and twisted whenever handbrake was applied. The release action was too slow and resulted brake not releasing, which caused friction, even with the handbrake positioned off. Be careful when working on brakes – rather get skilled people to help you. Lately that seems to be a problem.

Direct Current Charging System Not Charging.

It was found on 2 occasions that the charging system was not functioning correctly. In both cases, the generators were overhauled. An experienced auto electrician discovered that on both these generators, the armature windings were either open or short circuiting – this is due to metal fatigue.

New armatures are not available in South Africa anymore, but can be ordered from certain companies in England, although armatures can be rewired locally. If you have a Lucas generator & voltage regulator in your car, then you can be assured of a good enough current supply to the battery as the electrical system draws power from the battery. The function of the battery is after all to store power. It is recommended that your charging system should be maintained. See photo of a new armature.



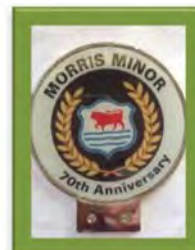
Carburetor, Petrol Pump & Distributor Condition

Uneven running of the engine and heavy fuel consumption can be due to wear on the butterfly shaft. If there is a slight indication of up and down movement on your accelerator link, the carburetor needs to be overhauled. New bushes and shafts must be fitted professionally. Picture below is an example of worn butterfly shaft.



Other problems that can occur, due to the age of the cars, are SU low pressure pump failures and a worn out distributor. I know the easiest is to fit low cost local petrol pumps, but if you do that, make sure that you buy the correct pump, as there is a suction pump and a pressure pump on the market. However, if you should acquire assistance in any of the above mentioned topics, you can contact me.

REGALIA



AVAILABLE STOCK

30TH ANNIVERSARY MUGS	R 115.00
BUMPER BADGE	R 180.00
CAP BADGE	R 35.00
CAPS	R 65.00
DUST CAP REMOVER	R 30.00
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
70 th ANNIVERSARY CAP	R100
70 th ANNIVERSARY BUMPER BADGE	R185

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
* HOW TO INTERPRET *	
ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

And an oldie:

Policeman.

"excuse me sir, did you know that your Morris Minor has been stolen by a gang for a Bank Robbery"

Owner (with thoughts of fame)

"Wow - as the getaway car?"

Policeman:

"No sir, to hold up the rest of the traffic"
