



# MORRIS MATTERS

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### MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB WESTERN CAPE

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## EDITORIAL



Greetings to all Morris enthusiasts!

Congratulation to the two new co-opted members of the Committee: Peter Blease (Morris Parts) and Willie Bouwer (Technical Assistance). Your expertise and input are very much welcome. And our multitalented Sandy Gush took over our website from Tony Harrison who resigned from the Committee, after so many years of sharing his invaluable experience. Our AGM, which took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March was very well attended and as usual was followed by some eats, drinks at the bar, and later a bring and braai.

The “al fresco picnic at the beautiful Helderberg Nature Reserve” in Somerset West had to altered at the last moment due to heavy rain but you’ll read more about it below.

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

Cristina Jones

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<b>Full page</b>	<b>R 1,200 per year</b>	<b>Two lines plus photos once off</b>	<b>R 100</b>
<b>Half page</b>	<b>R 600 per year</b>	<b>Two lines once off</b>	<b>R 50</b>

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Next year this time, the long-awaited National Rally will be over, and we will be heaving a sigh of relief. But before that and from now on, there is no wasting time getting everything ready.

Remember to fill in your Rally Entry forms - Bertha is anxiously waiting for it. We still need a lot of donations and cooperation from you, our members.

Thank you very much to Clive Burton, the man with many talents, who painted and donated a beautiful framed painting of a Morris Minor, to raffle or auction out. Behind the scenes, Gerda and Mariana Snyders are planning a “Morris Minor’s Got Talent” show, and we need to have a full house to make this huge effort a success. So, gather your friends – the date is 5 October 2019.

This newsletter and the website are the only links for people who don’t or can’t attend the events, to see how active our club is and the friendships and the camaraderie that is formed. I’d like to suggest that more people join us on social media, i.e. Facebook (Morris Minor Owner’s Club: Western Cape) and our WhatsApp Groups (MMOC Social and Chats and MMOC Sales and Advice). It is so much easier to reach the members at short notice that way. The website also is drawing more attention lately.

Get your cars ready for the winter months – anti-freeze in the cooling system, wiper blades checked, and don’t forget the blankets and umbrellas!!

Keep on Morrissing,

Frikkie



As you all know the next National Rally will take place at the Club Mykonos in Langebaan on the West Coast from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. If you want to learn more about venue, dates, proposed itinerary, accommodation and their facilities, cost and what is included in the price, you can go onto [www.morrisminor.co.za](http://www.morrisminor.co.za) and click in National Rally. Should you wish to attend ask Bertha (073 183 6630) for an Entry form. Closing date for entries is the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.



## NEW MEMBERS

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

**Delarey Calitz**

**Nico & Paula Combrinck**

**Mark & Annerine Harris**

**Kyle & Cara Cato**



## GET WELL

Wishing a speedy recovery to Jill Gerstner, Nico Combrink, Steve Leibbrandt and Malcolm Jones

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Fish and Chips at Snoekies in Hout Bay

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Morris Coddiwomple trip

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Soup and Bingo at the Clubhouse

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Bring and braai at the Clubhouse and Rocker Cover race track testing



More details on each event will be sent by e-mail closer to the date.

Please contact Greg (073 651 3623) should you wish to attend any of the above-mentioned events.

## NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES for 2019

### Notice the new Subscription Rates:

Full Member	R 300.00
Full Member + Spouse/Partner	R 350.00
Senior Citizens (over 65 years)	R 250.00
Senior Citizens + Spouse/Partner	R 300.00
Students (25 years)	R 200.00
Country Members: (Living more than 100km from Cape Town)	R 210.00
Overseas Members	R 210.00

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:** 051001

**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 was end of March. A re-joining fee applies now.**

## BIRTHDAY LIST

<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
Daphe Young	2	Dien Riggs	4
Stephen Leibbrandt	6	Norman Penfold	5
Sanel Barnardo	10	Sandy Gush	14
Helen Goldenbogen	11	Richard Laubscher	18
Mike Farella	12	John Scott	18
AnneMarie Krzesinski	12	Helmine Claassen	19
Avida Smit	17	Alistair van Huyssteen	19
Philip Trotman	22	Johan Bruce	21
Paula Combrinck	22	Danie Wagener	21
Anita Wright	25	Craig Buchanan	24
		Mitford Roberts	26
		Danie Marnewick	27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



### **BASIL WESSON – IN MEMORIAM**

by Paul Hoffman

*Basil Wesson from Prince Albert Hamlet passed away on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2019.04.07 Basil was the biggest convertible classic car collector in the country.*

*In 2009 I was co-opted on to the MMOC Western Cape Rally Committee to be held in Goudini Spar, Rawsonville in 2010. One of my tasks was to plan a Day Run out in the country, returning in the afternoon to Goudini.*

*Malcolm Jones and I set out to Ceres for an appointment at Basil's workplace. We explained to Basil what we had in mind. Lord and Lady Gwynne-Evans (Richard and Joy), who were members of our Morris Club, were coming from the UK to join in on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the Rally, therefore making it an*

*International Rally with 70 Morris Minors on the Run!*

*So, our plan was for a day outing to Ceres and Basil to arrange tea and snacks. "No way," he said "Yes, to showing them the old cars but I am not prepared to pay for the eats!" so my word to him was "I will find a sponsor." "No," he said again "over the years I have been paying enough monies to the Town Municipality. I will speak to the Mayoress. Leave it to me."*

*To cut a long story short, Basil got the use of the Town Hall for the great occasion. The Traffic Police escorted us into the centre of town, where the Town Hall is situated. The roads were blocked off on either side of the Town Hall, so that the 70 Morris could be accommodated. The staff were immaculately dressed for the bowing down to the British dignitaries, a sight to behold.*

*The Rally Committee was very pleased with the outcome, so much so that Basil and Annalie were invited to the Gala Evening. Sitting at the same table as Claire and myself, I can recall congratulating Basil on a job well done and saying to him what if Lord and Lady Evans for some reason could not have made it, "I had everything covered," he said, "you and Claire were going to stand for them."! I can't imagine myself having to speak with a "hot potato" in my mouth!!!*

*I always found Basil a very helpful and pleasant man to deal with. He will be sorely missed in the Old car movement.*

## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **HELDERBERG "PICNIC IN THE RAIN"** – 14<sup>th</sup> April

by Mitford Roberts

Sunday morning arrived with much rain which had started during the night before, but being a Morris born in the UK that posed no problem. I cranked her up and met at our usual gathering spot: ENGEN ONE STOP petrol station on the N2. The British Car Club was also there on a run to Kleinmond.

Our first stop was in Somerset West at “Yesterday’s Heroes”, met up with the owner Laurie Claassen, also a Morris Club member, who walked us through his collection detailing each vehicle from his showroom floor to two massive store rooms. Looking at such display I was wondering myself what make of car does he not have!!! A real treat to view a collection of this magnitude and in mint condition, which included at least 6-8 Morris Minors, among Chevs, Fords, Chryslers, Mercedes, Borgwards, Renaults, Volkswagens and the list goes on. Not only cars were on display but memorabilia from yesteryear, like photos, plaques, books and model cars. A special word of thanks to Laurie for giving us the opportunity to visit his establishment.

We must have finished around lunchtime and the rain kept pelting down so we opted for Plan B. Mark Harris offered his office/ workshop/ man cave for us to enjoy our “improvised indoor picnic” upstairs in his factory.

The area was soon filled up and we settled anywhere we found a gap. We sat between Vespa’s hubcaps and Hi Fi systems, but the arrangement turned out being a very sociable get-together. I had a great time all round and the same I can say for the rest of the members attending. Thanks to Mark and Annerine Harris, who, at short notice, put up with all of us and made the day exceptional!

On leaving the sun made a late appearance and we finally enjoyed a dry ride back to town.



Mitford, Peter, Laurie, Frikkie & Llewellyn



A view of Laurie's collection



Inside Mark's man cave



“Picnic” at Mark's

## TECHNICAL

compiled by Richard Laubscher

### **LUCAS BASIC 12 VOLT DUAL POLARITY WIPER MOTORS INSPECTION**

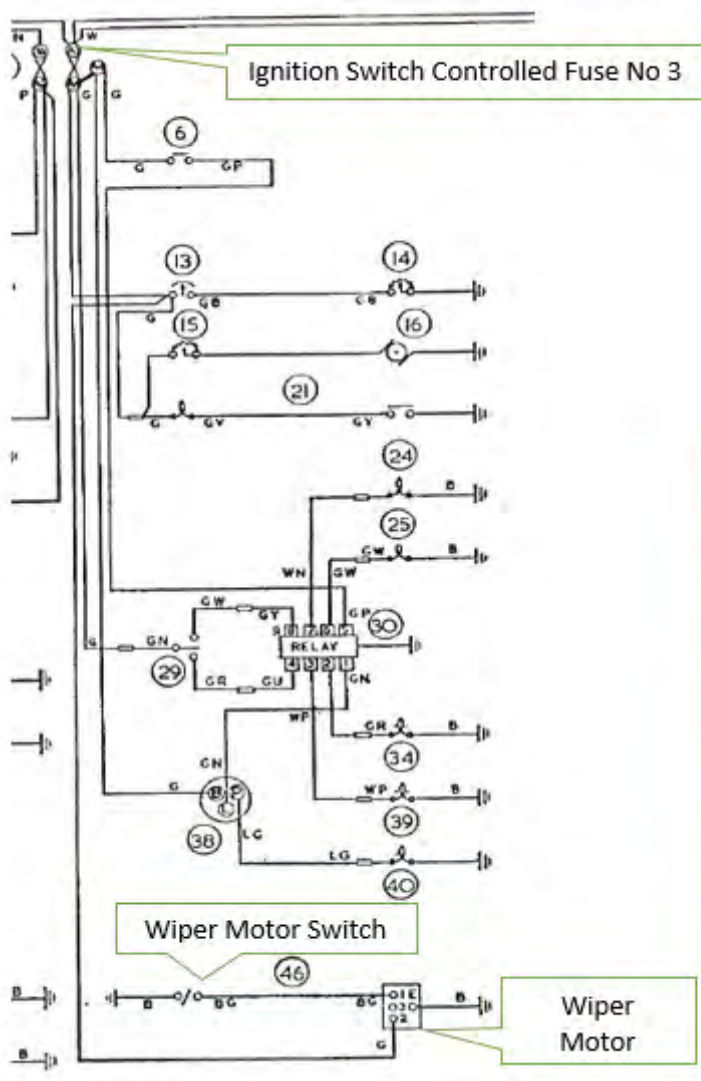
The wiper motor is one of the most neglected items on our cars and after +- 60 years of service, they might be operating less efficiently.

1. As it is virtually impossible to get a new one, make sure that the 2nd hand one is in good working condition. A good auto electrician will be able to test it.
2. The green and black wire on your wiper motor is your positive power. By switching on your wiper motor on the dashboard, the negative pole on the wiper motor will then get the negative current. The diagram attached below, is the way it should be, but bear in mind, that there are several diagrams according to the model of your Morris.
3. Take notice of the diagram and photos below, as it is difficult to remove if you only have The Owner's Manual for guidance.
4. Remove the top cover and check that the cancellation copper plate is still in the right position (switch on/off position) above the gear crank bush. Even if it is damaged, the wiper motor will still work, but the position of the blades when switched off, will stop wherever they are at that time. Make sure to switch off when wipers are in rest position.
5. Remove the wiper cable at the top of the wiper motor plate, by unscrewing the nut.
6. Remove the C clip and cancellation plate carefully.
7. Remove the push/ pull rod that engages with the gear crank bush and the wiper cable.
8. Lubricate inner cable, gear and push rod.
9. Remove the 2 bolts on the end plate and carefully pull - use a small screwdriver to wedge it off.
10. Check for wear on the brushes, holders, coil and armature. Wiper motors are repairable, if their coil and armature condition are acceptable
11. Carefully refit cover and secure 2 bolts.
12. The only new parts that are available, are the brush set (part number 508170), and is obtainable from The Sports Car Centre in Johannesburg. Contact either Denise or Alan (011 646 1631/011 486 0021).
13. If motor is not in working condition and you want to overhaul it yourself, take the wiper motor off its mounting and dismantle it completely. Check the coil and armature condition. If you need to replace the armature and bushes, make sure that the end plate of the armature and float are correctly adjusted. Do a temporary check by making a wiring circuit, according the wiring diagram example. Check if wiper motor operates correctly and if

the switch on/off position of the wiper motor is correct. The removal & fitment of the brush assembly is tricky and must be done carefully and correctly.

## LUCAS MORRIS MINOR WIPER MOTOR CONNECTIONS

### Electrical Wiring Diagram



The wiper motor has 3 wires that is connected to it as per example. With a Negative Earth polarity connection, Connection No 1 is open circuit when the ignition switch & wiper switch is off. If the wiper switch is activated, wire connected to No 1 will indicate an earth connection only even if the ignition switch is on.

With wiper switch activated: Wire connection No 2 is open circuit with ignition off, but 12 volts positive with ignition on. Wire connection No 3 is permanent negative earth and must be connected to the E terminal screw.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Morris Minor 1000. Must be in excellent running order and immaculate. Contact Amanda Pohl on cell: 082 9680434



## THE PESHWARI NANS

by Gerda Muller

I “met” the Peshwari Nans on Facebook. As I am constantly looking for something to post on our page, Facebook is continually throwing all things related to the Morris Minor my way. I first saw this series of books, written by Stephen Haughan, East London born vegan author, who relocated to the South Coast, described as “PESHWARI NANS -TWO ELDERLY SISTERS, ONE CLASSIC CAR AND A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES. Travel with pensioners Esther and Minnie in their classic Morris Traveller affectionately known as Vivien, across vast oceans and continents sharing their own inimitable brand of love and sweetness with the world”.

This of course, tickled me pink and I just had to know more. So, I started tracking the author and soon was accepted onto the Facebook Group Peshwari Nans. He has just launched his 5<sup>th</sup> book about Esther and Minnie, the elderly sisters, and Vivien, their trusty little Traveller (named after Vivien Leigh, famous actress of years ago). These books are available on Amazon, both in book form as well as audio books.

Through the whole of last year, I posted some of it onto our own Morris Minor Owners Club: Western Cape Facebook page, never realizing that Stephen and his followers could follow me too.

Great was my surprise, when on New Year’s Day, while visiting our daughter and son-in-law in Holland, I received the following message:

“Hi Gerda, you have won the Peshwari Nans New Year’s Day draw, please let us have your delivery details. You are our first South African winner x”

After a delighted “Of course” and my address, Stephen wrote further:

“Hi Gerda, I am thrilled to be sending Esther and Minnie to South Africa, I'm not sure how long it will take them to get there but I will post them right away, please check out the Peshwari Nans group page and join readers from around the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/525833584290003/Peshwari> Nans group (366 members)

Would you also take a picture of the books in South Africa when they arrive and post it to the group page, other readers will be thrilled.....” which of course, I promised I would do.

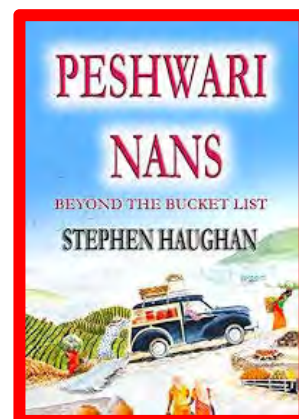
A photo of the parcel with my address on it, was the next bit of correspondence with:

“Wrapped and ready to go Gerda, Enjoy. Part one, Beyond the Bucket list, is a first edition”.

Beyond myself, I waited for the parcel and approximately a month later, I received my parcel. Of course, I posed with the parcel and the contents and of course I posted it on the page. I was welcomed from all over the world by all Peshwari Nans fans and we still talk daily.

Not only was Part One, a first edition, both books were signed, and as a bookmark, Stephen even including a 10 Rupee note – yes, a real 10 Rupee note!!! There was also a personal note from him, plus a lot of post cards with the Nans in various stages of their journey on it.

Now I am eagerly awaiting Part IV! Bring it on!”



## THE STORY OF CHUCK NORRIS

by Gerda Muller



When you belong to a vintage car club, you expect to meet with people with the same interests as you. Events and gatherings are always enjoyable and sometimes festive, sometimes joyful and sometimes not – depending on the condition of your car, which in this club's case, is the Morris Minor.

It's been a longstanding joke of mine, and I always try to take photos whenever we meet at an assembly point to go somewhere – the men end up around someone's car, bonnet open, and all of them sticking their heads under the bonnet. Some actually know what to look at, some don't, but all of them are interested.

But despite careful observation at every event, these gems do tend to break down every so often. We've had minor little problems, like running out of petrol, or a flat tyre, or big disasters

like crankshafts breaking, or, like in our case, a bottom trunnion breaking, which resulted in us connecting a fence post.

However, through the years, we started noticing that whenever a new member goes on his/her first trip with the club, Mr Murphy is, more often than not, present. On Gerhard Robbertze's first trip, his Morris had a flat tyre. Greg and Lynne Smit, on their first trip to Simon's Town, broke a side shaft. Theo and Michelle Smit's Morris had a serious oil leak and Mariana Snyders, on coming back from George, had to refill the oil at each service station. Helen Goldenbogen had 6 breakdowns on that same trip, with a generator not charging the battery.

Our Vice-Chairman, Ron Clark, came up with the brilliant idea that we needed a mascot and brought an unidentified species to the clubhouse. I thought it was a teddy bear and decided that it needed a name. For R5 per name, the members could suggest their own names.

Everyone started naming the poor dear bear-sounding names, like Yogi Bear, Baloo, Moggie Bear, Andy Panda, Eddy the Teddy... and then there were those who liked fancy names like Constantine, Bella, or Molly. The men went for traditional names like Issi (for Issigonis), Cowly, Lord Nuffield, Alec and Mrs. Oxford. However, in the end, after we found out that our mascot was actually a dog, everything changed and Helen Goldenbogen's choice of Chuck Norris, was a crowd favourite, and after everyone voted on it, the deal was clinched:

Chuck Norris, the man's man, fighter, strong, sturdy, reliable, always there in need.....and capable of rescuing every damsel in distress!!!

## REGALIA



Mr Regalia busy at work



### AVAILABLE STOCK

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CLOTH BADGE (round)	R 40.00
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FLAGS UNION JACK	R 30.00
FRIDGE MAGNETS	R 20.00
GOLF SHIRTS	R 145
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MAGNETIC STICKERS	R 40.00
PENS	R 25.00
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STICKERS	R 20.00
TIMING COVER METAL GASKET	R 100.00
VARIOUS BOOKS	PRICE ON ITEMS
70 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS	R185.00

And an oldie:

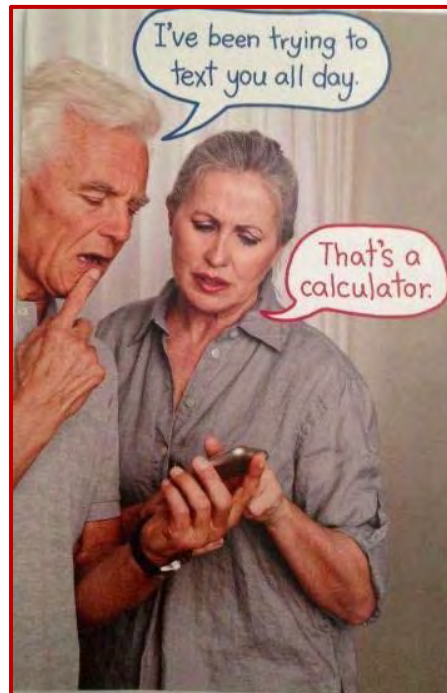
So, this Moggie spends a morning having a modified head fitted. On the way back home, he decides he deserves a drink.

Ignoring the "No Minors" sign, he pulls into a bar and order a pint of flat bitter.

"Why flat?", asks the barman, surprised.

"I only drink unheaded now".

## SOUNDS FAMILIAR???



## What I do when I can't hear someone



- Tell them I can't hear them.
- Move closer so I can hear.
- Repeatedly shout WHAT?!
- Laugh, and hope it wasn't a question.