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EDITORIAL



Greetings to all Morris enthusiasts!

The Cape Winter arrived, but cold and rain don't deter the faithful Morris crowd to get together and have a good time, this time events being held indoors, of course. In these last couple of months, we savoured Snoekies "lekker vis en skyfies", a cosy German lunch at Im Eimer and a snoek braai at Mark Harris' warehouse/restaurant/pub. Needless to say that at each one of the events, Mr Ron (Raffles) Clark collected a considerable amount of money towards a good cause indeed, which is the National Rally 2020. More exciting events are planned for the forthcoming months, some of them fundraisers, too, in preparation for the best Rally ever! Enjoy the read! Articles, photos and suggestions are welcomed (crisota@netactive.co.za / 083 522 8881)

Cristina Jones

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

Since the previous edition of the magazine, we lost a former member, Shirley Nixon. She will be fondly remembered, especially by the older members.



A special thank you to Greg Smit, Mitford Roberts, Peter Blease who helped with the cleaning of spares and sorting out the spares container. A big thank you also to John Birkett and his son, Dylan, who kindly donated and delivered the concrete blocks for shelving and also for offering to, once a month, pick up and deliver spares where necessary. The parts department will be up and running soon - an inventory still needs to be drawn up and more spares still need to be picked up at Tony Harrison's. Thank you to Willie Bower for donating the price tags.

Welcome to all the new members. Our club has grown from strength to strength in the last 2 years. I hope to see you all at our future events, to get to know you all a little better and to allow you to enjoy your Morris to the fullest of its potential.

I implore you to attend our fundraisers, as we need this money desperately to make the 2020 Rally a huge success. The snoek braai was Mark Harris' idea and brought in a tidy sum of money. The next is the Soup and Bingo event – bring friends and family, as we don't want to bleed our members dry. Most importantly, our Morris Got Talent variety show on the 5th of October. We need your help in selling the tickets. These tickets are available – just let Gerda know how many you want.

At the snoek braai, we had the privilege to see Clive Burton's newly restored split screen called Jade. What a beauty!!! Highly commended, Mister Burton!

Frikkie



As you all know the next National Rally will take place at the Club Mykonos in Langebaan on the West Coast from the 8th to the 12th 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 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 31st August 2019.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Alan & Marlene Lawrence
Toby & Paula Megaw



GET WELL

Wishing a speedy recovery to Jill Gerstner, Nico Combrink, Malcolm Jones and Donata van der Merwe

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 21 st July	Soup and Bingo at the Clubhouse
Sunday 18 th August	Bring and Braai at the Clubhouse / Rocker Cover Race
Sunday 15 th September	Run to Franschhoek / Lunch at the Station Pub & grill
Sunday 21 st September	Hermanus Wheels Show
Saturday 5 th October	Morrie's Got Talent- Variety Show
Sunday 20 th October	Braai at the Clubhouse

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>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
Izak Beukes	3	Yolinda Gerstner	1
Llewellyn Buckley	5	Nick Joubert	1
Su Prins	6	Carolina Beukes	8
Patsy Buckley	6	Werner Gildenhuys	11
Annerine Harris	11	Jill Gerstner	13
Lynn Scott	16	Bronwyn Moore	14
Danie Bothma	19	Laurie Claassen	18
Julie Dunkerley	23	Bertha Laubscher	27
Alida van Eeden	24	Michael Bagley	28
Frikkie Muller	25	Andre Mostert	30
Sue Tissington	25		
Sharon Clark	30		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



SHIRLEY NIXON – IN MEMORIAM

by Cristina Jones

Malcolm and I were very privileged to have met Shirley, a former member of our Club. It was during a trip to Oudtshoorn in 2007, our first trip with the Club, that we met. We had recently joined the MMOC and we shared a chalet with Shirley. We got on well immediately. What impressed us most was her dynamism and joyfulness. She was a very lively and gifted lady, always keeping herself busy. Actress, florist and dancer were some of her many talents, apart holding a regular job. Shirley did all the flower arrangements during the 2010 National Rally here in Cape Town and when there was an opportunity to whirl around the dance floor on some of our gatherings, she was always there with her dancing partner Norman Penfold.

A great dame, she leaves the best of memories from her times as a member of the Club.

THE LONELY MORRIS AT OUDE MOLEN ECO VILLAGE (PINELANDS) by Cristina Jones

You might know of this farm in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the city. I go there often on Saturday mornings to the Back Area Gardens, where apart from buying organic fresh products, you can also have a cup of good coffee with a croissant or a sandwich, sitting outdoors under the trees.

Despite having been going there for quite some time, recently and to my surprise, I discovered this Morris hidden among the bushes next to the parking area. As you can see in the photos, it is in a neglected and sorrowful state, which indicates it must have been there for a very long time.

I promise to find out the story behind it.



RECENT EVENTS

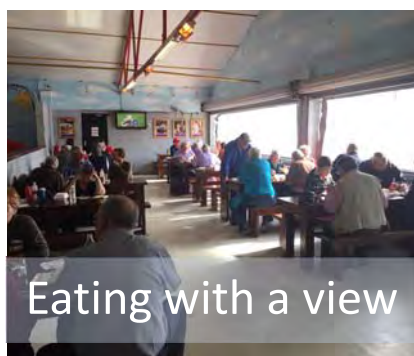
FISH and CHIPS at SNOEKIES, Sunday 19th May

by Cristina Jones

One of the most popular outings among the Morris crowd is a trip to Snoekies at Hout Bay harbour. In fact, it has become like a yearly pilgrimage. If you enjoy “fish and chips” and a “no frills” atmosphere this is the place to be. A big children playground has been added upstairs for the little ones plus more space to accommodate adults and families. And, of course, food quality is the best. We gathered as usual at the Cape Town Foreshore and drove in convoy through beautiful leafy Newlands and Constantia till the seashore of Hout Bay attracting smiles and waving from bystanders and other cars as usual.

A draw took place, organized by Mr Raffle himself, Ron Clark. The winner of the prize this time (champagne and chockies!) was Claire Hoffman.

A walk to the craft market next door to browse around after lunch is also a must for many to end an always pleasant day.



CODDIWOMPLE – FATHERS’ DAY, Sunday 16th June

by Gerda Muller

The meaning of the word Coddiwomple, as I’ve explained before, is to travel in a purposeful manner towards a vague destination. The “vague destination” was only known by myself, Frikkie and Mister Events, Greg Smit.

We met the rest of the members at the Clubhouse – when we joined the club in 2008, that is the way all outings started... at the Clubhouse. Frikkie has always been adamant that when we go on a Morris drive, we must all drive together. We want to show off our cars, we want to show in unity there is strength and when there are breakdowns, we have enough mechanically minded men to help even the damsels in distress.



We took the N1, then off on the R300 and onto the N2 towards Somerset West. We had take-away coffee and changed a flat wheel on John Swift's Morris and then Jorsie, Mr Technical and Mrs Membership's Morris had starter problems, which of course means that our mascot, Chuck Norris, will be travelling with them until the next breakdown. We then travelled on to Sir Lowry's Pass Road.



Nobody knew what to expect and the road and turn-off looked like it went onto an old farm dirt road, which is was.... sort of.... because just around the corner was the surprise: Im Eimer, a German Biergarten and European Restaurant. The owner, Deetlev, also comes from Namibia and Frik and I enjoyed reminiscing with him about the old Southwest Africa

Im Eimer (in the bucket) is a German saying for when something has been used till its utmost potential until no longer useful. The theme is all things old and the decor is detailed and creatively thought out to give you hours of observation time. The literal meaning in the bucket has no relation but you may see many buckets on the premises to keep guests guessing.....

The food is fresh and tasty. Im Eimer is best known for its famous Eisbein and schnitzel. Their portions are huge and most of the men ordered the ladies' Eisbein!

As it was Father's Day and we had a bit of a mix-up with the booking, we couldn't sit where we booked originally, but that was soon sorted out. The service was a bit on the slow side, but the food made up for any inconvenience, but to my mind, the best of the whole experience was the décor – things we saw in our parents' and grandparents' houses. We've been to similar places before (Toeka se Stoor) but Im Eimer just had that some extra which would make me personally go again and again. Around every corner, you found something that you would point at and say "Oh we had one just like that" – this place really stole my heart.



SNOEK BRAAI, Saturday 22nd June

by Gerda Muller



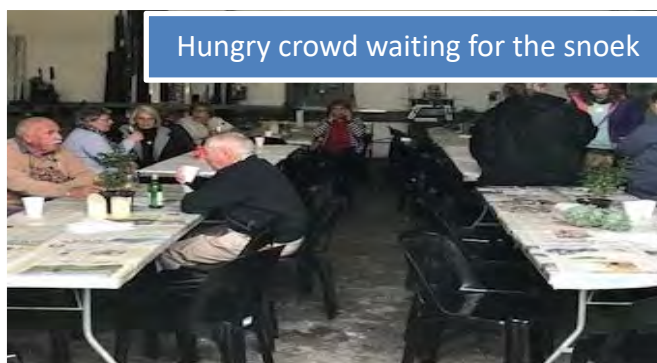
Starting the fire



What a display!



Morris ambience



Hungry crowd waiting for the snoek

Our club members, Mark and Annerine Harris from the Harris Aluminium in the Strand, came up with this wonderful idea of having the Morris Club over for a snoek braai at his warehouse. Those of you who know Mark will know that he is passionate about all vintage cars and have quite a number of them. To us, the Morris club, his Morris were, of course, the main attraction, but far be it from us to shun all his other golden oldies, not forgetting his collection of motorbikes! The men and some of the women were in seventh heaven!

Being in the midst of the Cape's winter, we were worried about the weather and the Cape of Storms did its name justice. But Mark assured us, the road is clear, the snoek will be ready, storm or no storm.

We arrived at about 10.30 – Mark and Annerine and their wonderful friends laid out a spread for us – borrie-patats (the yellow sweet potato, which is a must with snoek), a variety of bread of home-made jams, juice, tea, coffee, and a cash bar. The organization they put into this is amazing and we cannot thank them enough. All the tables and chairs were inside the warehouse, safe from the storm. A caravan was parked in front of the door to shelter us from the wind. Mark's trusty friends grilled the snoek to perfection, and Annerine and her friends decorated the warehouse with plants and flowers – it looked quite homely and not at all like an aluminium warehouse!!

Music was playing the whole time and knee replacement or not, I had to shuffle along to the beat. Mr Raffles, Ron Clark, had a big hamper to raffle which Andrew Riggs won. Mark had a draw for a bottle of red wine, and Mariana Snyders was the lucky lady who won it.

As it was it fund-raiser, all the money that was raised will go into the Rally bank account. From the Morris club's side, we were approximately 30 members and the rest (about another

30) were all Mark's friends and family. Frikkie and I brought friends with and when he saw Mark for the first time, he immediately realized that they were in school together, from St. 3 – 5! It's a small world after all. Who knows, maybe we might get another new member!!

Thank you to everyone who participated, gave donations, slaved over the hot fires, who braved the weather – it was well worth our while.

CLIVE BURTON'S CAR



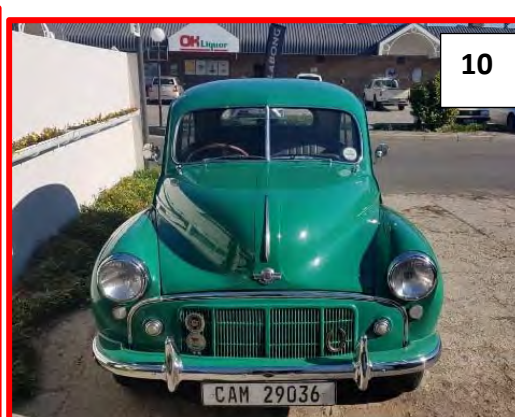
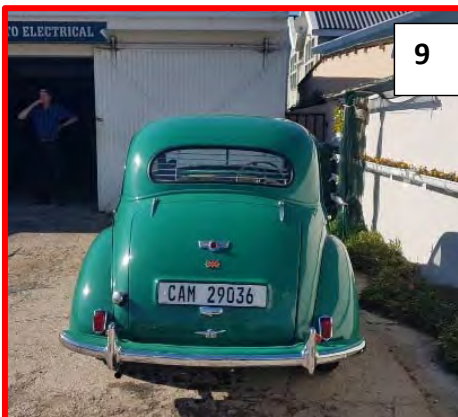
Special mention to this immaculate restoration of Clive Burton's Morris Minor Split-Screen Two Door. He completed this fine job himself after long hours of hard and thorough work, with determination and attention to detail, transforming what seemed an impossible task, into a perfect example of how a restored Morris should be.

Clive (from now on called "the Wizard") also worked on Werner Calitz's (Delarey's brother) Morris. The story below in

his own words:

"I got the car, a 1952 Morris Minor MM, 10 years ago, as an unfinished restoration. The idea was to get her running and, on the road, as it looked okay. At that stage, it was fitted with non-original Morris 1000 engine and gearbox and I was happy to leave it like that. Nothing happened for the next 6 years with it standing in my garage. In March 2015, I decided to get her going. That's when I found various botch jobs in the previous "restoration" and set about bare metal nut and bolt restoration, including sourcing and fitting an original 918cc side valve engine and gearbox. After a long and frustrating registration process (no papers) she is now on the road and her name is "JADE". I include some photos taken during the restoration and in her finished state".





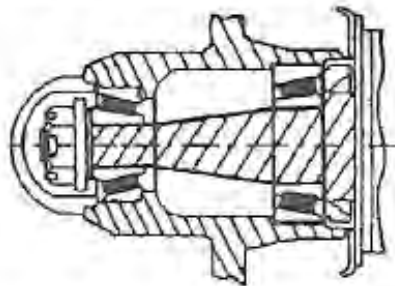
“Regarding Werner Calitz's Morris, I did some cosmetic restoration on his car. It was a very tidy car already when he bought it from John Watts. I fitted new window rubbers all around, panel-beating and resprayed one mudguard and resprayed the engine bay and inner boot. I also gave it a mechanical once over.”



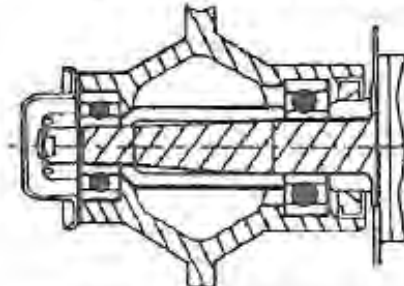
TECHNICAL

TECHNICAL TIPS compiled by Richard Laubscher

Typical taper roller bearing arrangement



Typical ball bearing arrangement



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REPLACING MORRIS FRONT WHEEL BEARINGS WITH TAPER BEARINGS

Many thanks to Tommy Smith who sent in this modification.

- ◆ Remove front hubs.
- ◆ Remove old ball bearings
- ◆ Clean hub out properly with petrol or paraffin
- ◆ Taper-bearings, parts nos 30303 and 30205, seal sm 35548
- ◆ These bearings are available from Bearing Man, R68,40 for the 30303 and R66,00
- ◆ for the 30205 each (excl. VAT) and R15,95 for the seal.
- ◆ Pack bearings with a good quality wheel-bearing grease.
- ◆ When fitting these bearings, leave out the distance-piece between the old bearings.
- ◆ Fit the castle-nut without the washer, otherwise you will not get the split-pin in
- ◆ Do not over-tighten the nut (tighten until the bearing-play is away), then tighten the
- ◆ nut a further quarter-turn.
- ◆ Re-fit split-pin, and dust cap, but do not grease inside cap.

TECHNICAL TIPS by Willie Bouwer

Willie Bouwer, from our Technical team, compiled this list of “must have” tools when you go on a trip with your Morris:

Minor repair tool kit

Combination spanners – 5/16 x 3/8; 7/16 x 1/2; 9/16 x 5/8; 11/16 x 3/4 in AF.

Spanner adjustable 200 mm

Spanner spark plug

Feeler gauge

Screwdriver PH number 1 and 2

Screwdriver flat 3 mm diameter & 6 mm diameter

Pliers combination 150 mm

Grease gun

Jack and wheel spanner

Tool to remove hub cap

Tow rope

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AVAILABLE STOCK

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 35.00	
CLOTH BADGE (round)	R 40.00	
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	
LICENSE DISC HOLDER	R 10.00	
LRP ADDITIVE	R 120.00	
MAGNETIC STICKERS	R 40.00	
PENS	R 25.00	
STALK FLAG	R 20.00	
STICKERS	R 20.00	
TIMING COVER METAL GASKET	R 100.00	
VARIOUS BOOKS	PRICE ON ITEMS	
70 th ANNIVERSARY T- SHIRTS	R185.00	

Take care

Please take special care of yourself and avoid injuries because spare parts for old models are no longer in stock !

As most of us are made in 40's; 50's; 60's & 70's models ... warranty period was long over & expiry date is due soon ... caution is better. Keep reminding yourselves - **we are limited edition.**

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The kids won't move back home if they can't find it!

