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EDITORIAL



Greetings to all Morris enthusiasts!

Apologies for the delay on September-October issue of Morris Matters. I was visiting family overseas for a couple of months. In the meantime, the Club Committee has been very busy organizing all sorts of events to raise funds for our next National Rally. And a very busy Committee is indeed for they are also assembling spare parts to sell to Morris members. But you'll read more on this matter later and of course comments and photos on past events as well as a list of future events. Keep in mind that the Committee members are volunteering their time and effort (and at the same time holding a job) to run the Club and let me tell you it is not easy. Any helping hands will be welcome and at the same time, a word of encouragement and gratitude very appreciated. Enjoy the Cape Spring, although a bit reluctant to make an appearance.

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

As you all know, our previous chairman Malcolm Jones, had another heart attack and is currently back in hospital. Andrew Riggs is poorly as well and is in the Vincent Palotti hospital. We all wish them a speedy recovery and keep them in our prayers.



Welcome to all members who joined since our last magazine was published. Make the most of the few events that are over before Christmas. 2020 is looming around the corner and that can mean only one thing, NATIONAL RALLY 2020!

The most important event before the end of the year is on the 17th of November when we will pre-judge **all cars** that want to enter into the Concours at the Rally. This is a prerequisite and I urge you to make sure your car is judgement ready.

Members who will not be participating in the Concours, this is the time to start giving your cars also a little TLC to be ready for the rally, because there will be quite a few runs during the Rally.

Gerda will be leaving for the UK and Holland on the 6th of October. All might not be aware that our eldest daughter, Liesel, who lives with her husband in Holland, is suffering from breast cancer and going through a hard time. I think all of us will agree that Gerda goes the extra mile for the club and needs this well-deserved break more than ever. Liesel's illness

has taken its toll on both of us. The last year has been very hard for us as a family, starting with Gerda's knee replacement and my own hospitalization due to internal bleeding.

Let's hope that the last quarter of the year will only bring good health to all.

Keep 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 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!!!

**Peter Van Veyeren
Theunis Boyens**

WELCOME

GET WELL



Wishing a speedy recovery to Willem Nel, Roger Buckley, our youngest member Dawson Blease, Malcolm Jones and Andrew Riggs.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies to family and friends of our member Gordon Rennie, who passed away recently

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 5 th October | Morries Got Talent- Variety Show, Goodwood Sports Club |
| Sunday 20 th October | Braai / Book sale at the Clubhouse |
| Saturday 26 th October | Karoo Arts & Culture Show, Prince Alfred Hamlet |
| Sunday 27 th October | Killarney Classic Car Show |
| Sunday 17 th November | Concourse and Braai at the Clubhouse |
| Sunday 8 th December | End of the Year function at Im Eimer, Somerset West |

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:

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| 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: | R 210.00 |
| (Living more than 100km from Cape Town) | |
| 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

| SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | |
|------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Peter Albert | 9 | Arnold Bernardo | 4 |
| Cara Cato | 9 | Charles Fourie | 10 |
| Nico Combrinck | 13 | Owen Gush | 12 |
| Hannes van Eeden | 14 | Tara Morris | 13 |
| Sarah Morris | 15 | John Birkett | 22 |
| George Marx | 15 | Gordon Rennie | 23 |
| Jan Wright | 16 | Terry Maguire | 25 |
| Bobby Moore | 18 | Lou-Ann Joubert | 26 |
| Charl Cilliers | 18 | Estelle Maritz | 29 |
| Anneline Nel | 18 | | |
| Peter Gerstner | 20 | | |
| Fanie Viljoen | 26 | | |
| Gerda Muller | 28 | | |
| Toby Mehaw | 28 | | |
| Dennis Morris | 29 | | |
| Willie Bouwer | 30 | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

RECENT EVENTS

SOUP AND BINGO AT THE CLUBHOUSE, Sunday 21st July

by Cristina Jones

Two sure winners among the Club crowd. The organizers decided to repeat the success of soup day and Bingo of previous years and they were not mistaken. With a selection of yummy soups and fresh warm bread on a cold day, you can't go wrong. Food was followed by Bingo, which of course is the favourite game in the Club. We had raffles and Mr Chairman handed prizes to the lucky people. Special mention goes to Andrew Riggs, who won the "20 years veteran" badge!!!

A ceremony was conducted where our doggy mascot Chuck Norris was passed to Richard and Bertha since their car broke down on their way to the Club. Chuck will be in their Morris until the next member's car breakdown.



BRING AND BRAAI / ROCKER COVER RACE AT THE CLUBHOUSE. Sunday 18th August
by Bertha Laubscher

Ons het almal met afwagting uitgesien na die Rocker Cover Race geleentheid wat plaasgevind het op 18 Augustus 2019.

Dit was ons normale Dop & Chop geleentheid by die klubhuis. Lede is genooi om hul Outoppie Speelgoed saam te bring. Daar was 6 karre ingeskryf deur Sandy, Ron, Theo, Clive en Delarey. Gerda het haar skaal gebring aangesien elke motor geweeg moet word. Volgens die reëls mag dit nie meer as 3kg weeg nie.

Frikkie se vriend by GL Events het dit vir hom gebou uit hout. Die blou Morris het heel indrukwekkend gelyk met die sleepwa en baan agter op. Aan die eindpunt is 'n matrasie geplaas sodat die motors nie beskadig word wanneer dit by die eindpunt van die baan loop nie. Die idee met die geleentheid was om ons lede van die klub bekend te stel aan Rocker Cover Racing daar die klubs met mekaar wedywer tydens die rally wat Maart 2020 sal plaasvind. Dan is dit "serious business"!!!



Ron sal dan ook later wanneer dit geleë is die baan neem en professioneel afwerk.

Theo se kleinkinders het die geleentheid bygewoon en hulle het eintlik die geleentheid woema gegee deurdat hulle so opgewonde en ywerig was oor die motors. Ten slotte het Frikkie dan hulle 'beloon' met 'n sjokolade elk. Een ding is baie seker: hierdie kinders gaan die dag onthou.

RUN TO FRANSCHHOEK, Sunday 15th September

by Mitford Roberts

We all met at our normal Engen N1 one-stop. The weather was cloudy with a cool wind letting us know winter not over yet!

Malcolm Jones arrived but was not feeling well and decided to go back home phoned his Doctor and was rushed to hospital for a transfusion and observation.

We had an attendance of about 16 cars (quite a record!), some of them met us en route. We travelled in convoy, luckily with no breakdowns. We drove through the picturesque Winelands of Franschhoek with stunning views of the Boland mountains. Finally, we arrived at our destination: Franschhoek Station Pub & Grill, where we enjoyed a very nice afternoon with good food and good service in the company of Morris folks. What else can we ask for? After lunch, we started our slow ride back to the city.



Before starting the drive



Hungry crowd waiting for lunch



Kyle Cato, our youngest member (apart from little Dawson of course) with "Panda"

Note sent by Dave Gerstner:

“Small World....”

Spotted at Maun Airport in central Botswana by our good friends and neighbours while on a safari holiday in June. They photographed this Morris as they knew it would be of interest to me. I told them that I knew the Morris and related how the adventurous Laura Morrison drove it down to Cape Town from Scotland. She is now apparently working in Maun as a tourist guide. Once again it shows just what a small world we live in!”

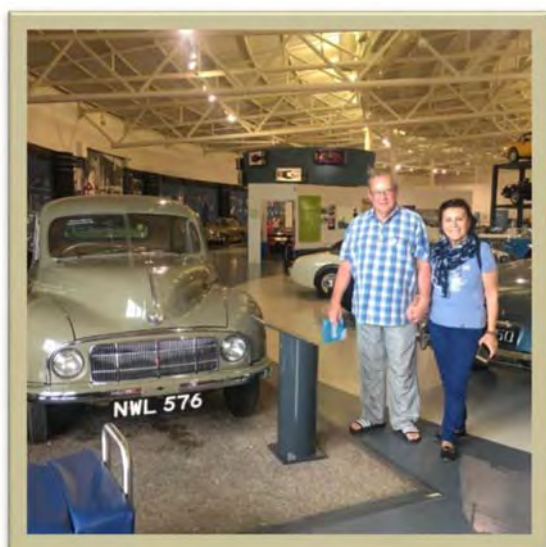


BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM IN GAYDON, WARWICKSHIRE, UK

compiled by C.Jones

The British Motor Museum, housing one of the largest collections of British cars in the world, tells the story of the car and the industry that has produced it for more than a century, celebrating the skills and creativity of the people who designed and built them, as well as giving a unique snapshot of the British social life since the 1890s.

During our recent trip to the UK, Malcolm and I visited this fascinating museum.



1948 Morris Minor MM, first of Line

This is the very first production Minor, finished in Platinum Grey. Used as a press car and then sold, Morris re-acquired it in 1961 in exchange for a “Minor Million” built to mark the production of the Morris Minor. To launch the Minor Million, a competition was held to find the owner of the oldest Minor surviving and the lucky prize winner was a Mr Cyril Swift of Sheffield. That oldest Minor turned out to be the first!

Engine:

4 cyl. 918cc

Coachwork:

Two door saloon

Top speed:

62 mph (100 km/h)

Price new:

£359

Power:

27 bhp

Registration mark:

NWL 576



Also at the Museum:

“A Frugal Man”

Morris' desk is a jumble of business and personal items, old and new. He didn't like to throw anything away. For example, the original office telephone, now redundant, still sits at the back behind its replacement. There are several pairs of glasses, including a pair of very traditional "pince-nez" spectacles which he preferred to use.



“Like a kid in a toy shop”

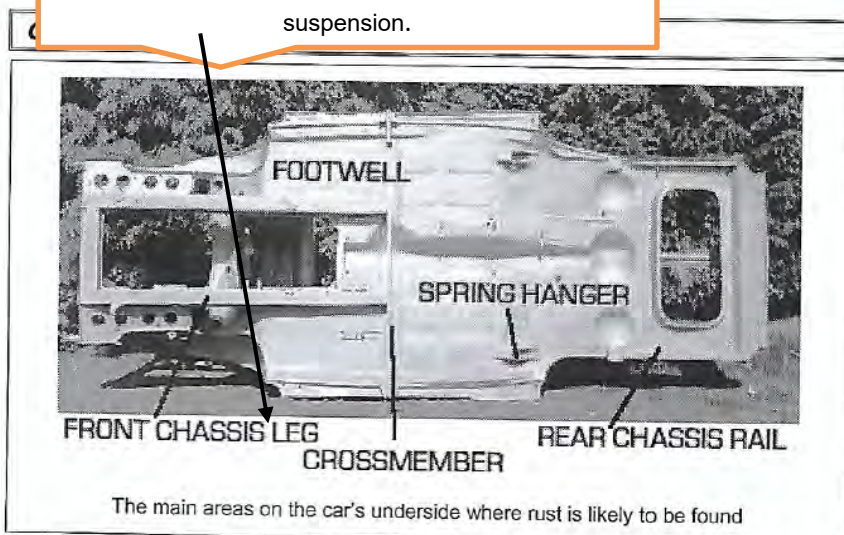
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TECHNICAL TIPS

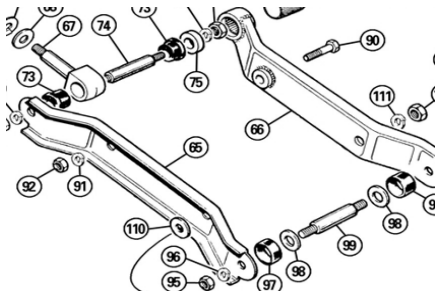
compiled by Richard Laubscher

CHASSIS DETERIORATION YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

The suspension eyebolt bush is secured in this area and carries the complete weight and shocks of the front of the car and engine through the eyebolt of the suspension.



Apart from the other designated areas for chassis deterioration inspection as indicated; the worst scenario is the front suspension load carrying area of the chassis legs. Reason for suspension collapse on the R/H side is that the chassis leg and bush get so deteriorated that the metal breaks away. There is one reason for this. That is that the brake master cylinder is allowed to leak into the chassis leg without attending to the problem. That is to observe if brake fluid leaks out of the leak off hole under the chassis legs where the master cylinder is situated, the master cylinder needs be removed and reconditioned. The picture & photo below is an example of the eyebolt & suspension parts that is attached to the chassis leg bush and of an extremely badly rusted & corroded chassis leg.



STEPS TO RECTIFY THE CORROSION PROBLEM.

If caught in time, the rust, brake fluid and dust accumulation in the chassis legs must be removed with home-made tools as indicated. Water is good to remove the brake fluid and thereafter a sugar soap cleaner and a rust converter to be swept in with the wire and rag to penetrate the deteriorated area. Find below photos of badly rusted inside areas of the chassis leg, the scraper to scrape out the rust inside the chassis leg, the wire & cloth that are used to clean out, derust and paint the affective area.



Also find a good rust convertor, Wurth Zinkspray Perfect to assist in combatting brake fluid deterioration to metal and what it looks like when the bad inside area of the chassis leg has just been coated with Wurth Zinkspray Perfect. Contact Wurth to find out who has this product.

If you ignore this deterioration the suspension will collapse and it will be extremely difficult to restore the damage as it needs expert people to perform the repair correctly because it is not only to replace the damage chassis leg and bush; caster & camber must be taken into consideration when aligning the eyebolt bush in the chassis leg. Fortunate there is information on the internet to perform this affectively. It is costly and you would not like to be involve with having to repair it.

Yes are Morris Minors is wonderfull cars and they can last if preventive maintenance and carefull attention is given to them on a regualr basis. They are after all not so young anymore!

WILLIE'S PIECE OF ADVICE

by Willie Bouwer

Wet brakes

If the Morris has been washed, driven through water on wet roads, full braking power may not be available. Dry the Morris brakes by applying brakes lightly several times while the Morris is in motion.

REGALIA

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 |    |



LOST IN TRANSLATION



One of the easiest ways to get lost in translation is buy car...

"Dead end" road sign, Istanbul, Turkey:
No more. Please pack up now.

Instructions on Japanese driving rules:

**At the rise of the hand of the policeman, stop rapidly.
 Do not pass him, otherwise disrespect him.
 Do not explosion the exhaust pipe.
 Avoid entaglement with your wheel spoke.
 Go soothingly on the grase mud a there lurks a skid demon.**

At a motoring event on the French Riviera:

Competitors will defile themselves on the promenade at 11 a.m., and each car will have two drivers who will relieve themselves at each other's convenience.

In a Japanese taxi:

**Safety first.
 Please put on yur seatbelts.
 Prepare for accident.**
