

MINOR HEADLINES

FROM THE EDITOR

MORRIS MINOR Owners' club (Johannesburg)

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The Johannesburg Morris Minor Owners' Club
Will be hosting the 2018 National Rally
From the 18th to 22nd March
At the Emerald Casino in Vanderbijlpark

MORRIS MINOR
70th Anniversary

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Hi fellow Morris enthusiasts. I have decided to send out the March edition earlier than usual. The reason for this is so that next month we can send out a bumper Rally Edition. Enjoy!

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi Folks

By the time you read this news letter we will have less than 2 weeks to our National Rally, exciting times. All the planning and arrangements have been completed, only need the Rally participants.

I would like to thank the Rally Committee for all their hard work and dedication so far.

This year we have had two great outings, one to the Marievale Bird Sanctuary in Nigel. The other was to Mustang Sally Diner in Pretoria. As can be read below, we all had a great time.

Our next outing is the National Rally, and in April we have the Cullinan Minor Steam run.

We all looking forward to these great events.

Regards

Tommy

MEMBERS PROJECTS

Barry Pringle from the KZN branch, towed his 1969 Panel Van (one of the youngest Panel vans on the data base) to Tommy in Jhb for some TLC work.



Engine removed, cleaned and repainted, head overhauled, wiring re-taped up, front suspension overhauled, and shock kit fitted. All door and window rubbers replaced. Wheels and bumper resprayed. Almost ready to be enjoyed by Barry.

Barry is the 3rd owner of the van. The van was registered in SA as CE 28977 and owned by Mrs P.L Rowles who I am led to believe was the original owner. Her husband imported the vehicle into Zimbabwe in 1970. Her nephew, Duncan Hunter bought it from her on 30 June 1999. He lived in Mtunzini and the car was then registered NZ6866. Barry bought the car in March 2017 and it was registered in his name on 30th August 2017 after having undergone some repair work (???) and going thru CoR and is now NU 131 272.

OUTINGS

28th January 2018 Marievale Bird Sanctuary

Our first outing for 2018 was to the Marievale Bird Sanctuary in Nigel, where we arrived in convoy after meeting at the Total on the N3.

Janet and Jenny were patiently awaiting our arrival. While most of us set up in a spot in the corner of a picnic area, Terence and Tommy went off to rescue "Charlies Angels" after they broke down close to the Military camp. (Conveniently) Braai fires were lit, and a relaxing social afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Terence and Noleen for arranging this outing after the original plan fell through.



25th March 2018 Mustang Sally

A rather shaky start to the outing. No parking had been organised as arranged, and more members than anticipated arrived. Thanks to Colleen and her manipulative skills, we were all manouvered into a seat. Although they had to get a table from one of the neighbours.

Good food, huge portions. We then landed up at McDonalds for desert because Mustang Sally closed at 15h00. A good ending after a shaky start.



FUTURE EVENTS

- 18 – 22 March 2018 - National Rally Emerald Casino
- 29th April 2018 - Cullinan Steam Train Event.



March

Colleen Bowes
Phillip Gordan
Andrew Shacklton
Charles Gardner
Kelvin Cavanaugh
Lieb Bossenger

April

Terence Redmond
Dave Stewart
Dennis Edgar
Joanne Tooze
Paul Enslin
James Meyer

May

Alec Berry
Ilse Blignaut
Linda Cavanaugh
Ian Juskiewiez
Craig Marland
Cecilia Jordaan
Hendrik Jordaan
Paul Harper

SPECIAL THOUGHTS

Rusty Clover had surgery in January. Glad to see he is up and about again. They also had some bad luck at home thankfully they are all fine.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Phil Holgate, who is not doing too well, we are thinking of you Phil.

SAVVA Technical Tip 129 - Solving the 3/16" Dilemma

The following was sent in by Peter Vlietstra. Peter is a bike enthusiast and sometimes I think they are one step ahead of us car chaps – thanks Peter.

Many of the parts on vintage motorcycles are held together by 3/16" fasteners. Without any real rule, cycle parts and tin-ware tended to be BSC threads, machine parts tended to be BSF threads and instrument parts tended to be BA threads. Post 1951, the BSI (British Standards Institute) tried to kill off the BSF range below 1/4" and tried to restrict the entire BSC range, so 2BA became more prevalent. The Hall Green people also used a lot of 3/16" BSW (at 24 tpi), but this is an odd one out, not included in this discussion.

Nuts and bolts get mixed up and interchanged, sometimes without even knowing it. Trying to sort this out can be a headache. To try and work out whether this was an issue or not, I drew up the following table and added in the M5 screw thread for good measure:

Thread	2BA	3/16" BSF	3/16" BSC	M5 x 0.8
Effective diam mm	4.22	4.25	4.34	4.48
Included angle	47.5	55	60	60
Pitch mm	0.810	0.794	0.794	0.800
Pitch tpi	31.36	32	32	31.75

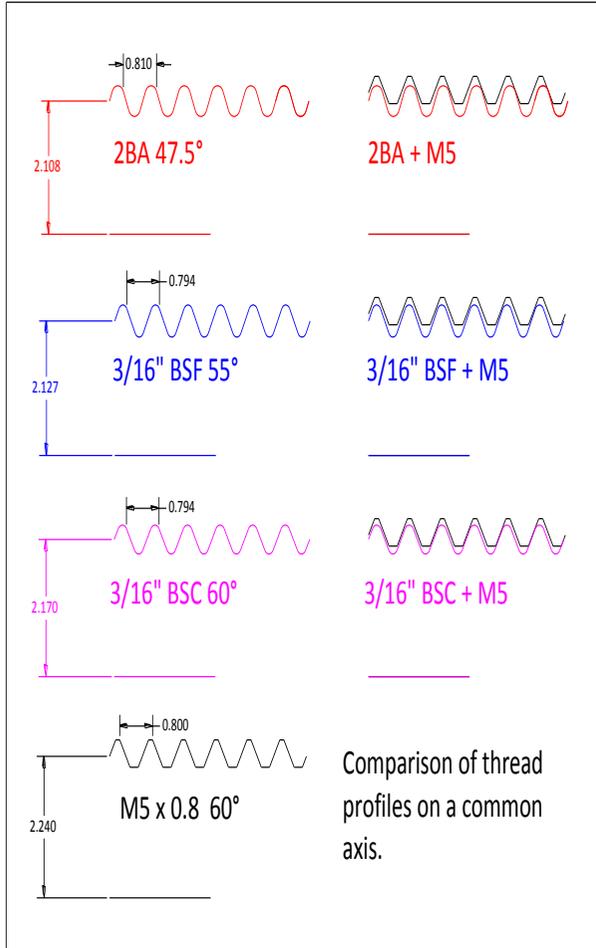
The smaller the included angle, the deeper the thread, so the greater the overall diameter. Overall diameters all seem to range between 4.75 to 4.85 mm.

Using a combination of nuts and bolts, and doing a little fitting, I then drew up the following table of fits: (this is all rather subjective!)

		Nuts			
		2BA	3/16" BSF	3/16" BSC	M5 x 0.8
Bolts	2BA	Right	Tight	Tight	Easy
	3/16" BSF	Tight	Right	Easy	Easy
	3/16" BSC	No go	Tight	Right	Easy
	M5 x 0.8	No go	No go	No go	Right

This table still did not resolve my headache. I was also having difficulties getting the fasteners I wanted in BA, BSF and BSC. I could however find all the bolts I needed in M5 with hex head, cheese head, countersunk and socket head. (Classic round head is derived from cheese head using a belt sander.)

I was sitting in my workshop, pondering over a Castle as what to do next when I had an idea. I took an M5 x 0.8 tap, fitted it to my hand drill, a little cutting paste, and converted all the female threads to metric!



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Until we meet again

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MORRIS MINOR**

