

MINOR HEADLINES

MORRIS MINOR Owners' Club (Johannesburg)

September 2014



Happy 66th Birthday Morris Minor

The first Morris Minor NWL 576, was launched at the Earl's Court Motor show in London on the 20th September 1948.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi everyone, as your chairman I would like to thank everyone for their support. I hope we can work together to make the club bigger and better for as our slogan goes, 'YOU MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE IN A MORRIS MINOR'.

The new committee was elected at the A.G.M. (see back page)

Our meetings this year have been well attended, but we would like to see members who do not attend very often to come along and join in the fun. If anyone has a wedding, birthday or any other item of interest, please contact Sharon to include it in the newsletter.

Yours in a Morris

Terence

OUTINGS

2nd AUGUST 2014

The Scottish gathering at the Vaal. A chilly start to the day. We all met at the Blockhouse close to Meyerton for breakfast. We then proceeded in convoy to Vereeniging. A total of 12 cars in total.

There was plenty of food stalls, so nobody went hungry. Some of the activities was Highland dancing, Pipe bands, hammer throw, medieval sword fighting, flea market, tea and beer garden and of course whisky tasting to name just a few.

For some or other reason the pipe band did not want to be photographed with the Morrises. (Their loss).

All in all a good day was had by all.



31ST AUGUST 2014

A leisurely drive to the Vaal and Parys. The purpose of this exercise was to scout out a venue for our Nationals.

After leaving the "Blockhouse" we drove in convoy to the Vaal where we had a look at "Goose Bay Lodge" and "Candies". From there we stopped at "Lavender hills" in Parys. By this time some tummies were grumbling.

After lunch and liquid refreshments at "Egweni", it was off to "Sunwa". This venue seemed to be the favourite for the day.



FUTURE EVENTS

- 28 September - Fort Klapperkop
- 31st Oct – 2nd Nov Weekend away at Rustenburg Kloof
- 23rd November - Year end function

SPARES

The Morris Minor club has the following spares in stock:

Suspension rubbers, fender and door rubbers,

thermostat housings, top and bottom radiator hoses

bottom radiator hoses for 1098

Tommy has the following:

All 948 & 1098 Gearbox parts – gearbox repairs

MEMBERS PROJECTS

Terence Redmond

Having completed my 56 Morris, sometime ago, I decided it was time I got busy with another project. After speaking to Tommy, we made a deal to buy his sister's Austin Apache which had been standing under a carport at his late Dad's house for some years. The car is a 1976 model T.C. which has a 1275 engine. After making arrangements to collect the car one Saturday morning, my friend Paul and I proceeded to his Dads house to fetch the car. We thought it would be an easy job to get the car started. We put a battery in and 5 liters of petrol, but after having stood for a long time we gave up. We then decided to tow the car home, so we hitched it up to Tommy's double cab and towed it to springs. After investigation I found the filter in the tank was blocked. The tank was removed and taken to Silverton Radiators where it was cleaned and painted. The next job was to sort out the carburetors which were

totally blocked. I then had to replace the coil, points and condenser after which I finally got the motor started. I have now re-sprayed the rims and fitted new tyres. I am now preparing the body for paint. I hope to have the body sprayed by the end of June.



The Smith Boys

After completing the chassis the next task was the cab, but this was placed on hold due to labour unrest. The bonnet, rear cab panel, and bumper was stripped of all their paint. The cab was then sent for sand blasting, when all the rust was discovered. The cab was painted with self-etch primer to prevent rusting while the laborious task started to remove all the rust and weld in new panels.



The extent of rust can be seen on the lower panels. The two floor boards will also have to be replaced.

Albert and Lorna Van Heerden

Albert bought his cream 1958 2 door in 1975 from Lindsay Saker Motors for R250.00. It was intended to be his daughter's car for college. Due to the pressure of work and building a house, it never got off the ground floor until the early eighties when he became a member of the MMOC . So the membership was short lived as Albert became a partner in Dozer Machine Sales and once again the Morris Minor was on the back burner. At this stage the engine and gearbox were overhauled and the body work was straightened. The rebuild project of the cream Morris Minor was then shelved for many years.

Early 1998 Lawson Flint suggested he could dispose of the car, but the sale never materialised, so Albert re-joined the MMOC JHB. In April 1998 he decided to tackle the Morris again. By the end of 1999 the Morris was completed and she was ready for the nationals in Cape Town April 2000 and won first prize for Concors D'Appeal

Shortly after the Nationals he was invited onto the committee where he served for several years. Later he became Vice Chairman to Gary Dodds for two years, and thereafter chairman for an extended period due Marius van Biljon not being able to stand as chairman due to extreme work pressure. The highlight of his term of office was the 2008 Nationals at Emerald Resort. Thanks to his team Tommy, Sharon and sons, Rusty and Dawn to mention a few. The entire committee did a sterling job. It has been suggested that no National ever came up to the standard of the 2008 Nationals which commemorated Morris Minors 60th Anniversary hosted by Johannesburg.

Albert and Lorna attended all the Nationals from 2000 to 2012

By Albert van Heerden



REGALIA

John Webb has the following regalia in stock:

Men's V neck Jersey Woman's cardigan

Name Badges Key rings

STOCK TO CLEAR

Unisex golf shirt 2008 rally R 50.00

D/blue L/blue collar R 50.00

SUBS

In case you have forgotten, your subs were due on the 1st April 2014. Do not stress, you can still pay them by the end of September 2014 without being penalised.

FOR SALE

± 54 woody and a ± 52 Split screen 4 door for restoration. No papers. Split screen complete. Woody missing some glass and bright work R12 000 for both

Contact Phil 082-667-4934

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new MMOC members.

Neil Sewnarain

Christo Eilenberg

BIRTHDAYS

Too many to name individually. So if you have had a birthday or are going to have one "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

Remember to keep Nina Felgate in your prayers.

Morris Minor Data

Our local historian Chris Spinks has been keeping a data base of all known Morris Minors in RSA. The data base has achieved 900 Morris Minors. Well done Chris, hope we see a "Minor 1000" soon

SUMMARY

<u>Number</u>	<u>Body Type</u>
407	2 Door saloons
340	4 Door saloons
15	Convertibles
11	Tourers
6	Chop Tops
75	Travellers
27	Pick-Ups
11	Panel Vans
8	Unknown
900	TOTAL

TIME TO STOP

A traffic cop pulled alongside a car on the highway. Glancing into the car he was astounded to see that a lady was knitting and driving. Realising that she was oblivious to his flashing light and siren, the traffic cop wound down his window and shouted "PULL OVER"

"NO" she yelled back "IT'S A SCARF"

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Until we meet again

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