

MORRIS MATTERS

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The Morris Club has been going through a difficult period during the last two months, and due to these difficulties we now have a vacancy for the portfolio of Editor. If there are any of our members out there who might be able to help us in that department, we would really appreciate it. In the meantime, I will be sending out all the relevant information on upcoming outings and events.

If there are any members who are not in possession of a club name-badge, please let Frikkie Muller know (082 267 3398) so that these badges can be ordered.

I also want to implore you to help us make the MMOC an even better club. If there are any members with any grievances or complaints, or positive (negative too, I guess!) feedback, please feel free to let us know. We also welcome any suggestions for events and outings.

UPCOMING EVENTS :

25 August – Flower Festival in Darling (non-Morris event)

3 September – Langebaan Lagoon Festival (non-Morris event)

11 September – British Car Fun Run organized by the Sunbeam Club. As they supported us last year, when it was our turn, please consider supporting them this year. Anyone interested in going, please contact **Johann Jooste** directly at **021 860 3710 or 083 462 0419**, before or on **26th Aug** or email him, johann.jooste@kaapagri.co.za

18 September – Weather permitting, we are planning to make a run to Posberg or Darling to look at the wildflowers. As Plan B (if the weather is not good – raining & no sun), we will take a drive to Kalk Bay and have some lovely fresh fish and chips at Kalkies in Kalk Bay Harbour. More info later.

1 October – Whales and Wheels Festival at Hermanus. (non-Morris event)

16 October - 30th Anniversary of the MMOC Western Cape. We need ideas on how to make this a special event. We thought about having a potjiekos competition, but we need someone with the know-how to pull it off. Any other suggestions would be welcome too. On the 21st anniversary we held a fancy dress party, which was a roaring success and for the 25th anniversary we had a 60's party.

6 November - Killarney Car Show – Multi Car event, replacing the Classic Car Show at Parow North.

4 December – End of the year function.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Full Member	R200,00	Students up to 25 years	R125,00
Full Member + Spouse/Partner	R225,00	Country Members	R135,00
Senior Citizens (over 65 years)	R150,00	Overseas Members	R135,00
Senior Citizens + Spouse/Partner	R175,00	Registration Fee (Compulsory)	R50,00

BANKING DETAILS : Bank: Standard Bank Branch Code: 050 704

Account name: Morris Minor Owners Club Account no: 27 119 3093

PLEASE PAY BY E.F.T. to save the club banking charges on cash transactions.

YEARLY FEES TO BE PAID BY THE END OF JANUARY - If fees are not paid, your newsletter and all correspondence will be cancelled.

CHANGE of ADDRESS or TELEPHONE or EMAIL:

Please notify Cristina Jones (Membership Portfolio: Tel. 083 522 8881 or crisota@netactive.co.za) if there are any change in your abovementioned info, so that you can continue receiving our newsletters and other info.

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REPORT-BACK on PAST EVENTS by GERDA MULLER:

LUNCH AT STELLENBOSCH AIRFIELD -26 June 2016

Neil Adendorff, one of our new Events Coordinators, with the help of Graham Ross, organized a lovely Sunday lunch at the Stellenbosch Airfield on the R44. It was a beautiful, sunny winter's day and we were well represented, plus a few guests of Graham Ross and Paul Hoffman. We took a scenic drive through Gordon's Bay, as they had their yearly Winter Wonderland festival. Wish we had more time to explore a bit, but maybe next year we can make an event of it!

The menu consisted of lamb chops, boerewors and chicken, plus three salads and different breads. The wine was sponsored and Helmine Derksen brought lovely cupcakes for dessert. Neil and Helmine took the time to decorate the cupcakes with small Union Jacks, truly representing Britain!

Always a pleasure going out with the Morris people!

LUNCH AT McPHERSON'S - 17th July 2016

As events coordinators need to keep everybody happy, we try to do events and outings all over the Peninsula. As we went to Stellenbosch the previous event in May, this time we decided to go to McPherson's in Table View. As Frikkie and I have been there before and were very impressed with the gorgeous view on the mountain, we couldn't wait to share this jewel with the rest of the club.

The restaurant is set next to Rietvlei – where one usually sees the sea, with the mountain as a backdrop, this time you see the yellow/brown reeds and the mountain just behind it. McPherson's is a family-owned business, and besides the restaurant, it is also a wedding venue, plus a small, but well-kept nursery with indigenous plants and next door is a guesthouse as well.

The menu is extensive, but most members ordered the Sunday roast for only R75! As usual, time flies when you're having fun and by the time most of the die-hards were ready to go, quite a few glasses of wine had also been consumed.

Then disaster struck.....a roadblock just outside Table View! I won't mention names, but some people had to take a breathalyser test and by breathing very shallowly, managed to escape jail.....

Those of you who could not make it, really missed out big time.

See you at the next event!!

VINTAGE BRAAI AT THE CLUBHOUSE – 21 August 2016

Capetonians know that the weather, like women, is unpredictable. Our events coordinator, Charl Cilliers, decided on having a vintage themed braai at the clubhouse. I sent out emails asking members to show up, dressed in their vintage clobber from the 50's to 70's, depicting how people dressed when our Morries were being manufactured.

Somewhere, somehow, these facts got lost in translation, and very few members dressed the part, which was a pity, because Charl bought a nice bottle of red wine as reward for the best dressed member. According to all of us, Charl was the winner by far, but because he bought the wine, he decided to award the prize to Peter Albert, who was dressed as a Policeman, wearing a pair of denim shorts (yeah, that right...in this weather), shirt with epaulettes, a neat pair of long socks, name badge with the old SA flag, and the surname "ALBERT"... the only thing that was missing was the stainless steel comb in his sock!

As I was born in the 50's, being a teenager in the 60's, and a young married mother of two in the 70's, I thought I could still pull it off. Let's just say... I tried my very best. Twiggy was my role-model...but unfortunately (as Malcolm pointed out) I had a few kilo's on Twiggy and old age and arthritic knees played havoc on my knees peeping from under my mini. Twiggy was also famous for her large eyes and very long false eyelashes. Well, in my day I was known to be rather cool....always on trend with the latest fashion and make up. Needless to say, I forgot that Twiggy (and me, as Twiggy) didn't have saggy skin or any wrinkles around the eyes, and eyeliner tends to "bleed" into the old age lines. Not a pretty sight.....

Rain or not, vintage dress code or not, the food as well as the company, was wonderful, as always. Not even a broken urn could faze us... lines queuing at the microwave oven proved that.
