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NEWSLETTER OF THE M.G. CAR CLUB - PORT ELIZABETH CENTRE

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***Monthly Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the EPVCC CLUBHOUSE,
Conyngham Street, PE from 18.30H onwards.***

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Chairman's Chirp December 2024/ January 2025

Greetings and Salutations my MG Family.

Well, 2024 has come and gone (very fast I may add). I trust that you all had a most enjoyable festive season and holidays with your family and friends. Compliments of 2025 to you all, may it be a good and successful one.

If we take the MG 2024 in review, we should be quite happy with our accomplishments. We had a Noggin every month and midweeks and monthly runs most months. Our annual Christmas function took place at the German club and was well attended and enjoyed by all.

As usual we also connected well with some other local car clubs viz. EPVCC, Alfa, Morris and Triumph, all long standing friends of MGCCPE. There was also the National Indaba in Houw Hoek which some members attended.

So we could get our old ladies (those are the cars I may mention) out and running fairly regularly. A few members also took the cars on a nice long run to Houw Hoek and the George Old Car show.

In 2024 we gained a few new members and regrettably a few also resigned from the club, but that is how things go in clubs.

Administratively we also achieved some of our goals. Amongst others, we revised the Club Constitution and the club logo. We also cleared up grey areas regarding SAMCA and the National Insurance. More about this at the AGM in April.

For 2025 we have an exciting year ahead. The events calendar for the year was published in the previous Newsletter, but that is not cast in concrete, any suggestions are welcome. There will be a few adjustments to some of the published events. In addition to all their other events, EPVCC is arranging a quiz evening for participation by all local clubs. Get your thinking caps on so long, you may just be the one to be called up to represent MGCCPE.

Apart from our normal monthly and other local events, there is also a National Event in September 2025 at the Goudini Spa near Rawsonville in the Western Cape. This event is entitled an MG Gathering. I have sent out an e-mail in this regard to all members. This event is not as formal as the National Indaba. It is basically a get together of MG enthusiasts from across the whole country and will be similar to the former Cape Centres event. The invitation is however not restricted to Cape Centres only but will go out to all the MG Centres. It is being arranged by the Cape Town Centre and if the Indaba was anything to go by, this will be a cracker. If you are not sure about the arrangements, please contact me and I will provide further information. I urge members to seriously consider attending this event, I have already booked.

Another National event takes place in May. It is the 70th anniversary run for MGAs. It takes place in Cradock and is restricted to MGAs only.

Then there is the George old Car show on 8 February. If there is interest in going, please let me know and we can arrange a convoy for the drive to George.

Lastly, as you are all aware, MG is back in town. Not the way we know MGs, but in a very modern format. Some committee members have already had meetings with the MG Management team and they want us to be part of their formal opening events. Please drop into the Dealership to say hallo and check out the new MGs. They have already sold a number of these cars in PE. The prices are in a very competitive range and of high quality. Watch this space for more information on the opening events.

I look forward to another enjoyable year with my MG family, you are a great bunch!!!!



Octagonally yours, until next time.

Events December 2024

December kicked off with our regular noggin followed by the annual Christmas lunch at the German Club. The organisers must be complimented on the décor and the chef on the catering.

The Christmas lunch is always a fun time





"Look at you - folding laundry. And last night it was doing the dishes. Just exactly what part of 'No you're not buying another **MG**' don't you understand?"

MG Release in South Africa

As pertaining to the cartoon above and he is thinking of buying another MG, why doesn't he consider one of the brand new MGs recently released in South Africa for his wife.



There are 25 dealerships in South Africa and the one in Port Elizabeth is situated on the William Moffett Highway under the auspices of Tavcor.

There are basically three marques:

MGZS Crossover

This car is pictured above. It has a 1.5 naturally aspirated 4 cylinder petrol engine and is automatic.

Prices range from R290 000 to R310 000.

MGHS Mid-Sized SUV



It is offered in 2 forms – Comfort or Luxury and has either a 1.5 or 2.0 turbo charged engine. All cars are automatic. Prices are R500 000 to R600 000.

Cyberster

If you really want to compete with one of the member's MGs you will have to buy one of these:





It is electric powered by a 77kWh battery pack with dual motors – one over each axle. The scissor doors are electric opening, electric folding hood and 20 inch alloy wheels.

It has all the bells and whistles on the dashboard:



Of course you have to pay for one of these –R1.4 million.

Perhaps the editor should better stick to his TC!

Tavcor Audi will do the servicing of the MG and they come with a Service Plan and a 7 year warranty.



MGCCPE EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

DATES 2025	EVENT	VENUE	CATERING	MEET/ TIME
15 January Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Braai	7pm
26 January Sunday No F1	Monthly Run	Blue Vibez at Seaview	Restaurant	Prestons 11:30am
5 February Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
8 February Saturday	George Old Car show	George		TBD
19 February Wednesday	Midweek	Sacramento	Restaurant	Prestons 11:30am
23 February Sunday No F1	Monthly Run. All Clubs day	EPVCC	At EPVCC	At venue 09:00am
5 March Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Hamburgers	7pm
19 March Wednesday	Midweek. Visit to NSRI	PEDSAC	Restaurant	NSRI 10:30am
30 March Sunday No F1	Monthly Run. Bowls Day Alfa challenge	Moths Bowling Club	Bring and Braai	At venue or at the club 11:30
2 April Wednesday	AGM	EPVCC	Snack Platters	7pm
16 April Wednesday	Midweek	Ziggies	Restaurant	At venue
25 April Friday evening	British Sports Car Display	EPVCC	At EPVCC	At venue 5pm
27 April Sunday No F1	Monthly Run	Chairman's Run ending at Kragga Kamma	Bring and Braai	Pop's 9am
7 May Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
14 May Wednesday	Midweek	Barnacles	Restaurant	Prestons 11:30 am
25 May Sunday Monaco F1	Monthly Run Breakfast Run	Apron Strings	Restaurant	09:00am Prestons
4 June Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
11 June Wednesday	Midweek	Three Legged	Restaurant	Checkers

		Pig		Lorraine 11:30am
22 June Sunday No F1	Monthly Run Aloe Run	Blue Horizon Bay	Restaurant	Checkers Lorraine 11:30am
2 July Wednesday	Noggin - Soup and Sherry	EPVCC	Soup and Sherry	7pm
16 July Wednesday	Midweek	German Club Evening	Restaurant	German Club 6:30pm
20 July Sunday No F1	Monthly Run Combined Alfa/Morris/Triumph	Tolbos Padstal	Padstal	Dunlop Zone Kabega 10:30am
27 July Sunday	British Classics Show Day	EPVCC	At EPVCC	At venue 09:00am
6 August Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
20 August Wednesday	Midweek	Grass Roof	Restaurant	Prestons Mount Pleasant 11:30am
24 August Sunday No F1	Monthly Run Concourse/Driving Tests/Showday MG/Morris/Triumph	SAAF Museum	Bring and Braai	At venue 10:30am
3 September Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Boerrie Rolls	7pm
17 September Wednesday	Midweek	VW Museum	Restaurant	TBD
28 September Sunday No F1	Distinguished Gentleman's Drive	TBA	TBA	TBA
1 October Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
16 October Thursday	Midweek Evening	Greek Club	Restaurant	Greek Club
26 October Sunday Mexico F1 Evening broadcast	Monthly Run (Kimber) Combined Jeffreys, Morris and Triumph	Jeffries or Thornhill	Restaurant	Checkers Lorraine 11:30am
5 November Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Prego Rolls	7pm
12 November Wednesday	Midweek	Elephant Walk	Restaurant	Checkers Lorraine

				11:30am
15 or 22 November	Afternoon of the Classics	TBA	TBA	TBA
30 November Sunday	Monthly Run	TBA	TBD	TBD
Qatar F1 Evening broadcast	Mystery Run			
3 December Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
14 December Sunday	Christmas Lunch	TBD	TBD	TBD
No F1				
6 th June	Eden classic Car Show	Knysna		

Good day.

My tenant has recently purchased a 1969 MGB and is needing window glass. He needs a tailgate glass and the right hand side door glass.

The vehicle is currently under restoration. It was purchased from a family member in Gauteng. The car was originally in Cathcart.

I would appreciate if you could find out from you members if anyone has these spares or were one could try to obtain these.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas.

Regards

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Service Provider and Address	Telephone	Email/Website	Type of Service
Ace Auto Electrical 3 Todd St North End P E	0414842640		Good diagnostics (Paul Allen)
Bearing Man 320 Kempston Road Holland Park P E	0414537330		
Cableman, 303 Kempston Rd Sidwell PE	0414536007	cablemanpe@ telkomsa.net	Cables for speedos rev counters and Accelerator
Cape Parts Distributors 11 Paterson Rd North End PE	0414871471		Brake & Clutch Hydraulic Components
Chromeworks,(Peter Rist), 6A Sidwell Avenue Sidwell	0414841533 0828558628	chromeworkspe@ yahoo.co.za	Chroming (PETSCC Member
D N Automotive, 25 King Edward Street Newton Park PE	0413641017 Dave Heckroodt	dnauto@lantic.net	Service and repairs on modern MG's(F & TF)Also Electronic diagnosis
East Cape Clutch and Brake	17 Rundle Street Sidwell	0414511669	clutch and brake components fitment
East Cape Mountings, 39 Rundlell St Sidwell PE	0414515968		Re- manufacture of engine mountings
Edwards (John), 20 Murrel Cresc. Framesby PE	0724444398		Retired autoelectrician Experience with classics
Emgee Workshop Cameron or Paige	0828220175 071 938 8027		MG Spares
Generator House, 5 Goldsmith St North End PE	0414845867	www.theauto.co.za/ generator-house	Aubrey Autoelectrical Repairs
Guscott's Engine Rebuilders 55 Kempston Road Sidwell.	0413747300		Specific engineering work on engines of classic cars by Jeff Guscott
Holden- Jones (Russell), MGCC Member	0832566927	russellholdenjones@gmail .com	Water pump and other components repair
Industrial Rubber, 15 Richard Street sidwell	0414534437/0837491876	peindrubber@telkomsa.net	wide selection of rubber profiles
Lokhose, (A & A Murphy), - MGCC Members, 18 Sutton Rd Sidwell PE	0414532974 0825683605		Hydraulics & Pneumatics
Motor Mod		Fettes Road N End P E	Mechanical Modifications
Nel's Motor Trimmers, 21 Hancock Street N End	041484222	nelsmotorspe@gmail.com	Upholsterer
P E Hydraulics, 46 Sidwell Ave. , Sidwell P E	041451 4332	rakesh@pehydraulics.co.za	Hydraulics components
Powerflow, Frank Street Newton Park P E	0413655855	newtonpark@powerflowexhausts.com	Stainless steel exhausts and repairs
Pro Seals and Bearings, 2 Commercial Centre Commercial Rd PE	0414534678	sales@proseals.co.za	Good selection of seals & Bearings Take sample
Pro Tek Heads, 6 Hammond Street Sidwell	0414539765		aluminium welding ie. Thermostat housing
Ronnie Reed Clutch	75 Haupt Street Sidwell	041 4532227	brake and clutch
The Sports Car Centre, 11 Westmeath Rd Parkview Jo'brg	0116461631 0114860021	sportscar@mweb.co.za	MG Parts Alan & Denise Uzell
Tyler (George) 17 Gonubie St. Sherwood	0829617601		Upholsterer
Wheeltech, 31 Fettes Road N End P E	0413733052		bushes etc
Classic Car Windscreens		julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za	
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