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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

Dear members. I have decided that this month's Chairman's Chirp will be in the format of my report at the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM. This contains a summary of the MGCCPE 2023/4 activities and also looking forward to the 2024/4 club activities.

### MGCCPE 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 3 April 2024

#### Chairman's Report

For the 2023/4 year the club had 69 registered and paid up members of which two regrettably passed away during the year (acknowledgement is given to Liz Greenwood and Gert de Witt – lift a glass).

Two members formally resigned from the club and there are still a few of last year's members who have not paid their subs.

Two new members, Divan and Minke joined the club in 2023/4. They are a young couple and we welcome them into the MG family and wish them many happy years with the club. Divan is a pianist of note and they are both full of fun.

Our member numbers have gone down to 61 which is a bit disturbing. We will still try to get those who have not yet paid to pay up and rejoin.

In 2023/4 club members participated regularly and in good numbers in club events. We had one AGM, 11 Noggins, 11 Midweeks and 11 Monthly runs and to top it all we had a most enjoyable year end Christmas Lunch.

Our Noggins are well attended and sometimes rather raucous. A lot of interaction and idle chatter takes place and information is shared between members where a lot of knowledge is gained especially by the not so technical!! Our technically knowledgeable club members are very generous and forthcoming in sharing their technical knowledge with us who are not so technical. Thanks for that.

We altered the format of some of the Noggins in 2023/4 by having special catering evenings with the majority still being bring and braais. Our special catering evenings started with a soup and sherry theme which was fully sponsored by the club. We also had a Nasi Goring evening as well as Prego roll and Boerrie roll evenings. These were partly sponsored from club funds.

For the 2024/5 year there will again be catering evenings as most members were in favour of these when answering my survey and expressed their enjoyment and fun we have at these events. Bring and braais will still be the default.

The club had a lot interaction with other local and regional car clubs during the year. EPVCC invited us to a number of their events which is always interesting and a pleasure to attend, nothing more so than the Afternoon of the Classics where a number of our members were invited to display their cars and their own wares. Both, the British Cars and All Clubs days had a good MG turnout. The British cars day doubled as our celebration of 100 years of MG.

Thanks to the Alfa club for our combined run to Patensie and also for taking up our challenge to a bowls match (which they won by two points – they were lucky!!!). There was also some interaction with the Triumph and Morris clubs during the year albeit very low profile. Our outing to Thornhill with the Jeffries Old Car Club was a success and we will do it again this year.

We plan to again to have a number of joint events with other clubs during the 2024/5 year.

The big national event for 2024 is the Cape Town Indaba at Houw Hoek. Nine cars and fifteen members from the PE Centre will be participating in this event (something to look forward to).

I felt very privileged that we had such a good turnout of cars and members at the Chairman's run event which ended up at the Kragga Kamma Game reserve. It was a pleasure to host you all in my playground.

The club also did some charity work during the year. Some of the club members made soups and we served about 410 meals to the Buffelsfontein Retirement home residents. Thanks goes to Tracy who put some very hard work into coordinating this event. The funds for this was taken out of the surplus from our 2022 Indaba. We got the blessing from the National Body to spend the funds for this occasion.

A big thank you to all the club members who participated and generously donated food and blankets to Paws Animal Welfare. These donations came out of our own pockets.

For the 2023/4 year we met most of the objectives which were set at the AGM (see minutes).

- We celebrated 100 years of MG. As mentioned above, this was done at the EPVCC British Cars Day Event. A very good turnout of MGs and we were able to park our cars in a timeline.
- Our social media platforms, WhatsApp, Website and Facebook pages were updated
- King of the Road was published every month and long may it continue. Alan is doing a fine job with the newsletter
- and most importantly we updated our constitution
- The two objectives we did not meet was to have a Show Day/Concourse in the real sense of the word where the cars are judged. We are planning to have one during this year.
- and to take our cars around the Scribante Race track. This turned out to be very expensive and was duly cancelled.

Our objectives for the 2024/5 year will be:

- to have new regalia available for club members. Examples will be presented to the members
- a revised logo. We will submit to all club members a few ideas for an updated logo which will be ratified by the majority member votes. In chatting to the stalwarts of the club, most were in favour of considering a modernised logo, subject to us not losing our club history and identity. This is done to ensure a clearer logo when embroidered onto regalia.
- We also want to ensure that we have clarity on the SAMCA and insurance requirements
- The revised formats of future Indabas and Cape Centres (MG Gatherings) to be clarified and communicated to the members
- Have a Concourse/Showday

In closing I wish to thank all the club members for their energetic participation in the events during the year, without you the club will not exist. We hope that we can grow the active participation of members during the 2024/5 year.

I also wish to thank the 2023/4 Committee for their support and all the hard work done during the year, it has not gone unnoticed and it was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you and to get to know you better. To the incoming committee, I wish you a successful 2024/5.

Lastly, thanks to Sharleen for all the MG help she has given me during the year, mostly very much in the background.

Let's look forward to a most enjoyable and fun club year for 2024/5. Some nice events are in the pipeline.

### **Editor' Note**

This month's banner page features our club mascot who has been christened Cecil Kim-bear and a picture taken at the AGM featured below of your new committee.



## March Events

### Bowls challenge versus the Alfa Romeo Club Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March

One may imagine that bowls is a leisurely game played by geriatrics on a Saturday afternoon as an excuse for a G & T afterwards. Not so when it comes to the MGCC challenging the Alfa Club. This is serious stuff and even before the first wood was hurled down the green there was some controversy that the Alfas had co-opted some professional assistance. We were prepared to overlook this and battle commenced. Andre Nienaber played with a broken ball but this did not deter him in the least and when all was said and done the Alfas beat the MGs by just 2 points. The match was followed by the obligatory braai and prize giving.

Thanks to the Moths Bowling Club for hosting us and of course to the Alfa Club for participating. We look forward to the revenge match in the near future.



Great fun.

Lyn asks James "What's this bias all about?" James says "It goes that way."



## Midweek run to the Harbour Master on 27<sup>th</sup> March



Good food and good company is what a midweek run is all about .

This was where Cecil Kim-bear was presented to the nation.





## **Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

**At the EPVCC Clubhouse**

This year's AGM took a slightly different format as delegates sat at tables instead of formal rows.

One can see this in the picture below. Unfortunately the attendees have taken on a sombre look as they have been informed the committee forgot to order snacks. ( not true)



Our worthy chairman opened the proceedings and quickly moved on to the Chairman's Report which one can read at the beginning of the newsletter. This was followed by the Treasurer's Report which showed our finances were in a healthy state. Two members voiced their opinion that any excess monies should be spent on member activities . This was noted.

The election of office bearers followed . In fact there was no election as Thys Lindeijer and Donald Dye resigned and their places taken by the only nominations of Leon von Loggerenberg and Peter Reebein. The chairman thanked both Thys and Don for their services to the club.



As you can see the committee pictured above looks a pretty responsible group, don't you think?

The penultimate activity was the presentation of the year was the presentation of trophies for last year. Quite a few of our trophies that have been gathering dust for some time have risen from the grave and were duly awarded.

A concours event was not held last year so this trophy was not awarded but it is hoped that we will have a Show Day this year.

### **Trophies Awarded**



#### **Most Contributions to King of the Road**

**Deon Rousseau**

Thanks Deon says the editor

And please if anybody feels like putting pen to paper the editor would be more than happy!!





### Best Country member

**Mannie Milner** who travels all the way from Grahamstown and commutes in her pastel blue MGBGT.

Thys received her award on her behalf.

### Praiseworthy Service to the Club

#### Ronnie and Desre van Eyk

They organised the Bowls and Driving Skills days

A close 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Sharleen Putter** for her Christmas décor and Soup and sherry evening.



Got to get you guys some Club regalia

### Mamparas of the Year



First prize went to Lyn Reebein who calls a rooster a turkey and received the most 'strafdops' in the year.

Second was Andre "cool hand" Nienaber for being the best air guitarist and playing it with a broken ball.

This most coveted award was presented by last year's winner.



## Clubwoman of the Year

**Desre van Eyk** was awarded first prize

With Sharleen Putter in second and

Tracy Yoko third.



## Clubman's Trophy

Was won by **James Caniper** with Dirk Putter second and Ronnie van Eyk third.





**Driver of the Year** was awarded to Thijs “The Stig” Lindeijer who couldn’t believe he had received such an accolade and second came Fred Keller who in fact won the event but in a Triumph.



Our former Chairman and resigning committee member **Don Dye** was presented with a token for services rendered.

That closed the Prize giving.

Thereafter we could concentrate on the serious business of the meeting. That being sampling some of the delicious wines that Thys had selected for us and devouring the delicious snacks that Tracy had brought from the local Spar. And were they tasty!

Thanks to the organisers of the event and to you the members for attending.







## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Midweek run to PEDSAC at the harbour

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Chairman's Run concluding for a braai in the playground opposite the chairman's house at Kragga Kamma Game Park

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Monthly Noggin although it is a public holiday but that term does not apply to the editor.

All details confirming future events will appear on WhatsApp and via Email.

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