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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 April 2025

Greetings and Salutations my MG Family.

The year is moving on very rapidly with the AGM and summer already behind us and the chilly days of winter just around the corner. In the true spirit of MGCCPE the cold days won't deter us from continuing our participation in the winter events and taking our cars out for runs.

April was the busiest club month that I have experienced since joining the club a few years ago. Our AGM went off very well and the members expressed their trust in the 2024 committee as the whole committee was re-elected unanimously for 2025. We look forward to serving the club and its members to the best of our ability for another year.

Our mid-week event was to NSRI which was a very interesting and informative visit. Their members are all volunteers and do an exceptional job. They are passionate people and very committed to the cause. Their duties are all performed in their own private time and at no monetary benefit to themselves. Our thanks go to Judy for the presentation and also to the whole crew at NSRI for their hard work and dedication. The club made a donation to the NSRI as a sign of our appreciation for the work that they do. After our NSRI visit we enjoyed a meal at one of our favorite spots, PEDSAC.

Then came the Quiz Evening arranged by EPVCC. We were able to enter two teams, MGA and MGB, both of which showed their knowledge and skills in various fields. While we were not in the frontrunner places, we nevertheless had a lot of fun.

On Friday evening 25 April EPVCC presented the British Sports Car Display. MG had a very good turnout and our cars drew a lot of attention and many compliments from the spectators and other attendees.

Our monthly run was the, now traditional, Chairman's run. It all started at the MG Dealership where we had coffee and rusks. Thanks to Chad for opening his facility to us on a Sunday morning and serving us with a nice cup of hot coffee. We were joined by two new members, Leonard and Yvonne Nieuwoudt, who recently purchased a modern from the MG Dealership. Welcome to the club. We then drove in a convoy to Animal Welfare Society where the members generously donated food and other essentials to the Society. We then travelled to the Chairman's residence in the Kragga Kamma Game Reserve where the wheels fell off. Not those of the cars as you can imagine, you can come to your own conclusions!!! If you looked at the pictures on our Facebook page (MGCCPE), you will see what I mean. We all had good clean fun and no one misbehaved. The spirit was good as was the food, beverages and the company. We look forward to next year's run.

To top it all, the Chairman requested the May Noggin to also take place in April. Thanks for indulging me by agreeing to move the Noggin one week forward. Sharleen and I will be travelling to Namibia in May and spending some time with family there. Chris and Mientjie will be visiting their family in Namibia at the same time. We will be driving together for some of the way.

So from the above you can see how busy the month of April was. Notwithstanding, all events were well organised and well attended. The normal good spirit and idle chatter was evidenced at each event.

May will be somewhat subdued compared to April as we only have two events scheduled. The Midweek will be to Barnacles and the monthly run is our breakfast run to Apron Strings. Details on these events will be published on our media platforms.

I want to make special mention of our annual Bowls challenge against the EP Alfa Club which has not been reported on due to the previous Chirp being the Chairman's Annual Report.

After last year's defeat, MGCCPE took the honours at this year's event by annihilating the Alfa Club by 11. 5 to 5.5. The winners' trophy is proudly displayed in our display cabinet at EPVCC.

Octagonally yours, until next time.



April Events

Friday 5th April Interclub Quiz Night at the EPVCC



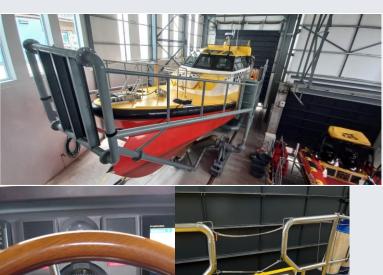


The club entered two teams to compete in the EPVCC Interclub quiz night. One team is pictured above left with the reserves on the right. As you can see they are in a most relaxed mood compared with the competitors. Unfortunately our other side is not pictured. Neither of us scored that highly but lots of fun.

Wednesday 16th April Midweek Run to the NSRI

I think many of the participants did not expect to see what they saw. The NSRI is funded completely by voluntary contribution. A few years ago their largest vessel had to be replaced and its successor turned out to be a lot bigger. This necessitated a complete restructuring of their premises to accommodate it. The result is a modern building, immaculately maintained and very professional. We were given a conducted tour, the highlight of which was to explore the main vessel. Lunch took place at PEDSAC – best fish and chips in town.







Peter is reliving his days in the SA Navy while we discover how organised and oil- free the engine room is.





Finally lunch at PEDSAC. A very interesting visit.



Friday 25th April British Sports Car Day at the EPVCC









This year the event organised by the EPVCC was well attended by Club members. So much so that apart from a Sunbeam Tiger, a Triumph, a Jaguar and an Austin Healy Sprite all the other attendees were MGs. Lots of EPVCC members present to admire our vehicles.

Sunday 27th April Chairman's Run





The Club congregated at the MG agency where we were welcomed and treated to an early morning cup of coffee and rusks. None of us were able to buy the new sports car seen above as it had been sold.

Then it was off to Animal Welfare where we were able to present some "goodies" for such a great cause.

We have been making donations on an annual basis for some years now and they are forever grateful.



Thence after a slow meander through the countryside we arrived at the chairman's house situated at the border of the Kragga Kamma Game Park. Here there was some braaing, drinking and bathing in the Jacuzzi.

On behalf of the members present a grateful thanks goes to Sharleen and Dirk for their wonderful hospitality.









Forthcoming Events

MGCCPE Events

Wednesday 14th May Midweek run to Barnacles for lunch. Meet 11.00am at Prestons Mount Pleasant

Sunday 25th May Breakfast run to Apron Strings Meet Prestons 09.00am.

Wednesday 11th June Midweek run to The Three Legged Pig

Sunday 22nd June Aloe Run for lunch. Venue TBD

August Midweek Go Carting at Baywest (If there is interest in such an event)

EPVCC Events

Friday 16th May Mercedes Event

Sunday 25th May American Classics

Sunday 27th July British Classics

Other Events

Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show Sunday 6th July Sedgefield

Alies op Wiele August 30th at HTS Daniel Pienaar Uitenhage

FastTrack Road Rally A 3 day road trip taking place from 14th to 16th June from PE to Oudtshoorn and ending in

Tsitsikamma. This is a non –competitive event and attracts a wide variety of different cars.

Entries start at R5600 per car with 2 adults.

National MG Events

15th to 18th September At Goudini Spa close to Worchester and Rawsonville Please register.



I must say that a dicky seat was a great idea – especially for mother-in-law.

The shape of the MGA is quite suited to accommodate such a device.

For Sale

Our friend in Knysna, Peter Morse has one of his MG Midgets for sale.

This is an immaculate vehicle which won an award at the last Indaba

FOR SALE

MG MIDGET 1969

Roadworthy certificate
Good tyres
Engine rebuilt, lightened and balanced
Only 5000 miles since rebuild
Many new parts fitted
Larger radiator plus electric fan

Although the car has a crack on the windscreen, it comes with a brand new screen and fixings Voted best MG Midget at 2024 Indaba

Reason for sale: space required (and I'm getting too old!)

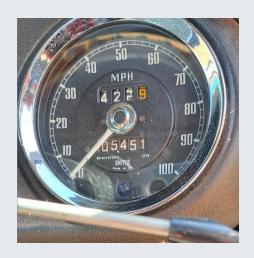
Can be viewed in Knysna R115,000 or very near offer

Contact Peter Morse by WhatsApp only on 0717357389









Service Providers

Service Provider and Address	Telephone	Email/Website	Type of Service
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North End P E			(Paul Allen)
B earing Man 320 Kempston Road Holland Park P E	0414537330		
Cableman, 303 Kempston Rd	0414536007	cablemanpe@	Cables for speedos rev
Sidwell PE		telkomsa.net	counters and
			Accelerator
Cape Parts Distributors 11	0414871471		Brake & Clutch
Paterson Rd North End PE			Hydraulic Components
Chromeworks,(Peter Rist), 6A	0414841533	chromeworkspe@	Chroming (PETSCC Member
Sidwell Avenue Sidwell	0828558628	yahoo.co.za	
D N Automotive, 25 King Edward	0413641017	dnauto@lantic.net	Service and repairs on
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			Electronic diagnosis
East Cape Clutch and Brake	17 Rundle Street Sidwell	0414511669	clutch and brake components
			fitment
East Cape Mountings, 39 Rundlell	0414515968		Re- manufacture of engine
St Sidwell PE			mountings
PE Paint Correction.	067 3896 042	meyerlunen6@gmail.com	Paint
Andre Meyer			reconditioning
5	0000000175		
Emgee Workshop	0828220175		MG Spares
Cameron or Paige	071 938 8027		Andrews
G enerator House, 5 Goldsmith St North End PE	0414845867	www.theauto.co.za/ generator-house	Aubrey Autoelectrical Repairs
Guscott's Engine Rebuilders 55	0413747300	generator-nouse	Specific engineering work on
Kempston Road Sidwell.	0413747300		engines of classic cars by Jeff
Kempston Road Sidwell.			Guscott
Holden- Jones (Russell), MGCC	0832566927	russellholdenjones@gmail	Water pump and other
Member	0032300327	.com	components repair
Industrial Rubber, 15 Richard	0414534437/0837491876	peindrubber@telkomsa.net	wide selection of rubber
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Lokhose, (A & A Murphy), - MGCC	0414532974		Hydraulics & Pneumatics
Members, 18 Sutton Rd Sidwell	0825683605		
M otor Mod		Fettes Road N End P E	Mechanical Modifications
N el's Motor Trimmers, 21	041484222	nelsmotorspe@gmail.com	Upholsterer
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Park P E	0444504670		repairs
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Parkview Jo'brg			
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Classic Car Lenses Knysna			
Wheeltech, 31 Fettes Road N End	0413733052		Bushes etc
PE			
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A & B Differential & Gearbox	041 2050920		Diff & Gearbox repairs
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Ludick Trailers	0878222978	john@ludicktrailers.co.za	Car Trailers
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