



# King of the Road

April 2025

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**MG Car Club Port Elizabeth Centre**

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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 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> May Midweek run to Barnacles for lunch. Meet 11.00am at Prestons Mount Pleasant

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May Breakfast run to Apron Strings Meet Prestons 09.00am.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Midweek run to The Three Legged Pig

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Aloe Run for lunch. Venue TBD

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

### **EPVCC Events**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May Mercedes Event

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May American Classics

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July British Classics

### **Other Events**

Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July Sedgefield

Alies op Wiele August 30<sup>th</sup> at HTS Daniel Pienaar Uitenhage

FastTrack Road Rally A 3 day road trip taking place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September At Goudini Spa close to Worcester 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
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
PE Paint Correction. Andre Meyer	067 3896 042	meyerlunen6@gmail.com	Paint reconditioning
Emgee Workshop Cameron or Paige	0828220175 071 938 8027		MG Spares
Generator House, 5 Goldsmith St North End PE	0414845867	<a href="http://www.theauto.co.za/generator-house">www.theauto.co.za/generator-house</a>	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	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
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Wheeltech, 31 Fettes Road N End P E	0413733052		Bushes etc
Classic Car Windscreens		julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za	
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