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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 February 2025

Greetings and Salutations my MG Family.

The Putters were away on a short road trip into the little Karoo with a few MG friends and some others during late February and therefore could not attend some MGCCPE events during the month. Fortunately the club does not come to a standstill when the Chairman is absent and with enthusiastic Committee members the events were well coordinated and well attended. Thanks for the assistance.

February, the month of love, started off with our usual Noggin which was very well attended by the members. We did not do anything special for Valentines, but one could feel the love in the air. The MG Dealership brought a ZS and a HS to the Noggin for demonstration. Regrettably the only Cyberster allocated to PE was sold so could not be on display. They did however undertake that when the next one arrives it will be brought to the club. A lot of interest was shown in the cars and I will not be surprised if some sales to members takes place in the near future.

Our Midweek took place on Wednesday 19 February and was at Sacramento. It was well attended and a number of cars had a nice run in somewhat windy weather, but since arriving in PE three years ago I have learnt the wind does not deter our members to go on a nice run.

The monthly run took place on Sunday 23 February as part of the EPVCC All Clubs Day. A few members were away on trips and others had some other obligations, so it was not as well attended as previous years, but we will make up for it during the year. EPVCC always goes through a lot of effort to lay on a good show for these events.

As reported in the previous Newsletter, the MG Dealership was to hold a "Family Day Grand Opening" on 15 February for the public to view their new models where we were also going to display our classics. For various reasons this could not take place and is now scheduled to take place on 8 March.

There is a lot of interest from MGCCPE members and we have 18 cars that will be on display on the day. I attended a meeting with the event organisers and if the arrangements and preparation are anything to go by, it is going to be a real fun day. So come along and bring your family. It is very much kiddy orientated with jumping castles, snow domes, face painting and the like.

This will serve as our official annual show day as the MG Dealership has arranged for the public to vote for the classic of the day. A prize will be presented to the winner.

The Reebeins will indulge us at the March Noggin on Wednesday the 5th with sumptuous homemade hamburgers. Alan has arranged for a car detailing demonstration to take place at 6pm at the clubhouse. This will be interesting to ensure that our cars are really clean and presentable.

Please note that the NSRI is unable to accommodate us on 19 March for the Midweek as originally arranged. This event has been postponed to April 16 with lunch at PEDSAC afterwards. The replacement for the March Midweek is Elements, details to follow.

Our final event for March, the monthly run, takes place at the Moths Bowling Club on Sunday 30 March where we have a competitive game against the Alfa Club. Details to follow.

March is going to be a very busy MG month with four events planned. I hope that our members will support all the events.

Octagonally yours, until next time.



Karoo Kombuis Prince Albert

Calendar Warning

Those of us who have an Indaba calendar please check the month of July.

On the editor's calendar the month of **July** starts on the first Monday of the month when in fact it starts on the first Tuesday. The other months seem OK.

We don't want you rocking up for your vasectomy on the wrong day!

February Events

February Noggin

Chad from the MG franchise brought a couple of vehicles for us to check out. The red MG is the smaller MGZS and the white the MGHS is a bigger vehicle. Thereafter he gave us a short dissertation together with a slide show.



All Clubs Day at the EPVCC 23rd February

Unfortunately a lot of the 'A Team' were away discovering pastures new so unusually for this event only a handful of MG's attended.



As usual for this event there where such a variety on display.





And the car that the editor would have taken home?

Hidden behind the clubhouse was this beautifully restored Triumph Stag.

The event is always extremely well organised by the EPVCC.

Congratulations to them.

Midweek Run to the Sacramento Restaurant



Nice day out, good food and company. A bit windy with the top down!

British Chrome Bumper Sports Cars and Grills.

It appears classic British Chrome Bumper Sports cars and grills are getting scarcer by the day. I am referring here to the MG and Triumph TR2 to TR 6 range.

Should you own one of these classic chrome bumper sports cars consider yourself lucky. The phasing out of these remarkable sports cars started in the early 1970's with the introduction of America's obsession of safety standards in sports cars.



MGB with chromed grill and bumper

The last of the annual revision of the chrome bumper MG cars was carried out in the autumn of 1973. It had dawned on the stylists within British Leyland that the recessed grille change introduced three years earlier had been less than successful. Therefore, the vertical bars on the egg shape grille, similar to the original one was reintroduced.

The American market cars were fitted with modified bumpers and used energy-absorbing overriders early in 1974. The huge energy-absorbing overriders on the American export car was a short-term solution to safety regulations.



MGB with rubber bumper

Faced with the job of meeting impact requirements and matching ruling that the bumpers had to be a standard ruling for all cars involved a substantial redesign for the MGB. Extra weight of the larger and heavier rubber-faced bumpers mounted front and rear as well as extra weight on the chassis increased weight considerably.

The result was performance and handling as well as increase in ride height was compromised severely. The MGB was no longer the nippy sports car it used to be. Luckily the cars built for the British market was still available for a few years with the original chrome bumpers and grills. Once however these MGs were no longer available in the UK many owners reverted their new MGB'S to the original chrome bumpers and grills.



TR6 with chromed grill and bumper

Without going into detail, the sad history of the Triumph TR models, post 1974 went the same route as “American export classic British sports cars” compared to the MG’s.



TR6 with rubber bumper

Therefore, if you are a proud owner of any of these chrome bumper British sports cars hold on to them as long as possible. They are “first class classics”.

Deon Rousseau.

Reference: Green M. MG Britain's Favourite Sports Car

Thanks Deon for this interesting article.

Of course some cars come with no bumpers at all.



Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 5th Monthly Noggin

The Reebeins are doing hamburgers so bring your appetite.

There will be a demonstration at 6.00pm of various car polish products.

Wednesday 19th March Midweek Run

To Elements Restaurant. Meet at Checkers Lorraine at 11.00am.

Sunday 30th March Monthly Event

Annual bowls challenge versus the Alfa Club at the moths Club Albany Road at 11.30am

Wednesday 2nd April

AGM at the Clubhouse. Snack Platters

Wednesday 16th April Midweek Visit to NSRI

Meet at NSRI at 10.30am Thereafter PEDSAC for lunch

Friday Evening 25th April British Sports Car Day at EPVCC

Sunday 27th April Chairman's Run

Ending at Kragga Kamma for Bring and Braai. Meet Pop's Garage 9.00am

FOR SALE

There are three local cars that are for sale at present



Jim Pratt is selling his 1981 MGB
Roadster Mileage 43450

R135 000

Phone 0735121206



Don Cooper is offering his 1969 MGBGT for
sale.

R120000

Phone 0836177328



Barry Lane (non member) is selling his
1972 MGBGT

He is the original owner

R150000

0842567926

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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		
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East Cape Clutch and Brake	17 Rundle Street Sidwell	0414511669	clutch and brake components fitment
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Pro Seals and Bearings, 2 Commercial Centre Commercial Rd PE	0414534678	sales@proseals.co.za	Good selection of seals & Bearings Take sample
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