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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 January 2025

Greetings and Salutations my MG Family.

With the festive season now behind us and our feet back on the ground (save for all our New Year's resolution routines we decided on), we are all probably back to our normal daily habits. It's amazing how quick the New Year's resolutions are forgotten and left behind. I have however stuck to my New Year's resolution – that is to eat less vegetables and salads (easy, isn't it?).

January was quite a busy month for the club. We had our first Noggin for 2025 and it was very well attended. I only noticed one person at the Noggin who applied the dry January principle (water only – no names no pack drill). The rest of us were our normal hooligan selves (only joking we were all very well behaved).

As the Noggin was quite late in the month we did not have a Midweek in January. We did however have a monthly run to Blue Vibez restaurant at Seaview. Again, the participation was good and we had 25 members attending. We took the scenic route to get there to give our cars a good first run for 2025.

The new MG dealership in PE opened its doors during January and as reported in the previous Newsletter, we have already built up a good relationship with them. The dealership had what they termed an "Open Gates" evening function to introduce the new MGs to the sales persons of the whole Tavcor Group. Yours truly was asked to give a short talk on the history of MG and the Club. With the permission of the club members, I made use of the opportunity to promote the PE MG Car Club and offered free membership to the club to all purchasers of new MGs for 2025. This offer will stand up until December. It was well received by the sales force as an additional motivation to sell cars. We are hoping that this gesture will attract some new members to the club and also reduce the average age of the members. I say this with the utmost respect to the current members as most of us are getting long in the tooth and we need to ensure the club's existence continues.

February is also going to be a busy month for MGCCPE. We start with the Noggin on Wednesday 5 February. It will be a "bring and braai". The MG Dealership has undertaken to bring at least one, but maybe more cars to demonstrate to the members at the Noggin. So please come in your numbers to view the new generation of the sacred Octagon. The George Old Car show follows on Saturday 8 February. I'm hoping that some members will make an effort to attend. This is not, however, a formal MGCCPE event.

Our Midweek is scheduled for Wednesday 19 February to Sacramento. The monthly run is on Sunday 23 February and it is the very popular EPVCC All Clubs Day. We are expecting a good turnout for this event.

Our relationship with the new MG dealership in PE will continue in February. On Thursday 13 February the MG dealership is hosting high profile persons from most PE corporates. Yours truly has again been asked to give a short talk to this audience. Please diarise Saturday 15 February as it is "Family Day" at the MG dealership and they have asked that we bring as many classic MGs as possible to park on the grass verge in front of the Dealership. They suggested that they will co-ordinate a "Car of the Day" vote by the public and sponsor a prize to the winner. This will be our annual show day event.

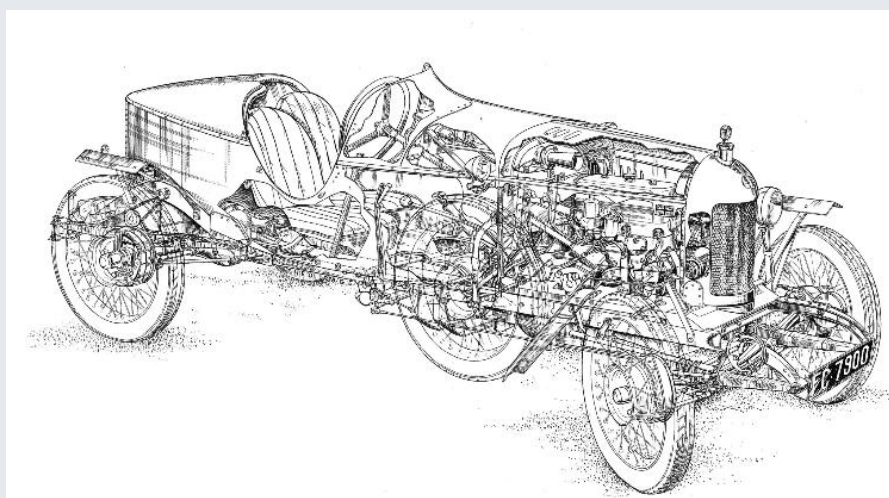
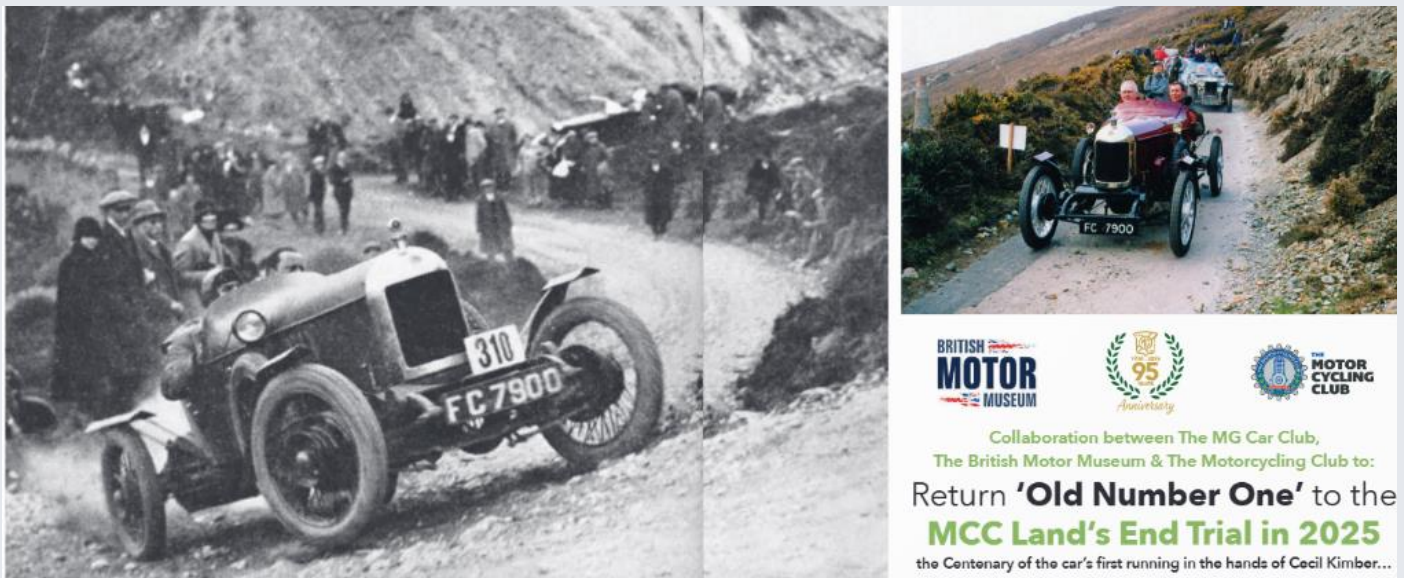
So, as you can see, February is going to be a busy month and I urge all members to endeavor to participate in as many events as possible.

Octagonally yours, until next time.



At the MG Dealership "Gates Open" Evening

Old Number One to celebrate 100th Birthday



Montly Run January 2025

Having gathered at Checkers in Lorraine we took a scenic coastal drive to Blue Vibez. Weatherwise it could not have been better and we enjoyed good food, congeniality and hospitality.



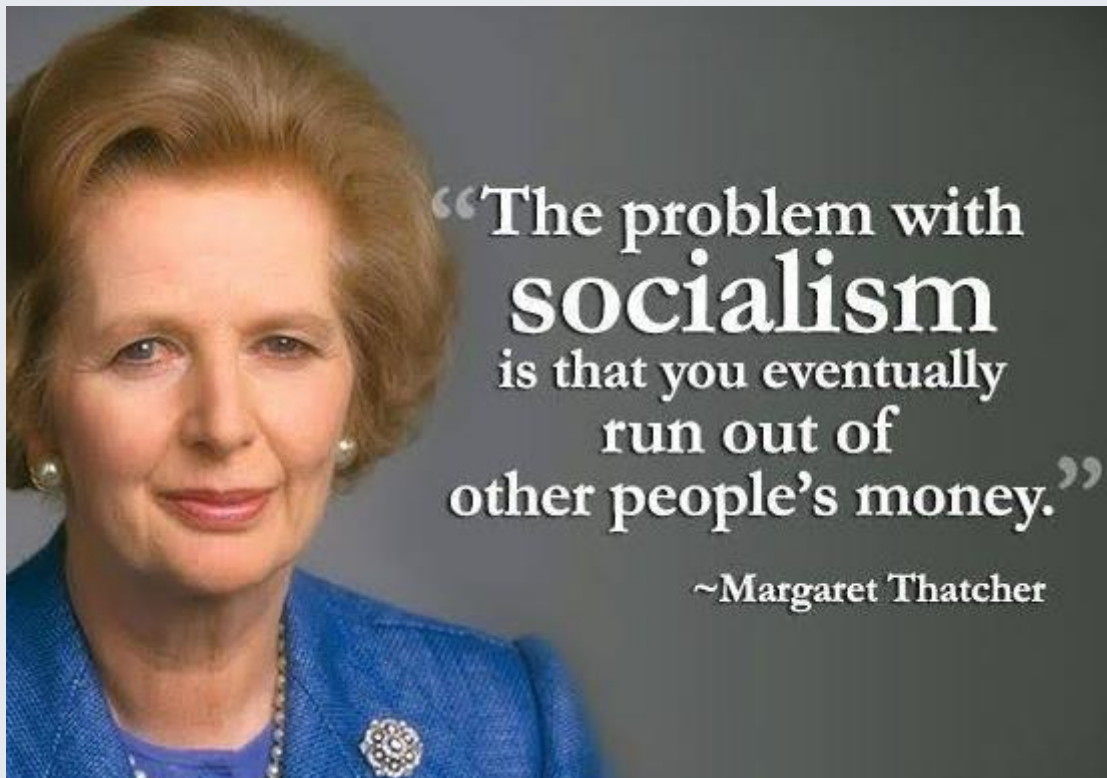
Above left are pictured “The three wise men” but it could be the three on the right?





Finally Leon is pondering if he put too much ice in his wine and Linda behind him is wondering what the vintage could be.

A good day out.



MGB LIVES FOREVER

We have recently learnt that the legendary MGB sports car of the 1960's has been reborn and will appear on the British market in 2025. This, however, is not the first time that this car has risen from the cobwebs!



In 1988 the classic MGB roadster reappeared in England after body shells and tools rotting away in yards outside the original factories were discovered. After months of sorting and refurbishment the tooling was ready to resume production. This led to the re-incarnation of the original MGB!

At that stage already more than 100 MGB owners were on the waiting list, ready to spend thousands of Rands on a body shell built by the Rover Group's British Motor Heritage subsidiary which ensured that the company's old cars can be restored with well-made spare parts. David Bishop, manufacturing director of the company at the time said "We want to keep as many MGB's on the road as possible. We are not reinventing the car, but the new body shell will keep the MGB alive into the 21st Century, (profitable words!)

At the time almost all mechanical parts to build a new MGB was available, often cars had to be scrapped or extensively and expensively re-panelled, because of terminal body rust. Now an enthusiast could renovate and transplant the mechanical parts from his old rotten B into a brand-new shell for less than R20000.00. This was considerably less than the cost of refurbishing a badly rusted old body-shell. The company at the time was also proposing to revive the MG Midget and the “Frogeye” Sprite.

Back to the present day, it seems as though the MGB may live indefinitely, depending on the popularity of the 2025 new model amongst the open-air fun driving octagon society!

Long live the British classic sports cars!

Deon Rousseau.



Thanks again Deon Rousseau for this interesting article.

MG Prices - Editorial Opinion

I am sure we all look at the for sale column of the regional newsletters out of interest and see what our MG or MGs may be worth.

The average age of members is increasing and moving into smaller accommodation and perhaps our loss of agility to climb under our treasures forces us to reduce our fleet.

Your cheapest buy is the most recent MGTf which is quite surprising but it does have a reputation. You can pay less than R100k for one.



This is followed by probably the most popular marque in the MGB and MGBGT.

It is comfortable, fun to drive and easy to maintain.

Prices vary between R100k and R200k

The car pictured belongs to our member Don Cooper is in very good condition and is on the market at R120K

Phone 0836177328

Lastly we get to the T Types. Here prices vary a great deal and I suppose R350k upward is a ball park figure depending on age, condition and rarity.



What about the **MGA** you may ask.

To the editor's mind this is the prettiest post war MG produced

When at last MG was allowed to produce its firstly wholly post war two-seater it became one of the most popular sports cars ever made.

First produced in 1955. Sales soared now that MG had a modern all- enveloping body but

still at a low cost, excellent handling well-nigh unbreakable components that were good for 100mph. More than 50000 of the 1500cc were built to be raised to 1600 to keep the engine in line with the Austin saloon. This was followed by 1600 and remained in production until 1962.

Throughout its life you could obtain the open roadster or a closed coupe made in competition to the Jaguar XK120 Coupe.

Then of course between 1958 and 1960 you could buy the Twin cam version. 200 were built as opposed to 101000 MGAs.

ENGINE		CHASSIS	
Type	M.G. in-line, water-cooled	Frame	Twin side members, cross members
No. of cylinders	4	Wheelbase mm	2388
Bore/stroke mm	75.4 x 88.9	Track – front mm	1203
Displacement cc	1588	Track – rear mm	1230
Valve operation	Overhead, pushrod	Suspension – front	Independent wishbone and coil
Sparkplugs per cyl.	1	Suspension – rear	Half-elliptic springs, live axle
Compression ratio	8.3:1	Brakes	Discs front, drums rear
Carburation	Two SU carburettors		
BHP	79.5		
Transmission	Four-speed manual gearbox		
		PERFORMANCE	
		Maximum speed	166 km/h (103 mph)
		Fuel consumption	10.1 litres/100 km (28 mpg)



MGA twin Cam Engine

Looks neat and tidy.

So the question now is what is a MGA now worth on the open market?

I am afraid that the editor has no idea.

However a gentleman in the Free State has advertised in our newsletters his 1500 for R800k.

See photos attached

Is that a fair price?

They say an article is worth what the buyer is willing to pay.

Replies and opinions to the editor please.



MGCCPE EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

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DATES 2025	EVENT	VENUE	CATERING	MEET/ TIME
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 6pm
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 Pig	Restaurant	Checkers Lorraine

				11:30am
22 June Sunday No F1	Monthly Run Aloe Run	Blue Horizon Bay	Restaurant	Checkers Lorraine 11:30am
3 July Wednesday	Noggin - Soup and Sherry	EPVCC	Soup and Sherry	7pm
6 July Saturday	Eden Classic Car Show Peterpretorius6@gmail.com	Sedgefield		
17 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
28 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 Qatar F1 Evening broadcast	Monthly Run Mystery Run	TBA	TBD	TBD
3 December Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	Bring and Braai	7pm
14 December Sunday No F1	Christmas Lunch	TBD	TBD	TBD

The Official British Leyland Inspection Sheet



1. Place this sheet under your MG's engine. Leave overnight.
2. Remove and inspect this sheet before driving your MG.

-If the MG Logo above is covered in oil drips, check your oil level and top up. Now go for a drive!

-If the MG Logo above is clean, do **NOT** drive your MG! The oil sump is **EMPTY**!

Note: This sheet can also be used with the gear box, rear differential, or anywhere else fluid flows in your MG.

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 Rundell 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	
Pop's Auto Shop	0829012442 041 0040349	www.popsauto.co.za	Vehicle Repair and Maintainance Club Member
Instrument Technician Richard Grover	011 8962627 082 650 2079	RichardGrover@me.com	MGCC Northerns Member Ex Aero Instr. Technician
A & B Differential & Gearbox	041 2050920 0823896936		Diff & Gearbox repairs