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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 July 2025

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

The Putters enjoyed a great time in July, our daughter and her partner and friend visited from Australia and it was the first time in over 18 months that we saw her, so a very exciting time for the Putter family. On a serious note, it is such a pity that so many South African families live far apart in the world, but if the children have better opportunities overseas we need to support them in their endeavors. In view of the visit, the Putters participated in only one of the MGCCPE events during July.

The only event that we participated in was a very eventful outing to a lunch in Patensie where the Alfa and Morris clubs joined us for lunch. Eventful? I hear you say, well due to the Putters' visitors being here and all of us wanting to participate in the Patensie event, I took them in the plastic and decided that I want to show off the beautiful scenery of the Southern Baviaans mountains and we took a gravel road. Unfortunately the gravel road was not well marked and after a wrong turn, we ended up on a challenging 4x4 route. I was in the Fortuner, which is 4x4, so it was not that bad, but the "ompad" caused us to be an hour late for lunch which solicited many chirps by our members and our peers from Alfa and Morris. The 'ompad' was worth it though as I accidentally discovered a nice off road route to do sometime in the future.

The July Noggin was our, now traditional Soup and Sherry evening, catered for by the Putters. This event was, as usual, very well attended and an enjoyable evening was had by all. A big thanks to the club as this event was fully sponsored from club funds.

The Midweek was an evening event and took place at the German Club. While yours truly was not in attendance, by all reports it was another successful MGCCPE event. Well done to the organisers.

EPVCC presented their British Classic Car Show Day on a bitterly cold Sunday on 27 July. Understandably the event had a slow start as people did not want to get out from their warm and snuggly beds early. It picked up later in the morning and turned out to be a well-attended event.

Our upcoming August events are going to be very exciting. Our Noggin is the normal bring and braai. The midweek is going to be very exhilarating and unusual. Ronnie assisted the committee in arranging a go-carting event at Baywest Shopping Mall. We all look forward to this one as we will see what competition and adrenaline does to the competitors. The month-end is at the SAAF Museum where we will do skills tests followed by a bring and braai. It is a nice competitive month which lies ahead for us.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Drive is coming up on Sunday 28 September. While it is not an official MGCCPE event, I would like to encourage our members to enter for the event. The proceeds go to vital research and programs for prostate cancer and men's mental health to support the wellbeing of men all around the world. We had a good number of cars which participated in last year's event and it was a most successful outing with some very fortunate members winning some big prizes. I have sent out an e-mail to everyone where there is a link to register. Places are limited and rapidly filling up, so please don't wait until the last minute to register.

The 10 Rules of Vintage Car Ownership

1. There's always something to fix, but not right now.
2. You should sell it while it's running great, but you won't because this experience is why you own the thing in the first place.
3. No, you aren't going to make any money off it.
4. One out of 10 parts will not arrive in time for the weekend.
5. That rattle.
6. There's always a better example for sale.
7. You can never have enough spares.
8. You're never going to use all those spares.
9. Rust is an enemy worth fighting to extinction.
10. That rattle.

Until next time – Cheers!!!

July Events

Eden Classic Car Show Sedgefield July 6th

This was not an official club event, in fact only two members attended - the editor and Andre Nienaber.

It replaces the old Knysna Car Show. There were some beautiful cars and bikes to see. The official review follows together with some photos.

EDEN CLASSIC CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, held in Sedgefield on July 6, was a great success, both in the high calibre of vehicles on display and the support from the public for this charity fund-raiser that formed part of the annual Knysna Oyster Festival.

“What made our day and encouraged more than 2 000 visitors to come to the show was the fact that the rain bypassed Sedgefield after previous rain warnings,” commented Peter Pretorius, who headed up the organising committee. “We had more than 200 cars and 40 motorcycles on display with the focus on supercars and performances cars and supported by the wide selection of traditional classic sports cars also on display. The featured brand was Ferrari, and we were delighted that 15 of them were on show – mainly in red.

“What was particularly pleasing was the willingness of owners of the varied array of cars and motorcycles to support our show, with many travelling long distances to get to the Scarab Arts and Craft Market, which hosted the show for the second year. The Cape Town owners were very supportive and even arranged a car carrier to transport some of their special models.”

All the cars and motorcycles were specially selected and invited to ensure a wide range of models, from old vintage and classics to some to the most modern, including MG, where the George dealer exhibited new models surrounded by a wide range of MG classics.

There was something for everybody, including iconic models, such as the Morris Minor, Austin Healey's, MGA's, Triumphs, and Ford Cortinas that brought back fond memories for many of the visitors.

Lofty Pretorius's immaculate Czechoslovakian 1954 Jawa 500 cc twin-cylinder racing motorcycle was the star of the two-wheeler exhibits. Lofty, who lives in Sedgefield, spent three years rebuilding this rare machine and dedicated it to his daughter, Hope, who had died at a young age. He also dedicated his commitment to this lengthy rebuild project to Paddy Driver, a long time friend who was one of South Africa's most successful racers on two wheels and four. Paddy, who is now 90 and in ill health, has his signature on the Jawa's windshield.

Visitors enjoyed the country atmosphere and the wide range of shops, food and beverage stalls.



A Jawa motorcycle



A group of Model T's



A duo of Mercedes



And a Morgan or two



A beautiful Ferrari



Italian bodied Triumph



And finally a MGA Coupe

Look closely and you will see it needs some tender loving care but as our beloved National President Norman Ewing once said looking at the editor's rather sad TC "It's still an MG".

Midweek Event 16th July at the German C



The idea was to hold an evening midweek event so members who still labour by day could attend.

The rather cold weather kept many away but those who attended had an excellent meal and as usual lots of fun.

Monthly Event Run to Tolbos with the Triumph and Alfa Romeo Clubs 20th July.

This is an annual event and the journey to Patensie is not only a particularly scenic one but gives our cars a good run in the country. Cars gathered at the Windfarm Service Station for the run along the N2. As pictured below there is one photo there is one photo dedicated to our Blue Bulls in the Northern Centre.



Tolbos is a good venue and the food is reasonable once their microwave sorted out some less than warm meals. A nice day out with the Alfa guys and Terry Wilson's Morris 'woodie'. This is pictured on our title page together with Tony Greenwood's MG which suffered a suspension failure on the way home. Fortunately there were plenty of Club members to keep him company while waiting for the tow truck and see him safely home.



EPVCC British Classics Show Day Sunday 27th July

Rain clouds gathered and it looked like the show would be a wash out. However there was hot coffee, ice cream and lekker food to be had but it kept quite a few exhibits tucked up in their garages and potential spectators . That was shame as there were some nice cars on show besides the MG's, of course. Thanks go to the EPVCC.



Understanding the SAMCA Insurance Payment

At every AGM, the club's finances are presented and discussed. One recurring line item is our annual payment to the South African Motor Clubs Association (SAMCA). But what exactly are we paying for?

Here's a simplified explanation:

SAMCA Insurance – What Does It Cover?

Whenever a club or centre organizes an event, it's important to clearly define the start and end of the activity. Why? Because if a member of the public is injured, killed, or suffers loss due to the actions of one of our club members during the event, a legal claim could follow.

That claim may not just target the individual—it could extend to the event organizers, club committee members, or even the club itself as a legal entity (especially since clubs often hold funds).

To help protect against this risk, SAMCA provides R10 million liability cover per incident. In the event of a claim, SAMCA must be notified with details of the incident.

Contact: Gary Berndt or Craig Anderson – c@thecarnut.co.za

The insurance policy outlines specific terms, conditions, and exclusions. Common exclusions include unlawful acts and speed-based events. If your event involves cars competing against each other or the clock, a Motorsport South Africa (MSA) event license is required. This license includes its own insurance for competitors and third parties. For more info: Allison Vogelsang – allison@motorsport.co.za

Indemnities – A Safety Net for Clubs

SAMCA also recommends that clubs use indemnities to protect themselves. These indemnities make it clear that members (and guests) won't hold the club or its representatives liable for any loss or injury sustained during a club event. This extends to sponsors and event hosts.

Clubs should:

- Review membership indemnities annually.
- Keep blank indemnity forms on hand for non-members or guests who attend events on an ad hoc basis.

Forthcoming Events

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| Wednesday 6th August | Noggin at EPVCC | Bring and braai |
| Wednesday 20th August | Go-carts at Bay West | Cost R135pp including meal |
| Sunday 24th August | Driving skills at SAAF Museum | Bring and Braai. Bar available. |
| Wednesday 3rd September | Noggin | Boerrie Rolls |
| Sunday 28th September | Distinguished Gentleman's Drive | |

Service Providers

| Service Provider and Address | Telephone | Email/Website | Type of Service |
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| 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 | 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 | 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 |
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| Classic Car Windscreens | | julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za | |
| Pop's Auto Shop | 0829012442 041 0040349 | www.popsauto.co.za | Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Club Member |
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