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Some of our well- dressed members attended the Bond evening organised by the Alfa Club

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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 June 2025

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

The month of June has in my opinion been unusually cold with a few early cold fronts making their presence felt which probably, when not on an MG run, kept most of us indoors cosy in front of our heaters and covered with our knee blankies. I'm pleased to say that notwithstanding the unusually cold weather, the club members were still very active in participating in all three of our June organised events.

The first was our monthly Noggin and bring and braai. The braai fires acted as a heater and heated up the club very nicely for us to be more comfortable. Our Midweek was to Stefan's haunt at Three Legged Pig, also well attended. The final event for this month was an experiment for our monthly run as was discussed at the Noggin. It took on the guise of a weekend away from Friday to Monday and admittedly, I was skeptical that it was going to be a success, but a success it was. See the feedback about the weekend further in this newsletter.

A few members also attended a non-MGCCPE event arranged by the Alfa club. This was a James Bond themed evening of entertainment at the German Club presented by a very talented bunch of local artists, led by Andre Strydom of the Alfa Club and his creative team. There was not only musical talent on show, but also some brilliant dancers with amazing athletic prowess. This was indeed a very well organised and choreographed show.

While we expect July to also be cold (it is winter after all) we have arranged a number of events and as usual, expect the members to participate in numbers. Our Noggin is our, now traditional, winter Soup and Sherry evening which is fully sponsored by the club and normally well attended. This month our Midweek is an evening event to accommodate our "working class" members to also participate. It will be at the German club on Wednesday 16 July. The Monthly run is a nice long(ish) drive for our cars to Tolbos in Patensie on 20 July. We will be joined by the Alfa Club for this event. Detail of these events will be communicated via our social media platforms.

EPVCC is presenting their British Classic Car Show Day on Sunday 27 July from 08:30 until 14:00. As usual food will be available at the Club. Details of this event also to follow.

Discussions with the Border Centre regarding becoming a satellite of MGCCPE is ongoing and members will be informed once a decision has been made.

Until next time, au revour.



Midweek Run 18th June to The Three Legged Pig



Don't worry Stefan, the cow behind you is only a plastic replica!

A good meal as ever was enjoyed by a large attendance at The Three Legged Pig and to top it all we could celebrate Mr A Greenwood's birthday – many more Tony.

Members and BMW Motor Cycles

It appears that three of our members have an affinity for BMW motor cycles:

Andre Nienaber rides a 1955 BMW R50 while Graeme Reid prefers a 2000 BMW 1100 RT and finally Don Dye cruises on a 2016 BMW RT 1200. Don tells me it will even make you a cup of tea if you ask it nicely.



Weekend Run to Kleinemonde

Fourteen members in eight MGs set out for a weekend trip to Kleinemonde on Friday morning 20 June. As was agreed at the May Noggin, this was the Club's monthly run for June. We met up at 10am at the EPVCC clubhouse. It was a pretty cold morning and we were all geared for it in our coats scarves, beanies and leg blankies. Ronnie and Desire in the V8, Chris and Mientjie in the BGT, Graeme and Colleen in their BGT, James and Tracy in James' B Roadster, Thijs in his A, the Putters in their A together with a modern touch, Tony in his TF and Leonard and Yvonne in their brand new ZS. At Kleinies we were joined by Manny in her BGT, travelling from Grahamstown making it nine cars and fifteen members for the weekend. Initially I was a bit skeptical whether a weekend event was going to be a success, but a success it was with such a good turnout.

The weekend was well planned and a number of local events and activities were arranged to keep us pretty busy over the course of the weekend. Sharleen's brother Wayne did a sterling job to welcome and host us at the Kleinemonde golf club. He also arranged for the Bathurst Agricultural Museum to be opened for us as well as making our lunch arrangements at the Pig and Whistle. Kudos to Wayne. The local Albany Vintage and Motor Car Club hosted us at their very interesting car museum and also joined us for lunch at the Pig and Whistle. Thanks to Dean Wallace and the Albany team for the welcoming us.

The accommodation at Kleinies was at no cost to anyone as the members had three cottages available to ensure accommodation for all of us. We decided to contribute to a kitty and all meals and some beverages were covered by the kitty (Pietie Kitty as it was christened by Sharleen our finance minister). So all in all the weekend was not expensive, yet enjoyed by all.

On the way to Kleinies, at Ronnie's insistence, we stopped at the Lunch Box in Alexandria for a pie, which came highly recommended by Ronnie. He was not wrong, the pies were scrumptious. After our arrival at Kleinies we settled in at our respective cottages and the weekend begun in earnest.

It was arranged that we all meet at the Kleinemonde Golf Club late Friday afternoon for a braai. We were joined by a number of golfers and other locals. The Golf Club supplied us with salads, breads and live music. Of course after a few beverages you can't keep the MG members noiseless and we were all up dancing and singing to the live music in no time. As the evening wore on the noise levels increased as well as the fun and laughter. Leonard and Chris, our braai masters for the evening, ensured that the meat was braaid to perfection and the food was served and enjoyed by all. A lot later in the evening with our tummies full, we retired to our respective cottages for the night. Some just could not get enough and in certain cottages the party continued. We could identify the culprits on Saturday morning (no names no pack drill).

On Saturday morning we arranged to meet at 10am and set off to Port Alfred and Bathurst for the day's program. Our first stop was in Port Alfred at the Albany Classic and Vintage Motor Club Museum where we were met by Dean Wallace, their Chairman, and a number of their members who arrived in their own cars and was proud to show them off to us. Some old friendships were rekindled and new ones made. First some enjoyable casual chatter took place around the member cars after which we were well treated by Dave Hawkins informing us about the club's history as well as the cars which are kept in the museum. For such a small museum there are some fascinating cars, memorabilia and interesting stories. The club is congratulated for keeping this gem going in such a small community. One can observe that the Albany members are passionate about their museum and what it holds. We hope to also see you at some of the PE events in the future. Thanks again to Dean, Dave and all the other members who kept us riveted. We even met up with two of our own Country Members, Kenny Bosch and Mike Knight. It was great to engage with you guys.

From the Albany Classic and Vintage Motor Club Museum we travelled to the historic town of Bathurst where we visited the Agricultural Museum and some other remarkable places. Again, for such a small community this

museum is well kept with fascinating museum artifacts and memorabilia which focuses mainly on the 1820 Settlers. Sharleen was able to relate to a lot of the items on display, none more so than the brass plaque which used to be at the Toposcope and indicated where her ancestral farm was situated. The brass plaques have for obvious reasons now been replaced at the Toposcope by granite plaques containing the same information. What is it about these small town communities that they are able to keep these gems going? The enthusiasm shown by our two hosts was something to behold. We were well informed and the live demonstrations of starting a 1928 tractor and the old Fish River Light House static engine and light was a great experience, what with all the smoke and backfires from the motors. This was also a worthwhile visit and most informative about the Albany district in early times. Sharleen was in her element and enjoyed sharing her interesting stories with the group.

We then proceeded to have lunch at the Oldest Licensed pub in South Africa, the Pig and Whistle, where we again met up with our brothers and sisters from the Albany Classic and Vintage Motor Club and more idle chatter took place over some beverages and nice food. This pub was originally built as a forge in 1821. In 1831 the forge was converted into a pub and in 1853 was named the Bathurst Arms, later renamed the Pig and Whistle during World War 2 by air force servicemen.

We then drove past South Africa's oldest unaltered Anglican Church, St Johns, as well as the oldest unaltered school, Bathurst Primary, before meandering on to the famous and fascinating Toposcope. Thanks to Sharleen for once again doing the research work on these iconic and historic places in Bathurst for us.

Then it became party time again and off we went to the Kleinemonde golf club for our Saturday evening braai and social. Our cars were parked on the fairway beside the clubhouse and attracted a lot of attention from the locals. Here we were again met by some delightful and jovial locals who joined us for an evening of fun, beverages and food. Again the golf club entertained us with live music. They also arranged for a judge to judge the cars. And the winner was the Putters' A. Nepotism, nepotism I hear you say, especially after Sharleen drew her brother's number in the lucky draw the previous evening. Judge for yourself!!!

Wayne also arranged a putting competition for us. MGCCPE's name was held high by Tracy who had the first hole in one of the day, well done Tracy. Unfortunately, in the play-off with two others, Tracy came about one inch short of taking the prize. Such a pity as she deserved it. Next time Tracy!!!

Again Leonard was at hand to braai the meat for us (with a little help from his friends). And again the meat was done to perfection and the food and beverages enjoyed by all. Much later after a good party we retired to our respective cottages for a deserved good night's sleep.

On Sunday morning we all gathered at the Putters' cottage to socialise and enjoy brunch together. What a great view from the deck. Sharleen's grandfather certainly knew where to place the cottage when he built in 1930s. The ladies ensured that we had a scrumptious meal and some champagne was added. After the meal we decided that we need to do something active after a very sedentary few days. Most of us decided that a walk along the beautiful Kleinemonde beach should do the job of walking off all the food and "other stuff" we consumed over the weekend. Some tried to impress by acting more active than the others, but we were not fooled.

After returning to the cottage we chilled on the deck in some really good sunny, windless winter weather counting the numerous ships going by (and there were a lot of them). One worth mentioning is named the MSC Irina, which is the biggest container ship in the world. Four hundred meters long and sixty one meters wide. It takes about 26 thousand containers. Fascinating to see all the ships going by.

On Sunday evening we concluded the weekend with a smorgasbord of meats prepared by Ronnie (yes you heard right Ronnie!!! with a little help from his friends). At the end of the evening we said our good-byes to all of those

who wanted to leave early on Monday morning and retired to our respective cottages and rooms for a good night's sleep.

The weekend would not have been a success if everyone who went on the trip did not contribute. Thanks to Thijs, Manny and the Walker family for making their respective cottages available to accommodate our members in the lap of luxury at no cost. A special word of thanks to Sharleen for doing all the research work for iconic places as well as for buying and organizing all the meals. Also a special word of thanks to Leonard who did not stand back when help was required. Not only was he our champion braai master, we also caught him in the kitchen every morning washing up all the dishes, you are a great asset to the club and an absolute hit with the ladies.

Then lastly, thanks to everyone who participated in the weekend, it was everyone's contribution which made it such a success. We are hoping to do it again next year and will entitle it the Solstice Run as it was the solstice during our stay and we plan on doing it about the same time next year.

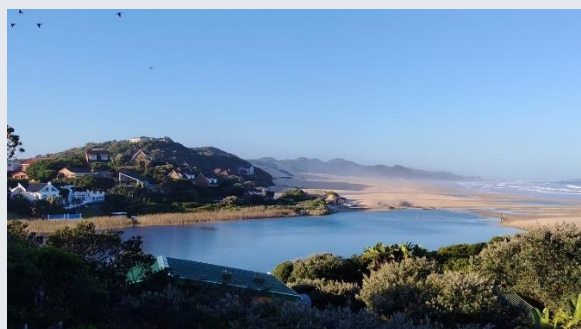
Dirk



A frosty morning before leaving



Breakfast stop at Alexandria



View from the "Putter" cottage



View from Manny's cottage



Our welcome at the Kleinemonde Golf club



Our cars at the golf club on Friday



Our Friday braai masters



Friday socialising at the club



AVCMC



Dave Hawkins providing interesting insights



Most club members will fondly remember the banner



Mike Knight's TC



Some MGs in the museum



AVCMC Members' Cars



Bathurst Agricultural Museum



MGs at the Museum



Sharleen showing her ancestral plaque



Old engine for the Fish River Lighthouse



Old Petrol Station



Lots of old tractors



Lunch at the Pig and Whistle



Our cars at the Pig



Toposcope





Kleinemonde Golf Club Saturday



Our cars attracted a lot of attention



Kenny Bosch brought his Lotus Cortina



Wayne presenting Dirk with the floating trophy



Golf club Saturday



Chilling at the Cottage





All the ladies fell in love with Leonard!!!



Beach Walk



It was a loooong weekend!!



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