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March 2025

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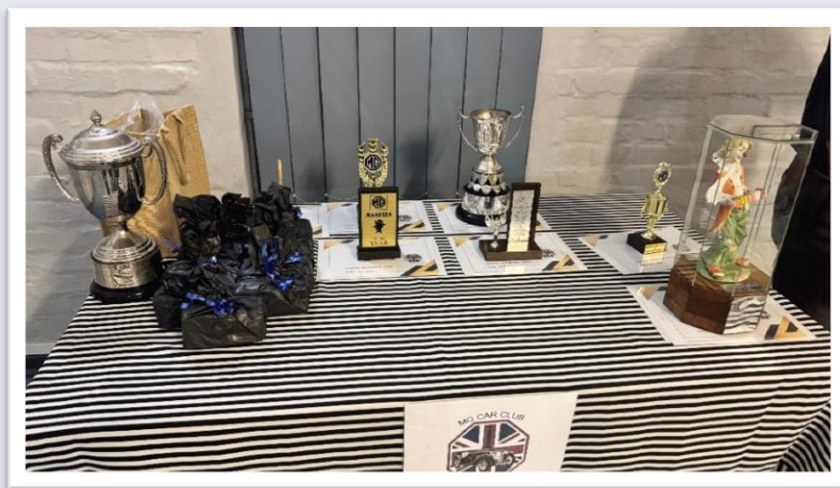
MG Car Club Port Elizabeth Centre

Founded in 1976

Affiliated to the MG Car Club England



A new car made its first club appearance in March. Well done Denise Salter for bringing it out of the cobwebs. What a beauty.



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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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MGCCPE 47th Annual General Meeting 2 April 2025

Chairman's Report

Welcome everyone and thanks for attending.

At the outset, may I ask you all to rise and lift a glass to absent friends.

I trust that all the bowls players have recovered from their muscle and other pains and that the bodies are back to normal. We had a lot of fun last Sunday and to top it all we annihilated the Alfisti by 11, 5 to 5,5 on a bright and sunny day. Revenge is great!!! Thanks to Alfa for organizing the event and to Moths Bowls Club for hosting us.

The Year in Review:

Membership:

For 2024/5 the club had 63 registered and paid up members. This was a slight increase compared to 2023/4. As of 1 April 2025 our registered and paid up membership remained on 63 (some left and some new ones joined). In an effort to grow our membership, we offered free membership for one year to any purchaser of a new modern MG from the MG Dealership, but to date we have had no response.

Cars:

The club has 38 registered cars on record. There are 4 members who are registered whose cars are not on record as we don't know what they own.

Events:

In 2024/5 club members participated regularly and in good numbers in club events. We had one AGM, 11 Noggins, 11 Midweeks and 10 Monthly runs (one was cancelled) and to top it all we had our traditional year-end Christmas Lunch at the German Club.

I wish to thank our members for loyally attending and participating in the Noggins and other organised events. We normally have good turnouts and a lot of fun is had by all. It is always a pleasure to intermingle with you all at these events.

We plan to continue the format of the Noggins in 2025/6 by having a few special catering evenings with the majority still being bring and braais. Our special catering evenings in 2024/5 started with a soup and sherry theme, which was fully sponsored by the club. We also had Prego roll and Burger evenings which were partially sponsored from club funds. Some monthly events were also either fully or partially sponsored by the club.

Of course the Christmas year-end function is also sponsored to a large extent from club funds. The platters and wine for tonight's AGM is as usual also fully sponsored from club funds. A big thank you to the caterers of these events for all your efforts. What I'm trying to demonstrate here is that the club's funds are being spent and used on club members. Our finances are strong enough to do this.

The "bring and braai" will remain the default meal at the Noggins.

Special event mentions:

Club Concours

An event that deserves special mention is the Club Concours event which took place at the SAAF Museum. It is the first time in a number of years that this event took place and we had a very good turnout of cars and members. We had two independent judges for the day, Garry Dodds and Terry Wilson, both whom are well known to most of us and very prominent in the classic car fraternity.

They did a splendid job in judging the Tops category and the outcome of the results was well accepted by all. The deserved category winners on the day were fittingly rewarded with prizes. There was also a prize for the non-MG car of the day which was won by Carl Butlion of the Triumph club.

At the conclusion of the event, a donation was handed to the Museum for allowing us to use their facilities. This event will take place periodically and not annually as we know the condition of the cars at present and it should remain like that for a while.

Chairman's run

Once again the 2025 Chairman's run was a success and I thanks all members who participated. We had stops en route at Miramar Fire Station and the Sacramento Cannon after which we ended up at Kragga Kamma Game Reserve for a braai. It was once again a pleasure to welcome you all into my valley. We were able to donate an amount of R1 500 to the Rhino Trust for feeding our rhinos. These funds were raised from members for the lucky draw competition. Unfortunately the animals did not play game on the day to pay us a visit. I will order them for this year's event.

Family Day at the new MG Dealership

During early 2025 we built up a good relationship with the new MG Dealership in PE as most of our sister clubs around the country did with their local Dealerships. The big combined event with them was their open Family Day at their premises. We had no less than 18 cars participating. A big thank you to each and every one who participated. The event was well attended by the public and our cars drew a lot of attention and which gave the club some mileage. Some members were on the mike and interviewed about their cars. We all sounded like experienced professionals. Well done to you all. MG arranged for the public to vote for the Car of the Day. The following cars were voted as the winners:

3rd Ronnie's V8;

2nd Alan's TC and

1st Dirk's A.

Thanks to the MG Dealership for including and spoiling us in a most enjoyable event.

Other events:

Apart from our normal monthly runs, we also participated in a number of other events where we were requested to show our cars; Africa Sky (Father's Day), Distinguished Gentleman's Drive, The Outdoor Show at D F Malherbe High School and Concourse Sur Mesure at St Francis Bay. Ronnie arranged a very interesting outing for us to visit the Museum of Jan Enslin. What a great collection of cars and motoring memorabilia.

Combined club events:

As usual, the club had interaction with other local and regional car clubs during the year.

- EPVCC invited us to a number of their events which is always interesting and a pleasure to attend. Both, the British Cars and All Clubs days had a good MG turnout.
- Our Aloe run was to Tapas at Jeffries Bay and we invited the Alfa club to join us for the run.
- As mentioned above, the Alfa club reciprocated this year by arranging our annual bowls day last Sunday.
- There was also some interaction with the Triumph and Morris clubs during the year albeit very low profile.
- We plan again to have a number of joint events with other clubs during the 2025/6 year.

National events

The big national event, the Indaba, for 2024 was organised by the Cape Town Centre and took place at Houw Hoek. Five MGs from the PE Centre participated in this event and MGCCPE was very prominent when it came to the prize giving. We won no less than four prizes.

The event was very well organised by the Cape Town Centre and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Their attention to detail was impeccable and all the arrangements went off very smoothly.

PE Centre won four awards.

- Best D'Commique, Ronnie, Desire Sharleen, Dirk and Tony;
- Winners of the poker run, Thijs and Manny;
- Third in the Driving Tests were Ronnie and Desire
- Winner of entry into most events at the Indaba was Ronnie.

National events looking forward

The National Event for 2025 is the Cape Gathering at Goudini Spa near Rawsonville in the Western Cape. This takes place in September and I would like to encourage our members to register and participate in the event. The details have been communicated on our social media platforms.

The arrangements for the 2026 Indaba is in full swing and we already have some interest shown from our members.

Charity

We regrettably did not do any charity work during 2024/5 but do have some plans for 2025/6. We will keep you informed.

Our five objectives for the 2024/5 were:

- to have new regalia for club members. This objective was met due to a lot of hard work by Chris and Mientjie. Thanks for all your hard work in this regard. We will continue the regalia project this year.
- to have a revised logo. This objective was also met. We submitted proposals to all club members and a refreshed logo was accepted and ratified by all. The modernised logo was designed keeping our club history and identity in mind.
- to ensure that we have clarity on the SAMCA and insurance requirements. This objective was also met. We tabled this for discussion at the National Committee Meeting where it was discussed. Together with Robin Clarke, our new National Chairman, we solicited information from SAMCA and the insurers and the outcome was communicated to our members at a Noggin and on our social media platforms.
- to get clarity on the revised formats of future Indabas and Cape Centres (MG Gatherings). The outcome was communicated to the members at a Noggin and on our media platforms.
- to have a Concourse/Showday. This objective was also met.

So kudos to the committee for ensuring that all the objectives we set for the club for 2024/5 were met.

Thank yous

In closing I wish to thank all the club members for their enthusiastic and energetic participation in the events during the year, without you the club will not exist. We hope that we can grow our membership and the active participation of members during the 2025/6 year.

I also wish to thank the 2024/5 Committee for their hard work and dedication during the year, it has not gone unnoticed and it was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. To the incoming committee, I wish you a successful 2025/6.

Lastly, thanks to Sharleen for all the MG help and support she has given me during the year. It was a pleasure to be able to shunt you around a bit.

The objectives for 2025/6 has not yet been set, but will be communicated to the members in due course.

Let's look forward to a most enjoyable and fun club year for 2025/6. Some nice and interesting events are in the pipeline.

I thank you!!!

Annual General Meeting

The MGCCPE AGM took place on Wednesday 2nd April There was a fair attendance at our annual AGM. The chairman delivered his annual report (see above) and the treasurer informed us on the financial status of the club. The Club is in a good place as far as finances and membership numbers are concerned. Peter gave us a forward look on a 15 year projection for the club finances. Attendance at our various events is also good and enthusiastic.

The 2024/5 committee was unanimously re-elected for the 2025/6 year. Congratulations to the Committee members for their re-election. They have obviously done something right. Well done!

Prize Giving

The AGM was followed by the prize giving and a finger supper supplied by the club as well as some appropriate lubrication.

Here are the prize winners for 2024



Alan wins Clubman of the Year



Sharleen wins Clubwoman of the year



Graeme winner Concours



Dirk winner Car of the Day
Showday MG Dealership



Deon winner most contributions
to the Newsletter



Chris and Mientjie winners for
Praiseworthy Service to the Club



Thijs receiving Country Member
of the year on behalf of Manny



Andre hand made the pen which
was won by Deon.

Runners-up Clubman and Clubwoman of the year





Winners of D'Commique at Concours day and the National Indaba

Mampara of the year needs a special mention as true to tradition, a few club members misbehaved during the year.

In the true tradition of the club, there are quite a few candidates for this award:

1. Alan Froom – Has yet again appeared on the Mampara list for 2025 after winning it in 2024. His car broke down before reaching Houw Hoek. Attended in a plastic.
2. Ronnie van Eyk – On the way to the Indaba he complained about a noisy cock (the crowing type) and cricket, found and killed the cricket the day he left (too late!!!). He could also not find the block-out curtains in the room at Houw Hoek and complained and argued that there is no such thing in his room until the second night when he sheepishly admitted that he found the block out curtains.
3. Thijs Lindeijer – Got stage fright at the D'Elegance at the Indaba and could not open a bottle of bubbles for which he claims to be the champion.
4. Tony Greenwood – Car broke down on the way to Houw Hoek but eventually made it. He decided not to shower because his shower water was cold and it was the middle of winter so he used 48 hour deodorant instead. This all happened because he did not see the very prominent sign in his chalet to switch on the geyser. Fortunately he could have shower at our next stop, so we only had to put up with the smells for a short while. To top it all he even forgot to attend hamburger evening because he was watching cricket – lame excuse!!!

Runners-up Mampara of the year



And the Mampara of the year is..... Tony!!!



Members enjoying the AGM and Prize Giving



MARCH EVENTS

Monthly Noggin 5th March

Hamburgers were on the menu – superbly prepared and cooked by the Reebeins. Thanks guys.

Andre Meyer of P.E. Paint Correction gave a demonstration of what he can do to improve the lustre of your beloved car's paintwork. The magic potions produced from the boot from the boot of his car once applied improved the shine no end. His contact details are attached.

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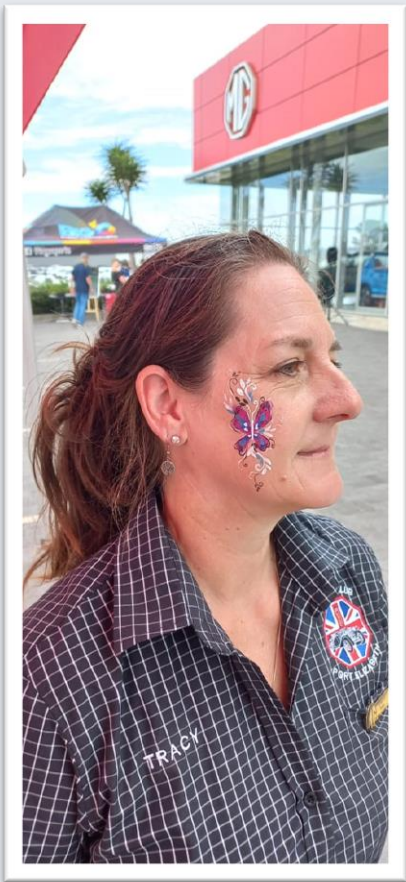


Annual Showday 8th March

This year our annual Showday took on a different format. It took place at the opening of the new MG Dealership in Port Elizabeth. It drew a lot of interest from the public and they were as interested in our MGs as they were in the new vehicles. Good eats and coffee were provided.

The car of the day was voted for by the public and the winner was Dirk's MGA followed by the editor's TC and third was Ronnie's V8 which he was asked to fire up on numerous occasions!







Midweek Run to Elements 19th March

Elements is a new venue for our midweek runs. Our chairman led us on a scenic drive to the restaurant west of Port Elizabeth. The food was good, company better and a good drive back along the freeway to blow out those cylinders.



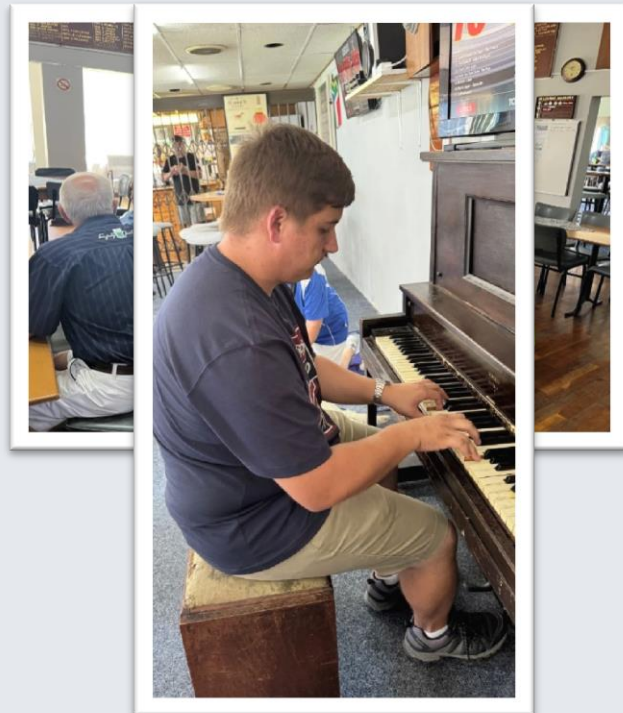


Sunday 30th March Bowls, MG versus the Alfa Club

Our last bowls match versus the Alfa Club resulted in victory for the Italians. This time John Bull was determined to turn the tables. Again we enjoyed wonderful hospitality from the Moths Club in Albany Road and after a reminder of the ethics etc. from a club official we took to the rinks. And did we show them how to play the game except of course when the odd wood strayed onto the adjacent rink when delivered with the bias facing in the wrong direction.

As you have deduced the MGCC regained the trophy. Lots of fun followed by the usual braai and then prize giving. Thanks to the Moths Club.





Concours Sur Mesure at St Francis Bay



April Events

Wednesday 16th April: Midweek Run to the NSRI followed by lunch at PEDSAC.
Meet NSRI at 10.30am

Friday 25th April: British Sports Car Day at EPVCC from 17.00pm.

Sunday 27th April: Chairman's Run ending at Kragga Kamma Bring and Braai.
Meeting place to be announced.

May Noggin: NB The May noggin will take place on Wednesday 30th April

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Subject: MGA ROADSTER 1958 - PARTS FOR SALE

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Trust you are well.

Herewith some ORIGINAL PARTS, all in good condition. you might be interested in.

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Your assistance will be much appreciated,
contact me any time.

MG greetings,

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