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***Monthly Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the EPVCC CLUBHOUSE,
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Chairman's Chirp May 2025

Greetings and Salutations my MG Family.

After a very busy April, May was rather subdued with only two events. The Putters and Hanekoms braved the roads (mostly gravel) for a most enjoyable road trip to Namibia so we were not active in the club events during May.

Our first stop was at Augrabies which was in full flood and absolutely spectacular to see. We got absolutely drenched as the spray of the waterfall was like a strong rain storm, except that there were no rain clouds around. It was about the same as one would experience at Vic falls when in flood. We then moved on to Langstrand near Swakopmund and arrived there after two blow outs each (and a biscuit for Chris). We are fairly familiar with Namibia as we have travelled there regularly over the years but we have never seen it in this beautiful green attire. It was great expanses of green grass wherever we could see and the animals, especially the wild horses of Aus, also looked in a very good condition. Namibia at its best. The Putters and Hanekoms spent a few days together in Langstrand and then the Hanekoms branched off to a family wedding at Gobabis. A most enjoyable trip where we met up with our Namibia family at the same time. We travelled home via Cape Town and when we arrived back the ODO read 6102km (I have not and will not calculate the diesel cost, it will hurt).

If ever I have seen someone in her absolute element it was Mientjie, who hails from Namibia and could not wipe the smile and utter happiness from her face. She visited a good few of her old haunts and met up with a lot of family and friends. I think that Mientjie enjoyed the trip!!!

Luckily when the Chairman is gallivanting, the club does not come to a standstill, the committee ensures that the club continues with its activities and events. Thanks for all your hard work.

The midweek which was very well attended was to Barnacles, one of our favorite spots. There, the members enjoyed the Wednesday special of pork ribs and prawns, of course the mandatory lemonades (?) as well.

Our monthly run was to our, now traditional, breakfast run spot at Apron Strings which has always given us very good service and good food and this time was no exception. The club supplied a few glasses of bubbles to start the day off in good spirit. Well attended with good food and good company.

The club is planning some exciting events for the next few months which includes potential weekend excursions. These will be discussed in more detail at the Noggin to ascertain interest in this type of event.

As discussed at our last Noggin, the Border Centre is experiencing some challenges with regard to membership and the like. Together we are exploring the possibility of Border becoming a satellite of our Centre. Following the Noggin discussion there were no objections from any of our members regarding this "merger". We are in discussion with Border and once a final decision in this regard has been made we will communicate with National and all our members.

Until next time, au revoir.



Augrabies in full flood



Tropic of Capricorn



Fish River Canyon Road House



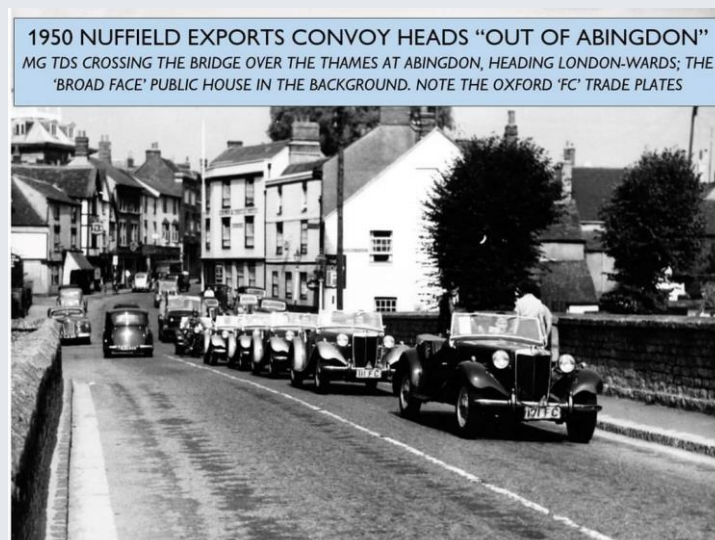
Fish River Canyon



Sundowners in the Namib dunes



The wild horses of Aus



MG TC Midget



Sports cars are built more to give pleasure to the driver than to produce a means of transport. The most important feature that sold any MG was its appearance. In the case of the MG TC, production started slowly with much effort needed just to locate sufficient materials and organise the manufacture of parts before the cars could start rolling off the lines in any quantity. Colour choice was limited to black, but upholstery could be in beige, green or red leather. This was only a temporary measure and by June 1946 Regency Red and Shines Green had joined Black as options for the paintwork. The interior and exterior of red cars was red and the green cars green. By 1948 the colours available were extended to include Cream and Blue.



So, what is it like to drive a TC? For those of us used to drive modern sports cars the first thing you notice is that getting into a TC requires practise! With the doors hinged at the back it is necessary to approach the seat rather differently.

Taller drivers can easily get part of their anatomy jammed under the steering wheel rim. However, once in the car most drivers find that there is sufficient room, provided that the seat is set well back. The bench seat is very comfortable though. For the driver, it is the view past the close-set dashboard, delicately shaped to

follow the curvaceous double-humped scuttle that most excites. The starter pull operates a cable attached to a switch fixed directly to the starter motor while the mixture knob alongside riches the twin SU carburettors.

Once on the road the long bonnet bobs up and down as the hard sprung chassis follows every road bump, the chromed radiator cap, separate headlamps and neat side lamps gently vibrate with the buzzing engine noise. Magic indeed! The mechanical simplicity and pre-war styling of the TC recall an earlier age of sporting motoring! The 1255cc four-cylinder engine is easily accessible to tune and work on. Although the TC feels different from more modern sports cars, it is still an easy car to master and enjoy.

We are fortunate to have one TC in our club. Alan, please take special care of your car as it represents a true-blue blooded classic.



Deon Rousseau.

Reference.

Green, M. MG Britain's Favourite Sports Car. Haynes Classic Makes Series.

Thanks Deon for your article. Unfortunately TCs are not designed for speed bumps or pot holes come to that.

A few passes over a PE speed bump certainly puts the chiropractor out of work in aligning ones vertebrae.

Past Events

Wednesday 14th May Midweek Run to Barnacles

Barnacles is so well positioned by the sea, a pleasant run there and an even better one home if you go via Maitland.

As always the food is always good and well priced.



Sunday 25th April Breakfast Run to Apron Strings

Unbelievably, 24 Club members arose early to join us on a breakfast run to Apron Strings where we enjoyed (you've guessed it) a hearty breakfast.

Dirk finds an errant spot on the bonnet of the A and we welcome Leonard and Wendy's new MG to the fold



Technical Tip



If you need to cut a rubber hose and want a nice neat finish put a hose clamp where you want to make your incision and use a sharp knife.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 4th June Noggin at EPVCC from 6.00pm. Bring and Braai.

Wednesday 18th June Mid week Run to the Three Legged Pig

Thursday 19th June to Sunday 22nd June Weekend Away at Kleinemond

There are rooms available in cottages belonging to members. Bring own sheets and towels. More details to follow and at noggin.

Wednesday 2nd July Noggin at EPVCC. Soup and Sherry

Wednesday 16th July Midweek Evening meal

Sunday 20th July Combined run with Alfa, Morris and Triumph Clubs to Tolbas Padstal

Meet Dunlop Zone Kabega at 10.30am

Sunday 6th July Eden Motor Show Sedgefield

Sunday 27th July British Classics Showday at EPVCC from 9.00am

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