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Chairman's Chirp September 2025

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

After a very busy August, we thought that we will have a more subdued September, but alas, September was also a nice and busy MaGic month with a number of exciting events including a long road trip to the National MG Gathering at Goudini Spa in the Western Cape.

Alan has returned from his sojourn to Wales in good health and good spirit so this month's Newsletter will take on its normal format and the correct information will again be published (sorry Alan I could not live up to your standards).

Our September Noggin was a very well organised boerrie roll evening catered by the Nienabers and van Loggerenbergs. A big thank you to all of you for the sumptuous meal which was well prepared and enjoyed by all.

The Midweek event was to one of our old Haunts at Old Grey Club for a lunch. By all reports it was a most enjoyable event by those who attended.

Walmer Park Shopping Centre asked MGCCPE to display some cars on Sunday 7 September for their antique/vintage themed day. As usual we obliged and we had 6 Bs and one A on display. Thanks to those who participated in this event. Our cars, as usual, attracted a lot of attention. When we left the centre in procession, our lady driver Denise received a huge applause from the crowd which gathered as we were driving out. Well done Denise.

As the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive was scheduled for Sunday 28 September, there was not a formal MGCCPE Month—end event.

Six cars from MGCCPE entered for the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive on Sunday 28 September (five MGs and a Mini – the Chairman's MGA was still suffering from the 1 852 mile round trip to the Goudini MG Gathering and it could not participate in this event hence the Mini).

A full report on the Goudini trip and Distinguished Gentleman's Drive can be found elsewhere in this edition.

Until next time!!!

There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.
Helen Keller

Report on the MG Gathering at Goudini in the Western Cape

On Sunday 14 September three Bs and an A gathered at Windfarm to start our trip to the MG Gathering at the Goudini Spa in the Western Cape. As the saying goes, *“what happened on the trip, stays on the trip”*, but we will reveal some of the fun we had, and indeed, a lot of fun was had on this trip.

In attendance were, the van Eyks in the V8, the Reids (poetic license Colleen) in their B, Tony Greenwood in his B and the Putters in the A. Small goodie bags were handed out to each car, which amongst others contained a generous sponsorship of R500 per car from MGCCPE. We sincerely thank the club for the sponsorship, it assisted with the petrol bill.

Our first stop was in Uniondale for brunch where we met up with Brandon and Rita Hattingh former East London MG members and good friends of some PE members. They accompanied us to Calitzdorp where we overnighted. At our fuel stop in De Rust, Tony's Bumble Bee said this far and no further. With the technical knowledge of Ronnie, Brandon and Graeme, Bumble Bee was soon on the road again. This was unfortunately not the end of Bumble Bee's troubles, but it did get to Goudini Spa and all the way home to PE and is now in a good state of repair.

We stayed at our favorite spot in Calitzdorp, The Calitz, which hosted us on previous sojourns. We made sure that our timing was such that we could pay a visit to the De Krans winery for a snack and a wine tasting before having a braai and some liquid refreshments in the evening after which we retired to bed (which was not early).

On Monday morning the Hattinghs took their leave from us to return home and the rest of us continued on towards Goudini Spa. Our first stop along the way was of course at Ronnie's Sex shop where we had some liquid refreshment. Then through Barrydale and on to Montagu. Unfortunately the Putters' A was the culprit this time and just before Montagu the tyres decided to shred thread. Fortunately not too serious as it only required four new tyres (I had to take a second bond on the house to pay for them) and we could continue on our journey to Goudini.

Once we arrived at the Goudini Spa and settled down old friendships were rekindled and a lot of idle chatter took place. The accommodation was really of a very high standard and we were all very comfortable in our houses and treated very well by our hosts.

The participants were mainly from the four Cape Centres of which of course the majority from Cape Town due to the proximity.

The event was a much lower key event when compared to previous Cape Centres and the Indaba. It mainly consisted of out drives and evening dinners. The last evening there was live music and the spirit was high as we danced the night away. The event was once again very well organised by the Cape Town Centre.

As our National Chairman, Robin Clarke was in attendance, some centres asked for a short meeting with him to discuss the frequency and format of future National events. The discussion mainly went around the timing between such events. As not all Centres were present, there was no decisive outcome, but there were some good inputs received and we asked Robin to take it up with the National Committee in due course.

Continuing with the fun part of the trip. Our out drives were spectacular on both days through some of the most scenic road passes which the Western Cape could dish up as well as quaint towns and then of course the wineries. Of note was the Bain's Kloof pass. It must rate as one of most scenic road passes in the country (and there are a lot of very scenic road passes, especially in the Western Cape). The Franschhoek pass also needs a special mention as it wends its way into the very impressive tourist town of Franschhoek.

As things wound down at the Goudini Spa, it was time to say our farewells and start our way back to PE. But some of us decided that while we are in the Cape we may as well make the most of it and extended our trip. The Putters and van Eyks spent some time in Cape Town, Hermanus and Dana Bay and the Reids in Hermanus. By this time Tony had a sense of humor failure and returned to PE. Bumble Bee behaved very well for this part of the trip and Tony was home safely in no time.

When we left Cape Town for Hermanus we made a stop at the **Museo Della Passione** car museum which is owned by Linton Lomas, a well-known character in MG circles. When I knew Linton in Pretoria his car collection grew to about 15 cars which in my mind was very impressive. There are now over 200 cars on display and in storage at the museum, most of which belong to him. Well done Linton, your museum is very impressive and worth the visit. I can highly recommend a visit to the museum for anyone traveling in the vicinity. It is situated on the Lourensford Wine Estate in Somerset West.

While we were visiting the Museum, the Reids decided they too are going to tackle the road back to PE, but unfortunately this B too had enough and had to be put on a flatbed to Knysna where it was fixed and could continue onwards to PE without any further problems.

The Putters and van Eyks took the very scenic Clarence Drive towards Hermanus where we stayed for two days trying to see whales. The whales were however very shy and did not give us a good show, so we visited the small village of Stanford as an outing. Onwards we went and stayed for two nights in Dana Bay. The main reason for this stop was to visit Jakkalsvlei Winery for lunch. I met a former colleague and friend there who hails from the UK. We all enjoyed lunch and wine pairing session together and a lot of banter took place. This is always a favorite stop of mine as a former colleague from my Reserve Bank days is the head Chef there, and I know the quality of his food dishes. Their wine is also nothing to complain about.

On the last leg home the A developed a misfire, which was ok as long as the revs were not low, so we all made it home safely but, save for the V8, the others were a few bucks out of pocket.

In all it was a most enjoyable round trip of 1 852 miles. Doing that distance with these cars is pretty good going notwithstanding the small mishaps.

A most enjoyable outing for us all and thanks again to the club for the sponsorship.



The gang leaving Windfarm



Arrival at The Calitz



Wine Tasting at De Krans



Chilling at The Calitz



Breakfast at The Calitz



Three beautiful cars



Ronnie's favourite place!!!



A quick stop for a liquid refreshment



Bain's Kloof pass



Top of Bain's Kloof pass



Celebrating Sharleen's Birthday



Still Celebrating



Swartland Winery



Swartland wine tasting



The long and



..... the short of it!!!



The Gang at Goudini



Old friendships were re-kindled. Our National Chairman Robin and Liesel Clark



An outing to Stanford



Stanford



Wine Paring at Jakkalsvlei winery



Driving through the scenic road passes



Museo Della Passione



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Display at the Walmer Park Shopping Centre

The Club was asked to display some vehicles at the Walmer Park Shopping Centre and what a sparkling display it was. Not a drop of oil was spilt on their pristine floor (no T Types present !)



Midweek Lunch at Old Grey

On the 17th saw us at the Old Grey Club for lunch.

Good friends, good food and Car Park John beer on tap. That makes a splendid combination.



Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive Sunday 28th September

This is an annual event when anyone owning a motor vehicle that is at least 50 years old is invited to participate. It occurs on the same date across the world and proceeds go towards prostate cancer and men's mental health.

We can be proud as Port Elizabeth had the second largest attendance in the country of 107 vehicles. Participants are requested to dress in period fashion that suits their cars and one must admit many ladies and gentlemen looked quite resplendent in their appropriate attire.

We gathered at East Cape Motors at an early hour and after an opening address set off on a predetermined route at a gentlemanly pace through Walmer, along the Beach Front, around to Schoonies, along the Seaview Road, Lakeside, Seaview where we had magnificent view of the waves. Then heading west along the country back roads to our final destination, Slipperfields. The route was lined with spectators cheering us on – even one or two on horseback at Sea View way.

Slipperfields had a lot to cater for, but we all got fed. There was quite a lot of sponsorship and many won prizes at the conclusion of the meal – even some of our members.



Forthcoming Events

MGCC Events

15 th or 16 th October	Midweek Run Greek Club ??
26 th October	Kimber Run to Thornhill with Jeffries, Morris and Triumph Clubs
5 th November Noggin	Prego Rolls prepared by the Hanekoms – some fireworks that night.
12 th November	Midweek Run to Barnacles
November Monthly Run	TBA
3 rd December Noggin	Bring and Braai
13 th December	Sunday Christmas Luncch at the Potter's residence.

EPVCC Events

10 th October	Left Hand Drive Display
26 th October	European Classics Show Day
31 st October	Morris Display – all Morris makes
14 th November	100 years of the Chrysler Corporation
28 th November	Jaguar Display



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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
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Chromeworks,(Peter Rist), 6A Sidwell Avenue Sidwell	0414841533 0828558628	chromeworkspe@yahoo.co.za	Chroming (PETSCC Member
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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
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
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Powerflow, Frank Street Newton Park P E	0413655855	newtonpark@powerflowexhausts.com	Stainless steel exhausts and repairs
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Ronnie Reed Clutch	75 Haupt Street Sidwell	041 4532227	brake and clutch
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