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**NEWSLETTER OF THE
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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 April 2024

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

Thanks to one and all who attended the AGM, it was a huge success and a lot of business was concluded. I presented my annual report which was published in last month's newsletter. Chris gave a summary of the club finances. They are in good hands and in good health. Coming from the floor, there was comment that more funds should be used on members. The committee has noted the request and will consider this throughout the year. Once again, congratulations to all our prize winners, I hope that this will be an incentive for more members to become active in club events.

In terms of our constitution a new committee was elected and will serve for the 2024/5 year. We welcome two new committee members, Peter Reebein and Leon van Loggerenberg. The continuing committee members are, Dirk, Tracy, Chris, Andre and Alan. We will endeavor to serve the members to the best of our ability and to their satisfaction. A big thank you to Thijs and Don who served on the previous committee.

Save for the AGM, we had two most enjoyable events in April. For our Midweek we went to Harbour Master, which has become a firm favorite to those members who frequently attend the midweek events.

The monthly run was the annual Chairman's run which ended up in my valley at the Kragga Kamma Game Park for a braai. I felt very honoured and privileged that the event was so well attended by the members.....thanks. A special word of thanks to Graeme for making his business facilities available for the start of the run and to Chris for the huge braai fire he made. We also wish to thank everyone who participated in the lucky draw. We raised R1550 which will go towards feeding our rhinos. A lot of fun was had by all.

More information and photos on these events later in this newsletter. Photos of all our outings are posted on our Facebook page (MGCCPE) soon after each event. There are many more photos on the Facebook page than is published in the newsletter. Go check it out and see what fun is had on these runs (we have some very naughty and raucous members!!!!).

Of course there will be fun events again in May. The winter is on its way so outdoor events may be limited during the cold months (get out those winter woolies).

Please take note that due to 1 May being a public holiday, the Noggin will take place on Wednesday 8 May. It is a "bring and braai" and the braai fire will be ready around 7pm.

Our midweek is still to be decided, but will be discussed and decided upon at the Noggin.

Our monthly run is planned for Sunday 26 May (just before the general election). It will be in the format of a Breakfast Run to Apron Strings. Details to follow.

Sharleen and I will be taking a break from 11 to 25 May. We are hooking up our off-road trailer and will be travelling to Hondeklipbaai on the northern west coast of the country, then travel down the west coast and into the Cederberge for a few days after which we end up in the little Karoo at a farm close to Herbertsdale (which is not too far from Mosselbay). We are looking forward to this lot, but will be back in time for the monthly run.

Octagonally yours, until next time.

April Events

Midweek Run to Fireside Restaurant

The Fireside Restaurant is situated behind a house in Circular Drive. The eating area is under a huge canopy with tree bark covering the floor.

Everyone enjoyed the cuisine and of course the company was beyond reproach. Does it deserve a return visit? The jury is out on that one.



The Chairman' Run Sunday 28th April

The Chairman's Run is a highlight on the Club calendar so it was with some anticipation that a goodly number gathered early in the morning at Pop's Garage in Walmer. The trauma of the early hour was tempered with coffee supplied by the garage owner and Club member Graeme Reid. By the way you will never see a garage floor that is so clean as at Pop's.





The first stop was a surprise venue being the fire station in Miramar which was opened in 1976.

There was some doubt to our visit as an earlier phone call had been met with no reply. A little disconcerting if you have an early morning pyrogenic emergency.

However on arrival the fireman was there to greet us. And a pretty tolerant fireman he was.



He even allowed Mientjie to sit in the cab, start the engine and sound the horn. No bell I am afraid – not quite the same.



Mientjie gave us a demonstration of her pole dancing techniques.

There is no upstairs for the men to exit and therefore no long pole to the ceiling. Instead two short ones for the firemen to quickly climb aboard or rapidly exit if they are late for their tea.

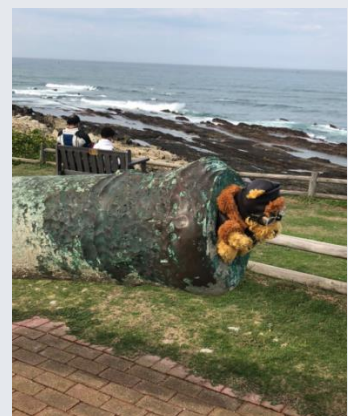
Finally members were allowed to pose wearing a fireman's hat.

We must thank the team at Miramar Fire Station for entertaining us and allowing us to climb all over their prized vehicle.





From the fire station we took a very pleasant ride along the coast to view the **Sacramento Canon** at Schoonies. I attach a short history.





Sacramento Cannon at Cape Recife

This bronze artifice, cast by the Bocarro family, also known as the Miracle Cannon, was salvaged in May 1977 from the Shipwreck site of the Portuguese Ship- *Sacramento*, which ran aground near Schoenmakerskop on her maiden voyage in 1647. It was declared a National Monument under old NMC legislation on 7 March 1986. Wording on English commemorative stone:

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COMMANDER C J ALLEN

30 JUNE 1993

IN MEMORY OF PORT ELIZABETHAN DAVID ALLEN

AND DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO PERISHED

IN THE PORTUGUESE GALLEON SACRAMENTO

WRECKED ON 30 JUNE 1647

THE 72 SURVIVORS SET OUT TO WALK

THE 1300 KM TO MOZAMBIQUE

NINE PERSONS SURVIVED TO REACH

DELAGOA BAY ON 5 JANUARY 1648

THIS CANNON LENGTH 469 CM MASS 2500 KG

COVERS THE SITE OF THE WRECK

IT WAS CAST IN BRONZE BY BOCARRO IN THE

PORTUGUESE TERRITORY OF MACAO, CHINA

IN 1640 AND IS ONE OF 10 SALVAGED BY

DAVID ALLEN AND GERRY VAN NIEKERK IN 1977

From there it was onwards and upwards through the back roads of Chelsea to the chairman's home on the outskirts of **Kragga Kamma Game Park**.

Unfortunately the animals didn't know we were coming as there to greet us were only a pair of love-sick ostriches and later a few wart hogs. Be that as it may it is a great venue for a braai in the area opposite their house and Dirk and Sharleen are such welcoming people and so many thanks to them.





Chris Hanekom produced a great braai fire and with some appropriate refreshment one could relax for the afternoon in splendid surroundings.

There was a lucky draw, the proceeds of which went to feeding the rhinos for one day!





The winners were Ronnie van Eyk, Alan Froom and Naiema Dielman.

Again many thanks to Mr and Mrs Charman.

Future Events

May 8 th	Noggin Bring and Braai
May 15 th	Midweek Run Hennies
May 26 th	Breakfast Run to Apron Strings Meet 0900 Prestons
June 5 th	Noggin Bring and Braai
June 19 th	Midweek Run
June 23 rd or 30 th	Combined Alfa & MG Run to Tolbos or Gamtoos Hotel
June 23 rd	Eden Classic Car Show at Oyster Festival in Sedgefield. Organised by Peter Pretorius and his team who used to hold the old Knysna Car Show at the school playing field.
July 3 rd	Noggin Soup and Sherry
July 17 th	Midweek German Club (evening)
July 28 th	Concourse at EPVCC

EPVCC Events

May 10 th	50 years of VW Golf
May 17 th	Austin/Austin Healy Day
May 26 th	American Classics
June/July	British Car Day

In Celebration of the MG Legend



MG, a sports car for all seasons! If you own an MG sports car, whether an older classic or one of the newer models, an MGF/TF or even a 21st Century MG Cyberster electric sports car, you can consider yourself a celebrity car enthusiast. MGs are cars made for all seasons driving fun. In summer you can simply drop the canvas hood (rag top) and enjoy fresh air motoring. In winter you can feel cosy and snug driving with the hood up in cold or rainy weather. During Spring or Fall, the in between seasons allow you to choose between comfort and challenging driving, depending on weather conditions. A true MG owner will of course drive his MG with the top down rain or shine.

An interesting observation is that MG drivers always acknowledge each other on the open road. It sometimes takes a while, but many drivers of older MG's are quite willing to wave at the new kid! It doesn't matter who waves first but if you spot another MG, MGF or TF or older MG's waving at you or flashing their headlights, be polite and wave back or flash, acknowledging family on the road.

It is also important to know that you represent the mark of friendship being a member of a MG owners club and the octagon society, a worldwide gathering of MG owners. In the UK alone there are more than 150 MG clubs and in South Africa we have about seven branches. The original MG Club was founded in 1930, based in Abingdon, Oxon. Today the MG Owners Club has more than 80,000 members world-wide.

The Octagon badge is MG personified and first appeared in 1928 on the 14/40, used with gay abandon to this day. The fabric 14/40 was so named because of the strange finish colour (old speckled hen). Old Number One was the two-seater MG used in the Lands' End trial in 1925.

The way in which we take care of our cars and drive them (safety fast) are also a way of setting an example to other (plastic) vehicle owners! Wherever I drive or park my MG, people will always notice the car. Often, they will come and talk to me about the excellent condition of the car, enquire about MG's in general or talk with fondness of a family member or acquaintances who owned a similar car and regret having sold it. For all of us who keep the legend alive, my motto remains "Never sell an MG, rather take care of it for the next generation to enjoy and cherish".



Deon Rousseau.

Thanks Deon for your contribution. Much appreciated!!

Blast from the Past



This is a page from Safety Fast September 1985.

In those days before email Sylvia Dunstan used to type up the magazine and Robin printed it. Then put the copies into individual envelopes', stick the stamps on and post them off.

The travelling supper was quite expensive at R35 per *couple*. The punch was produced in a Nappisan bucket by Simon Bosch who owned a goat farm outside Uitenhage. No one knew what the concoction was but it had little hard brown things in it which he referred to as 'bok drolletjies'.



COMING EVENTS

SHOWDAY – 15 SEPTEMBER (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Once again our Showday will be held on the lawns in front of the Marine Hotel, Summerstrand starting at 9.00am. Judging for the Concours d'Etat will commence at about 10.00am. All of you who wish to enter your car for this event please be there before 10.00am.

The Concours d'Elegance will be held at the Clubhouse at about lunch time after which we will all be able to relax over a beer and a braai. Bring your own meat etc. but beer will be on sale in the pub.

I have been asked by the Committee to emphasise the following three points and I hope we can all co-operate.

FIRSTLY: Please wear club regalia for the public part of the event. Last year very few people had club uniform on.

SECONDLY: Go easy on the beers while we are in the public's eye – we don't want to be labelled a bunch of P. . . .CATS.

THIRDLY: Please make an attempt to enter the Concours d'Elegance. It is not difficult to think of some appropriate clobber and it is high time someone gave the Birds some competition.

TRAVELLING SUPPER – 21 SEPTEMBER

This year our Travelling Supper will be leaving from Greenacres between Checkers Hyper and Woolworths. The reason for this is that the Clubhouse is being used for a private function and there won't be any room for us. The bus leaves at 6.30pm so PLEASE DON'T BE LATE. The cost is R35,00 per couple which includes PUNCH ON THE BUS, A 3 COURSE DINNER AND THE BUS FARE. Tickets are available and will be on sale at the NOGGIN on 4 SEPTEMBER or from myself at 9 St. Patricks Road, Phone 22614 or from Vaughan at 61 Richmond Hill Phone 29630.

CAPE CENTRES INDABA – 10 TO 13 OCTOBER – PLETTENBERG BAY

Theme this year: "We'll met in Plett."

As we are the host Club this year we will have to ensure that we make everyone very welcome (hence the theme). We must try to meet as many people as possible which won't be difficult as the whole affair is going to be very informal. The Plett. Town Council are being requested to put on a Cheese and Wine Party for us on Friday 11 October but full details will be available in the next issue of this Newsletter. Some of us will be leaving from the Clubhouse at about 10.00am on 10 October 1985 and others from Samantha Way at about 3.00pm on 11 October 1985. Phone any Committee member for further details. Get your entry in early to Vaughan and please attach a cheque (or cash) for R21,00 which covers the cost of the weekend for two people. Naturally your food is extra.



For Sale

1965 Mk 1 MGB with original interior and paperwork up to date. Also soft top in good condition. Asking price is R135k. The car is featured on the front page of this newsletter but the pretty lady is not included!

Phone Andrew Murphy 083 641 1496



1968 MGBGT with overdrive for sale. Licensed and used regularly. Cooling system, rear brakes and differential recently overhauled. Asking price R120k.

Phone Andrew Petrie 082 371 1590 email Michael.petrie@vwsa.co.za



Service Providers

Service Provider and Address	Telephone	Email/Website	Type of Service
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
Edwards (John), 20 Murrel Cresc. Framesby PE	0724444398		Retired autoelectrician Experience with classics
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 PE	0414532974 0825683605		Hydraulics & Pneumatics
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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
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Pro Tek Heads, 6 Hammond Street Sidwell	0414539765		aluminium welding ie. Thermostat housing
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Wheeltech, 31 Fettes Road N End P E	0413733052		bushes etc
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