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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 August 2024

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

The Olympics is already a distant memory, well that's what it feels like anyway, and what an event it was. Those athletes are super talented (and sometimes seem super human). The skills displayed at some of the events boggle the mind as to how humans can push themselves to those limits and beyond. The Springboks have already beaten the Aussies in the Rugby Championship and we hope that they will do the same to the All Blacks. Max Verstappen is finding it more and more difficult to win Grands Prix (go Lando!!!).

It seems like the winter just does not want to dissipate. As I am sitting writing this article, the outside temperature is 8 degrees and the wind is blowing at a whopping 75kph, faster than most of our cars can go. Let's hope spring arrives soon with a vengeance.

The new club regalia has been purchased and the new logo is proudly displayed on the shirts and jackets (see below). Those who ordered the new regalia have already received theirs and will show it off at the September Noggin which is on the 11th. A very big shout out to Chris and Mientjie for all the hard work they put in to have everything finalised before we leave for the National Indaba at Houw Hoek. It is the purchasing of the regalia, the embroidery and name tags. Thanks very much for all your efforts!!!

While we endeavored to retain the club identity and history, the new logo displays the correct Union Jack in the background and facilitates clearer embroidery.

The August Noggin was a "bring and braai". Yours truly could unfortunately not attend due to another commitment but Chris did a sterling job as a stand-in for me, thanks Chris.

Our midweek was a run to the Prickly Pear restaurant at Blue Horizon Bay. It was a cold and windy winter's day and although the event was well attended, most members drove there in their plastics, including the Chairman (sorry it was just too cold for the A to be taken out). There were only two MGs on the run, John and Christina Ryan's B and Tony Greenwood's TF (well done guys).

Our monthly run for August was an event we have not staged in PE for some years, the club Concours. The weather gods played their part on Sunday and with a very strong turnout, the day was indeed a success and very memorable. The categories for which we could enter was limited to Tops and d'Commique. Congratulations to the winners. More detail and pictures about this event is provided further on in this newsletter.

As reported last month, we were requested to display our cars at The Great Escape Outdoor Expo at D F Malherbe High School on 17 August. We had eight cars on show which attracted a lot of attention and even the possibility of some new members. Thanks to those members who gave up their valuable time to attend the event in their MGs.

By the time this newsletter is published, the MGCCPE group attending the National Indaba at Houw Hoek will be well on their way to the event in convoy. There has been much preparation and anticipation by the group and now the time has come. We are doing a three day trip, with the first overnight stop at "Die Kraaltjie" in Joubertina. The second day we will travel as far as Calitzdorp and overnight there. Calitzdorp you ask? Well they have the famous Boplaas winery and we need to test the port and some others; that is why!!! The third day we will continue along the R62 and stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop for a sherry (is this our Ronnie???). We will carry on along the R62 to Barrydale and then down the Tradouw pass to Swellendam. Our final stint is on to Houw Hoek where we will spend the next three days engaging with our brothers and sisters from the other MG centres. We will provide feedback to our members at the September Noggin on parts of the event which will not embarrass the members who misbehaved.

Hopefully September brings some good spring weather to PE which will make our local events more enjoyable. Our Noggin is on Wednesday 11 September which is a Bring and Braai. The Midweek is on Wednesday September 25th which is a drive along Marine Drive for a lunch at Sacramento.

Due to the inclement PE weather the EPVCC British Car Day had to be postponed. This event will now take place on Sunday 15 September and will double as our September monthly run.

On 29 September the club will be participating in the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive which is a charity event in aid of prostate cancer. Please note that this event does attract an entry fee. So, at this early stage I would like to encourage our members to mark it on your calendars and enter for this worthy cause. I have sent an e-mail to all members which contains a link to the registration site. If any member who wishes to participate in the event experiences any problems in registering, please contact me and I will assist.

From this!!!



To this!!!



Octagonally yours, until next time.



August Events

Midweek Run to Blue Horizon Bay 14th August

Port Elizabeth has experienced a lot of wind recently but on that day it really stepped up to the plate. Be that as it may a few stalwarts made the journey to the Prickly Pear at Blue Horizon Bay. It is such a picturesque journey and one well worth braving the elements. As to the cuisine, it was fair to middling. Go for the pizza if you have to, but well worth the day for the scenery.



Great Escape Outdoor Expo 17th August at D F Malherbe School



If you are interested in the great outdoors and all the “kit” that goes with camping and eating while you are camping this was the show to visit. It is amazing what is available out there. The club was invited to show some cars.

We did recruit a new member being a rather large gentleman from Pick n Pay. We have just got to find a MG that will fit him!





Concourse at the SAAF Museum 25th August

Our Concourse Day at the SAAF Museum is always an enjoyable event and for a change the wind didn't blow which it can do at that venue.





In preparation for the forthcoming Indaba in Cape Town a Tops only concourse was held for all the MGs present. Our two judges Terry Wilson and Garry Dodds can be seen scrutineering the cars. We also welcomed members of the Triumph and Morris Clubs.

The Putters and van Ecks also gave us a preview of their Comique sketch for the Indaba. Publishing a report or photos thereof are not permitted as we might “give the game away”. However they received the Comique award. Many thanks to our two judges who were extremely scrupulous in their endeavours.



James Canepa received a donation from the club to the SAAF Museum for their kind hospitality.

Graeme Reid’s MGBGT won the concourse. Let’s hope he can do the same in Cape Town

The day was concluded with the obligatory braai with which our braai master Chris Hanekom did not fail us.

A good day out. We have been promised driving tests at the same venue. Something to look forward to.

Forthcoming Events

3 rd to 6 th September	National Indaba Hoew Hoek
11th September	Noggin at EPVCC
15 th September	Month's event British Car Day at EPVCC from 8.30am
25 th September	Mid week run to Sacramento Restaurant
29 th September	Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive (see email from Chairman)



Seen at the Concourse event

David Browne's MGTD refused to start and so he brought the Riley instead.

It is more closely related to the MG as you might think. Produced in Abingdon at the same time as the T Types. In fact on an assembly line right next to them.

And look at those headlights – a little bit of MGTF about them?

Wanted one when I was a student!



Finally a picture of the committee dining in style at the PE Club to investigate holding our Christmas lunch there.

The food was good but room hire a little pricey.

No the club didn't pay for our meals!

FOR SALE in Knysna

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To all readers who are attending the Indaba in Hoew Hoek have a wonderful time and a safe and uneventful journey.

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