

MG Car Club  
Port Elizabeth  
Centre



# King of the Road

July 2024

*The marque of friendship*



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**1979 MGB**



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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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Some members of the committee have been developing a new club logo. There are two formats. Here is the latest design for embroidering. It has a simpler format which is easier to fabricate.



## Chairman's Chirp July 2024

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

Wow, July has been very cold and windy here in PE, but no rain, let's hope that the rain arrives soon to wash away all the dust. Our thoughts are with our compatriots in Cape Town where excessive rain and bad weather has caused a lot of heartache and damage. We are very proud of our sister club in Cape Town for being able to donate a substantial amount of money to affected communities; well done.

Our refreshed club logo has now been finalised and our new regalia has been chosen and ordered. Once we have the new shirts and jackets we will arrange for the embroidery of the new logo. The new logo does not differ substantially from the current one. To facilitate a clearer logo when it is embroidered, some detail has been removed from the old one, but it still reflects our heritage and club identity. It was presented to the members at the July Noggin and was accepted by all.

Our July events started off at the Noggin with our annual soup and sherry evening. Our timing for this event was spot on as it was a cold winters PE evening and especially the sherries went down well. The event was, as usual, well attended and much fun was had by all. Thanks to Sharleen for doing the preparation and also to all the ladies who helped with serving the soup. The meal was fully sponsored from club funds.

The midweek event was an evening outing at the Greek Club. This is where my FOMO stepped in as I could not attend due to my business travels and felt that I missed out on an enjoyable evening with my MG family. By all reports it was also well attended with some of the "working class" members also joining in as the event took place in the evening.

Due to the inclement PE weather the EPVCC British Car Day had to be postponed, so we did not have our usual monthly run in July. It has since been postponed again due to inclement weather. This event will now take place on 15 September.

I am very pleased to report that the club ladies had a get together for a coffee morning. Thanks to Christina for the initiative, we trust that more of our lady members who are able will join this group in the future.

We are hoping that during August the weather gods will be friendlier towards us as we have a number of exciting events in the pipeline. The big one is the Concourse at the SAAF Museum. This event has not taken place for a few years and we are re-kindling it to show off our beautiful cars and have them judged by neutral judges. To re-start this event, we will do Tops, d'Elegance and d'Commique. In years to come we may look at expanding it to other categories.

Although not an official club event, we have been requested to display our cars at The Great Escape Outdoor Expo at D F Malherbe High School on 17 August. This is a big Expo, not a normal flea market and we are the only club that have been invited. There has been a lot of publicity for this event on Radio Algoa and other platforms. We are hoping to get at least ten cars to display at this event.

September has crept up on us very rapidly and that means the National Indaba at Houw Hoek close to Cape Town is around the corner. We have six cars and 10 members attending. The majority of the Indaba group is making a three day road trip going there. Our first night is at a B&B in Joubertina. The second night will be spent in Calitzdorp after which we will take the final day to travel to Houw Hoek. The group is looking forward to a memorable few days and of course a lot of misbehaviour. As the saying goes, "What happens at the Indaba, stays at the Indaba". Feedback, where appropriate, will however be provided at the next Noggin.

Then on 29 September the club is participating in the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive which is a charity event in aid of prostate cancer. So, at this early stage I would like to encourage our members to mark it on you calendars and participate in this worthy cause. I will be sending out more detail about this event in due course.



1924 - 1927



1927 - 1952



1952 - 1962



1962 - 1990



1990 - 2010



2010 - 2021



2021 - now

I found the above on the internet. I'm not sure how authentic it is. Source unknown.

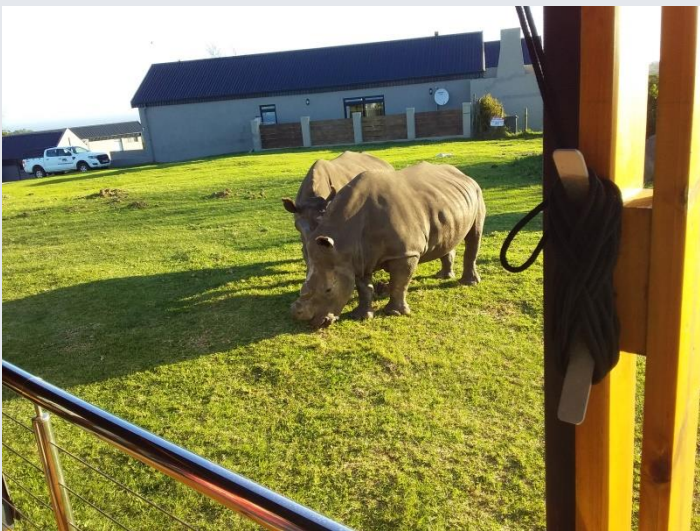
Octagonally yours, until next time.

**Editor's Note**

While on the subject of our venerable chairman, I append a picture taken from his home's back porch.

These two are very well behaved and have immaculate table manners.

However, Dirk please don't let them sleep on the bed!



## July Events

### Soup and Sherry Noggin 3<sup>rd</sup> July



Sharleen honed her culinary skills to perfection to produce a delicious soup on such a cold evening. This was accompanied by the obligatory sherry which warded off the chills.

James seemed to prefer his normal refreshment.

### Ladies Coffee Club



The ladies coffee club got together in July at the Rose Garden.

No one knows what they discussed but probably not MGs or even motor cars!

Ladies please support this group. Their meeting are advertised on the ladies whatsapp group or contact Christine Ryan on 072 457 0905

## Midweek Outing Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Greek Club

This was an evening event for a change to enable the working classes to join us. If you are a vegetarian this was not the place to be as on arrival you were greeted with a host of lamb chops being roasted. It was a great meal and of course the company was beyond reproach. We are made so welcome when we visit the Greek Club and even the Greek priest came to say hello.



The main event was to be the British Car Show at the EPVCC. However due to a very unfavourable weather forecast this has been postponed to 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## MGTC Tyres

### Nineteen inch Radials for the MG TC: Bridgestone Ecopia 500 series – 155/70/19R



A discovery by Michael Sherrell.

The editor's MGTC's tyres were at least 30 years old and one could see small cracks in the sidewalls where the rubber is beginning to vulcanise. They were made in Chile of all places!

I read an article by Mike Sherrell who was using a set of Bridgestone Ecopia 155 155/70/19R and is satisfied with them. They have been manufactured to fit an electric car made by BMW and are available in South Africa.

A set of Blockley tubeless is advertised by Moss for GBP2070 equivalent to R50 000. I managed to source the Bridgestone tyre in Port Elizabeth at R2000 each. I put tubes in them. That is quite a saving.



It has an unusual tyre pattern with one large groove on the outside and two narrower on the inside.

They are so marked for fitting.

I have read that one shouldn't put tubes in a radial tyre (blame Mr Google) as unwanted friction causes punctures. We shall see.

Any comments?

### Forthcoming Events

August 14<sup>th</sup> Midweek Run for lunch in Blue Horizon Bay Meet Checkers Verdun Rd at 11.00am

August 17<sup>th</sup> The Great Escape Outdoor Expo at D F Malherbe High School. This is a big expo and only our Club has been invited. There has been a lot of publicity and it is not your normal market. Please try and attend. Cars to be there by 8.00am.

August 25<sup>th</sup> Concourse at SAAF Museum combined with the Morris and Triumph Clubs. Meet at 11.00am, braai at noon. – early for the F1 enthusiasts. This is a rehearsal for the Indaba but all entries welcome. Judging of Tops only, Commique and D'elegance. Driving skills event will take place later in the year.

September 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup>	Indaba at Houw Hoek
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Noggin NB A week re Indaba
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	British Car Day at EPVCC
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Run TBA
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Distinguished Gentleman's Drive. See Chairman's Chirp
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon of the Classics

## GEAR UP GET OUT!

We are all getting older, just as our beloved MGs. For some of us it is getting more difficult to get in and out of our cars (for various reasons). For others it becomes an effort to get our cars out of the garage as our MGs are often parked at the far end of the garage behind a Plastic, our daily work horse! It becomes too much effort to manoeuvre cars, especially when the weather is bad, or it rains.



Cleaning ones MG after an outing can also become an effort, especially a proper wash spit and polish. Are we just becoming too old, or lazy to make the effort? Why do we see fewer MGs at the Noggins despite the chairman's request to attend gatherings in our MGs at the clubhouse and park our cars on the lawns in front of the building?

It is a fact that the fewer we drive our cars the more they tend to develop engine problems such as dirty spark plugs, flat batteries, leaking engine oil or radiators. The best way to keep our cars in shape is to use them on long weekend drives in sunshine weather.



It is also a fact that as we get older our eyesight is deteriorating, making it difficult to drive at night when streetlights are out, especially during load shedding. Sometimes our MGs headlights are also not as bright as they use to be. Another reason why we see fewer MGs during daytime is because it becomes a risk to park our cars in a parking lot or garage during shopping trips. Although there may be car guards looking after our cars, we also know that for many motorists a car is only a means of transport and scratching or denting another car is of no concern to careless drivers.

Apart from our MGs which need a regular drive at least once a fortnight (despite the rising petrol price) it is also important for us to get out of our houses and enjoy an open-air run in our cars. People tend to get depressed, just sitting at home all day. I have always enjoyed chatting and sharing jokes with friends at the club about our MGs and getting tips to keep my car in a good running order. This has been an excellent catalyst to forget about other worries.

Let's support our club committee arranging outings over weekends and drive our cars more often and enjoy them while we still can. Gear up and get out while keeping the mark of friendship alive!!!

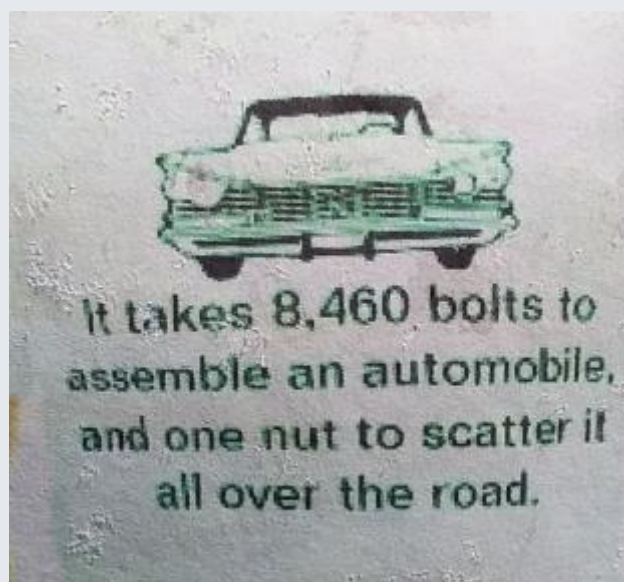
Deon Rousseau.

PS. Yours truly is often guilty of some of the above!

Thanks Deon for your article.

All contributions to the Newsletter are so so welcome.

### **Safety Fast !!**



## 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	<a href="http://www.theauto.co.za/generator-house">www.theauto.co.za/generator-house</a>	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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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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