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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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Chairman's Chirp – April 2026

Greetings and salutations to my MG Family,

The annual Chairman's Run and Charity Event has come and gone and with it, a sizeable portion of the year. My, how time flies!

This year's charity run was in support of *Sinako – We Can Special Needs Centre for Children and Adults*, and what an emotionally charged and unforgettable day it proved to be. The joy, the laughter, the tears, the cars, the incredible Sinako staff, and above all, the heartfelt reactions of the children, made for a truly moving experience.

Let me start at the beginning.

On Sunday 26 April twenty-six MGCCPE members gathered at the MG dealership in Port Elizabeth, arriving in 12 MGs, a Mini, and a BMW Z4. Chad once again spoiled us with delicious snacks and coffee, thank you, Chad, for your continued generosity and support of our events.

The inspiration for supporting Sinako came from a chance conversation between one of our members and a parent of a resident at the centre. That heartfelt interaction sparked the idea for this year's charity initiative. Planning began well in advance, and our members, especially the ladies, put in tremendous effort creating much-needed items for the centre. Working from a "wish list" provided by Sinako, they produced a range of thoughtful and practical contributions.

After refreshments, we made our way to Sinako, where staff and residents welcomed us with open arms and great excitement. Each member/car had the opportunity to personally hand over their donations. The generosity of our members was evident, and judging by the reactions from Sinako, deeply appreciated.

In addition, the club donated R2,500 to the centre, primarily to assist with purchasing paint for the classrooms. Any remaining funds will go towards trimming a large tree on the premises.

Members spent time engaging with the staff and residents, moments that proved deeply emotional and joyous. There were few dry eyes as connections were made and stories shared. For the residents, the chance to see, hear, and even sit in our cars was a highlight of their day and equally rewarding for us.

Later in the day, members reflected on the experience, sharing the impact it had on them. Many of the children left a lasting impression on our hearts. While our visit was temporary, we have committed to returning and offering assistance with painting and basic maintenance, ensuring continued engagement with the centre and its residents.

From Sinako, we travelled together to Kragga Kamma Game Park, where we enjoyed a bring-and-braai at the Chairman's residence. It is, as always, a pleasure to host such a wonderful group of people. These gatherings continue to grow in spirit and camaraderie. Naturally, a few refreshments were enjoyed, and the mood was lightened as the day's emotions gave way to laughter and good company.

All in all, it was a highly successful and meaningful event, one that I am sure will stay with our members for a long time.

In April, we also held our AGM, which was well attended and ran smoothly. There was one change to the committee: Tony Greenwood has taken over as Treasurer from Chris Hanekom. A sincere thank you to Chris for his energetic contribution during his tenure, and a warm welcome to Tony.

Until next time,

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The 2026 Committee



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4 May 2026

The Chairperson
MGCCPE

ATTENTION: The Chairperson

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR DISABLED COMMUNITY

I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation to SINAKO WE CAN, Special Needs Centre.

Your support plays a crucial role in helping us achieve our mission and has made a positive impact in the disabled community.

It was truly heart-warming to learn about your Club and the wonderful fundraiser initiative.

Your commitment to SINAKO WE CAN, deeply resonates with our organization's values, and we are honoured to have been part of this awesome event on Sunday, 26TH April 2026, our children loved to see the old cars and the interaction with your members.

Your contribution of R2500 will directly be used for painting our outside furniture.

All other items has already be put to use in our classrooms and our children are loving it.

Please feel free to join our Face Book page under WE CAN SINAKO. Our webpage is under construction currently however will be up and running soon.

Once again, thank you for your thoughtful contribution. Your generosity is valuable to us, and we appreciate the trust you have placed in SINAKO WE CAN.

Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

May the MGCCPE Club members be blessed by all the generosity they have shown towards our school.

Kind regards

Sandi Dunstan

Miss Sandra Dunstan
MANAGER

Other Past Events

Annual Bowls Challenge

Our annual bowls challenge versus the Alfa Club took place on the 29th March at the Moths Club in Albany Road. This is a very serious affair which the Alfas won by a very short wood.



Annual General Meeting 1st April

The AGM is always a vibrant affair and thanks to Tracy and Alan for organising the snacks and appropriate lubrication. Many awards were presented and below are some of such.



Deon received a prize for most contributions to the newsletter.

Tracy fully deserved her award for all the work as secretary.

Chris and Mientjie won the driving skills trophy.

Finally James was a candidate for the mampara of the year.

Exactly what he was to do with the dipstick was not explained to him!

FORERUNNER OF THE HYDRAGAS SUSPENSION.



Cars like clothes, are as much about style as utility. The rounded all-developed designs, considered to be so modern in the early 1950's were by the end of the decade giving way to cars of more angular shape with larger windows. Likewise conventional suspension consisting of rear axle coil springs mounted with a Panhard rod and front suspension wishbones were now also regarded old fashion on MG sports cars.

In an attempt to change the "tried and tested" suspension on the MG sports cars of the 1950's and 60's Dr Alex Moulton started to experiment with "Hydrolastic" spring units. These spring units were developed to reduce bounce, pitch and roll. The front and rear suspension were interconnected. They shared the effect of hitting irregularities in the road more equally (ie. potholes) between both ends of the car.

When the front wheel was raised by hitting a bump it lifted both the front and rear of the car, keeping it level and reducing pitch. When the

back wheel reached the same bump, the shock was in turn partly shared by the front wheel.

This new configuration was introduced in October 1962 in the new MG 1100 saloon and worked well, aided by a rear anti-roll bar and anti-pitch bars within the rear subframe. Unfortunately, this new MG saloon, which was a far more advanced car, was over shadowed by the concurrent arrival of the new MGB which still used the conventional suspension system. Rear axle springs remained with trailing arms and a Panhard rod but were later modified with half-elliptic springs. Up front shock absorbers remained on MGB, MGC's until their demise in the middle of 1985.

It was only in 1995 when the MGF was launched on the British market that the “hydrogas” suspension was reintroduced. This new suspension had fluid interconnected between the front and rear suspension units, each side of the car. These units, filled with nitrogen gas took the place of conventional springs. When a front wheel hit a bump, it compresses gas within the unit to provide springing and forces fluid down an interconnecting tube to stiffen the rear suspension. Separate front and rear shock absorbers further provided additional damping.

Although the “hydrogas” suspension provided excellent roadholding ability and an exceptionally smooth, comfortable ride, especially for a sports car, it was not regarded a great success. Gas tended to leak causing the wheels to drop in the wheel arches leaving the car without any suspension and a harsh ride. In 2002 the “hydragas” suspension was replaced by a conventional suspension on the upgraded MG TF.

Deon Rousseau.



Reference:

Green, M. MG Britains Favourite Sports Car. Haynes Classic Makes Series 1998.

Thanks Deon for another interesting article.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 6 th May	Noggin at EPVCC	Weather Dependant	
Wednesday 13 th May	Go-Kart Racing	Bay West	
Sunday 24 th May	Breakfast Run Apron Strings	09.00am	Prestons
Wednesday 3 rd June	Noggin at EPVCC		
Wednesday 10 th June	Mid Week Three legged Pig	11.30am	Checkers Lorraine

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
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
Lokhose, (A & A Murphy), - MGCC Members, 18 Sutton Rd Sidwell	0414532974 0825683605		Hydraulics & Pneumatics
Motor Mod		Fettes Road N End P E	Mechanical Modifications
Nel's Motor Trimmers, 21 Hancock Street N End	041484222	nelsmotorspe@gmail.com	Upholsterer
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Powerflow, Frank Street Newton Park P E	0413655855	newtonpark@powerflowexhausts.com	Stainless steel exhausts and repairs
Pro Seals and Bearings, 2 Commercial Centre Commercial Rd PE	0414534678	sales@proseals.co.za	Good selection of seals & Bearings Take sample
Pro Tek Heads, 6 Hammond Street Sidwell	0414539765		aluminium welding ie. Thermostat housing
Ronnie Reed Clutch	75 Haupt Street Sidwell	041 4532227	brake and clutch
The Sports Car Centre, 11 Westmeath Rd Parkview Jo'brg	0116461631 0114860021	sportscar@mweb.co.za	MG Parts Alan & Denise Uzell
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