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*March 2026*

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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,  
Conyngnam Street, PE from 18.30H onwards.*

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## Chairman's Chirp February/March 2026

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

Can you believe it that we're already nearing the end of March? It feels like the year has only just fired up and yet here we are, already cruising at full throttle! Then again, time really does fly when you're having fun... and judging by our recent events, we're having plenty of that!

It's been fantastic to see such strong attendance at all our gatherings. The enthusiasm is contagious, our members' batteries seem permanently on full charge, and long may that continue. Let's keep the wheels turning and the great spirit alive at every event.

Our February Midweek outing took us to the ever-classy Hussar Grill for their pensioners' lunch special where we enjoyed excellent food and a just "tad" of wine. The great company and a welcome discount made it a thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable outing.

The February monthly run was to the ever-popular EPVCC "All Clubs" event. Most, if not all the PE Car clubs were represented and a very good number of cars of all shapes and sizes from Port Elizabeth and surrounds were displayed by their proud owners. Of course, MG standing out above all the rest.

For our March Noggin, the Reebeins prepared sumptuous hamburgers for the "build your own hamburger" evening and it was a resounding success. The club surprised attendees by sponsoring the meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to Peter and Lynn for all the preparation and organizing and especially for the new initiative of "building your own hamburger". Most definitely enjoyed by each and all who were present.

The March Midweek was to one of our old favorite spots, PEDSAC (Port Elizabeth Deep Sea Angling Club). There are not many which can compare to PEDSAC when it comes to seafood.

Our March Monthly Run is the annual Bowls Day on Sunday 29 March when we compete against our old rivals, the Alfa Club. MGCCPE currently holds the winner's trophy and we would like to keep it that way, so please come and participate. More details will be distributed via WhatsApp.

On a more serious note, the 2026 AGM is upon us and is scheduled for 1 April at EPVCC, yes, I know it is "April Fool's Day" but I can assure you this is not an "April Fool's Joke". Notice thereof, together with Nomination and Proxy forms have been sent to all paid-up members by e-mail in terms of the Constitution. This is followed up by WhatsApp messages. I urge all members to make an effort to attend the AGM as important matters and decisions are concluded there. If you are unable to attend, please complete a Proxy form to appoint a representative who may vote on your behalf and send it to a committee member at your earliest convenience. There is still time to submit your nominations for any member/s who you wish to serve on the Committee, so please get those nominations in.

In the previous Newsletter I mentioned the drought which we are experiencing in our region. Thankfully we did receive some rainfall during the past month which restored the veld to some extent and provided grazing for our wild animals in the Kragga Kamma Game Reserve. We need a lot more rain to fall before we can say the drought is broken, so please be mindful and use water sparingly.

I wish to remind all members of upcoming and other notable events which will need early commitment from interested members as a lot of planning needs to be done to make them successful:

**15 April**, Midweek at Barn and Barrel

**26 April**, Chaiman's Run and Charity ending with a "bring and braai" at Kragga Kamma

**6 May**, Noggin – bring and braai

**13 May**, Midweek – Go-Carting event at Baywest Mall.

**15 to 18 May**, Kleinemonde weekend.

**16 September**, Visit to VW Museum and plant.

**26 September**, Port Alfred Car Show.

**27 September**, Distinguished Gentleman's Drive.

**12 or 13 December**, Christmas lunch.

Further communications containing details of all these events will follow closer to the time.

Until next time.

**Footnote:** Those of us at the last Noggin couldn't help but notice something rather unusual... it was quiet, very quiet. After much head-scratching and deep discussion, we finally cracked it—it was Ronnie! Without him, things just aren't quite the same and much less noisy.

Ronnie and Desire, we hope you're having an unforgettable time in New Zealand with your family, making memories to last a lifetime. We miss you both and wish you a safe (and non-smoking!) journey home. We trust the wheelchair service at Johannesburg airport was a smooth and memorable experience—and that the "chauffeurs" got you to your flight in style and on time!

Don't worry—in future, we'll happily arrange similar VIP transport at our Noggins to get you from car to clubhouse in comfort!



#### **Editor's Note**

This is the slowest that Des and Ronnie have ever travelled on four wheels!

## Midweek Hussars Grill 18<sup>th</sup> February



As one can see MG Car Club members enjoy a good meal with some lubrication.

Oh! We enjoy our cars as well – even when they are not behaving as they should.



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March All Clubs Day at the EPVCC

A picture says a thousand words hence below a photographic presentation of what was on display.





### Midweek Lunch at PEDSAC Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

If you like seafood then Port Elizabeth Deep Sea Angling Club at the harbour is the place to visit. Obviously this is well known as there was such a good attendance.



Our friend, Ian Vrey from the Alfa club passed away recently. The MG Club sent condolences.

Dear MG Club members

Herewith a huge thank you for your condolences and the lovely eats and treats hampers so kindly given to us as a family. It is much appreciated and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We treasure the love and care shown via Chris and Mientjie, she did excellent shopping and wrapping on your behalf 🙏🙏  
May you be Blessed 🙏🙏

Regards and much love  
Marsa Vrey and family 🙏🙏

## THE LEGENDS COMPETITIVE EDGE!

Throughout the MG marque's history, cars bearing the MG octagon have participated in a wide range of motor sports – circuit racing, road racing, endurance events, reliability trials etc. invariably to good effect. This participation did much to establish MG as a manufacturer of sporting cars. Furthermore, it produced many innovations that eventually were to benefit the production models and enhanced the reputation of these models.

### *Endurance events with the MG's*

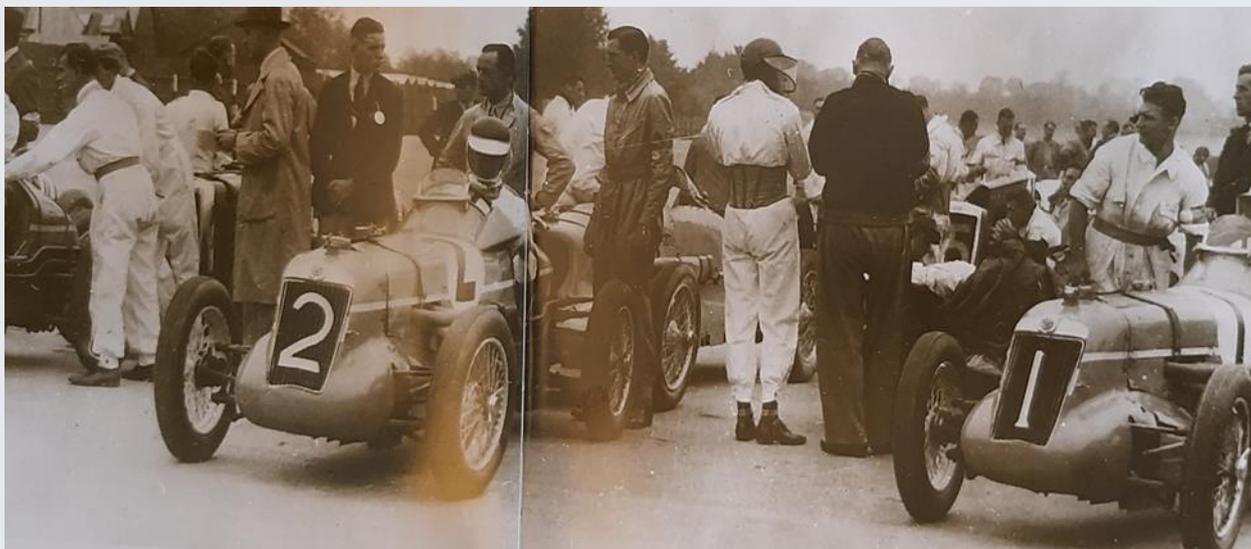


### *Time Trials*



MG based cars were also active in the record-breaking field for many years from the early 1930s to the late 1950s and the marque held many outright world-speed records in the smaller capacity classes, notably 750cc and 1100cc. Two names particularly can be linked with this success, George Eysten and Goldie Gardner, both of whom collected many records on MG 's behalf with a variety of cars, ranging from the development of the M type Midgets to the "purpose built" 200 mph streamliner.

### *Racing events, breaking records*

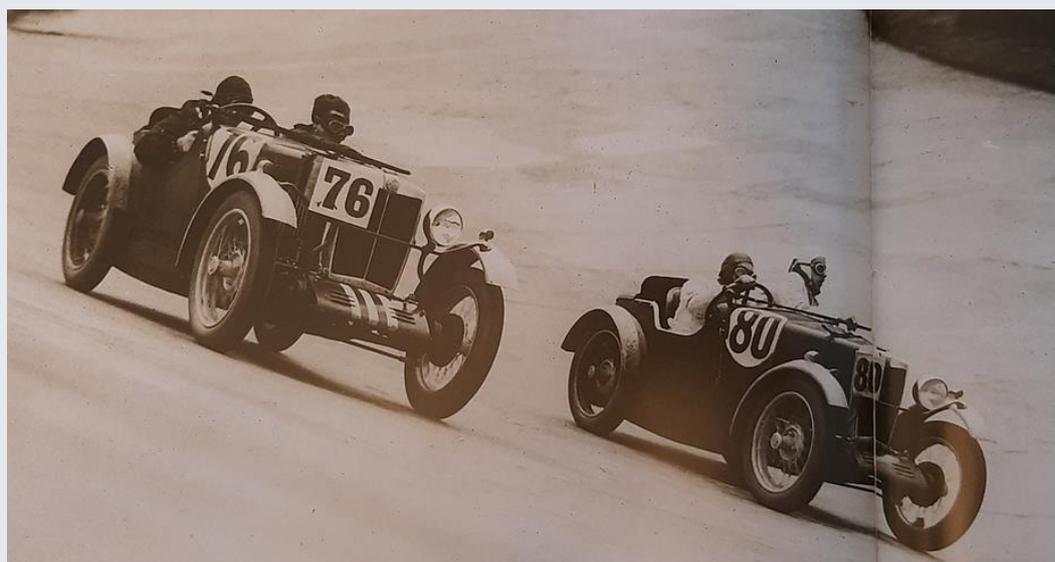


An interesting aspect of MGs participation in motor sport and record breaking is that practically all the efforts were private ventures that enjoyed to a greater or lesser degree “under the counter” sponsorship from the management-team of MG. Throughout the marque’s life its participation in motor sport had always been frowned upon and sometimes being prohibited completely, at first by William Morris and later by Nuffield, BMW and BLMC groups. Indeed, it is quite surprising that MG achieved so much success it did and this perhaps is an indication of the skills and dedication of the MG workforce throughout the Abingdon era.

In 1930 George Eysten approached MG for help with an attempted world speed record, using a modified M-type engine. Cecil Kimber offered a newly developed Midget chassis and Eysten drove the car for 100km at an average speed of 87.3mph. In 1931 he clocked 103.13 mph., and in December 1932 Eysten managed 120.56 mph with a new car based on a K3 Magnette chassis.

At this point Goldie Gardner entered. the record -breaking scene. He was a racing driver with considerable experience and bought a single seat K3 Magnette, fitted with a supercharger. In 1937 he won a Class G (1100cc) at a record speed of 148.8 mph in this car.

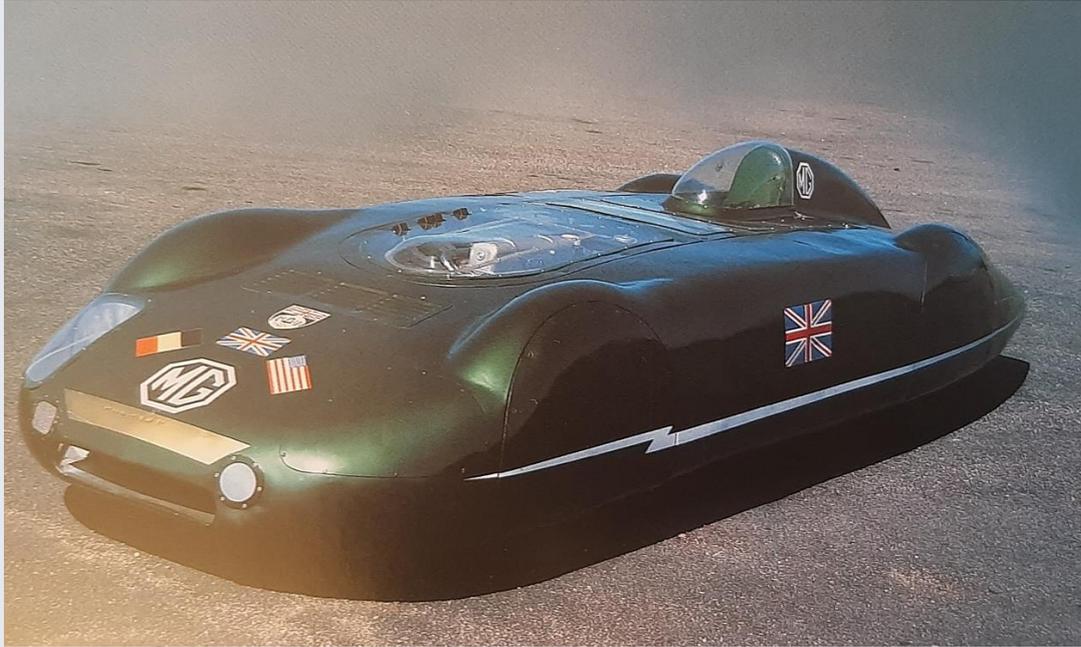
#### *Track racing and improvement of cars*



After Gardners retirement MG built another record-breaking car designated the EX179. The EX179 was fitted with an “un-supercharged” 1466cc engine. The American Ken Miles broke a few Class F records at speeds of up to 153.69 mph in this MG. In 1959 Stirling Moss achieved a top speed of 254.91 mph on the Bonneville Salt Lake flats in the USA, driving the EX181 “teardrop” projectile! This marked the final appearance of MG’s record-breaking achievements in

the 1100cc, 1500cc and 2000cc classes.

*Stirling Moss's "teardrop" projectile.*



These achievements of the past can only make today's owners of MGs proud of the marque's unique racing heritage.

#### ***A Personal Encounter at the Jan van Riebeeek Festival***

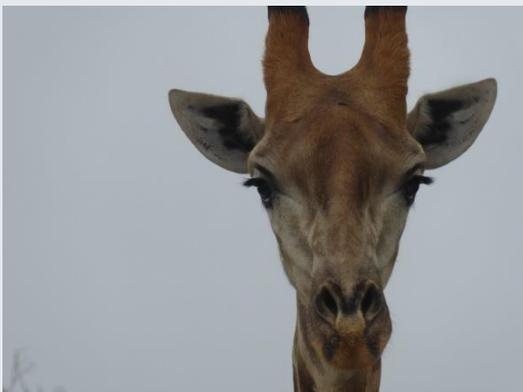
During the 1952 "Jan van Riebeeek 300-Year Festival" in Cape Town, I attended the event with my parents at the age of nine. It was there that I saw, for the first time, a prototype of Stirling Moss's "teardrop" projectile. This memorable experience left a lasting impression, connecting me personally to the remarkable achievements of MG in the world of speed records and motor sport.

Deon Rousseau.

#### ***References.***

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Thanks again Deon for yet another interesting article



#### **Post Script**

Our chairman has a new friend. She has slender legs, a beautiful long neck and the most incredible eyelashes. She also cannot speak.

However Sharleen, don't be jealous. She can't cook too well and you need a stepladder to kiss her goodnight!

**Please don't forget the AGM next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. And that is no April fool!**

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