

Liz Greenwood



It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to one of our treasured members of MGCCPE. You will be sorely missed at our events.

May your soul rest peacefully.

Our heartfelt condolences to Tony.



King of the Road

December 2023

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MG Car Club Port Elizabeth Centre

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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.

Chairman's Chirp November 2023

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

The silly season has crept upon us at a rate of knots (or is it just me getting old very rapidly and father time seems to fly by without us noticing it).

November was another exciting month for the MGCCPE members as we had a number of events and activities, all of which were most enjoyable and memorable.

As usual our Noggin took place at the clubhouse on the first Wednesday of November. Prego rolls were served by the committee which was partly sponsored by the club. We also raised a glass (or two) of champagne to commemorate the first get-together of PE MG enthusiasts 50 years ago in 1973. Again, we had some misbehaving members during the month who were "punished" with "strafdots". More about that elsewhere.

Our midweek event was at Barnacles in Seaview which gave our cars the opportunity for a good run.

Finally, our monthly run was a fun day of playing bowls at the Moths Bowls Club. We have put out a challenge to the Alfa, Morris and Triumph clubs for a match during 2024.

A number of our members were invited by EPVCC to display their MGs at "An afternoon of the Classics" which took place on the Grey High School fields. This is intended to become an annual event and the plan is that we rotate the cars for display to enable all our members to participate in this auspicious event.

Alan will fill in the juicy parts on all of these events elsewhere in the Newsletter.

A reminder that our new Facebook page ([MGCCPE](#)) is up and running. We need to get more "likes" on the page in order to get more exposure, so please go and "like" it and tell all your family and friends to do likewise. This page keeps all and sundry up to date with what the club members have been up to. Go and have a look what the members were up to during November (especially on the bowls day).

While the new website is not quite finalised, it is active and you can access it and have a look at how it is structured. You can access it at www.mgccpe.co.za

We will have our normal Noggin on Wednesday 6 December which will be a bring and braai. Our year end Christmas lunch takes place on Sunday 10 December at the German Club. The details have been communicated to all our members by email and on our social media platforms. We hope to see all our members there.

It's December, it's holidays (most of us pensioners don't know what that means, but we have some working class in our midst which will be delighted about having a well-deserved break).

May I then use this opportunity to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2024. May the joy of the festive season be upon you. Enjoy the downtime with family and friends and most of all have a lot of fun.

Octagonally yours, until next time.

*The first motorcycle race
began when the second
motorcycle was built.*
—Anonymous



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Blast from the Past

Thank you for this month's "King of the Road".

The old magazine shared by Ronnie was a real blast from the past.

The first page referred to "Peter Thompson"... I think his company was the advertiser "Wayne Vulcaising"... he had pulled me over near Summerstrand (with a surf ski on my, then, BGT) and signed me up for the club.

The second "wowie moment" was the reference to the CINTSA Nationals. It looks as though I was the first PE member to have signed up – my entry was number 13 (obviously very lucky..). Ironically, before the Nationals, I was transferred to Durban and travelled down with members of that Centre. I noticed that your name was also listed (number 69)...

That was when my MGCC journey started and, after having been a member in PE, then Natal, then Johannesburg and now back in PE – a full cycle with a number of MGs and also back, after 45 years, to a '69 BGT- this time without the surfboard racks!

Are there any other current members that date back to 1980?



Thanks to Graeme for his memories of the early years of the Club. I am afraid many of the members who made that journey to Cintsa are no longer with us. The editor pictured left didn't have an MG at the time so the late Simon Bosch lent me his TC. An act that was typical of Simon. Pictured with me in the car are my two children aged four and six. We drove there and back in strict convoy with the T Types at the front followed by the A's and B's. The children went with their mother in a plastic.

PS I still have the hat!

November Events

Cars and Classics 4th December at Grey School

We were fortunate to be invited to this event. It consisted of a car show on the Grey Junior sports field featuring all manner of vehicles and even cars from far afield as Knysna and Port Alfred. This began in the early afternoon followed by the concert later in the early evening. The club presented the cars in a timeline and much interest was shown by the public.

Before the concert we were given access to the VIP tent where we were spoilt with all manner of finger snacks. It was decided that we should dress for the period and the handsome gentlemen are featured on the header page.

Thereafter it was the concert with the stage positioned in front of the High School. It featured the Port Elizabeth Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Richard Kock and some supporting artists including Johnny Clegg's son Jesse. The club must thank the organisers for the invitation. However as the evening drew on it became *so so* cold.

Featured are some of the cars that attended. So many beautiful vehicles but the editor took a real fancy to the 1947 Mark IV Jaguar pictured below with those magnificent headlights.





Mid week run to Barnacles 15th December

Barnacles is always a good venue for a mid week run. Cruise up the Sea View Road and a lovely view of the beach and sea. They have a special on a Wednesday so we tucked into some quite tasty peculiar looking things with tentacles and eyes except for Willi who stuck to chocolate cake.



Perfect photo opportunity on the journey home.

Bowls day at the PE Moths Club 26th November



Bowls is an easy game to play. You have a ball (wood) which you roll down a pristine piece of grass towards a little white ball (jack). The idea is to get your wood as close as you can to the jack or better still to blast your opponents ball out of the way. No way is it easy! Firstly they place the jack miles away so you can hardly see it and secondly they put a weight (bias) on one side of the wood so it doesn't run in a straight line.

You can also have the problem that Andre had that one of his balls was broken but fortunately he had three spare.



Now down to the serious stuff. A very kind gentleman explained to us the nuances of the game and then we formed teams of four and off we went. Some people had problems with the bias story and saw their wood flying completely in the wrong direction and interfering with their neighbour's game. Perhaps our backs and knees are not as flexible as they were so instead of that flowing stance in delivery it looked more like an underarm delivery in cricket.

However as time went by and the competition became more serious the participants became quite proficient especially the man with the broken ball and Desre who is pictured above.

After the game we retired to the clubhouse for liquid refreshment and a braai. The club must thank the members of the PE Moths Bowls Club for their warm welcome and generosity. We hope to return next year to take on the Morris and Triumph Clubs.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 6th December Monthly noggin Bring and Braai Fire ready 7.00pm

Saturday 9th December Swap Meet at the EPVCC 10.00am to 2.00pm. You might just find the spare part or tool you are looking for.

Sunday 10th December Annual Christmas lunch. This year at the German Club. You can still book – R110 per person for members and R210 for non-members. Please pay EFT and bank details are earlier in this newsletter.

Saturday 16th December Cars and Coffee outside Speedyquip

Wednesday 10th January 2024 Noggin

Wednesday 17th January Midweek Run to Wild Flour

Sunday 27th January Monthly Run to Elephant Walk

Wednesday 7th February Noggin

Saturday 17th February Valentine Dance at EPVCC

Wednesday 28th February Midweek Run to Ziggies

Wednesday 6th March Noggin

Wednesday 20th March Midweek evening Italian Club

Sunday 31st March Concourse EPVCC bring and Braai

Wednesday 3rd April AGM EPVCC Snack Platters

Wednesday 17th April Midweek Run Harbour Master

Sunday 28th April Chairman's Run

Wednesday 1st May Noggin

Wednesday 15th May Midweek Run Barnacles



George Old Car Show 2024

SATURDAY 9AM – 6PM | **SUNDAY 9AM – 2PM**
MAIN NATIONAL MOTOR SHOW | **LOCAL FAMILY MOTOR SHOW & OOMPAH BAND**

The poster features a white Volkswagen Beetle in the center, set against a bright yellow background with radiating lines and stars. To the left is the logo of the 'SUID-KAAP OUMOTORKLUB' and 'SOUTHERN CAPE OLD CAR CLUB'. To the right is the 'GEORGE OLD CAR SHOW' logo, which includes a stylized car wheel. The text 'George Old Car Show 2024' is written in a large, elegant script font at the top.

Next year the George Car Show is being held on the 10th and 11th February.

Anyone interested in attending please contact the Chairman.



*"Here's hoping that Santa
uses his MG to bring you
Lots of Joy"*

We Wish You a Merry Christmas &
A Happy, Safe and Peaceful 2024!

Pat, Norman, Sarah and Patches



And this goes from the committee !!

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