



# King of the Road

November 2023

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### ***NEWSLETTER OF THE M.G. CAR CLUB - PORT ELIZABETH CENTRE***

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**Meeting Venue:** EPVCC CLUBHOUSE, Conyngham Street, PE

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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 October 2023

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

First of all, I trust that you're all in good spirits after the nail-biting rugby and cricket matches we had to endure over the past few weeks. A big shout out to our Springboks for winning the World Cup, now for the cricketers (come-on boys!!).

While we are still waiting for spring to arrive in PE, we have nevertheless taken our cars on runs albeit that we still cover ourselves in winter woolies (in October???).

Notwithstanding, we still had a lot of fun during the month. The October noggin was well attended and we had our normal bring and braai. There were a few "strafdrops" which were handed out to those who deserved it. More about this elsewhere.

Our midweek was at Richmond Hill Brewery where we enjoyed a good meal and good company. The month-end event was a combined event with the Jeffreys Classic Car Club which was at Thornhill Hotel. Our sister clubs from PE, Triumph and Morris could not join us due to other commitments.

I would like to thank all the members who attended the Special General Meeting to update our Club Constitution. This took place prior to the October noggin and some lively discussions took place which culminated in a good document. Having regard to all the inputs at the noggin and thereafter, the Constitution is now cast in concrete and it has been sent out to all our members in electronic format.

A big thank you to all the contributions made, verbally and in writing. I think we have a good uncomplicated constitution which all club members are happy with and will assist the committee in managing club affairs without ambiguity.

As for getting our house in order administratively, Tracy has made good progress in updating our outstanding membership and Indemnity forms. There are still a number outstanding so when she gets to you, please help us with the updates.

Our new Facebook page (MGCCPE) is up and running, 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. It is updated regularly.

The new website is still under construction and should be active in the not too distant future. Watch this space.

Our November events are once again going to be fun. The noggin will be catered for by the Committee in the form of Prego rolls. These can be purchased at a very reasonable price. A small celebration will also take place to commemorate the first get together of MG enthusiasts in PE 50 years ago.

The midweek event will be finalised at the noggin and the month end event is a bowls day, the details of which will be communicated to you on our social media platforms.

December has crept up on us very rapidly and that means that we will be having our year end Christmas function soon. The venue had been decided to be the German Club. We will advise the cost etc. in due course.

I hope to see you at the club events soon.

Octagonally yours, until next time.

## **The 10 Rules of Vintage Car Ownership**

**1. There's always something to fix, but not right now.**

**2. You should sell it while it's running great, but you won't because this experience is why you own the thing in the first place.**

**3. No, you aren't going to make any money off it.**

**4. One out of 10 parts will not arrive in time for the weekend.**

**5. That rattle.**

**6. There's always a better example for sale.**

**7. You can never have enough spares.**

**8. You're never going to use all those spares.**

**9. Rust is an enemy worth fighting to extinction.**

**10. That rattle.**

**Down memory lane!!!**



**The first person to name all the people in the photo gets a free beer at the next noggin. Please reply on WhatsApp.**





## October Events

### Noggin

There was a good attendance for the noggin and there was some useful feedback at the Special General Meeting convened to discuss the revised constitution. The constitution has been finalised and circulated to members. This was followed by a braai.

### Mid Run to Richmond Brewery

If you like to drink craft beer in a brewery with the sound of clanging barrels behind you accompanied by a juicy burger then the Richmond Hill Brewery is the place to be. This was the venue for our midweek run although it was not much of a run as we all met at the venue and there were just 2 MGs present parked on the pavement outside. Good time though – lots of laughter!



### Kimber Run to Thornhill 29<sup>th</sup> October

Every year the club celebrates the formation of the MG marque with a run entitled the Kimber Run after the company's founder Cecil Kimber.

It takes the form of a short ride through the beautiful Van Staadens Pass with a view of the bridge, which I think was built by Italian prisoners of war and the surrounding scenery.

Members of brother clubs are invited to join us so that we may enjoy their company. Unfortunately the Morris and Triumph Clubs couldn't make it but on arrival we were welcomed by 17 members of the Jeffrys Bay Classic Car Club!

Not too many members of our club could attend either. Only nine arrived at the Hunters Retreat Hotel for the departure – 3 MGs, one of which is featured on the title page, a plastic and the editor's semi plastic.







The pothole pictured in front of James' blue MGB will give some idea of the road up to Woodridge School, many of which were filled with water and difficult to avoid. Thereon the surface improved allowing us to "gun it" through the Pass to arrive safely at the Thornhill Hotel, having surmounted the horrendous speed bumps in front of the parking area.



The Jeffrys Bar Club had already arrived and what a social group they are and together with an excellent meal served by the Hotel it became a great day out. We must arrange further events with their club.

### **Forthcoming Events**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>  | Noggin at EPVCC Prego rolls on sale.   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Afternoon of the classics at the Grey School. Certain cars have been invited to attend and they will be in a time line to represent the history of the marque. |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Midweek run to Barnacles Restaurant. Meet 11.30am at Prestons in Mount Pleasant.   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Bowls day at Albany Road Bowls Club. Flat shoes to be worn. Bring and braai.   |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Noggin Bring and braai   |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Christmas lunch at the German Club.  |

Details of all these events will appear on social media.



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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
Motor Mod		Fettes Road N End P E	Mechanical Modifications
Nel's Motor Trimmers, 21 Hancock Street N End	041484222	nelsmotorspe@gmail.com	Upholsterer
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
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'burg	0116461631 0114860021	sportscar@mweb.co.za	MG Parts Alan & Denise Uzell
Tyler (George) 17 Gonubie St. Sherwood	0829617601		Upholsterer
Wheeltech, 31 Fettes Road N End P E	0413733052		bushes etc
Classic Car Windscreens		julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za	
Pop's Auto Shop	0829012442 041 0040349	www.popsauto.co.za	Vehicle Repair and Maintainance Club Member
Instrument Technician Richard Grover	011 8962627 082 650 2079	RichardGrover@me.com	MGCC Northerns Member Ex Aero Instr. Technician
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