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Monthly Meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of each and every month** at the EPVCC CLUBHOUSE, Conyngham Street, PE from 18.30H onwards.

Informal Meetings each **Friday** from 17.00H onwards also at the EPVCC CLUBHOUSE.

Excellent meals are available.



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April 2023

Welcome to April's edition of our newsletter. You will note that the Cover Page has been changed to mark the 100th anniversary of the production of the MG car. The Cape Centres being hosted by Southern Cape in Prince Albert later this year is in celebration of such.

On that note the entry form for the Cape Town Indaba being held from 3rd to 6th September 2024 is attached to the newsletter.

March's activities started on the 1st with our monthly noggin. Minkie Hanekom (congratulations to Minkie and Chris on your nuptials) is a member of CANSA and having been involved in the previous weekends Sprayathon she decided to include us in her collection efforts.



You will note that Thijs went for the rainbow effect whilst Don chose the full Monty! The ladies selected a more conservative approach. Thanks everyone who attended for contributing to this worthy cause and we beat the Alfa Club as to monies collected!

Our annual AGM took place on the 15th. There was a reasonable attendance and thanks must go to Tracy Yoko who cooked the most delicious snacks. The committee membership remains the same but some roles have changed.

Chairman's Chatter

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

The 2023 AGM has come and gone and the members voted for a few changes to the committee. While the faces on the committee stays the same as for 2022, two portfolio changes were effected (Change of Chairman and Treasurer). I took over the reins from Don as Chairman and Chris has taken over the portfolio of Treasurer from Thijs.

I feel very honoured to have been elected in such a great club as Chairman for 2023. I undertake to serve the club to the best of my ability. Of course I can't do it alone. I know that I have tremendous support, not only from the committee members, but also from all the other club members.

The attendance at the AGM was fairly good with about 25 members present. This is 25 out of 51 paid up members (which includes spouses). We hope to see a few new faces at our regular club events during 2023 and hope that they become regulars at such events.

Sharleen and I have been members of this club for only a short while, but it feels like we have been in the club for years. Thanks to all the members for welcoming us so warmly to the club. We feel very much at home and have made a lot of new friends. Enough about us.

I wish to thank Don and the rest of the 2022 committee members for running the club very successfully over the past year. The new committee inherited a smooth sailing ship which makes life a lot easier for 2023.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my congratulations to the winners of the club trophies for 2022 which were presented at the AGM. While the club has numerous trophies, only four were presented this year. They are as follows:

Men's attendance – Donald Dye

Lady's attendance – Tracy Yoko

MGB restoration of the year – James Canepa

Mampara of the year – Our own Alan Froom (breaking railway lines of all things and destroying his car in the process)

The committee will be looking into the presentation of the trophies for 2023 and communicate the criteria for each category to the members at the next opportunity.

A few new ideas for 2023 were bandied around at previous noggins and at the AGM and the committee will endeavor to arrange some interesting events, the details of which will be communicated to all the members from time to time.

A few very interesting suggestions were made for some social activities during this year. Some of which were a Bowls Day, a mystery run or two and even an event where we will have the opportunity to dress up in period dress in the year of our car (commique). I'm sure some other suggestions will be made during the year. Let's make it an interesting and enjoyable year for all club members.

March was quite a busy month as far as club activities are concerned. We of course had our AGM, we also had our monthly noggin as usual. A further event which took place was showing off our cars at Grass Roof Restaurant on Sunday 19th March (see a full article on the event below). Seven MGs were on show at this event and attracted a lot

of attention (like only MGs can). The main purpose of the event was to raise funds for Horse and Donkey Rescue as well as for SANCCOB for the penguins.

A midweek run also took place but was not very well attended. Of course we understand that attendance at midweeks is limited to those who don't have regular 9 to 5 jobs, therefore it is not viewed as official events which count towards the trophies.

We are looking forward to our April events. The noggin will take place as usual on the first Wednesday and the braai fire will be available and ready at 7pm. I am arranging a new event called the Chairman's run, the details of which will be communicated as soon as possible.

There is an important event which takes place in 2024 and that is the Indaba hosted by Cape Town Centre at How Hoek Hotel in the Western Cape. Let's see how many cars of this centre we can get to the Indaba. Please register early for this event. As always it will be a lot of fun and we will meet up with old friends and like-minded people from other MG centres. Alan sent the registration documentation to all club members.

Lastly, I would like to encourage our members who don't attend events on a regular basis to come and join us at the club events (that is after all why you pay annual fees).

Enough from me for this month. We hope to see all the regulars and a lot of new faces at the April events.



Octagonal greetings until next time.

AGM and Trophy Presentation

Here is some photographic evidence of the trophy recipients at the AGM. The editor is not particularly proud of his presentation and am told I am in the running to be next year's mampara award as well.



The Kelston Wilbur Wine Tasting and Fun day – Grass Roof, Port Elizabeth 19 March 2023

The MG Car Club was requested to support an event to raise fund for Horse and Donkey Rescue and SANCCOB for penguins at the Grass Roof Restaurant on Sunday 19 March between 09h00 and 13h00. On my arrival just after 09h00, my stomach took a little turn when I saw only one MG vehicle at our allotted parking site whilst there were already a good number of Alfa Romeos gleaming in the morning sun at their bay. I thought, after winning the “hair spray paint colour challenge for cancer” against them 19 days before, “We are going to be put to shame today”. But slowly the MG’s arrived and a little while later we displayed:

2 x MGTC

1 x MG Midget

1 x MGA

3 x MBG

1 x MGTF

Ray, our new member brought his beautiful and jaw dropping MGTC to display. That vehicle was, in my opinion the star of the day. The Devin Windshields and the detail of restoration fascinated me. For those who have not yet seen the vehicle, do not miss an opportunity to look at it next time when Ray joins us for an outing with this beauty.

There were quite a few stores on display selling mostly lovely handmade items; as well as live music, waterslides and bicycle tracks for the children in a safe environment. There were good and generous helpings of wine as well as gin tasting (Gin and Mango a first for me and I think I am hooked). And then of course the day was all about the EC Horse Care organization which is committed to the well being and dignity of our equine friends. Another charity supported during the MG Indaba event is SANCCOB. They also raised awareness and funding at this event. It was heartwarming to see all the efforts and sacrifices been made by so many volunteers who care for these animals. A scruffy looking light brown donkey with the saddest eyes stole my heart. I find it most encouraging that so many young people are passionate about and involved in taking care of the animals and the environment. It again gives one hope that the current youth will be the future custodians of taking care of what’s important.

An enjoyable day’s outing for a well deserved cause.

Andre Nienaber





Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 4th April

Monthly noggin at EPVCC, Fire ready at 7.00pm

Sunday 16th April

Chairman's Run Meet at POPs Garage in Walmer corner of Main Rd and 9th Ave. at 09.00am for coffee and rusks. You will be provided with a route map from the chairman and thence go on the run concluding at the chairman's house next to the Kragga Kamma Game Park. This is a bring and braai so bring chairs and comestibles.

Wednesday 25th April

Mid week run. TBA

Wednesday 3rd May

Monthly noggin

Sunday 21st May

Showday. Venue is the carpark next to 'Something Good' at the Beach Front

MG4EV wins top prize in the UK



A panel of 27 UK motoring journalists have voted the MG4EV the car of the year.

They praised its design, quality and value for money.

Beating the likes of Dacia, Land Rover, Kia and Toyota.

Priced from GBP27 000



This month's project

You are given a VW Beetle chassis and engine and a MGB body.

Or it could be an MGB without an engine and you have this Beetle engine with nowhere to go. At least you will have a nice big boot at the front. However it won't sound like a MGB and THAT would be a pity. In fact it would sound awful.

One has to praise the presentation.

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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 Atomotive, 25 King Edward Street Newton Park PE	0413641017	dnauto@lantic.net	Service and repairs on modern MG's(F & TF)Also Electronic diagnosis
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