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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 September 2023

Greetings and Salutations to my MG Family.

Spring is in the air!!! We have some exciting events coming up over the coming months, the details of which will be communicated to you closer to the time, so watch this space.

While I had to do some travel for work purposes into deepest darkest Africa during August, the rest of the committee kept the club fires going and ensured that we had good midweek and monthly events. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Our August monthly Noggin was a fun event for which Thijs did the catering. The food was very tasty and the event was well attended and went down very well. Thanks Thijs!!

Then there was a lunchtime midweek event at PEDSAC which was also very well attended and as reported to me, enjoyed by all.

Our monthly run took the form of "Driving Skills Tests" at the SAF Museum. Yours truly picked up a travel bug somewhere on the recent trip into Africa and was unable to attend, but my better half as most of you would say, represented the Putters. We invited our sister clubs, Morris and Triumph to participate. This event was arranged by Ronnie and the report back I received is that it was well organised and all participants had a lot of fun with a good old braai afterwards. Well done to the prize winners and kudos to Ronnie for a job well done.

We also had another event during August which went towards charity. There were surplus funds left over from the Indaba and instead of returning the funds to the National Body, we requested to use some of it for a charity event which was approved. A big shout out goes to Tracy who did all the organizing and coordinating for this event. Some club members volunteered to make pots of soup which was to be served to the 410 residents of the Buffelsfontein Retirement Village. So on Saturday 26 August some of us set off to Retirement Village in bitterly cold and rainy weather with our pots of soup and it warmed all our hearts to see how grateful the residents were to receive the soup and bread. Thanks Tracy (and your mother) for all the arrangements and coordinating for this very successful event. Well done!!!

More detailed articles and pictures of the August events appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

As I mentioned above, spring is in the air and for September we will be doing our Spring Run on the 24th. This is a combined run with the Harley Club and ending up at their clubhouse for a bring and braai. The route for the drive is to be determined and will be communicated in due course. There will be fires and live music at the clubhouse.

We will be experimenting with our midweek run in September and as requested by a number of members, to have it in the evening instead of a lunch. The plan is to go to the Greek club on a Thursday evening. Date and time to be communicated on our social platforms.

We will formally communicate the details of the September events on our social media platforms.

Last but not least, we would like to use this opportunity to congratulate our National President, Norman Ewing and his lovely wife Pat, on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year. Well done you guys and we wish you many more to come.

Octagonally yours, until next time.

August Events

Noggin 2nd August



Our master chef Thijs Lindeijer produced the most delicious meal of Dutch Indonesian origin – Nasi Goreng. At the beginning of proceedings he was presented with a suitable protective wear by Sharleen Putter. It was quite flattering but I am not sure if Thijs enjoyed wearing it! Thanks to Thijs. It must have been a lot of work but well worth the effort by the number of second helpings that were taken.

Midweek Lunch 16th August

August's midweek lunch was held at PEDSAC situated at the harbour. They serve probably the best fish and chips in town at a very reasonable price. Well worth a visit if you missed it.



Monthly Event 20th Interclub Driving Test SAAF Museum

It's that time of year when the club pits its skills against those of the Morris and Triumph Clubs. Ronnie Van Eck presented the test which consisted of a circular course lined with 6 traffic cones. The idea being one drives around the course in a clockwise direction and you circle each cone in turn in an anticlockwise direction. Your time is noted and you can proceed at whatever speed you want. For the 2nd round the procedure is reversed and therefore going anticlockwise around and clockwise around the cones.

The winner is the driver whose times for the 2 rounds are the closest.



The winner with the closest time was Fred Keller who although being a MGCC member was driving a Triumph Spitfire. He obviously wears 2 hats. Lynn Reebein came second and third Thijs Lindeijer with Minkie Hanekom who unfortunately got lost on the circuit collecting the booby prize.

James Canepa received a voucher for a car wash from Pop's Garage for his contribution for which we thank him as well as the SAAF Museum.

The obligatory braai followed the prize giving and the weather was perfect with no wind. It was a really fun day.

Saturday 20th Soup Day at the Buffelsfontein Retirement Village

It was a bitterly cold and windy day and I am sure the residents enjoyed the soup prepared. Thanks to the chefs, waiters and waitresses.



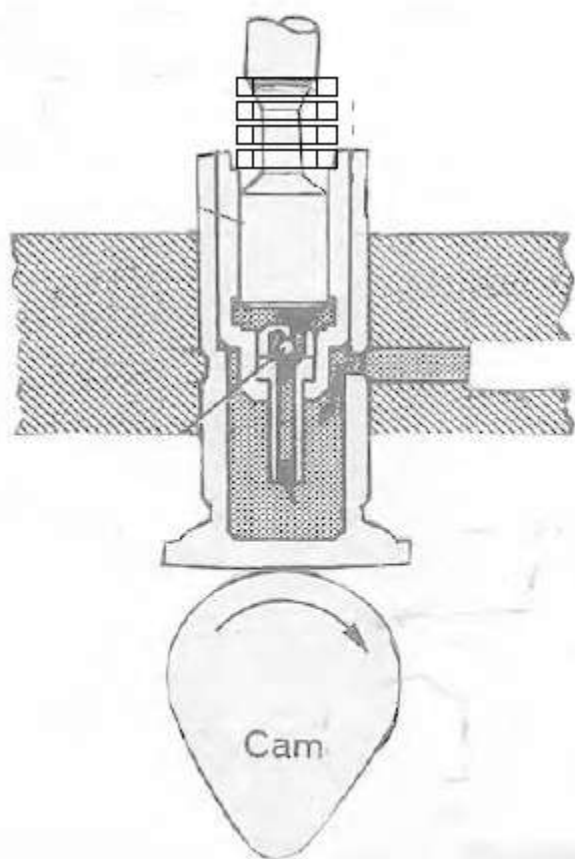
The following article is from the latest edition of the Sunbeam Voice and covers

Hydraulic Tappets

The function of hydraulic tappets is to eliminate the normal valve clearances and the need to adjust them. Each tappet consists of a hollow cylinder closed at the bottom and sealed off at the top by a plunger free to slide inside it.

When the valve is closed—and the base circle part of the cam is in contact with the bottom of the tappet—oil under pressure passes through a feed hole in the tappet guide and into the body of the tappet via a corresponding hole in its side. The oil is forced through a check valve and pushes the plunger upwards against the valve stem to take out the clearance. When the cam begins to open the valve, the check valve is shut off by the reverse flow of oil - and the tappet locks solid. Any leakage of oil is compensated for by the expansion of the plunger spring.

Although very convenient, this system is of course hopelessly too slow for racing and one of the first things done to engines with hydraulic tappets when racing is to replace the hydraulic system with what they call :“Solid Lifters”



The following article was written by the late Rodney Idris in his series on tyres.

Why Wheel Balance

None of us like the sensation of the steering vibrating, or shaking in our hands, or a vibration through the vehicle. We feel uncomfortable and become irritated with it, particularly on a long journey. This is usually as a result of unbalanced wheels.

Unbalanced wheels can cause considerable damage to suspension components, cause irregular wear on the tyres, as well as increase fuel consumption.

Let us have a look at the effect of an out of balance wheel and the type of forces that are likely to be generated.

If we were to take a 14 inch tyre, such as a 175/80 R14, and then have an out of balance condition of only 50 gm, at a speed of 100 km/h, the force generated would become 3,5 kg. Double this speed to a very illegal 200 km/h and this force then becomes 14 kg. Can you imagine the stresses and strains that are being placed on the wheel bearings and suspension components, and the consequential damage.

In order to rotate an out of balance assembly, additional energy, in the form of fuel will be used. If we were to try to resist the shaking effect of this wheel, we would have to expel energy to counter the shake.

Wheels should always be balance off the car, as the modern wheel balancer does both Dynamic and Static Balance at the same time. On car balance is rarely needed, unless it is done to correct a mechanical condition on the vehicle – but then it would be better to correct the mechanical condition.

So when you feel an out of balance condition on the steering, have ALL the wheels balanced, and not merely the front wheels. Unbalanced wheels on the rear can often be felt through the steering.

Events Calendar 2023/2024

DATES 2023	EVENTS	VENUE	MEET AND TIME
6 September Wednesday	Noggin – Catering Bring and Braai	EPVCC	7pm
14 or 21 September Wednesday	Midweek Run	Greek Club Evening	TBD
24 September Sunday	Monthly Run Spring Run Combined Harley Club	Harley Club	TBA
4 October Wednesday	Noggin – Catering TBD	EPVCC	7pm
11 October Wednesday	Midweek Run	TBD	TBD
22 October Sunday	Monthly Run Combined Morris and Triumph	Thornhill Hotel	TBA
8 November Wednesday	Noggin – Catering TBD	EPVCC	7pm
November Sun Wednesday	Midweek Run	TBD	TBD
25 November Sunday	Monthly Run – Bowls day	TBD	TBD
6 December Wednesday	Noggin	EPVCC	7pm
10 December Sunday	Christmas Lunch	German Club	11:30

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Branch Code: 211217

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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 Atomotive, 25 King Edward Street Newton Park PE	0413641017	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	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
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