



WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

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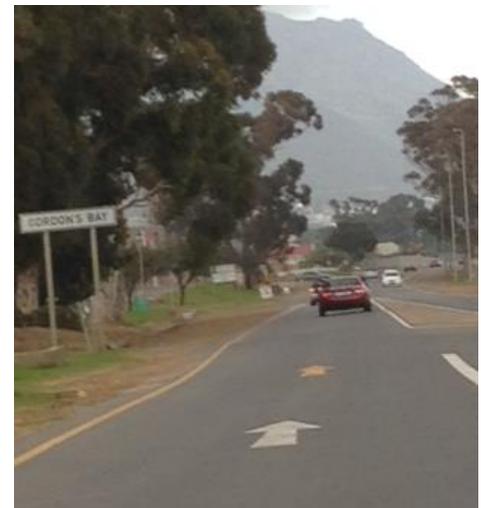
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: KLEINMOND 2015-05-24.

Sunday proved yet again that a scenic, leisurely drive is what the Members want: and wasn't the R44 just that! The fact that everything ended at a good eatery was simply the cherry on top. But I'm getting ahead of myself: let's start at the beginning:

Present were yours truly and Die Baass with Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell; Soné Mouton and Paul Burger; George (*Pietie says "don't worry, George, give it another few months and people may actually recognise that scraggly growth as a beard. Really."*) and Annamarie Slade; Brian and Avril Roy; Chris and Daphne Foster; Diane Novitzkas; David Dyer (Julie was away and David was scheduled to pick her up at the airport later in the day); André and Nerine Davis; Derril Papendorf and friend Rolf; Jack Bates and Lori; Brian Lewer; Charmaine Jackson and Rob; Rod Manson; James Lewer; Keith and Christine Clark; Allan and Alison Sheard and Dennis Burger and Trish.

Paul Riggall also confirmed attendance but could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances. (*Get well soon, Paul!*) Alan Hughes and Janine had a prior commitment but joined us at Somerset West for the drive to Kleinmond. New Member Uys van Zijl also had a prior commitment but joined us at the RV in Somerset West to meet the Members.

Apologies were received from Chris and Jo-Anne Langenhoven; David Wantling; Steve and Shelley Davis; Peter and Carla Truter; Duncan and Rowena Mackintosh; Daine Kinnear; Alex and Maureen Paterson; Jonathan and Eloise Dekel and Steve and Mari Ashton.



Above: (L) Mustering a horde of MX-5's at Somerset West; (R) the road through Gordon's Bay.

The route: Gerald Poswell, who headed up the arrangements for Sunday, took us on the R44 (*forget the “official” name – let’s rather call it by it’s **real** name of Clarence Drive. While we still can*) to Kleinmond.



This must be one of the most spectacular coastal roads anywhere! With the mountains to one side and the ocean to the other (*see pics above*) the road takes one through picturesque towns such as Pringle Bay, Bettie’s Baai, Rooi Els etc.: however, before you develop a yen for buying one of those “cutesy little places”, check prices first! Properties here can be extortionately expensive – and no wonder: who would *not* want to have a little hide-out in such spectacular settings!

And then: What will you do when behind the wheel of your Extremely Expensive German Sports Car (the one with the engine hanging out behind the back axle – we Krauts actually *did* make a mistake or two, you know) and, with tyres squealing and engine going *baarp!-baarp! blatt!-blatt!*, you round a corner only to suddenly be confronted by this glorious sight:



Yes – you’ll do the same as they did on Sunday: hit the anchors and drive by slowly whilst casting covetous eyes at that assembled line of MX-5’s



The venue: *La Réve* is situated virtually on the water's edge in Harbour Road, Kleinmond. (see pic left)

The fare is good and prices are fair; the only gripes were for slow service (one table) and some felt that the portions could be slightly bigger: nothing bad enough, however, to deter us from going there again.

It is known as a Whale and Dolphin look-out point and it is surrounded by curio shops. But beware - prices tend to be aimed at the (foreign) tourist market!

A few more photos taken Sunday:



Left F.L.T.R.: (near Rooi Els) Keith ("Handsome") Clark announcing the change of his name (to "Beautiful") to Joanita Koch, Diane Novitzkas and Alison Sheard.

Below F.L.T.R.:

James Lewer; George Slade. (James seems to agree with Pietie's assessment of George's attempt at growing something on his chin!)





Left:

If this is the latest trend in Gentlemen's Headwear, I'm heading for the hills!

Jack Bates and That Red Hat (oh so becoming..... notice how it compliments, errr well, nothing really) with the ever-patient Lori looking on.

Sunday was a great day – thanks everyone, for making it happen!

Next month: Soné Mouton and Paul Burger will be in charge of arrangements. By the sound of things, they have something exciting planned and if they pull it off, it promises to be yet another exciting day!

Regards to all

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