

MX5 Owner's Club
Western Cape Chapter
AGM February 2013

CHAIRMAN's REPORT

Welcome and thank you for attending the 2013 AGM. Welcome to the new members who have joined during 2012, and adieu to those who have left.

Welcome also to our guests.

Some left due to relocation to other cities, others left as their cars had been sold, and in one very sad incident, due to ill health. It remains a pity that some left with no explanation as to why. It would be of advantage to us to know why, and look into the reason and, if possible, attend to it. It should be remembered that if one gets rid of their MX5, they can still join as a Social Member.

From the Club's humble beginnings, I can't recall how many years ago, I think it's 6, with only three members, we now have 23 paid-up members to date. That means if everyone attended a function we would have around 40 folk to accommodate. Very few restaurants in the Western Cape could handle this number on a Sunday. In fact, some balk at, or refuse to accommodate our usual 20 plus. This makes it difficult to arrange for venues. In addition to this, the reluctance of members to advise of their attendance, or non-attendance complicates the issue. We had a pretty good year as far as outings went, with only the Guinea Fowl at Saxonburg not being up to scratch. I did write a letter of complaint to the management but could not get past Johan, who was the main problem. A copy of my letter is here if anyone wants to read it.

I never did get around to looking at new regalia. That can be an objective for the new Chairman.

Thanks must go to Julian who, apart from keeping our books in order has, due to his constant harassing of Mazda, obtained an increase in our annual grant to R 10,000. Julian will tell us during his report how today will be paid for.

We must also thank Maureen for her input as Secretary, I know we will all agree that she did great work in a largely thankless task, and I'm sure that it is thanks to her that numbers increased on our monthly meets.

I would recommend that unless the new Chairman finds an alternate venue, we keep this one for our annual AGM meeting.

After Julian's Report I will call for nominations for the two elected offices. Kindly remember that only paid-up full members (not significant others) are eligible to vote.

Thank you for your support during my tenures and thank you all for making the Western Cape Chapter of the MX5 Club the most active one in South Africa.

STEVE

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