



MX5 CLUB RUN PANAMA JACKS CAPE TOWN HARBOUR

SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2012

ATTENDED: Steve & Mari : Maureen & Alex : Christine & Keith : Barbara & Derrill: Nerine & Andre : Michelle & Andre: Diane: Jacqui/Liz/Di :

Visitors: Aileen & Marinus Muilwijk

Apologies: Jenny & Julian: Alicia & Mark: Mary-Anne & Mike: Chantel:

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 1) Nerine & Andre who are getting married next week and will be off to Paris and other exciting places for their honeymoon – may you have a long and happy life together. Look forward to seeing your photos. Thanks also for the lovely JC Le Roux Rosé sparkling wine you brought along to toast in the celebration of your marriage.
- 2) Mary-Anne & Mike on the birth of their new grandson. May this new addition to your family bring you much joy.
- 3) Andre for completing the Cape EPK - Well done, you're looking super fit!

WELCOME:

To Christine & Keith Clark – may you enjoy many club outings with us.

GENERAL:

10 of the 16 members who attended our run on Sunday met at Limnos in Edward Street at 11am where we had the pleasure of meeting Christine & Keith Clark from Durbanville. Keith told us that he had originally joined in November last year but there was a mix-up with email addresses and it's only now been sorted out, so this is the 1st run he & Christine have been to.

Once all the 'coffee drinkers' had had their 'fix'....we set off for Panama Jacks, with our Chairman Mr Steve Ashton leading the way. Most of the members felt that the run was not long enough (only about 15 minutes from Bellville to town), so it's been suggested that at least once a quarter we do a longer run.

We arrived at the Harbour just before noon where the other members (who hadn't been able to meet at Limnos) arrived. Lunch at Panama Jacks was (as usual) very good, with lots of laughs and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Sorting out the 'bill' at the end of the day was a bit of a mission, so in future I'll give everyone a note with their name(s) on and they can write down what they ordered and the price, so it'll be easier all round.

I let everyone know on Sunday that I've provisionally booked 'Pigalle' in Green Point for our year-end function on Saturday 15th December which will be a dinner/dance. I know this is months ahead but 'he who waits is lost'!

I've emailed the menus to Julian for comment and to let him know that we were all in agreement with the R330 per head menu which gives us quite a choice. Once Julian advises what portion the club will pay towards our year-end, we can make a plan to pay so much per person per month towards the costs of the evening. By the time it gets to December, everyone should have contributed their total cost and all we need to do is enjoy the night. Our Chairman says this is a good idea as it "won't hit 'our wallets' too hard". The wine list though still has to be discussed and agreed upon.

Steve advised the following:

- 1 "I had a meeting with Gabor Goulash, who is the Chairman of the MX6 car club. They have shown some interest in joining us on runs. There are only around 6 members. They have access to the Multi Car Club, where we held our AGM a year or two ago. They meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Club House at 18h30 where they have a braai. This could result in us also having access to the Club House. I made it quite clear to Gabor that whilst I would discuss this proposed merger with the rest of our members, we do not want to lose our identity as the MX5 club".
- 2 Our next run on Sunday 27th May will be to Du Toit's Kloof, where there is the Amberg Restaurant at the foot of the pass which Mike Little recommended for lunch. Some folk, once we arrive there, will want to drive further over the pass. Others can enjoy a glass of wine and the great views from the restaurant which looks a Swiss Chalet. Meals are from R55 up to R85 and the owner Gail, said she will not charge us corkage.

- 3 For our June run I'm considering that we drive out to Rupert's Car Museum in Franschhoek. As far as I know costs are R100 per person, but for a properly constituted car club, the cost is R50. Pensioner's also cost R50 (does this mean I get in for free?). I will confirm this. For anyone who's never been there it's well worth the trip. Should the ladies or anyone else not wanting to wander around the cars, there is a perfectly good tearoom where you can cool your heels.

Lunch afterwards at a venue to be identified, and...being Franschhoek, I will be cautious and circumspect. Alex is getting prices from Rickety Bridge for lunch, so we will inform you soonest.

- 4 If members are unable to attend the runs, please advise Maureen timeously.
- 5 It would be appreciated that in order to facilitate bookings, please email Maureen **only** to ahpss@mweb.co.za - This will be a lot more practical and less confusing than responses being sent to Julian, Maureen and myself.

That's all for now folks. If anyone has any news, suggestions etc, please let me know.

Last but not least: Quote for this month **"A Mazda on its roof goes "WOOZ WOOZ"**. (Who the heck knows these things, unless it happened to him/them)!

Let's hope we don't see that guys!

Cheers for now

MAUREEN

NB: Petrol's gone up again by 28cents. I can see us all getting roof racks and travelling in 4's!

