



MX5 OWNER'S CLUB

WESTERN CAPE

MAY 2012 RUN

Mother Cape Town really reached under her apron and pulled out a magnificent day for our May run on Sunday 27th. Temperature was at 19, sunny without a breath of wind. A day custom made for open car motoring.

17 members attended the run. We received apologies from Alex and Maureen Paterson, Mark and Alicia Kubisch, Eric and Jill Solman and Liz Morgan.

Welcome to Len Naidoo, who came with us and is going to join the Club along with his gorgeous Russian partner, Oksana who arrived in his brand new charcoal mark 5.

We drove out to Amberg Restaurant, which is a Swiss Chalet type building on the left hand side of du Toit's Kloof, just as one starts to climb the Pass. We were welcomed by George and Gail, who went out of their way to ensure our comfort. Views from the verandah, where we lunched were truly spectacular with the mountains in the background and a splendid view across the valley to Paarl Rock. The Austrian themed food was great and not a single criticism or complaint.

As I've said before, God help anyone who doesn't live in the Western Cape.

Andre arrived at Amberg, back from his honeymoon without Nadine, but with his daughter. Is Nadine perhaps resting ??? They didn't join us for lunch however as I think "The Call of the Faraway Hills" proved too much for him and he shot up the Pass with a healthy roar, not from him but from his exhaust.

(Does anyone besides me remember "The Call of the Faraway Hills"? I think I still have a recording somewhere by The Sons of the Pioneers.)

Our next run is scheduled for 24th. June where I have booked us at the Car Museum in Franshoek, entrance will be R50 per head as we are a constituted car club, anyone who does not want to walk around the cars can wait and have coffee in the reception area, this will not cost an entrance fee, or you can proceed straight on to the Rickety Bridge Wine Estate where Alex has arranged a three course lunch together with a wine tasting for R80 per head. Believe me, that for Franshoek in general and Rickety Bridge in particular, is a give-away.

We will meet at Limnos Bakery, a bit earlier than usual, as we need quite a bit of time at the museum and go over the Hellshoogte pass into Franshoek. The meeting time will be sent out later with the official advice.

Folk who live out that way may prefer to meet us "*en route*"

I'm still toying with the idea of having the MX6 guys join on this run and if anyone has an objection to this please let me know, but understand, they will very much be playing second fiddle to us.

For the July run a Treasure Hunt is being considered.

In closing, whilst it is great to see new members at the runs where are the old faces. I would hope that for the June run we get a full turnout.

Stay Safe

Steve Ashton

Chairman