



**MX5 OWNER'S CLUB  
WESTERN CAPE CHAPTER  
29 JULY 2012 RUN**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, middle of Winter, and we get a sunny, wind-free day at a temperature of 24 degrees. What a day for a run, all tops off...the cars, not the ladies....and what a day we had, totalling up to 32 members and guests.

Julian & Jenny couldn't join us as it was Jenny's birthday and they had something planned in a cabin in the Franschhoek mountains???? Hmm- hope you both had a great time and happy belated birthday from all of us at the MX5 club Jenny.

Barbara unfortunately wasn't feeling well and also couldn't join us. We hope you've recovered by the time you read this Barbara and that Derrill has been taking good care of you.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members namely:

Sarah Harrop (and her partner) and Gerald & Jocelyn Poswell - we look forward to spending great future runs with you.

Welcome back to Chantelle Werner and her new beau ... lovely to see you again and now that you've moved to Cape Town, we hope to see you at our club runs each month.

Now for the run report:

The Northerners (CY,ers..) met as usual at Limnos Bakery and proceeded out along the N1 & M5 to Tokai, where we met up with the Southerners at the start of Ou Kaapse Weg. From there, we drove over the 1st pass and then over the Clovelly Pass into Glencairn, where we had a lovely lunch at Dixies, organised by Maureen.

Dixie's restaurant is right on the coast road and we had tables outside which afforded us great views of the Ocean. Unfortunately we were one month early for whale spotting, as August is their month reserved for this coastline.

After lunch some members drove up Redhill Pass for a photo-shoot with Simonstown in the background. I know I've said this before and I'll say it again, "what a blessing is to live in the Western Cape".

As advised earlier, it was decided to 'scrap' the Pigalle End of year-function and revert back to our traditional lunch at the end of January 2013, when all the festivities are over and things have quietened down in Cape Town.

Although we haven't decided on a venue yet (and there's plenty of time), Wilderess Estate on the road to Franschoek is being considered. Knowing the owner Helmut we're hoping to cajole him into looking after us. During the summer months they have a jazz band playing on Sundays and the atmosphere is very festive. This is just one option, so if anyone has any other suggestion, please let us know at our next run.

And...speaking of the next run on 26<sup>th</sup> August, nothing has been decided as yet and we're open for suggestions. I know of a picnic area on the top of Tygerberg which affords a magnificent 360° view of Cape Town, which I will investigate in the next week or so. Obviously, it will be a "bring food" day as there are no braai facilities allowed there. One thing to consider at this time of year is it could also be a bit 'dodgy' weatherwise for a picnic.

A bit of disturbing news - Andre Krige, one of our founding members has had a very serious stroke and our thoughts and prayers go out to him and Pat in this difficult period in their lives. Our longer-standing members will remember Andre as always having a big smile and a laugh for everyone and everything and just loved being part of the MX5 club.

If and when you read this Andre and although you may not be in a position to join us, you are always on our minds (didn't Willie Nelson say that?). With Pat's consent (of course), we may even decide to make a house call on one of our runs, or if you're in a position to join us, we could meet up at that great place we once

went next to at a lake under the mountains. I can't remember if it was the Grabouw Country Club? ....anyway "Hang in there Buddy"!

Still haven't done anything about new regalia, suggestions appreciated.

Maureen will be attaching some photos taken at the Glencairn run, so till next time,

Stay safe

STEVE