



# WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CLUB RUN 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013.

Phew! With a massive (record!) turn-out for this run but still smarting from last month's disaster, I approached Sunday with some trepidation. My fears were unfounded: what a lovely day!

On the run to the Helderberg were yours truly and the other half, joined by Brian Lewer and son James; Dianne Novitzkas and nephew Paul; Allan and Alison Sheard; Charmaine Jackson and son Alastair; Alex and Maureen Paterson and guests; Keith and Christine Clark; George and Annamarie Slade (with two spies in a MG TF 160!); Steve and Mari Ashton; Liz Morgan; Luke and Marj van Wyk; Brian and Avril Roy; Andrew and Sandy Duffel-Canham and Deon Labuschagne and Gordon Dreyer. Members who "booked" but were forced to cancel at the last moment were Mike and Mary-Anne Little and friends and Eric and Jill Solman.

Apologies were received from Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell (*Somebody said: "gaan na die Hel, Gerald!" So he did exactly that. Hope he'll write us a report when – if – he gets back*); Duncan and Rowena Mackintosh (*Baby-sitting. At your age, Duncan? What's your secret, bro'?*); Derrill and Barbara Papendorf (*still on crutches*); Terry Andrew and Julian and Jenny Seymour (*still gallivanting overseas*).

With so many of us on the run, Limnos was a busy place Sunday morning! However, we were on the road at about 11h30 as planned and the run to the venue was uneventful – if anything, perhaps a little boring, being mainly on the N2. We left the N2 at Firgrove (where Brian Lewer waited for us) – from there to Winery Road and our destination (where Allan Sheard met us). Winery Road was a little bumpy – sorry about that Maureen and Mari – but with this, our "off-roading" is done for the year!

Our venue: L'Auberge du Paysan (henceforth known as "The Helderberg") is one of those places that one normally discovers thru' "people in the know". I was lucky enough to find it by happenstance. We went there to have a look, were impressed by what we saw (and ate!) and decided to book for Sunday. That, however, was when we discovered that they are usually closed on Sundays – except, of course, when a motoring club wants to visit! It is a small place (the Club almost filled the main section to capacity) and well-run and managed by the owners, Elaine Prins (our Hostess on Sunday) and Ida Muller. The menu is likewise short and uncomplicated, yet well-priced and offering something for everyone. The wine-list was a pleasant surprise: lots on offer and at very reasonable prices. With the glorious weather that we were blessed with on Sunday, many members enjoyed a smoke and a sip of wine outside on the patio or the lawn between courses. I noticed that some even had their desserts and coffee outside as well!

Some pics: recognize anybody?



## General:

- 1: To confirm: our end-of-year get-together as well as our 2013 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hotel School on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013. Please do try to attend – apart from the usual AGM business, there are some important changes to our Constitution to be discussed and adopted. (I will try to get copies of the current Constitution as well as proposed changes to all members well ahead of time)
- 2: To confirm (v.2): unfortunately, we will not meet up with our Gauteng fellow MX-5 enthusiasts for a get-together this year. However, we will definitely try hard to arrange something for next year!
- 3: We have had a bumper year as far as new members are concerned! To all those who have spread the word re the Club – thank you! We will in due course have new cards printed and will make these available to members for use.
- 4: We received a mail from Susan Miller of “Zoom-Zoom” Magazine, asking about planned events in the near future. Do anybody know how/when/where to get hold of this Mazda Mag? Think I saw it once when we got our new car (almost exactly a year ago – how time flies!) but that’s where it ended. Perhaps Mazda can/should consider putting the various MX-5 Clubs and their members on the mailing list?
- 5: Website – My conscience gets a kick in the nuts every time this comes up – I should have attended to this long ago. It has been registered etc. and I will get everything rolling as soon as Jules stops playing truant.
- 6: Allan Sheard has had (at his own expense – *dankie, Allan!*) some name-tags made. These tags (a simple affair with the Mazda logo and member’s name) found instant approval amongst those who saw it on Sunday. (Why? Read #3 above re all our new members!) He has also suggested a business that can quite possibly supply the apparel that we want – more about this later!

And that’s it!

Yes – a very short report this month. (Nothing to belly-ache about, that’s why!) Please keep on contacting us re anything regarding the Club: questions, suggestions, anything and everything!

Next month? Well, we’ll have to top The Helderberg, won’t we? *Oor na jou, Deon!*

Regards to all

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