



# WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CLUB RUN 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013.

From an Opstal near Rawsonville to the Italian Club in Rugby: the twain cannot be more different yet, for a host of different reasons, the one was as enjoyable as the other! But why Deon took us to a place called “Rugby” on the day after..... Oh well. That’s water under the bridge, innit. En daar’s altyd *weer* tyd vir *nog* ‘n Kerrie Koppie, of hoe?

On the run were yours truly and Her Everlasting Blondness; joined by George and Anna-Marie Slade; Liz Morgan; Julian and Jenny Seymour; Brian and Avril Roy; Mike and Mary-Anne Little; Luke and Marj van Wyk; Soné Mouton and Paul Burger; Deon Labuschagne and Gordon Dreyer; Brian Scott; Rudi and Kim van Schalkwyk and Allan and Alison Sheard.

A special “welcome back” to Derril and Barbara Papendorf: Barbara seems to have survived Derril’s ankle-op quite well! Seriously, folks - Derrill warned everybody against ignoring what may at first seem to be an insignificant injury: the op kept him chair- and crutches-bound for months. In fact, he still uses elbow crutches to get along!

Our guests were Arend and Jeanne de Waal: Arend is currently looking at buying an MX-5 and will hopefully ere long become a fully-fledged, MX-5 driving, member.

Apologies were received from Rod Manson (*whom I did a huge disfavor last month by listing him as not present: he sat right next to me at the wine-tasting. Apologies, Rod!*); Charmaine Jackson; Andrew and Sandy Duffel-Canham; Dianne Novitzkas; Peter and Carla Truter; Duncan and Rowena MacKintosh; Brian Lewer; Steve and Mari Ashton; Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell and Alex and Maureen Paterson.

The trip from Limnos to Rugby via the National Road is short (and boring!) but fortunately Deon, instead of taking us straight to the venue, rather took us via Durbanville and Conterman’s Kloof: at least this gave us a bit of a “drive” – especially where, in order to avoid some nasty road-works, he took us on a detour thru’ the industrial area behind Makro. I was actually tempted to do a few doh-nuts round the circles – the thought, however, soon evaporated in the fierce heat of the glare I got from the boss. We arrived at the Italian Club more or less at the time that Sebastian Vettel won his fourth F1 title.

*And ever-so-by-the-way:* Liz Morgan’s car was *not* pointing in the wrong direction when we left Limnos: she actually wanted to do the trip in reverse gear. Just for fun. Honest.....

Our venue: The Italian Club in Rugby is a well-known and popular venue: to most members, it needed no introduction. Contrary to what the name may suggest, it does not cater exclusively for the Italian community: indeed, in my humble opinion, the Club’s success must in a large part be attributed to the fact that it is open to all.

The Restaurant is ably managed (now for almost a decade and a half) by brothers Paolo and Marco Palmieri: on Sunday, they certainly did us proud! I couldn’t even belly-ache about my favorite gripe - elbow space – there was plenty. We were seated at three tables and lunch, at a fair R100-00/person, went off very well.

General:

1: Our venue for the 24<sup>th</sup> November: We are going to Darling and the popular Bistro 7. It's a small place that serves huge Eisbeins! They also have a very good Sunday roast – and the drive there offers a lot of possibilities. Final details later.

2: Please remember to diarise our AGM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December: as previously mentioned, it will again be at the Hotel School in Granger Bay, certainly one of our members' all-time favorite venues!

3: Looking at our little gang on Sunday, I realized that some one-third of those at the meet were new members. Our Club has grown exponentially and the nutrient that feeds this growth is you, the member. Made me feel very, *very* good and thanks must - and do! - go to those Members who actively promote our Club. We have run out of cards and will have some printed soon – meantime, keep on spreading the word!

Till next time!

Regards to all

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