



# WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

Chairman: Bernie Koch | [chair@mx5wc.co.za](mailto:chair@mx5wc.co.za) | 083 454 3776 | Secretary: Daine Kinnear | [secy@mx5wc.co.za](mailto:secy@mx5wc.co.za) | 082 921 7268 | Treasurer: George Slade | [treas@mx5wc.co.za](mailto:treas@mx5wc.co.za) | 072 017 9991 | Events: Vacant | [events@mx5wc.co.za](mailto:events@mx5wc.co.za) |

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: SUNDAY 2014-11-30.

So: we all looked forward to going to this Ranch where chicks get laid. (Wondered if this was the reason for some of us turning up *sans* wives....) There were plenty chicks at the Ostrich Ranch – and crocodiles as well. And a fluffy bunny rabbit getting chased by a rather small little dog. But, I'm getting carried away – here are the terse details:

Joining yours truly and she-who-bought-obscenely-overpriced-earrings-at-the-obscenely-overpriced-curio-shop-with-my-card-while-I-wasn't-looking were Allan Sheard (with Alison apologizing); Charmaine Jackson and son Richard; Brian Roy (with Avril recuperating after an eye-op); Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell; George and AnnaMarie Slade; Warren and Colette Garner; Jonathan and Eloise Dekel; Keith and Christine Clarke; Steve and Shelley Davies; Rod Manson; Chris and Daphne Foster; Alex and Maureen Paterson; Derrill Papendorf (with apology from Barbara); Diane Novitzkas and Paul; Mary-Lisa Evans; Daine Kinnear with Mom Cathy; Ivan and Wendy-Anne Gee with young Matthew; Soné Mouton and Paul Burger; Jack Bates and partner Lori; JP Bezuidenhout and Kristie Slade.

Geoff Goudie, Graeme Stead, Nolan Davey (and their partners) all confirmed attendance but could unfortunately not make it on Sunday due to unexpected work commitments.

Apologies were received from David and Karin Wantling; Julian and Jenny Seymour; André and Nerine Davis; Peter and Carla Truter; Liz Morgan; Duncan and Rowena Mackintosh; Luke and Marj van Wyk; Phil and Julia Wilmot; Steve and Mari Ashton; Di and Neville Norton; Andrew and Sandy Duffel-Canham and Richard and Hazel Carolin.

The trip: We met, for the first time, at the McDonald's off Platteklouf Road in Kleinbosch. The meeting place has what we need as a rendezvous: ample parking for our cars and ample seating with coffee and croissants for those of us who skipped breakfast. But our first date at the new rendezvous didn't start well: regrettably, Eskom didn't play along and McD was without power. This, obviously, was no fault of McD's: let's hope Eskom plays along next time!



**Far left:**

*Early arrivers at McD's.*

**Left:**

*Friendly McD staff – waiting to serve but powerless!*

From here, we set off on a leisurely  $\pm$  50km

trip that took us via Plattekloof Road, through the Tygervally and Conterman's Kloof, over Malanshoogte, through Adderley, Philadelphia and finally the Old Malmesbury Road to our destination, the West Coast (or: Cape Town) Ostrich Ranch for lunch. (Some of our Southern Members gathered at George's and went directly to the Ranch) Some sections of these roads were a "little" bumpy, but we all survived and reached the Ostrich Ranch more or less in one piece.

The venue: The Ostrich Ranch is well-known to almost everybody who drive past it on the N7: few of us, however, know about the facilities on offer. Apart from the Restaurant (with congenial hostess Charlene Paterson in charge), there are the Curio and Leather shops as well as the ostrich hatchery.



Left: For those who didn't know: this is what an ostrich looks like before it becomes a handbag. Or a pair of shoes. Or a belt for your Levi's.....

*En ja, Pietie, hulle kan "seat covers" vir jou Fô-Baai-Fô ook word.*

We were given a guided tour of the place by Omar who took us through some interesting displays and shared his wealth of knowledge about ostrich farming with us. And thankfully, the leather tannery is located elsewhere!

And yes, two lazy crocodiles were sunning themselves in an enclosure with a few *Bergskilpaaie* (*Leopard Tortoise; Geochelone P Pardalis*): resembling ambulatory boulders, the tortoises seem to cohabitate quite happily with the crocs. Tortoises can apparently not be turned into handbags etc: however, their carapaces (I've been told) make quite nifty tea caddies whilst the rest of them make *lekker skilpadsop*.

Also not known to many, is the fact that the Ranch is also home to the Cape Town Polo Club. (*Hulle ry perde, Pietie, nie MX Vywe nie*)

Next meet: Of course, there's no need to tell anyone – even Pietie has already diarized this: it's going to be our AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> December at the Cape Farmhouse near Scarborough. The full details will be sent to Members by Secretary Daine Kinnear.

Thanks to everybody who came along and helped turn the day into a huge success!

Bernie Koch | Chairman  
Western Cape Mazda MX-5 Club  
083 454 3776 | [chair@mx5wc.co.za](mailto:chair@mx5wc.co.za)