



WESTERN CAPE MAZDA MX-5 CLUB

Chairman: Bernie Koch | chair@mx5wc.co.za | 083 454 3776 | Secretary: Daine Kinnear | secy@mx5wc.co.za | 082 921 7268 | Treasurer: George Slade | treas@mx5wc.co.za | 072 017 9991 | Events: Brian Roy | events@mx5wc.co.za | 083 763 1291 | Webmaster: Jonathan Dekel | webmaster@mx5wc.co.za | 074 819 6119

Please visit us at: www.mx5wc.co.za

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: MONKEY VALLEY 26 JULY 2015.

Just a report back on our Mazda MX5 outing on the 26 July 2015.

Firstly:

Members who joined us on the run were Brian and Avril Roy; André and Nerine Davis; Rod Manson; Chris and Daphne Foster; Keith and Christine Clark; Phil and Julia Wilmot; Duncan and Rowena Mackintosh; Diane Novitzkas and Paul Riggall; Charmaine Jackson; Uys van Zijl; Jack and Lori Bates and yours truly and Barbara.

Bernie and Joanita made it as far as MacD's: driving the long - and eagerly! - awaited VW Caracal, the car left them in the lurch on the N1 and they were eventually forced to limp back home to Melkbos.

Apologies were received from George and Anna-Marie Slade; Gerald and Jocelyn Poswell; Soné Mouton and Paul Burger; Steve and Mari Ashton; Allan and Alison Sheard; Jonathan and Eloise Dekel; Paul and Moira Goldberg; Mari-Lisa Evans and David Wantling.

The run:

Woke up on Sunday morning, worrying what the weather was going to be like but was greeted to blue skies and sunshine which hopefully was a sign of better things to come.

Not easy organizing a venue and outing for our club, as the pressure is on to maintain the standards set by previous members and the bar has been set quite high.

Also a lot of restaurants do not want to cater for large groups which makes the choice even more difficult.

The Northerners met at the usual meeting place of Mc Donald's and from there were ably led by Brian to meet our Southern members at Silver Mine.

The picnic area at Silver Mine has been closed for the veld to recover from the terrible veld fires of a couple of months ago and we are hoping that, with the good winter rains, the recovery will be a speedy one.

A nice quiet ride over Ou Kaapse Weg and down into the horsey areas of Noordhoek. A very pretty area of small holdings and residential properties.

2.

Darren from *Thorfynn's Restaurant* in Monkey Valley went out of this way to ensure that all our requests were met, to ensure that the outing went off as smoothly as possible.

A big thank you to him and his staff were given in the form of a thank you letter which he was pleased to receive.

A dedicated parking area strictly controlled enabled all 13 MX 5's to park together which caused a talking point by visiting guests.

From there we proceeded to a cordoned off area of the restaurant to a well laid out table which enabled us to interact with all the members in a fun filled afternoon.

The Buffet was ready and waiting for all the hungry mouths and all members had their meals together and not in two sittings.

Judging by the many comments the meals and puddings were well received with a couple of second helpings taking place.

All in all I think we all had an enjoyable day and a good meal.

Thorfynn's in Monkey Valley is an ideal place for club outings and I think during this coming summer we need to consider another visit but this time sitting out on the huge wooden deck overlooking the forests and Noordhoek Beach.

"Just a thought, Brian."

Coffee and then a slow drive home ended a really pleasant outing.

Hope all who came enjoyed it as much as we did.

Duncan Mackintosh is organizing our outing for August: details will be available shortly!

Regards to all

Derrill Papendorf

For: Chairman.