

# 36th Fairest Cape Tour - 6 & 7 November 2023

by Ron Gush

I love old bikes. For several reasons, but chiefly because they have character. The older ones have all the working bits exposed and you can see the tappets tapping or the inlet valve being simply sucked open by low inlet pressure, and their exhausts each have their individual thump. The characters who ride these bikes are special too. One only has to gaze at an old bike for a minute, and one or 2 guys will wander over to chat. And not to mention my brief love affair, in my early 20s, with a 350AJS.

The FCT event was amazing! With 77 entrants and 132 guests at the prize giving dinner, this was the biggest event ever hosted by the CVMC. Gavin Allison, Eddie Kirkwood and their team were congratulated on their outstanding effort and attention to detail in the organisation of the event.

Due to recent flood damage to

many roads, only routes to the west of Goudini Spa could be used. As a result parts of the same roads were rallied, albeit at different speeds, clues and directions. The result was a very pleasant and straightforward rally. Competitors were free to create their own havoc.

Each day's rally was about 200km and, as in the past (I can speak only of the past 2 events), the route schedule was interspersed with a number of regularity and open sections. This can be a bit disconcerting as one tends to relax in the open sections and then pay more attention to the regularity bits. Bad mistake! We found it best to treat the whole route schedule as regularity and keep times and speed as accurately as possible. Failure to do so lands one in a spot of bother where you can't decide at which farm gate the next regularity starts, for example. We fell into that trap, as did a few others.



*Registration: Gavin Allison, Eddie Kirkwood, Dave Alexander*

It is beautiful country through which to tour. Mountains, forests, vineyards, rivers spanned by narrow bridges were part of every drive. Wild life abounds, with dassies on the lawn before breakfast, baboons (not to be fed) along the roads, signs to 'Beware

of leopards' and rock pigeons in camp doing what rockies do best, on your car!

The CHC was well represented and welcomed at the event. We look forward to an invitation to the next event and I would encourage all interested parties to enter.



*Daimler, Lotus Europa on pass*



*Daimler, Morgan, MGB1800 on Bains Kloof pass*



*Ferrari, Alfa at Riebeeck Kasteel comparing notes*



*Kasteel Motors fuel stop*



*Left: Tulbagh Lunch venue*



*Lunch Break: ChrisPayne, Dave, Greg, Louise, John*



*Lotus Europa, Johann van Blerck and Morgan, Dave Alexander*



*Waiting for the re-start*



*Morgan Plus 8, Dave Alexander*



*MGB, Alfa*



*Lotus Europa*



*Greyvensteyn MGB GT*



*Woodward Alfa GT Junior, Johann van Blerck looks on*



*Morgan: Roger, Dave, Tatiana*



*Adrian Denness  
1934 B33 BSA*



*Brian Barson Ariel  
F500 1929*



*Gush Austin 10*



*Bruce Stewart MG TC*



*Bjorkman Daimler  
departing*



*Hilton Franz Chev  
Fleetmaster*



*Gush Winning Team*



*CHC at Fairest Cape*

