

**VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB  
CARS IN THE PARK  
PIETERMARITZBURG 18 MAY 2014**



Despite the gloomy weather prediction, May 18<sup>th</sup> turned out to be gloriously sunny with a cool breeze that blew all day. It made for a warm but comfortable day that kept families entertained. The crowds filled the park throughout the day, showing little signs of wavering, even in the late afternoon.

There was a wide variety of food and drink available providing for all tastes. The food queues held steady throughout the day and, thanks to the weather, the ice cream and coffee vendors, most unusually, both seemed to do brisk business.

Music was provided throughout the day, covering a wide range of decades. The popular Bifocals also entertained during the day, this time located near the beer tent.

The displays of vehicles were wide and numerous. This year there was no theme, in an effort to attract as wide a variety as possible. There were some displays that stood out in my opinion.

Pre renovation cars on display are not new to Cars in the Park. On the contrary, it was even a theme a few years back. Mercedes Benz went one step further this year. They displayed two beaten up cars desperately in need of restoration and then proceeded to jump start and run one of them, a diesel sedan, salvaged from a scrap yard, after it had not been run for decades. The substantial crowd on the oval, viewing this feat, was thoroughly entertained.

Another display that attracted a lot of attention was by one of our own club members Tony Psaila, who put in an extraordinary effort. He placed a display on his Chevrolet truck. From one side there was his Harley Davidson with a mannequin dressed as a motorcyclist sitting on hay bales. On the other side he had placed a number of stuffed animals with a banner appealing to the plight of the Rhinos. The display appealed to a broad range of visitors.

The clubs represented came from far and wide, including out of province clubs whose members travelled great distances to attend the event. It is this diverse participation that makes the day so successful and interesting.

Some of the stands are not car displays but model sales and car related items as well as a few stands with family appeal. There are usually several stands selling car models, but one stand attracted my attention, selling a small range of bike models made from parts and not the standard plastic moulds. They were true pieces of art.

The day can only be described as a resounding success, with what appeared as a large happy crowd enjoying a sunny day in the park. I was personally kept busy all day with not enough battery life left in my camera to capture the whole day. The volunteers that worked on the day, as well as those that put in time setting up before hand, made the day such a success and kept things working like clockwork. Our grateful thanks to all that assisted, and please come back next year.

I have included a few pictures, on page two, taken on the day.

We hope to see you all at the Park next year.

Gillian

