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Vintage Sports Car Club



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"Forward into the Past"

This is the newsletter of the Vintage Sports Car Club. Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the Committee, the Editor, or of the Club.

Regular gatherings are held at the Clubhouse, Oribi Road, Pietermaritzburg, and as per the schedule of events published in this newsletter.

Visitors are welcome in the care of a Member and should be signed on by that Member.

On Bonnets-Up and Club Open Days, parking in front of the Clubhouse is reserved for Club Qualifying Vehicles Only, and you are requested to park modern vehicles behind the Clubhouse.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

What a turnout to our first Friday night supper! I have not seen so many people at the club in years: 56 sat down for the meal with a few observers in the bar who never joined us.

From my side all went well, Sukari's piano playing before dinner was very entertaining and appreciated by many. This set the tone for the rest of the night. A slight hiccup with the stove delayed the meal, but eventually everyone got fed. The cricket was on so many rushed off as soon as they had finished. If we had a big screen TV then more would have stayed and enjoyed the game at the club. Depending on your feed-back and if there is enough interest, this will become a regular monthly event. Another option is to have a Sunday morning competitive rally of about 70km finishing at the club for a proper lunch, roast and all. Just like your mother made! I would like to try this for March. If anyone is interested please tell me so that we can start arranging the event.

Arrangements for Cars in the Park are progressing well.

The breakfast run on Sunday 13th was well patronised and very enjoyable with about 25 people, again a big improvement on last year's attendances. It was great to see so much enthusiasm and renewed interest in the VSCC.

Remember the next bonnets up on Saturday 9th February.
Tentative date for a competitive rally and lunch at the club 16th March.

Happy and safe motoring
Fred

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**Short** items of interest are always wanted for inclusion in our newsletter (max between one half and two pages) Contact Gillian at [gillian2@telkomsa.net](mailto:gillian2@telkomsa.net)

## ON THE COVER

Tim Lewin's 1937 Citroen Light 15, which was on display at January's bonnets up.

## INDEMNIFICATION

**Members, guests, visitors and any other persons' attention is drawn to Indemnity requirements in the VSCC Constitution and posted in the VSCC Clubhouse bar and main hall.**

### **SAVVA collector's vehicle insurance scheme**

For Full comprehensive cover  
Contact person - Glenn Broadhurst or Madelene Wiese at FNB Insurance Brokers

Phone - 087 736 2222  
Fax - 011 699 0783  
E-mail- [madelene.wiese@fnb.co.za](mailto:madelene.wiese@fnb.co.za)

## MEMBERSHIP

### Subscriptions 2012/2013 Club Year (based on Membership type & due 1 July).

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Full Member                          | R220 including SAVVA fee  |
| Full member plus spouse/partner      | R275 including SAVVA fees |
| Country Member                       | R200 including SAVVA fee  |
| Country Member plus spouse/partner   | R245 including SAVVA fees |
| Associate Member*                    | R120 excluding SAVVA fee  |
| Associate Member plus spouse/partner | R160 excluding SAVVA fees |

\* Applicable to members of another club and awarded at the committee's discretion.

### New applications for Membership include an indemnity that is valid for Life.

|                                              |                      |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Life Member (Principal) Newsletter postage * | R60 + R20 SAVVA fees |
| Life Member (Principal) Newsletter e-mail *  | R20 SAVVA fees       |
| Life Member (Associate – Spouse/Partner) *   | R20 SAVVA fees       |
| Honorary and Honorary Life Membership *      | Free.                |

\* Awarded at Committee discretion.

There is a once off entrance fee of R100 on application for membership.

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Banking Details: Account name – Vintage Sports Car Club: **Bank** – Nedbank:
Branch - Hayfields: **Branch Number** – 13 40 25: **Account number** – 13 40 505 339:
Always include member's name on the deposit slip.

REGALIA: The club has caps, of the "one size fits all" type, embroidered with the VSCC logo, available for sale at **R45** each. Shirts are available for sale at R130 each. See the 'Klink' attendant, for your Requirements.

VISITORS: Visitors are welcome, but as we are licensed, please ensure that your guests are 'signed on' in the visitors register. This gives them temporary membership status, and entitles them to make purchases from the bar.

CLUB TIMETABLE

Every Friday night: 'Klink'

February 1st. 8th. 15th. 22nd. March 1st. 8th. 15th. 22nd. 29th.

The AIR-CONDITIONED 'Klink' will be open from 17h30 until 21h00. Braai fires will be provided, and you are invited to bring your own braai meat and/or salads to enjoy at the Club..

Second Saturday of every month: 'Bonnetts Up' / Club Open Day:

From around 12 noon until then '**The Klink**' will be open, plus the availability of either boerewors rolls, hamburgers or an alternative being made available for purchase.

Don't forget, tea/coffee, pancakes and/or other goodies are a regular option.

The Library and **Spares Department** will also be open.

Third Sunday of every Month; Regular Club Outing. Motorcycles are most welcome at this run.

(Happens the weekend following after bonnetts Up which becomes 4th weekend if 1st falls on a Sunday

PAST EVENTS

December

Saturday 8th December: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. No theme. Keith de Klerk took the prize for his 'D type' Jaguar.

Sunday 9th December: Baynesfield Christmas market.

January

Saturday 12th January: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. European Cars. Tim Lewin took the prize for his 1937 Citroen. The car is pictured on the cover.

Sunday 20th January: Regular Club Outing. An excursion to Ronnies Creations in Wartburg. – 25 members attended, good venue, delicious menu.

COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

RED BOLD - Depicts VSCC Club Events

ITALIC - Depicts other Events

February

Saturday 9th February: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. American Cars

9th and 10th February: George Old Car Show.

Sunday 17th February: Regular Club Outing. Breakfast run to "Hacienda" at Botha's Hill. Assemble at the club from 08h00 for 08h30 departure

March

Saturday 9th March: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. British Sports Cars

Thurs 7th- Sat 9th March: SAVVA International J-D rally, Finishing Saturday at Hillcrest Corner Centre. A massed ride to People's Park, Durban will leave at 14h30, members are invited to participate, Valid SAVVA indemnities will be mandatory.

Saturday 9th March: Maluti Motor Show – Bethlehem Airfield.

Sunday 17th March: Regular Club Outing. To be announced.

Saturday 24th March: OD Inggs Memorial Run.

Bonnets up Events 2013

JANUARY	EUROPEAN CARS
FEBRUARY	AMERICAN CARS
MARCH	BRITISH SPORTS CARS
APRIL	ORPHANED CARS
MAY	CARS IN THE PARK
JUNE	NO THEME
JULY	HOBBIES DAY AND BOOT SALE
AUGUST	AGM
SEPTEMBER	MOTORCYCLES
OCTOBER	ITALIAN CARS
NOVEMBER	FORD DAY
DECEMBER	NO THEME



**3 December 2012
O D INGG'S MEMORIAL RUN**

The annual O D Ingg's Memorial Run will take place in the Albany district, starting at 0930hr on the 23th March 2013 from the Rosehill Mall, Port Alfred and overnighting in Port Alfred, ending at mid-day on the 24th March 2013

Breakfast facilities are available at the start point.

An evening function and dinner will be held at the Highlander on Saturday night. The prize giving lunch will also be held there on the Sunday. These functions and lunch on the first day are covered by the entry fee.

Accommodation at the Highlander is available at a discounted rate of R312 pps per night but is limited to 24 persons. A list of other popular B&B's is available on request.

Cars and motorcycles manufactured before 31st December 1980 are eligible to compete and entry fees are R400-00 per vehicle. Additional passengers will be charged at a rate of R220 each if they require all the meals.

All drivers and navigators must be current members of recognised clubs and hold valid SAVVA indemnities. All entrants must provide proof.

The attention of entrants is drawn to the SAVVA safety requirements.

A mounting bracket to mount the disc numbers on front must be provided.

This event has been popular and well supported in previous years and we hope to have an equally successful event this year.

Please contact George Armstrong (Tel 046 624 3773 or 072 347 0924 or email: armstronggn@intekom.co.za) if any more information is required.

**Clerk of the Course
George Armstrong**

Scottburgh Classic Car Show - 2013

The Scottburgh Classic Car Club will be hosting its annual car show again this year on **Sunday 21st July** at the Scottburgh Country Club. Last year's event was our third show and it was extremely successful with a 30% increase in visitors and 375 classic vehicles.. There was an enthusiastic participation in the moving parades around the field perimeter which were enjoyed by both exhibitors and general public alike. We shall do the same this year of course.

We wish to invite your Club to our Show again and remind you that the cut off date for motor vehicles and motor bikes remains unchanged at **1975**. Later models will be admitted provided that they come as members of their Car Club which has been invited to the Show. Supercars and other classics of interest will be invited by "Special Invitation" and windscreen stickers will be issued to these exhibitors before the Show. Please understand that these qualifications are necessary to ensure that the SCCS does not degenerate into a display of modern vehicles whose owners believe that their modern plastic is a "classic". It will remain a "Classic Car Show" for genuine classic car enthusiasts!

Gates open at 07h30 for classic car exhibitors and 09h00 for visitors. Jaguar will be the featured marque this year.

Please remember that the show is in aid of local charities and public service organizations. This year's beneficiaries will be announced on our website and their names will be clearly displayed at the Show entrance. A donation of R5 will be requested from each classic vehicle that wishes to exhibit on the field.

I hope that you will incorporate the SCCS into your Club's calendar. Please let me know if your Club intends participating and nearer the time, advise me if you would like space reserved on the Show field beneath the Clubhouse.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Peter Fielding - Event Organizer - Website: www.scottburghclassiccarshow.co.za/

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Maluti Motor Show

Saturday 9 March 2013

Time: 7:00 am

Bethlehem Airfield

Hosted by Maluti Antique Auto and Machine Club

Theme: A tribute to Carrol Shelby

Organisers: Tertius du Preez
Koos de Beer

082 889 4294
082 477 5559

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunset Call

Sadly we bid farewell to recent new member Ralph Barnes, from Mooi River, who passed away suddenly in November. We offer our condolences to his wife, Cecilia, and family.

(Not to be confused with Ralph Barnes, President of the VCC in Kloof)

Frail and Infirm

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Johan Viljoen, who is recovering from a heart attack last week, and to all who are not well at his time.

Spares Department

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the spares department. Work parties will be organized for a week day as well as a weekend to accommodate all those willing to help. Please contact Johan Viljoen on 072 750 1255 if you are interested in assisting.

Note to non-local enthusiasts. Please be advised, we work on a select-yourself system and are unable to take orders or arrange delivery. It is advisable to bring a sample, as not all parts are identified.

Hire of Club Hall

If members wish to hire the club hall please could the form on the adjacent page be completed and handed in. Copies of the form are also available at the Klink.

Vehicles for hire

The following members are willing to hire out their cars for weddings and other such occasions.

Robin Inggs

Mike Westray 033 386 2593

mikewestray@gmail.com

Robin Phipson 033-345 0061

phipson@wandata.com

Saxon Murray.

Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)

tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

You know you're over the hill when the only whistles you get are from the tea kettle.

I always start my diet on the same day.....Tomorrow



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APPLICATION FOR USE OF THE HALL

To the Chairman:

Date:.....

Club member responsible for the function:.....

Date of function:...../...../..... Nature of function:..... No of guests:.....

Applicant:..... Land line:.....

Cell:..... Email:

Expected time to start:..... Expected time to finish:.....

Hire charge will be R500 and there will be a charge for breakages if incurred.

Will bar facilities be required? Yes No

Please note that the cost of staffing the bar is a private arrangement between the hirer and the barman. Requests for stock not normally carried must be made directly to the barman.

As there is a security system in place, the responsible club member must arrange for the opening and closing of the hall.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the indemnity notices on display in the clubhouse and it is a condition of this application that the hirer accepts these limitations.

Applicant's signature:.....

Date approved by the committee:.....

Chairman:.....

Cc: Treasurer
Barman



THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

SAVVA Technical Tip 68 – Fire extinguishers

Some years back we mentioned the importance of carrying fire extinguishers in our vehicles. To justify our concern we received the following information from the National Fire Protection Association in the USA, last year:

- * 215500 vehicles were burned out
- * Every 146 seconds a vehicle burns out
- * 310 people were killed in vehicle fires
- * 1590 people were injured
- * \$1.4 Billion damage to vehicles

Fire extinguishers are now readily available from all spares outlets at very good prices – make sure you have one in your collector vehicle at all times and also make sure it's in good order. It pays to buy one with a gauge so you can see the pressure level.

Another warning: We recently heard of a club member in Johannesburg who sadly ended up in intensive care with severe burns when a fire got out of control whilst working on one of his cars. Four cars were also destroyed. It was one of those unforeseeable accidents. In this case a lead light bulb exploded igniting some petrol. He had an extinguisher on hand but the capacity was too small. Make sure you have a large capacity one in your workshop or garage.

I had a similar but not as catastrophic an accident in November. I was running the engine of a recently purchased motorcycle and was unaware the exhaust had a hole in it resulting in the exhaust blowing downwards and igniting some oil soaked cloth on the floor under the engine. In seconds there were flames lapping the fuel tank. Fortunately I was able to extinguish the flames before there was too much damage. We tend to forget we are working with dangerous machinery, inflammable fuels and other combustible materials.

I'm sure most enthusiasts have discarded the old incandescent bulbs in their lead (inspection) lights and replaced them with "energy saving" tubes. They tend to last longer and don't get so hot. If you haven't done so – give it some thought.

SAVVA Technical Tip 69 – Door Handles

So often one sees a beautifully prepared car spoiled by "hanging" door handles. This is especially noticeable on cars that have a chrome strip running along the waistline and the handle should fit in with the sweep of the strip.

The question is why are these handles hanging down? Simple. Over the years people have been over enthusiastic when opening doors to the point they have bent the square metal shaft that goes from the handle to the lock.

The next question is how do we sort it out? Very simple. Remove the handle, place the square shaft in a vice, heat it up and gently straighten it.

It will make such a difference to the cosmetic looks of the car.

Thanks to Colin Brauteseth for this tip.

SAVVA National Rally 2013

Greetings all

You will recall that at the AGM we did not have specific dates for the SAVVA National to be run by OFSVCC in conjunction with the Rendezvous next year. We can now confirm that the dates for this event are 25 – 29 September 2013.

Kind regards

Jean Gobey, SAVVA Secretary

SERVICES

Services listed will be rotated on a tri-monthly basis.

The VSCC is not responsible for the quality of the services provided by the above service providers.

- **Tyrewise**, contact **William Walker** for expert advice on all your tyre and wheel balancing requirements, on 033 342 3566, or call at 341 Berg Street. Go to his website at www.tyredamage.com
- **Silicon Brake Fluid** available at **Motorcycle Centre**, 265 Berg St. 033-394 6941 and **Race Spares Africa** 084 396 0285 Roger Veitch
- **Waterflow Plumbing cc** For general plumbing services, clearing blocked drains etc. Contact Clinton Hart on 076 194 4185 or 033 - 396 6953
- **New Parts.** Ford ignition coils 1937-41, 1952 ford stop/tail light lenses, Zephyr 1936- 39 rear light lenses, 1951-54 Ford V8 tail light lenses, 1959 Ford parking light lenses, Chrome tail light housing 1951/52 Zephyr & Consul.
Flywheels – A30, Morris Minor, Taunus, Prefect, Anglia, Zephyr.
Period wheel trims – Simca, Taunus and others. Rings, Fanbelts 1950's Chrysler.
Jansen's Motor Spares (Klerksdorp) 018 462 9121.
- **Durose's.** now at 103 Commercial road, (Chief Albert Luthuli) same phone 033 345 3331. They have a large selection of parts for 50's & 60's vehicles.
- **Good weld** – Specialised welding; TIG & MIG, Aluminium, Magnesium, Titanium, Stainless, Cast Iron, Pewter, Etc. Turning, Spline cutting, General engineering. Run by enthusiasts. 4 Roger de Klerk Place, Mkondeni. Phone, 033 346 1207
- **Bearings & Seals** – 424 Greyling St. (Also 'O' rings, belts, roller chain etc.) Contact Dennis on 033-345 7739 or 082 656 4864, who will do his best to locate items needed, if not in stock.
- **Professional bead blasting** with proper glass beads, professional chassis clean, professional repairs and vacuum pulling/pumping of BMC hydrostatic suspension units. Contact Robin on 033-3450061, or visit 23 West Street.

FOR SALE

- *PARKING SPACE TO LET

Safe and secure parking available in my mini factory complex for a collector car or 2 bikes. Cost calculated just to cover cost of bays.

PHONE: Ty on 072 831 0733 or 033 347 3505

Space available from February 1st 2013

- ***1973 Ford Escort Mk 1**. 2 Litre Ford Sierra Engine, 5 Speed gearbox. R20 000 Onco. Contact Andy on 071 183 2296.

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
You think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
They may be on to something!

In an office:

After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board

Outside a secondhand shop:

We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

Spotted in a safari park:(I sure hope so)
Elephants, please stay in your car

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
That's what he gets for eating those beans!



Bike Chatter

Motion Induced Blindness

In a motor accident, wherein a speeding car hits a slower moving vehicle coming from the side, the speeding car drivers often swear that they just didn't see the vehicle coming from the left or right.

Well, they aren't lying. They really don't see the vehicle coming from the side, in spite of broad daylight. This phenomenon on the car drivers' part is known as "Motion Induced Blindness". It is unbelievable but it is true, and it is definitely frightening. Armed forces pilots are taught about motion induced blindness during training, because it happens faster at high speeds: and to some extent it is applicable to car drivers also, especially the fast ones. So, if you drive a car, please read this carefully.

Once airborne, pilots are taught to alternative their gaze between scanning the horizon and scanning their instrument panel, and never to fix their gaze for more than a couple of seconds on any single object. They are taught to continually keep their heads on a swivel and their eyes always moving. Because, if you fix your gaze on one object long enough while you yourself are in motion, your peripheral vision goes blind. That's why it is called motion induced blindness. For fighter pilots, this is the only way to survive in air; not only during aerial combat, but from peacetime hazards like mid-air collisions as well.

Till about three decades ago, this "heads on swivel and eyes moving" technique was the only way to spot other aircraft in the skies around.

Now-a -days they have on boards radars, but the old techniques still holds good. Let me give you a small demonstration of motion induced blindness. This is the same demonstration that is used for trainee pilots in classrooms before they even go near an aircraft. Just click on the link below. You will see a revolving array of blue crosses on a black background. There is a flashing green dot in the centre and three fixed yellow dots around it. If you fix your gaze on the green dot for more than a few seconds, the yellow dots will disappear at random..., either singly or in pairs, or all three together. In reality, the yellow dots are always there. Just watch the yellow dots for some time to ensure that they don't go anywhere!

<http://www.msf-usa.org/motion.html>

(You can alter the background colour or the rpm of the array by clicking the appropriate buttons).

So, if you are driving are a high speed on a highway and if you fix your gaze on the road straight ahead, you will not see a car, a scooter, a buggy, a bicycle, a buffalo or even a human being approaching from the side. Now reverse the picture. If you are crossing a road on foot and you see a speeding car approaching...., there's a 90% chance that the driver isn't seeing you, because his/her peripheral vision may be blind! And you may be in that blind zone .

This is printed with courtesy of the VCC newsletter – December 2012 (submitted by Ken Hopkins)

HOOD ORNAMENTS

Hood ornaments started out with a practical purpose. Originally cars had their radiator caps on the exterior of the bonnet. In addition engines were prone to overheating requiring the need for temperature gauges. These were mounted on the radiator caps. This provided an opportunity for the car manufacturers to place decorative elements onto the caps onto which the motometers were attached.

Over time the temperature gauges moved into the car dashboard and the radiator caps disappeared beneath the bonnet. The ornamental appeal of the badges however held and the creativity of the ornaments took off. Some were particular to the car brands but many were available for individual creativity. Over time the bonnet ornament has taken on the image of ostentation or excess and fallen out of favour. They have in some cases been removed altogether but some have retained the ornament as badges and less obvious decoration. Some makes still maintain their ornaments such as the Mercedes star and the Jaguar's cat.

Classic car owners sometimes just want to make their car special so ornaments are still popular in the classic car movement, even if the modern ones have for the most part abandoned the practice.

I have found some great pictures of truly interesting ornaments and some found on our own members cars.

Enjoy

Gillian





DRUNK DRIVER MAKES BAD CALL

COBURG: A German man was arrested for drunk driving - after he tried to use a breathalyzer to make a phone call.

Bernhard Becker, 41, made the mistake after police stopped him for a random breath test in Coburg.

“We didn’t really need the reading. There aren’t many sober people who’d do that,” said a police spokesman.

Becker was stopped during an early morning spot check and asked to blow into the device, but after seeing the officers in front of him – insisted on calling his lawyer to get advice.

The spokesman added: “He thought it was an iPhone, and was trying to bring up the icons on the display, and despite explaining to him that it was a breathalyzer, he was unable to provide a proper sample.”

“He could barely stand, so the result was not really in doubt, but nevertheless he was taken to a local hospital, where a blood test was taken that we suspect will confirm he was well over the limit.” – Orange News.

This article appeared in the Natal Mercury on 3 December 2012.

Yes, I hear you laughing and the article does certainly tickle the funny bone, but let us not forget the following. Drunk driving is no laughing matter. It kills – not just the drunk driver but the innocent passengers and the victims in the other cars as well as pedestrians they crash into. Many lives are destroyed by it, so just think next time you’ve had one too many. The decision to drive could turn out to be very costly. In the meantime articles like the above can bring a smile to the face.

Gillian

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

He probably IS the battery charge!

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Really? You think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

TOOLS EXPLAINED

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh --'

SKIL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

VICE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race..

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund cheques, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

MARQUES THROUGH THE AGES

Brough Superior

Brough Superior is a company best known for its production of world class motorcycles. They were luxury models that were very expensive. T E Lawrence was known to be an eager customer, owning several of the motorcycles.

What is not so well known is that Brough Superior also made motor cars for a limited period. The production period for the motorcars was from 1935 to 1939. Only 85 were produced.

The cars had a Hudson chassis and had a Hudson engine, but they were distinctive within themselves. Three models were designed but only two were produced.

The first model was a four litre and could reach a top speed of 90 mph. This model was powered by a straight eight engine which stopped becoming available in 1936. Thereafter the engine used was a Hudson straight six which was referred to as a 3.5 litre. The new model came fitted with this engine.

The final model designed was called the XII and utilised a Lincoln-Zepher V12 engine. Only one vehicle was made of this model.

In 1936 Bill Boddy of *Motor Sport* magazine tested an early model. Ironically he assisted a crashed motorcyclist who was impressed by the car, asking Boddy, "What is the nice car you are giving me a lift in." The motorcyclist had crashed his Brough Superior.

The cars were, like the motorcycles, of good workmanship and well received.

Manufacture of the cars stopped due to WWII and never resume.

This article was written with reference to Wikipedia and The Encyclopedia of Cars by Peter Henshaw.

My granddaughter asked me what it was like to be old. So I told her "Put cotton in your ears and pebbles in your shoes. Smear Vaseline over your glasses, and there you have it: instant Old Age."

Middle age is when your old classmates are so grey and wrinkled and bald they don't recognize you.

"I don't like to be the one to have to tell you this Sadie, but there's a rumour going around that your husband is chasing women. And him over 80!"

"Yeah! So he's 82, so what? Let him chase girls. Dogs chase cars but when they catch one, can they drive it?!"

TAILPIECE

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never say it's not quite as good as his Mother's.....then get a dog.

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you wantthen get a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't care about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies.....then get a dog.

If you want someone who is content to get on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he snores.....then get a dog !

If you want someone who never criticizes what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to, and loves you unconditionally, perpetually.....then get a dog.

BUT, on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness.....then get a cat!

Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.



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