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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

The week-end of bonnets up after our return from our holiday was a most pleasant and unexpected surprise!

I had been warned on the Friday evening that there would be crowds of bikers on the Saturday, but I never expected that there would be so many.

The front parking area of the VSCC had all been clearly marked and laid out to ensure neat and orderly parking, and the bikers just kept on arriving! I think the final count was over 125 bikes. This must surely be a record for any event at the VSCC. My congratulations to everyone concerned specially to Junior and Stewart. And also to Tony and Clyde for keeping the liquid refreshments going, and to Norma and her team for the tasty and quickly devoured lunch.

It was decided at the recent AGM that a special meeting would be called to discuss the minutes which were not accepted on the day. I would like this to take place during the November bonnets up. Notices will be sent out in due course. If anyone would like to suggest a better time please contact me as soon as possible.

The Club house is in the midst of its rejuvenation: the floor has been re-tiled and the kitchen is well on its way to being completely re-vamped. The new TV in the Klink is up and running. Some wonderful old racing videos have been seen lately, and if you have any interesting videos please bring them on a Friday evening and let everyone enjoy them.

As from Friday 4th October suppers will be available at the club at a very reasonable price, so come and enjoy the company, the food, the drinks and the TV. As a change from videos DSTV Sport will also be available. On Friday 4th October curry and rice will be served at R35.00 per person.

The Breakfast Run on Sunday October 20th will be to Sakabula near Thornville. A buffet breakfast will be provided which includes bacon, scrambled eggs, sausages, mushrooms, tomato bredie, toast and jams, muffins, juice, tea and coffee, and even second helpings if you wish!. We need to meet at the VSCC at 8.15am to make sure we reach our destination by 9.00am for breakfast..The cost will be R50.00 per person. Deposits or full payment for the breakfast can be made at bonnets up on Saturday 12th October. Otherwise please SMS us by Thursday 17th if you will be joining us. The caterers need to know how many guests to expect. Fred cell: 083 369 7020, or Aisne cell: 083 273 7122.

Hope to see you at the club soon!

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

Rod Thomas's 1935 OK Supreme which was on display at Bonnets up in September.

## 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.**

## MEMBERSHIP

### Subscriptions 2013/2014 Club Year (based on Membership type & due 1 July).

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Full Member                          | R230 including SAVVA fee  |
| Full member plus spouse/partner      | R290 including SAVVA fees |
| Country Member                       | R210 including SAVVA fee  |
| Country Member plus spouse/partner   | R260 including SAVVA fees |
| Associate Member*                    | R125 excluding SAVVA fee  |
| Associate Member plus spouse/partner | R170 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 *             | R65 + R20 SAVVA fees |
| Life Member (Principal) Newsletter e-mail *              | R20 SAVVA fees       |
| Life Member (Principal and Associate – Spouse/Partner) * | R90 + 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.  
A charge of R120 will be levied for posted newsletters.

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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. 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'

October 4th. 11th. 18th. 25th. November 1st. 8th. 15th. 22st. 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

September

Saturday 14th September: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. Motorcycles.

Sunday 22th September: Regular Club Outing. none

Tuesday 24th September: National Drive it Day

25th to 29th September: 2013 SAVVA National Tour in Free State.

COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

RED BOLD - Depicts VSCC Club Events *ITALIC - Depicts other Events*

October

5th to 6th October: 2013: Shongweni Expo. See invite

Saturday 12th October: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. Italian Cars

Sunday 20th October: Regular Club Outing. Sakabula near Thornville. A buffet breakfast will be provided. A buffet breakfast will be provided at R50.00 per person. See the Chairman's Chatter for more details. Booking in advance is required.

November

3rd to 6th November: 2013: 2013 Fairest Cape Tour. See insert under announcements.

Saturday 9th November: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. Ford Day

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

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

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

We have some no new members for introduction.

Spares Department

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	072 202 6598	
Mike Westray	033 386 2593	mikewestray@gmail.com
Robin Phipson	033-345 0061	phipson@wandata.com
Saxon Murray.		
Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)		<u>tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za</u>

2013 Fairest Cape Tour

We have just sent out invitations for the 2013 Fairest Cape Tour. The event will again be based at Goudini Spa with accommodation from 3rd - 6th November 2013

We would be grateful if you would mention this event at your next meeting and also publicise in the relevant club magazine or newsletter.

Application forms and details will shortly be available on the CVMC website:
<http://www.cvmc.co.za/Events.html>

Chris Cutler (Clerk of the Course)
021 8512339
084 7131237
email: fairestcapetour@gmail.com



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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

Technical Tip 77- Joint Packing

We often take things for granted and assume everyone knows everything about motor vehicles and their workings. However, there are people, like myself, who don't come from an automotive background and have to learn the hard way, and sometimes the expensive way.

I'm in the process of re-building an engine and getting everything ready so when it comes back from machining, re-boring etc I can start assembling it. One of the tasks is cutting gaskets so I don't have to waste time cutting them later on. Typical of early cars there isn't an agent where can buy ready-made gaskets, so it's a case of DIY.

I pulled out a roll of Flexoid joint packing that I had stashed away some time ago to find out it was quite hard and unwinding it would have torn it to pieces. This would mean another trip to the local Midas to purchase a new piece. I then remembered what a wise mechanic once told me what to do many years ago. Now, if you are a experienced mechanic please don't read any further and go watch TV or something as the following will be obvious to you and will waste your valuable time.

For the rest of us, there is a simple remedy to unravelling hard packing to make it useable again and that is to soak it in water for a while and it will be as soft as a baby's butt. In fact, even if you start off with a nice flat piece it still pays to soak it before cutting and punching the holes in it so it won't tear. You will get a much better finish. Bottom picture is after soaking.



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.

- **For the Enthusiast:**
Hand made valve caps (5 different patterns to choose from) Set of 4 – R80 per set. (or R20 each)
License disc holders (stainless steel and aluminium) - R100 each
Brass Slide-type motorcycle petrol taps - R250 each
Knurled brass spark plug nuts with terminal lug for H/T lead – R30 per set.
Phone: Lloyd du Bois, on (033) 396 6471 daytime or early evening.
- **Old motor vehicle spares** (car, truck, and tractor) Parts for most makes and models 1930's – 1980's. **Huberts Old Motoring Equipment**, 011-957 0206, E-mail Hubert@worldonline.co.za
- **Batteries** 6, 8 and 12 volt, all sizes manufactured, **Battery House**, 033 394 1224 Pietermaritzburg.
- **Coles Panelbeaters & Spraypainters**, For all your panelbeating & spraypainting requirements. 72 Greyling Street, Pietermaritzburg. Ken Cole 083 580 8315
- **G & C Enterprises** – Manufacturer's of all types of gaskets – 35 Globe Road, Scottsville ext. Pietermaritzburg, 3201. Phone Garth Yeoman, 083 316 6288 or 033-386 2869
- **Latest Mike's 'A' fordable** parts catalogue (USA) now available from Ronnie Sutner, List of parts available ex stock Johannesburg on our notice board. Contact Ronnie on 083 252 0539
- **Glen Kolm** is a severely disabled car and bike enthusiast who is also highly experienced fitter and turner. He currently assists a few VSCC members with their problems. If you would like his assistance contact him on 082 812 8911.

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

FOR SALE

- ****Hi guys I'm formally from Ladysmith kzn now living in Hilton KZN. I own a 1970 Volvo 122s B20 2 door.** The car is up for sale and going at R45-000 ONCO. Please pass the message along to the other members in the club. I would really appreciate it. Note everything works 100% in the car and it drives very well contact me on. Suveer 078 246 9159
- ****We are a dealership in Classic, Vintage and Sports Cars in Knysna.** We have a beautiful **1957 Rover 90** that we have in stock at the moment. It has been in our showroom for quite a while and I wonder if there is somebody in your club that would be interested. The price is R50 000.00 negotiable. This vehicle is a runner and starts without any hassle and is also registered and licenced. Contact Louise Kemp at House of Classic and Sports Cars on 083 256 2086
- ****I currently have some wonderful cars for sale, such as a Perana Capri race car, Bentley S1 continental, and many many more interesting cars, If you are hunting for a special classic, or have something to sell, - please contact me!**
Brian@noik.co.za. 0824169584

WANTED

- ****Barbie Lindeque is looking for unwanted men's ties.** They are being used to teach ladies to make handbags and skirts out of ties. Please could you leave them at the klink marked for her attention.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting is to be held at November bonnets up to deal with the unadopted minutes of the previous AGM. Notices will be going out in due course.

DINNERS ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Meals will be available at the clubhouse on Friday nights. A different meal will be on offer each week. See Fred's Chatter for more details on Friday night's activities. The planned offerings for the next few weeks are:

- 4 October: Beef Curry and Rice
- 11 October: Chicken a la King
- 18 October: Mince Bolonaise
- 25 October: Chicken Peri Peri (Hot and Mild)
- 1 November: Macaroni and Mince

Apple does it again!

Apple announced today that it has developed a breast implant that can store and play music. The iTit will cost from \$4990 to \$6990, depending on cup and speaker size. This is considered a major social breakthrough, because women are always complaining about men staring at their breasts..... and not listening to them



Bike Chatter

OK Supreme

OK was founded in 1882 in Lancaster Street, Birmingham by Ernie Humphries and Charles Dawes. The company was set up to be a bicycle manufacturer. In 1899 and 1906 they engaged in experiments with powered motorcycles. The first motorcycle they produced was in 1911, with a two stroke machine utilised a Precision engine.

The company began participating in the Isle of Man TT in 1912 using a 346cc model, placing 9th. In 1928 they succeeded in taking first place at the TT for the only time. They also took several of the remaining places to tenth.

In 1914 a new factory was built in York Road, Hall Green. World War I was however approaching and the supply of NSU engines required was cut off. After the war a range of machines was produced a variety of engines.

In the mid 1920's following a difference in focus between the two founders, the company was discontinued. Dawes was interested in the bicycle side and created Dawes cycles. Humphries was more interested in the luxurious motorcycles and went on to form OK-Supreme Motors Ltd in 1927. The York Factory was sold on to Velocette.

OK Supreme moved to Bromley Street in Birmingham. The first motorcycle produced was a 350cc JAP engineered model.

The HRD Company was struggling and OK-Supreme bought it in 1928 in order to acquire the factory space. The balance of the assets was sold on to Philip Vincent.

In 1930, a 250cc model called the Lighthouse was introduced. The name came from the little inspection window housed in the cam tower. This model was produced for several years as well coming out in a 350cc format.

In 1934 production moved again to Warwick Road in Birmingham.

In 1939 World War II was approaching. Production was ceased and the factory sold.

John Humphries, Ernie's son continued to provide 350cc Jap engine OK-Supreme engines grass track racing machines until his passing in 1946.

This article was written with reference to Wikipedia and British Classic Motorcycles.com

Gillian

MAKING A BABY

The Patels were unable to conceive children and decided to use a surrogate father to start their family. On the day the proxy father was to arrive, Mr. Patel kissed his wife goodbye and said, 'Well, I'm off now. The man should be here soon.'

Half an hour later, just by chance, a door-to-door baby photographer happened to ring the doorbell, hoping to make a sale. 'Good morning, Ma'am', he said, 'I've come to...'

'Oh, no need to explain,' Mrs. Patel cut in, embarrassed, 'I've been expecting you.'

'Have you really?' said the photographer. 'Well, that's good. Did you know babies are my specialty?'

'Well that's what my husband and I had hoped Please come in and have a seat!

After a moment she asked, blushing, 'Well, where do we start?'

'Leave everything to me. I usually try two in the bathtub, one on the couch, and perhaps a couple on the bed. And sometimes the living room floor is fun. You can really spread out there.'

'Bathtub, living room floor? No wonder it didn't work out for Harry and me!'

'Well, Ma'am, none of us can guarantee a good one every time. But if we try several different positions and I shoot from six or seven angles, I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results.'

'My, that's a lot!', gasped Mrs. Patel.

'Ma'am, in my line of work a man has to take his time. I'd love to be in and out in five minutes, but I'm sure you'd be disappointed with that.'

'Don't I know it,' said Mrs. Patel quietly.

The photographer opened his briefcase and pulled out a portfolio of his baby pictures. 'This was done on the top of a bus,' he said.

'Oh, my God!' Mrs. Patel exclaimed, grasping at her throat.

'And these twins turned out exceptionally well - when you consider their mother was so difficult to work with.'

'She was difficult?' asked Mrs. Patel.

'Yes, I'm afraid so. I finally had to take her to the park to get the job done right. People were crowding around four and five deep to get a good look'

'Four and five deep?' said Mrs. Patel, her eyes wide with amazement.

'Yes', the photographer replied. 'And for more than three hours, too. The mother was constantly squealing and yelling - I could hardly concentrate, and when darkness approached I had to rush my shots. Finally, when the squirrels began nibbling on my equipment, I just had to pack it all in.'

Mrs. Patel leaned forward. 'Do you mean they actually chewed on your, uh...equipment?'

'It's true, Ma'am, yes.. Well, if you're ready, I'll set-up my tripod and we can get to work right away.'

'Tripod?'

'Oh yes, Ma'am. I need to use a tripod to rest my Canon on. It's much too big to be held in the hand very long.'

Mrs. Patel fainted !!!

PARROTS

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem.

I have two female parrots,

But they only know to say one thing'

'What do they say?' the priest asked.

They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

'That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed,

Then he thought for a moment.....

'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible...

Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying... That phrase... In no time.'

'Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.'

The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house.... As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying...

Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them...

After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison:

Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

There was stunned silence...

One male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says,

'Put the beads away, Frank, our prayers have been answered!'

WALL FEATURE

Johan Viljoen has made a feature for the club wall on the alcove by the front door. The feature is made up of steering wheel and gear lever. "Vintage Sports Car Club" is engraved on the centrepiece of the steering wheel and "VSCC" is engraved on the base of the gear lever. This is a wonderful feature for the club and truly shows what we are about. Thank you Johan for your art work.



Real women don't have hot flashes they have power surges.

I would give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

SAVVA AGM

The SAVVA AGM was held on the 14 September 2013. An item of interest was discussed at the meeting that has an impact on those taking part in rallies and is most certainly something to think about. The following is an extract from the minutes of the meeting:

Noted that there had been a nearly serious accident on a recent event, but fortunately no one was injured. It turned out that only one of the cars was insured. From the discussion regarding whether it was necessary for cars participating in events to be insured noted the following:

? It was suggested that organisers ensure that all participants on events have insurance, at least balance of third party.

? Noted that in the UK no vehicle was allowed on the road without insurance;

? It was suggested that entry forms for SAVVA events should stipulate that no participants without insurance for the vehicles would be allowed on event.

? Suggested further that event entry forms require participants to include the name of their insurers on the application form.

? Agreed that SAVVA enquire from FNB if it was possible to have a blanket 'balance of thirty party insurance' for SAVVA events.

It turns out that an accident had occurred and that one of the cars was not insured. The lack of third party insurance on one of the vehicles caused a problem. Even if you do not want to ensure your classic car for replacement in case of damage or write off, consider others and insure it under third party insurance.

Gillian.

JACK DANIELS was found dead today by JOHNNY WALKER at SAVANNAH street near CASTLE in RED SQUARE centre. His wife HENNESY and their two sons HANSA and AMSTEL have been crying under an AMARULA tree since then. Mr HEINEKEN thinks he was killed by HUNTERS who shot him with a STRONG BOW. His FOUR COUSINS confirmed he was coming from club J&B in MELLOW WOOD on 4TH STREET. It appears that he had an affair with Mr HUNTERS wife SARITA. She also feared for her life and moved to NEDENBERG. CAPTAIN MORGAN is still investigating this case but evidence points that Mr J.C le ROUX is also a suspect. The funeral will be at KLIPDRIFT and performed by pastor FISH EAGLE as soon as the church BELLS ring tomorrow. We hope JAMESON and his wife NAMAQUA will arrive on time. They have to fly over TWO OCEANS to get here. Ja neh!

SEPTEMBER BONNETS UP - MOTORCYCLE DAY

Bonnets up in September turned out to be a bumper affair with about 121 motorcycles turning up on the day. The classic motorcycle club and 100 club turned out in force and there were also a large number of Harley Davidsons on show. The rear parking was being used for the cars and the parking was full. By 12:30 parking was exclusively on the verge only. There was a DJ, a bike accessory stand and lots and lots of visitors.

There was also a show running in the hall, which was of the historical motorcycle racing at the Roy Hesketh circuit. This was enjoyed by a hall full of eager visitors.

The usual prize situation is a single prize for the best on show. For motorcycle day a raffle was held with several prizes available. There were also several prizes handed out for special contributions to the day. It has been a long while since we have seen so many people at the club.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the day, helped with the organization of the day as well as all those who took part and made the day as special as it was. A special thanks must go out to all the ladies and gents who were providing the food as well as the brave barmen who held the crowds at bay during the day.

Italian cars and Ford car day are coming up in October and November respectively. These are historically well attended days with a lot of participation from outside clubs. We look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Gillian

Moist Banana and Carrot Cake

Ingredients

140g (250ml) self raising flour or add 5ml baking powder
5ml bicarb of soda
150g (180ml) brown sugar, firmly packed
10ml cinnamon
80g (250ml) finely grated carrot
250ml mashed ripe banana
50g (125ml) chopped walnuts or raisins
125ml oil (sunflower oil sufficient)
2 eggs beaten

Icing (Sugar Icing)

260g icing sugar
55ml cold water
Mix icing sugar and water until smooth and pour over cake once the cake is cool.
(or use butter icing with almond essence)

Method

Line the base of a greased 20cm ring cake pan with kitchen paper.
Combine the first seven ingredients.
Add oil and eggs.
Microwave on HIGH for 8 minutes.
Allow to cool and turn out onto cake plate.
Decorate with icing as desired.

THE FIND OF A LIFE-TIME: 1955 MERCEDES-BENZ ALLOY BODIED GULLWING FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

In the Old Car world one often hears of exceptional finds, but not everyone gets as lucky as Rudi Koniczek. Early this year he unearthed one of the rarest cars in the world from over 40 years of dusty storage in a rat-infested garage at a home in Santa Monica in California. It is a 1955 Mercedes-Benz alloy bodied gullwing coupe. In the 1950s, the Mercedes-Benz factory produced 29 special lightweight alloy bodied gullwing coupes with Plexiglass windows. These have become among the world's most valuable collector cars, worth about \$2.5 million each. Until the beginning of 2013, only 28 of these alloy-bodied cars were accounted for. The whereabouts of No. 29 was one of the great mysteries of the classic car world. Rudi Koniczek, who is a restorer of Mercedes-Benz cars, had heard about a gullwing that had been stored in a garage in Santa Monica. He decided to follow-up the story and eventually traced the owner, Tom Wellmer, a man in his late 80's, whose garage, where the car was stored, was so cluttered-up with old computers that no one knew there was a rare car underneath all the rubbish. Tom had received the new 1955 special alloy Mercedes-Benz Gullwing coupe in New York as a graduation gift from his parents. He drove it into the 1970s until the gearbox broke. Then he put the car on jacks, took off the wheels and bonnet and removed the gearbox. In this way it became buried under computers over the next 40 years. Rudi Koniczek has now purchased the car from the original owner and hopes to start the restoration of the "missing" alloy-bodied 300SL early next year. The original owner, Tom Wellmer's only stipulation made in selling the car was for it to be given a full restoration to look as it did when he took delivery of it in 1955.

June 2013 *Autonews*



MARQUES THROUGH THE AGES

Baby-Brousse

Very few African car companies have manufactured their own original cars. Some have based their car on an established engine but the car produced is unique to them. The usual approach is to base engineer vehicles under license.

The Baby-Brousse is an example of the former approach. It was built using the Citroën 2CV chassis and engine. The body was made of folded sheet steel with the other parts bolted together. There was no welding done on the vehicle.

It was created in 1963 by Mr Letquin and Mr Lechanteurin in Abidjan in the Ivory Coast. They owned les Ateliers et Forges de l'Ebrié. The car was produced from 1963 to 1987.

The car was badge engineered in several countries, appearing under the names Dalat, Mehari, Yag'an and Pony.

In style the car was very much a buggy with four seats and no doors. The windscreen also folded down. The Baby-Brousse was considered robust and economical. Modifications were made over the years.

In 1973, a road trip called the Safari Soleil was undertaken by a fleet of Baby-Brousses. The trip went from Paris to Abidjan in the Ivory Coast and was run on the coast of the Gulf of Guinea. This entailed travelling through the Saharan Desert, which is considered the most inhospitable terrain on earth after Antarctica. One has only to watch television reports of the Paris-Dakar rally to begin to appreciate the challenges the cars faced. This has to be a true test of the resilience of those little 4X4's.

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TAILPIECE

WHEN I SAY I 'M BROKE - I 'M BROKE!

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day to be confronted by a well dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner. 'Good morning,' said the young man. 'If I could take a couple minutes of your time,

I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners. "Go away!" said the old lady. "I'm broke and haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open...

"Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet. Now if this vacuum does not clean all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

The old lady stepped back and said, "Well let me get you a fork, 'cause they cut off my electricity this morning."

Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.



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