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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, Oriibi 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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EDITORIAL

Welcome to winter. The cold and chills have arrived with a vengeance. Thank goodness for those occasional warm days.

Our new financial year has started and John is working on the subs invoices. Please can all the members make an effort to pay in good time. It is no fun for the committee to be chasing for subs money late into the year.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of two club members. Early in June, Jane du Bois (Lloyd's wife) passed away suddenly. Later in the month Tony Dekker also passed away. We express our most sincere condolences to their families and friends.

I would like to remind the members that in July we have a hobbies day and boot sale at bonnets up. Please come and display your hobby or collectables. It can be anything (as long as it fits in the clubhouse), not necessarily car related items. Alternatively you can put a table out, open your boot etc and take the opportunity to sell some of those extra items that are bouncing around the house or garage. We seem to have had less participation over the last couple of years and need some rejuvenation in the effort. On a related matter, thanks to those who provided advice on my small technical glitch I had last month. We never stop learning – especially where computers are concerned.

We have had some clarification regarding themes this month. We usually have a clash between events and the turnout at Ford Day can be low. We reserved finalization of the calendar until we had some clarity on the rest of the Ford calendar. Motorcycles and Ford day are now locked in place.

I must also thank those who drop me an email pointing out corrections and/or omissions in the newsletter. I am very grateful to have eyes and ears out there that can help me in keeping the info in the newsletter as accurate as possible. It is most sincerely appreciated.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank all those who send me contributions for the newsletter. It goes a long way in keeping the wheels greased. If your joke is just a step too far for publishing I get a good laugh out of the mail.

See you at bonnets up.

Gillian

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

ON THE COVER

John Wilsworth's 2002 Mazda MX5.

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'

July 4<sup>th</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 25<sup>th</sup>. August 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup>.

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: 'Bonnets 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 bonnets Up which becomes 4<sup>th</sup> weekend if 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Sunday

## PAST EVENTS

### June

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. No Theme

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Sunday Lunch.

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

**RED BOLD** - Depicts VSCC Club Events

**ITALIC** - Depicts other Events

### July

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. Hobbies day and boot sale

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Regular Club Outing. Breakfast at Celtis Kloof Nursery, order from menu, pay individually as per order, no set charge.

### August

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. AGM at 14h00

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August: The Jock Leyden Memorial Run

## Bonnets up Events 2014

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| JANUARY   | EUROPEAN CARS             |
| FEBRUARY  | AMERICAN CARS             |
| MARCH     | SPORTS CARS               |
| APRIL     | NO THEME                  |
| MAY       | NO THEME                  |
| JUNE      | NO THEME                  |
| JULY      | HOBBIES DAY AND BOOT SALE |
| AUGUST    | AGM / NO THEME            |
| SEPTEMBER | MOTORCYCLES               |
| OCTOBER   | ITALIAN CARS              |
| NOVEMBER  | FORD DAY                  |
| DECEMBER  | NO THEME                  |

Please note that all cars/bikes are welcome regardless of the theme. Feel free to display your classics on the front lawn every month.

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Members

We welcome several new members to the club. They are: William and Francis Sproule from Pietermaritzburg, James Simpson from Pietermaritzburg, Billy Cameron from Pietermaritzburg, Johan and Lynda Goosen from Pietermaritzburg, Peter Grasson from Pietermaritzburg, Cookie and Minnesh Harichand from Pietermaritzburg, Stephen Peate from Merrivale, Johan Gravett from Pietermaritzburg, Miles Chisnall from Pietermaritzburg, and Sandy and Quentin Doyle from Hilton.

## 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.

|                             |              |                                                                              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mike Westray                | 072 244 4272 | <a href="mailto:mikewestray@gmail.com">mikewestray@gmail.com</a>             |
| Robin Phipson               | 033-345 0061 | <a href="mailto:phipson@wandata.com">phipson@wandata.com</a>                 |
| Saxon Murray.               |              |                                                                              |
| Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac) |              | <a href="mailto:tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za">tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za</a> |

### **The Jock Leyden Memorial Run**

The VCC is again organising this popular event to be held on 17 August 2014. Vehicles eligible to compete for the Jock Leyden Trophy are motorcycles and motor cars of a vintage with a cut-off date of 31/12/1945. The participation of other SAVVA affiliated clubs is encouraged and all vehicles must be SAVVA dated to compete for the trophy. All other vehicles, up to 1990, may enter and will be classified separately.

The intention is to encourage those members who own a golden-oldie to have some fun with like-minded enthusiasts however due to small entry numbers in recent years a category for vehicles up to 1990 has been included. Feedback from past events indicates a preference for a laidback, not too serious fun run. So this will be the theme. As in the past, the Pietermaritzburg VSCC will open its doors to participants where the run will start.

There will be two parts to the route schedule. The first bringing all entrants to the morning tea venue. The cost of this interlude will be sponsored by the VCC. The second part of the route will end at the VCC in Kloof in time for a braai and the bar will be open. Braai fires will be lit so please bring your picnic baskets

We really believe this will be a great event, so if you own a vehicle that qualifies, please support this year's Jock Leyden run. For more information as well as entry and indemnity forms please contact Graham Hossack on 0836775122 or e-mail [grahamhossack@telkomsa.net](mailto:grahamhossack@telkomsa.net).





# VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB

PIETERMARITZBURG

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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

## 29th Fairest Cape Tour and 2014 SAVVA National

The CVMC has pleasure in extending an invitation to all SAVVA clubs to participate in the 29th Fairest Cape Tour and the SAVVA National. Entries are now open and will close on the 10th September 2014

To our friends up-country, we have some scenic and quiet roads in the Western Cape that are beyond compare, especially for older vehicles - plus you can have a mini holiday in the beautiful Cape at a most reasonable cost.

For locals who have not previously participated in this event you will be enjoying roads you may not have travelled before, in the company of like-minded souls. This is a great recipe for fun and camaraderie.

Documentation is available on the CVMC website at <http://www.cvmc.co.za> or can be obtained by mail or email from the event secretary, Eddie Kirkwood - email address [fairestcapetour@gmail.com](mailto:fairestcapetour@gmail.com) or (h) 021 7122934 and (mobile) 082 5684913. Note well that proof of either balance of third party or comprehensive vehicle insurance is now required. We will accept a scanned copy as proof. If not insured, you should include payment of R50 on the appropriate form which will provide cover to and from and during the event.

We require only documents 3 through to 7 i.e Entry Form/s, Financial/Accommodation, Assistance and Drivers Declaration. These can be faxed to 086 7191820 or scanned and emailed. NOTE there are two entry forms – choose either entry form for FCT or entry form for SAVVA National.

Please respond to Eddie if you intend participating – the documentation can follow. This will help in estimating our numbers and will be much appreciated.

The weather should be stunning in November. We look forward to your participation in the event and would love to see you there.

Kind regards

Gavin Allison (Clerk of the Course)  
082 3354005  
email: [fairestcapetour@gmail.com](mailto:fairestcapetour@gmail.com)

Eddie Kirkwood (Event Secretary and Treasurer)  
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082 5684913  
Fax 086 7191820

A man's car stalled on a country road one morning. When the man got out to fix it, a cow came along and stopped beside him. "Your trouble is probably in the carburetor," said the cow.

Startled, the man jumped back and ran down the road until he met a farmer. The amazed man told the farmer his story.

"Was it a large red cow with a brown spot over the right eye?" asked the farmer.

"Yes, yes," the man replied.

"Oh! I wouldn't listen to Bessie," said the farmer. "She doesn't know a thing about cars."





**OVS VETERAAN MOTORKLUB**  
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**THE 2014 C & F Motor Spares**  
**Claudi van Rooyen Memorial**  
**RENDEZVOUS TOUR**

**(FOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE JANUARY 1981)**

*Hosted by the Free State Veteran Car Club from **12 – 14 September 2014**, in the picturesque Eastern Free State area, with accommodation at the Victorian themed Cranberry Cottage in Ladybrand.*

*As with previous Rendezvous Tours hosted by our Club, the two day competitive event, at an extremely reasonable cost, will emphasize usage of the old cars and kindle new and existing relationships. We would like to request owners with older cars, to make a concerted effort to participate.*

*Those not interested in the formal reliability run, may enter as non-competitors, allowing them to enjoy their old cars on the open road. Entry forms available on our website from 1 July 2014 ([www.fsvcc.co.za](http://www.fsvcc.co.za)).*



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## THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

### **SAVVA Technical Tip 86 Glass Fuses**

Apparently an old problem has raised its ugly head again.

A year or two ago an enthusiast had serious electrical problems and, after considerable aggravation and cost, found the problem to be a faulty glass fuse. It now appears these fuses are on the market again.

Whether they are new or old stock – who knows, however we suggest that if you are going to use them you check them out before using them. In the past, fuses typical of those made in England, had a hole at each end through which the fuse wire passed and was securely soldered on the outside of the caps. On these questionable fuses the wire is soldered to the inside of the caps. Obviously, every now and then, something goes wrong on the production line resulting in the wire not being soldered securely to the cap.

We don't have much choice but to use these new fuses as they seem to be the only ones available. However, if you have any of the old types lying around we suggest you consider "rebuilding" the old fuses by fitting them with new fuse wire. It's a simple exercise unsoldering and removing the old "blown" wire and soldering a new piece in its place. The problem may be finding suitable fuse wire but if you scratch around you'll find it at the older hardware stores. Don't use ordinary electric wire as fuse wire is a special wire.

The picture shows a typical soldered fuse and a new type.



## 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.*

- **PMB Carburettor Centre:** Contact Robin on 033-3450061 for all carb and distributor spares and repairs back to about 1920. If they haven't got it, they can usually make it, or import it. Proper computerised gas flow rig also available for test/development purposes for anything through which gasses or liquids flow.
- **Silver Wings:** For silver plating and expert welding, soldering and brazing repairs. Polishing of brass, copper, aluminium and stainless steel. Contact Robin or Sue on 033-3453650.
- **Magneto Repairs:** Offered by Rod Thomas of Waterfall. He can be contacted on 031-762 1509 or 073-365 6494
- **Gearbox Shoppe:** Gearbox and diff specialists. 14 MacFarlane Street, PMB. Contact Graham Keir. Phone 033-3427543 / Fax 033 -3450479 / Cell 0828938782.
- **Silverton radiators.** Radiators, auto air-conditioning and fuel tanks - sales, service and repairs. 299 Boom Street, Pietermaritzburg. 033 3422604.
- **Piston rings** of any size made up to suit your engine. – H.W.Godwin & Son. Phone: 011-622 2546. Speak to Andrew or David.
- **Peter Malherbe** does very good job of making up brake hoses - any type. Phone 082 682 8142
- **Colour restoration** and repair of leather – vinyl – plastic – velour, and carpets. Contact: Sonette van Niekerk. 033 330 3352.
- **Wood burnt Art:** Commissions undertaken, portraiture, ethnic, plus the Big 5 Showroom: 524 Bulwer Street, Pietermaritzburg. Tel: (033) 342 2513
- **Old car engine Spares.** "If it's available I'll find it for you." Telephone Lionel on 072 146 9543. Cape Town.
- **B-Secure:** For your alarm and security needs contact B-Secure on (033) 3424 222.

A farmer was milking his cow. He was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into the barn and started circling his head. Suddenly, the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it, until the bug squirted out into his bucket. It went in one ear and out the udder.

## FOR SALE

- \*\*1989 Vespa 200cc Scooter. Has done 45 000 km. In running order, but needs small things fixed.eg. fuel gauge.R5 000. Contact Jack Frost on 033 3460 297 or 082 6888 499.
- \*Recently renovated Ross style MG B wheels with tyres. R3 000.00 or NCO. Contact Koos Vorster on 083 4537865.

## WANTED

- \*\*\*1947/8 Dodge bonnet (both halves). Please contact Wynand at 083 3972390.
- \*\*\*A centre stand for a swinging arm Separate gearbox B-Series BSA motorcycle. Contact Martin Watson on 076 6787686.
- \*\*\* For Datsun 140 Y. Left and right front park / Indicator lights that fit under the front bumper and one 140 Y badge that fits behind the rear door and one speedo cluster. Please contact Derrick on 033-3865081 or 083 3964179
- \*CENTRE STAND, preferably with all bits & pieces for mid-fifties BSA B31/B33 or A7/A10. Contact John 083 6370800
- \*Can anyone help with the following spares:  
Wanted for 1965 Rover 2000 - 4 cylinder SC  
Spare wheel  
Jacking point rubber bungs  
Letter V off the boot  
Radio Speaker cover  
Working speedo unit  
Door lock plastic pull  
Red carpets - for a manual box  
Rubber washers for engine tie bar NOT poly  
Screen washer bottle and motor  
Plastic heater lever handle  
Phone William on 083 232 0798

A man is driving down a country road, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass. He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing.  
The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks him, "Ah excuse me mister, but what are you doing?"  
The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize."  
"How?" asks the man, puzzled.  
"Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize . . . to people who are out standing in their field."

# **Hobbies Day and Boot Sale**

12 July 2014



VSCC Clubhouse

**All hobbies welcome**



# Bike Chatter

## Yamaha

Yamaha was created in July 1955 in Japan. The motorcycle market was challenging and competitive when the company was started. About 150 manufacturers were competing for sales at the time, with many closing shop.

Yamaha made a splash on the market by producing an eye catching chestnut red machine which was nicknamed the Red Dragonfly. The bikes performance was demonstrated in competition when it took top places in races.

The YD-1 model produced in 1957 made a model that produced a compact and easy-to-ride body size that fitted the Japanese physique. It was the company's first two cylinder model. A sports version was released in 1959. In 1963 the YG-1 model was made available. It was a model with several developments including waterproof brakes and megaphone-type silencers.

Trail bikes were developed from 1968 starting with the DT-1. It was responsible for starting the trail bike genre of bikes. It was developed specifically for off road racing. The company continued this pioneering spirit by introducing the FT-1, the first "mini trail" bike.

In 1970 a four stroke model was produced aimed at road racing as well as off road racing. A desert race endurance machine also developed. The technical developments and power of the bikes was making waves in the racing scene and created enthusiasm worldwide.

In the 1980's Yamaha made an even bigger splash in the international market. It was producing street legal versions of the sports models as well as developing models that were focusing on longer distance cruising. This was important in the American market. This was taking place while the company was thriving in the racing circuits.

This only further enhanced in the 1990's. Yamaha won six Paris-Dakar rallies in the decade and among its developments, it produced the much celebrated YZF-R1.

The company's success has continued into the new century and is showing no signs of stopping.

This article was written with reference to "The Complete Encyclopedia of Classic Motorcycles" by Mirco De Cet.

*Gillian*



## ANAGRAM PUZZLE

I have compiled some anagrams for you to decipher. If you rearrange the letters you will come out with the make of a car.

- 1 A HUT AIDS
  - 2 A MALE ROOF
  - 3 AIMS TEAR
  - 4 BYE LENT
  - 5 DIAL CALC
  - 6 GAME PAIR HAG
  - 7 I PUSH RUG OR ROBE
  - 8 LONE READ
  - 9 NOT RICE
  - 10 NUMB SEA
  - 11 REAL NUT
  - 12 START ON MAIN
  - 13 TAG BUT I
  - 14 TOW JET
  - 15 VIALS
  - 16 VOLT CHEER
- .....

### Celebrating an event

An aged farmer and his wife were leaning against the edge of their pig-pen when the old woman wistfully recalled that the next week would mark their golden wedding anniversary.

"Let's have a party, Homer," she suggested. "Let's kill a pig."

The farmer scratched his grizzled head. "Gee, Ethel," he finally answered, "I don't see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago."

Q: Did you hear about the farmer who ploughed his field with a steamroller ?

A: He wanted to grow mash potatoes!

Q: What did the neurotic pig say to the farmer?

A: You take me for grunted.

Q: Why did the farmer call his pig "Ink"?

A: Because it was always running out of the pen.

Q: What do you call cattle with a sense of humor?

A: Laughing stock.

## 450 Cars for £100m

A car-obsessed dentist who has amassed Britain's biggest private car collection is selling the whole lot for £100 million.

James Hull, 53, who founded the James Hull Associates chain of dentists, owns more than 450 rare and classic cars, ranging from multi-million pound rare Jaguars to Winston Churchill's Austin, and a Bentley once owned by Elton John.

With no room to park them all near his home in Kensington, West London, he garages them in vast warehouses in Herefordshire, but has now decided to sell up because of health reasons.....maybe he gets carsick!!

None of the cars is cheap, but a buyer with particularly deep pockets is needed, because Dr Hull says he is determined to sell the 457-strong collection as a whole. He is hoping a buyer will come in with a £100 million-plus offer, making it the highest value car sale in Britain.

With cars represented from every decade since the 1930s, the collection includes a Jaguar D-Type, worth in excess of £4 million, a similarly valuable Jaguar C-Type, and Lord Mountbatten's Mini Traveller, as well as a super-rare 1950s Jaguar KXSS. The collection also includes a Humber which was owned by the judge presiding over the Profumo Affair and a 1961 Jaguar E-Type which belonged to Britain's world motorcycle champion Mike Hailwood.

Dr Hull, who made his fortune pioneering cosmetic dentistry in the UK, has battled cancer three times in the past four years, earning him the nickname Lazarus to friends. He travelled around the world to track down some of the rarer models in his collection, shipping them back to Britain and then having them stripped down before rebuilding them.

He said: 'It's the culmination of a life-long hobby. Each car has its own story and all have played a part in the history of British motoring. It's part of our heritage. I'm merely a passionate custodian of this hugely significant part of British history and, with luck, I will succeed in finding a home that can not only be enjoyed and treasured by the British public but also be admired by visitors from across the world.'

A number of Dr Hull's cars have appeared at motor shows around the world, competed in the Mille Miglia Italian road-race, and even been used for the Queen's 80th birthday parade. There are also dozens of cars which have won concours awards, and a collection of British campervans from the 1940s, 50s and 60s, as well as early Land Rovers, classic Range Rovers, and a Sinclair C5 from the 1980s. The collection, which is being sold privately, has already had a 'huge amount of interest' from private buyers and consortia, from overseas as well as nearer to home, but Dr Hull hopes it will remain in Britain.

Graham Searle, from the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club, said: 'Dr Hull is a well known Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club member with an immense passion for Jaguar cars. Most of his cars are very original or restored to original specification with great attention to detail, and over the years he must have won more concours awards than any other Jaguar collector. He does immense service to the classic car movement in keeping these cars in top condition, and the sale of the collection will attract

enormous interest from around the world. We of course hope that whoever buys them allows them to be seen and enjoyed by enthusiasts for years to come.'

James Hull made his money after founding James Hull Associates in 1987, becoming the market leader in cosmetic dentistry, specialising in teeth whitening, veneers and implants. He was devastated in 2006 when vandals broke into one of his warehouses, before hotwiring the Jaguars and crashing dozens of them. Police later said they had 'treated the cars like dodgems'.

Over the past decade, prices for classic cars have shot up, outperforming every other investment and sending the value of the collection soaring. If he finds a suitable buyer, Dr Hull will need a new hobby, but he's not yet sure what it will be. He said: 'I'm a collector, so who knows what will turn up next. My wife hopes it will be something smaller like stamps.'



## ANAGRAM PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

- |   |                 |    |              |
|---|-----------------|----|--------------|
| 1 | DAIHATSU        | 9  | CITROEN      |
| 2 | ALFA ROMEO      | 10 | SUNBEAM      |
| 3 | MASERATI        | 11 | RENAULT      |
| 4 | BENTLEY         | 12 | ASTON MARTIN |
| 5 | CADILLAC        | 13 | BUGATTI      |
| 6 | GRAHAM PAIGE    | 14 | JOWETT       |
| 7 | BROUGH SUPERIOR | 15 | ALVIS        |
| 8 | DE LOREAN       | 16 | CHEVROLET    |

# MARQUES THROUGH THE AGES

## Mazda

Mazda only began producing motorcars in 1960. It however was established in Hiroshima in 1920. Over the years it produced motorcycles, machine tools and drilling equipment and trucks. It did not start life named Mazda but was renamed by 1931 after its founder Jujior Matsuda as well as Mazda, the God of light. The company buildings managed to not get seriously damaged during the atomic bombing, but production was affected.

The first car produced in 1960 was a typical Japanese micro-car of the day. It was a two-seater coupé and could reach up to 90km/h. Over 20 000 were sold in the first year of production. The P-360 was produced two years later. It was a larger model, but was still classed in the micro range. It had a two or four door saloon option.

The design of the Familia introduced the maker to the full sized cars with a four door saloon. The model came in two-speed automatic as well as four-speed manual format. It was this model that made Mazda Japan's third biggest car manufacturer by the mid 1960's. Mazda sold over 80 000 cars in 1965.

In 1966 the 929 model was produced which was larger than the Familia. It was styled by Bertone. Both the Familia and 929 were available with a Wankel rotary engine which it built under licence from NSU as its own version. It overcame the rapid rotor-seal wear and had a following with many of the company's customers.

The Cosmo 110S was developed along with the Capella and Grand Familia. Engine choices were offered.

The rotary engine, despite its success with the company created financial problems. The choice of engine almost caused financial collapse. The company was saved by the bank. The Familia 323 was produced in 1975 in response to the crises. It was back to basics – cheap and reliable. It sold well and Mazda recovered. The choice of rotary engine was restricted from then on to upmarket or sporting models.

The RX-7 produced in 1978. It was a landmark model which was produced for over 20 years. The model developed into a twin-turbo design and was a rival for the Porsche 944.

In 1979 Ford bought 24% of Mazda's Parent Company. This led to co-operation between Ford and Mazda in car development from then on.

In the 80's and 90's styling became quite sleek on the models. The company has however retreated back into more conventional styling.

Mazda is a mainstay in today's range of vehicle makes and is one of the success stories.

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## TAILPIECE

### THE VENTRILOQUIST

A travelling ventriloquist on the road in between jobs decided to practice his craft before his next show. He stopped at a farmhouse and approached the farmer who lived there.

"Hello there, Mr. Farmer, I was just passing by and I was wondering if I might speak to your dog." The farmer replied, "Well, you know, dogs don't talk." The ventriloquist said, "You'd be surprised what a dog might tell you. Can I speak with him?"

The farmer, eyeing the ventriloquist suspiciously, called his dog. "Hi there, Mr. dog," said the ventriloquist. "How does the farmer treat you?" To which the dog replied, "Oh, he's great! He throws a stick for me, scratches my belly, and I just love him!!" Needless to say, the farmer was dumbfounded.

Wanting to see if he could fool the farmer again, the ventriloquist asked if he could speak with the farmer's horse. "Well, you know, horses don't talk." Again the ventriloquist said, "You'd be surprised what a horse might tell you."

So the farmer brought out his horse. "Say, Mr. Horse, how does the farmer treat you?" asked the ventriloquist. The horse then replied, "Oh, I think he's great. He feeds me oats, he puts a blanket over me at night, and I just love him!" Again the farmer was amazed.

Wanting to try his luck a third time, the ventriloquist said, "Mr. Farmer, would you like to hear what the sheep has to say about you?"

"Well," declared the farmer, "Sheep lie, ya' know."

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