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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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EDITORIAL

The end of the year is coming around again and just to remind you that Christmas is a few months away, the shops are once again in full decoration. Speaking of Christmas, the club Christmas party is at the end of November and the details are later in the newsletter. Please book your place at the Klink.

This month has been a bit of a disaster. Our printing arrangements are changing and in an attempt to phase into the new arrangements I have been trying to get the new printers up and running. I however have fallen foul of the windows 7 printer driver bug and have fallen rather behind. As a result, this newsletter is going out rather late. I also have a bit of a shortage of material so this month the newsletter is a little short.

There will be no newsletter in January but rather a bumper issue in December.

Please note that the club is closing after December bonnets up. There is a notice to this effect later on. Please also note that there is a change to the Klink arrangements. The Klink will no longer be open on Friday nights before bonnets up.

See you at the club.....

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

Martin Schofield's 1972 Lancia Fulvia that took the prize at bonnets up in October.

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

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'  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>. December 5<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

### October

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Italian Cars

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Regular Club Outing.** To be announced

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

**RED BOLD - Depicts VSCC Club Events**

***ITALIC - Depicts other Events***

### November

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Ford Day

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Regular Club Outing.** Run to Hennie Kritzinger's at Hopwood Farm. R50 a head. Meet at the club at 8:30 for the run.

### December

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** No theme

## **Bonnets up Events 2014**

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

Please note that all cars/bikes are welcome regardless of the theme

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Deceased

One of our members, Peter Smith passed away in late October. We offer condolences to his family and friends.

## 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.

The spares department is currently under reconstruction, and it is temporarily closed for business. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## Hoist

The rules for the use of the hoist are as follows:

1. The members use the hoist entirely at their own risk.
2. Members using the hoist must remove all old oils, fluids and cleaning materials from the site after they have finished and leave the site in a clean and tidy condition.
3. Members wanting to use the hoist should contact Rodney Davidson at 033-3964471 to arrange a date and time.
4. The cost will be R20.00 per lift for VSCC members and R40 per lift for non members
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## 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

Robin Phipson    033-345 0061

Saxon Murray.

Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)

[mikewestray@gmail.com](mailto:mikewestray@gmail.com)

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# VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB

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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

## Lost Property

Recently when we were cleaning out the Voyager we found a packet under the front seat which we think might have been put there by someone working in the registration tent at Cars in the Park.

The Checkers packet contained:

- A narrow silky orange scarf with black lines along the borders
- Curved black sunglasses
- Red rimmed prescription glasses with a maroon cord attached to the arms
- And a small rectangular black purse.
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If it is yours contact Aisne (083 273 7122) and Fred (083 273 7122) Rascher

## Friday Night Klink

Please note that with effect from November 2014 the Klink will not be open on Friday night before bonnets up. The barman needs some time off.

## Christmas Shutdown

Please note that the club will be closing after bonnets up in December 2014 and will be reopening on bonnets up in January 2015.

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### **True Stories from Travel Agencies**

A client called in inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

I got a call from a woman who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information when she interrupted me with "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts. "Without trying to make her look like the stupid one, I calmly explained, "Capecod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa." Her response ... click.

"A woman called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-cola on one of those computer planes." I asked if she meant to fly to Pensacola on a commuter plane. She said, "Yeah, whatever."

I had someone ask for an aisle seat so that their hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20am and got into Chicago at 8:33am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

**MENU – VSCC CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**29th NOVEMBER 2014 - 7PM**

**R80.00 per person**  
**(R50 per person for members)**



**Bookings by the latest Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**MAINS**

Roast Gammon  
Chicken in Sherry Cream sauce  
Rice & Gravy  
Rolls  
Baby Parsley Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Carrots

**DESSERT**

Fresh Fruit Salad, Ice Cream & Custard  
Tea and Coffee

**Please do your bookings at the bar with Klink or Junior**



## SERVICES

*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](mailto:Hubert@worldonline.co.za)
- **Batteries** 6, 8 and 12 volt, all sizes manufactured, **Battery House**, 033 394 1224 Pietermaritzburg.
- **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.

A group of Americans was touring Ireland. One of the women in the group was a real curmudgeon, constantly complaining. The bus seats are uncomfortable. The food is terrible. It's too hot. It's too cold. The accommodations are awful. The group arrived at the site of the famous Blarney Stone. "Good luck will be followin ya all your days if you kiss the Blarney Stone," the guide said. "Unfortunately, it's being cleaned today and so no one will be able to kiss it. Perhaps we can come back tomorrow." "We can't be here tomorrow," the nasty woman shouted. "We have some other boring tour to go on. So I guess we can't kiss the stupid stone." "Well now," the guide said, "it is said that if you kiss someone who has kissed the stone, you'll have the same good fortune." "And I suppose you've kissed the stone," the woman scoffed. "No, ma am," the frustrated guide said, "but I've sat on it."

## FOR SALE

- **\*\*\***Kevard sports car. Body and chassis in very good condition. Needs BMW 325i running gear. Price R40000 onco. Available in Howick KZN. Citroen approximately 1950 front wheel drive. Needs restoring, good body, most spares plus manual available (list of spares available on request). Available in Howick KZN. Price R40000 onco.  
Contact Basil Speed on 033 3307713 or 0764060408 or E-mail [magandbas@telkomsa.net](mailto:magandbas@telkomsa.net)
- **\*\*\***1964 Renault Caravelle Convertible – Rear Engine – 1100. Original condition except rims, Hard Top.  
According to the current owner there are only 12 on the road in SA.  
Selling at R115 000. For more info call us or come view the car.  
We have more photos if you wish to view.  
Contact Renato on Tel:031 7643414 or Email: [marketing@car-go.co.za](mailto:marketing@car-go.co.za)
- **\*\*\***1981 BMW R100 motorcycle, in good running order. Contact Bryan Parsons @ [bap48@hotmail.co.za](mailto:bap48@hotmail.co.za)
- **\*\***Jaguar XJ6 1972 4.2 licenced. In daily use and good condition. R33000 .contact Ian 0832657938
- **\*\***Overlocker sewing machine, Empisal model 437D, working order – as new. R500-00. Phone ; 082 859 6376
- **\*\***Gedore combination spanner sets and hand tools eg. Vicegrips, pliers etc. Crescent shifters from 18” to 2” set all in almost new condition.  
Phone 031 701 2176 or 083 788 7434 or email [budventer@gmail.com](mailto:budventer@gmail.com).
- **\***1937 Vauxhall 12/4. It is fully Licenced and road worthy. Well it has an S registration. It recently went for some minor restoration work and a few parts in the engine that needed to be manufactured. Brian Style assisted me. I also have all the slips to proof. It has the original 1937 Vauxhall owner's Manual. Asking price is R 90 000,00 I am negotiable. Contact Charl Coetzee on 071 737 3676 or [CharlC@react.co.za](mailto:CharlC@react.co.za).



## WANTED

- **\*** Distributor and cam followers for 1959 Zephyr Mk 2. Any other spares would also be welcome. Contact Henk Groenewald on 082 577 3628



# Bike Chatter

## Bike News for the Hornblower – Period Ending September 2014

### **Annual Bike Display and Blood Drive:**



The annual Bike Display and Blood Drive was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September with both old and new bikes displayed by their proud owners. SANBS collected 21 units which exceeded expectations.

Sincere thanks to all who attended and supported this event.



### **Mid-Month Ride to Byrne Valley:**

Andre and Mandy Maree hosted the mid-month ride to The Hamptons Wildlife Care Centre, a sanctuary for Vervet monkeys and other wildlife which are rehabilitated and released back into the wild by James and Jan Hampton. This dedicated couple use their UK pensions to fund the centre and for the last 14 years have rescued and reared approximately 600 orphaned Vervets. This does not include the birds and other wildlife they often have to deal with.



The centre is registered and permitted by Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife to carry out this work. The South African NSPCA has also inspected the premises and the centre is recommended by them as the primary Centre in KwaZulu-Natal to take neo-natal Vervet babies. They are also members of the Primates Ecology and Genetics Group (PEGG) which is based in the United States.

Lunch was provided by our hosts and the proceeds amounting to R2300 donated to the sanctuary along with boxes of fruit and vegetables donated by Arnie and Pam Haywood. Thanks to all who participated and supported this worthy cause.

### **October Mid-Month Ride to Sakabhula Country Lodge:**



The pre-ride / social meeting will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October and mid-month ride on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Our hosts are Johan and Lynda Goosen who will lead the ride via Richmond to Sakabhula Country Lodge in Thornville where breakfast will be served on arrival at a cost of R60 per person. Participants to

meet at KFC Armitage Road at 8am (total ride 125 kms). All welcome.

*100's Riders are committed to safer, slower riding and it is compulsory for all participants to ride with a high-viz jacket or vest. It should also be noted that we do not consume any alcohol on 100's Group Rides.*

## Some travel jokes

As a guy takes his seat on an airplane, he is surprised to find a parrot strapped in next to him.

After taking off, the flight attendant comes around to serve the passengers on the plane.

The guy asks the flight attendant for a coffee and the parrot squawks: "And get ME a coke...NOW!"

The flight attendant, flustered by the parrot's attitude, brings back a coke for the parrot.

However, she forgets the coffee for the guy.

As the guy points this out, the parrot drains his glass and screams:

"Get me another coke or I'll really create a scene!"

Quite upset, the attendant comes back shaking, with another coke, but still no coffee. Irritated at her forgetfulness, the man decides to try the parrot's approach.

"I've asked you twice for a coffee. Go and get it right now, or I'll create a scene that will make HIS look like a Victorian tea party!"

The next moment, both the guy and the parrot are grabbed and thrown out of the emergency exit by two burly security guards.

Hurling towards earth, the parrot turns to him and says: "You're pretty cheeky for a guy who can't fly!"

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A woman called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Hippopotamus, New York" The agent was at a loss for words. Finally, the agent: "Are you sure that's the name of the town?" "Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the customer. After some searching, the agent came back with, "I'm sorry, ma'am, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a Hippopotamus anywhere." The customer retorted, "Oh don't be silly. Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" The agent scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?" "That's it! I knew it was a big animal!"

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As we waited just off the runway for another airliner to cross in front of us, some of the passengers were beginning to retrieve luggage from the overhead bins. The head attendant announced on the intercom, This aircraft is equipped with a video surveillance system that monitors the cabin during taxiing. Any passengers not remaining in their seats until the aircraft comes to a full and complete stop at the gate will be strip-searched as they leave the aircraft.

# MARQUES THROUGH THE AGES

## Vauxhall

Vauxhall was established in Britain in 1857 in order to produce marine engines under the name Vauxhall Iron Works.

In 1903 it produced its first car. They did not rest on their laurels though. In 1904 an improved model was released. 1905 bought a move to a new factory in Luton.

The company focused on the manufacture of mainstream lower income cars, but it has occasionally embarked on the manufacture of some more exotic models. An example is the 30/98 Prince Henry. It stayed in production from 1913 to 1928, receiving updates from time to time.

In 1925 the company was facing financial problems. General Motors, already strongly present in Britain, bought the company in 1926. Their influence was soon reflected in the models.

Vauxhall was one make that did not drag its heels when it came to keeping up with technology. Unitary Construction and torsion-bar front suspension was in use by 1937. By 1939 hydraulic brakes were standard. Post WWII a move was made towards the larger cars, however in 1963 Vauxhall returned to the small car market with the Viva. It was made as a rival to the Ford Anglia and was nippy on the road. It proved to be a good move, as it was a big seller for the company. It was also updated and restyled.

In 1975 General Motors influence was once again apparent when the Chevette was produced. It was a restyled version of the Opel Kadett. Opel was a German subsidiary of General Motors. It sold in various incarnations for eight years. The Cavalier, also produced in 1975 was a modified Opel Ascona.

The company began producing front-wheel-drive cars in 1980. Initially it was the Astra Model, followed by the Cavalier in 1981 and the Nova in 1983. Diesel engines also became an option on the vehicles.

The Opel influence continued in the executive class models with Opels being rebadged as the Carlton, Viceroy and Royale.

The cars were restyled in 1984 to make the cars more friendly.

In 1990 another breakthrough was made when the company ventured into the production of four-wheel drives. The Frontera was actually a Vauxhall built Isuzu. The Monterey was a bigger model but was actually a rebadged Isuzu Trooper, imported into Britain. These models however did not provide much competition for the established Land Rover and Nissan models.

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

*Gillian*

## TAILPIECE

An American touring Spain stopped at a local restaurant following a day of sightseeing. While sipping his sangria, he noticed a sizzling, scrumptious looking platter being served at the next table. Not only did it look good, the smell was wonderful. He asked the waiter, "What is that you just served?" The waiter replied, " Ah senior, you have excellent taste! Those are bulls testicles from the bull fight this morning. A delicacy!" The American, though momentarily daunted, said, "What the hell, I m on vacation! Bring me an order!" The waiter replied, "I am so sorry senior. There is only one serving per day because there is only one bull fight each morning. If you come early tomorrow and place your order, we will be sure to save you this delicacy!" The next morning, the American returned, placed his order, and then that evening he was served the one and only special delicacy of the day. After a few bites, and inspecting the contents of his platter, he called to the waiter and said, "These are delicious, but they are much, much smaller than the ones I saw you serve yesterday!" The waiter shrugged his shoulders and replied, "Si senior. Sometimes the bull wins."

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**Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.**

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