

The Hornblower

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Vintage Sports Car Club



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P O Box 11709, Dorpspruit, Pietermaritzburg 3206

“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

Our big day is looming...yes Cars in The Park is almost here and I am sure Carl will be heaving a big sigh of relief. A lot has gone into the planning of the day so let's get behind him and his dedicated team and support Cars in the Park.

We have a bumper line up of events coming up. There are plenty of notices in the newsletter regarding them.

We are trying to get members to wear name badges at events so please read the notice regarding name badges if you need one.

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

Greg Ridgway's 1957 100/6 Austin Healey which won him a prize at last month's Bonnets up.

BREAKFAST RUN REVIEW

Our breakfast run in April was to Dunaverty B&B on the Otto's Bluff road. We had a great time and there was a seemingly endless supply of food. The access road is a little on the rough side so your low slung classic may not be the best car to get there. Based on the reports from those who attended I think it can be said that the B&B comes well recommended.

www.dunaverty.co.za

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 (please note name change, It is no longer Madeleine Wiese.)

For Full comprehensive cover

Contact person - Glenn Broadhurst or Yolande Erasmus at FNB Insurance Brokers

Phone - 087 736 2222

Fax - 011 699 0783

E-mail- yerasmus@fnb.co.za

MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions 2014/2015 Club Year (based on Membership type & due 1 July).

Full Member	R240 including SAVVA fee
Full member plus spouse/partner	R300 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.

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'

May 22nd. 29th. June 5th. 19th. 26th.

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 4th weekend if 1st falls on a Sunday)

PAST EVENTS

April 2015

Saturday 11th April: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. No theme

Sunday 19th April: Breakfast Run. To a Dunaverty B&B on the Otto's Bluff road. R55 per person. Meet at club 8:00 for 8:30 departure.

COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

RED BOLD - Depicts VSCC Club Events

ITALIC - Depicts other Events

May 2015

Saturday 9th May: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. No theme

Sunday 17th May: Cars in the Park

June 2015

Saturday 13th June: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. No theme

Tuesday 16th June: Golden Oldies & Classics - see page 8

Sunday 21st June: To be announced

Sunday 28th June: Karkloof Car Morning - see page 10

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

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deceased

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Roy Hemingway, one of our long standing club members. He passed on 25 March. We wish his family our sincere condolences.

New Members

We would like to introduce two new members to the club. Thomas Ireland and Jenny Saayman of Pietermaritzburg and Donald and Ellen Smale also from Pietermaritzburg. Welcome.

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.

Club Members Name Badges

We will be placing an order soon for name badges. If you do not have a badge, please can you contact Ron Richmond on one of the following channels or leave your name with the barman at the Klink.

We also request that members wear their badges at club events.

Landline: 033 330 2563

Cell: 082 859 6376

Email: ron.ruth@telkomsa.net

Please specify whether you would prefer a magnetic or pin attachment.

Vehicles for hire

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

Mike Westray 072 244 4272

mikewestray@gmail.com

Robin Phipson 033-345 0061

hipson@wandata.com

Saxon Murray.

Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)

tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za



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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



THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE
ASSOCIATION

SAVVA Technical Tip 95 – Painting under windscreen rubber

We are often faced with painting under the windscreen rubbers when repainting a car and if not done properly it looks terrible. The answer is to remove the screens altogether, which on older cars invariably means replacing the rubbers – if they are available that is.

Here is a tip sent in by our painting guru from Cape Town, Alf Dolt:

When respraying a car removing the glass is for one reason or another not always an option. Usually the rubber seals are masked, the car resprayed and when the masking tape is removed an unsightly ridge of paint forms as the paint lakes against the rubber seal.

This can be avoided as follows:

Lift the tip of the rubber seal up and push a piece of string (+/- 3mm) under the rubber right around the glass. This effectively holds the rubber away from the body as illustrated. Mask the rubber seal and spray area. In this way the paint is applied under the rubber. When dry remove the masking tape, then very carefully remove the string so as not to damage the rubber which will then settle on top of the new paint giving a perfect finish without an unsightly ridge.

GOLDEN OLDIES & CLASSICS

on show at

WATERFALL MALL

RUSTENBURG

16 JUNE 2015 • 08:00 ~ 13:00

Entrance Fee:

Adults	R30
Scholars	R15
Under 12's	FREE

**VRYHEID OLD WHEELS CLUB
SAVVA EDWARDIAN-VETERAN RALLY 2015
A RESTRICTED EVENT
KNOWN AS "JOZINI RHINO EVENT"
8 - 12 JULY 2015.
THE VENUE IS MVUBU GAME LODGE
NEAR JOZINI IN KZN**

This is an invitation to participate in the above Rally which is open to members of any club affiliated to SAVVA, with vehicles manufactured during the period 1st January 1905 - 31 December 1918. This is a once in a lifetime rally to break away from city life to enjoy a wildlife experience where it would be a great opportunity to share our passion for these remarkable old vehicles.

The entry forms and costs will be available towards the end of January 2015. Please note that one of the excursions would be a daytrip into Swaziland, where we will enjoy the hospitality of one of the sugar cane farmers of the area, and therefore you and anybody that accompanies you would require a valid passport. A limited number of entries are available due to accommodation restraints. If you would like to receive entry forms for this event please could you advise us by email to elise@bundunet.co.za by 19th January 2015. This will help in estimating our numbers and will be much appreciated.

Kind regards
Gordon Lemmon-Warde (Vice-Chairman)
Cell: 083 253 0176
Vryheid Old Wheels Club
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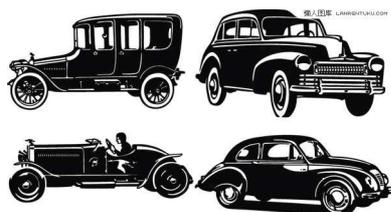
The Sunday Tribune 1000 Paws Walk for SPCA – 12th July 2015:

With five years of ever-increasing popularity, attendance and support, the SPCA's annual 1000 Paws Walk is firmly entrenched as a highlight of the KZN Midlands' events calendar. It's a relaxed day enjoyed by animal-lovers, outdoor activity fans, and families looking for a good time in beautiful, safe country surroundings. The fact that by attending, their good time supports the three SPCA branches of the area is a heightened appeal!

The 1000 Paws Walk is the major annual fundraising event for the three branches of the SPCA that cover the central Midlands region: the Pietermaritzburg, uMngeni (Howick) and Mooi River & District SPCAs. Between them, these societies work towards preventing cruelty to animals, including domestic pets, livestock, wildlife, birds, reptiles, fish – any living creature. Please note that the SPCA receives no funding from national government and all SPCA branches are required to source funding from their own communities to survive.

The event takes place on 12th July 2015 at Hilton College, bring all your friends and family and don't forget your favourite pooches! It promises to be a bumper one this year! Watch the press and other social media platforms for all the details!

KARKLOOF CAR MORNING



We have another day at the Karkloof polo fields for a car morning to coincide with the *Karkloof Polo Classic* which is the Premier tournament of the South African polo calendar and it all culminates to normally a very gripping final at about lunch time on that day.

So, if you have an iconic car or bike that provokes interest from total strangers on **every** outing and feelings of nostalgia from others, bring it along!

The aim of the get-together is to:

- Provide an opportunity to view and discuss each other's cars
- Take rides along the local roads (for those who want to)
- Keep the gathering populated by pure enthusiasts, not the general public.
- Encourage enthusiasts who fear damage/theft to their cars from the swarming hordes at public meets
- Have nothing commercial involved: no stalls selling anything
- Show any cars that provoke interest, are iconic, nostalgic and in roadworthy condition

Take exit the N3 onto the R103 towards Howick. From the *south*, cross the Umgeni River and at the 3rd traffic light take the Karkloof road *right*. From the *north*, pass the Greendale Acres Spar near the 1st set of traffic lights and at the 4th traffic light take the Karkloof road *left*. Follow the tar for 11km. Turn right towards Crammond/Albert Falls and turn left into the first gate *before* the clubhouse (there will be a sign "Car Meeting") and drive along the edge of the Polo grounds to the 4th field where we may park

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON THE OTHER FIELDS. THE FIELDS WILL BE CORDONED OFF.

Bring your own refreshments or support the Karkloof club. There will be full food and bar facilities that weekend.

From 9am to 12 noon Sunday 28 June 2015

A donation of R20 per car towards the upkeep of the grounds

Glenn Read glenn@oursecretgarden.co.za

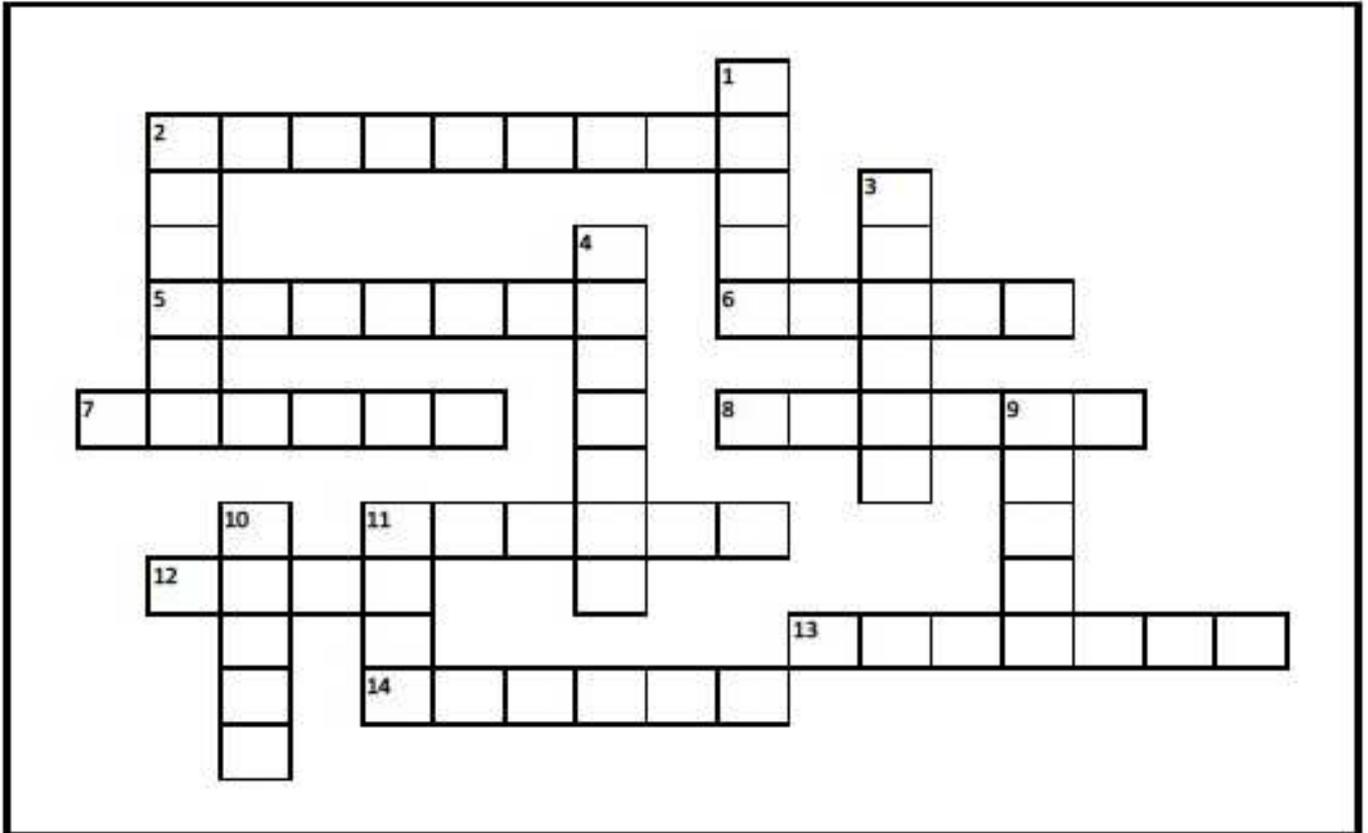
Noah started building several arks for various parts of animal kingdom. One was a split level job for all the fish – a multi-storey carp ark

What fish goes up the river at 100mph?...A motor pike

What happened to the frog's car when his parking meter expired?...It got toad

PUZZLE

NISSAN



ACROSS

- 2 Democratic ruler
- 5 Horizon
- 6 Not a cloud
- 7 A fleet of ships
- 8 A red fruit
- 11 Roman emblem of victory
- 12 Six sided body
- 13 An antelope
- 14 A subject of Mozarts opera

DOWN

- 1 Book of maps
- 2 Type of star
- 3 On top
- 4 A big cat
- 9 Rascal
- 10 A Mission
- 11 A plants lungs

The answers are models of the Nissan marque. Remember that the names are creative and don't always stick to correct English spelling. The answers are on the page 17.

SERVICES

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.

What whizzes along a riverbed on three wheels?...A motor-Pike and a side-Carp

Why did the whale cross the road?...To get to the other tide

Why did the dog jump into the sea?...He wanted to chase the catfish

FOR SALE

- ***Yesterday I had a look at and took a couple of photos of a **1972** (first registered 1973) **MGB GT** for sale here in Howick. It is a runner, but as I haven't driven the car, I can't report further except to say that it looks to be in fair condition and with some attention and TLC would be a good car. The car has been resprayed at some stage to the same light brown colour (probably 'Bronze yellow') but I haven't inspected it in enough detail to give a report on rust. I understand that the engine has been recently overhauled.

Engine No: 18V 582Y H 2954
Chassis/Vin No: GHD5 271580 G

If you are interested, please contact the owner, **Steve de Gaspary** on **033 330 8285**. Steve is at 3A, Umgeni Road, Howick. If you do consider taking matters further, I would recommend that you appoint Mike Berry to undertake a valuation.

- *****Golf scooter or disabled scooter** for sale. Price: R9000 neg.
Tel: 0343183970 Cell: 0711898620
- ****1928 Willys Whippet**. 6 cylinder S.V wooden wheels. Licensed and running. R80000.
1928 Chev. Two door 4 cylinder. OVH. Licensed and running. Disc wheels. R180000 or nearest offer.
Robin Inggs 072 202 6598
- ****1983 1.6 Sierra Sedan**. R12000 (or nearest offer). Phone Ken on 082 3734917

CARS IN THE PARK

The Cars in The Park website has been updated to include a stand layout of Cars in The Park 2105. The layout is subject to change as new data comes in but it will give you some idea of what to expect.

MUSEUM

We are looking for items for the club museum. If you have anything to date to the museum please could you contact Junior Fouche on 076 095 0449.

Does a dolphin ever do something by accident?...No, they do everything on porpoise

Which sea creatures come calling at Christmas?...Coral singers

Who has eight guns and terrorises the ocean?...Billy the Squid



Bike Chatter

Bike News

Valentine's Ride, 15 February 2015:

The Valentine's Ride was hosted by Billy and Charmaine Cameron who decorated the VSCC Hall beautifully with red hearts for the pre-ride meeting. The evening was made even more memorable with love songs by our very own Pete Grassouw, thanks Pete.

Unfortunately it was raining heavily on the morning of the ride and Billy decided to cancel in the interests of safety. Of course, as per Murphy's Law, he'd no sooner cancelled the ride when the sun made an appearance and it turned out to be a lovely day. As a result of this, the group have decided that future rides will still be held for those wanting to attend, whether it's in a car or on a bike. Here's to some great rides, rain or shine, in 2015.

A few friends attended the Cansa Shavathon event at Piggly Wiggly on the Midlands Meander and paid for some very strange hair-do's. Jammo provided the entertainment for the event. A good time was had by all and an amount of R1000 raised by our group for Cansa – well done to all those who participated.



Blue Haze Ride, 15 March 2015:

The March mid-month ride to Blue Haze Lodge was hosted by Neville and Jean Henderson and was well attended. The lodge provided a delicious buffet breakfast for the "carnivores" and a scrumptious vegetarian option for the "herbivores". The lodge overlooks Wagendrift Dam and is well worth a visit.

April Awards Evening, 11 April 2015:

Another successful 100s Riders "Awards Evening" was held at VSCC on Saturday 11th April.

Awards were presented to friends who had hosted rides in 2014 and also to other friends for their dedication and hard work during the year. These included appreciation certificates to the 100s Riders ladies for their hard work in making the Xmas 2014 function a great success. Adrian Bloem received an award for his continued efforts for 'Safety of the Group', while the Gravett Boys received the "Most Dedicated Riders Award", which was sponsored by Minnesh and Cookie Harichand in memory of their late son Sanveer. Minnesh and Cookie also received an

appreciation certificate for their dedication to 100s Riders and their tireless contribution.

Numerous lucky draw prizes were presented which were sponsored by Ekerold Yamaha, Motorcycle Centre and I-Style. An interesting talk by Mark Blomeyer on his recent motorcycle tour of Zimbabwe was followed by a social braai.

Africa Bike Week, 23 – 26 April:

The biggest biking event in the country "Africa Bike Week" took place in Margate, from the 23rd to 26th April 2015.



Condolences:



On an extremely sad note, 100's Riders would like to extend their sincere condolences to Pam and the Haywood family on the sudden passing of Arnie.

Arnie was a much loved and respected member of 100's Riders, he was always ready to assist a friend in need with a smile and words of encouragement.

Rest in peace dear friend, your smile and wicked sense of humour will be sorely missed by all.

Facebook Link:

www.facebook.com/pages/100s-Riders/339649839471

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. No alcohol is consumed on 100's Group Rides.

OD INGGS MEMORIAL RUN **21 – 22 MARCH 2015**

Since we are unable to do the Milligan, due to work pressures for Charmaine at that time of the year, we decided, as an alternative this year, to enter another Eastern Cape event, the OD Inggs.

The OD Inggs Memorial Run is held annually in honour of classic automobile enthusiast Oliver Douglas Inggs, a relative of our Robin, who ran a funeral as well as a scrap metal business in Grahamstown, and was one of the greatest collectors and restorers of old automobiles in Southern Africa. On his death at the ripe old age of 88 in 1997, there were 134 cars in various stages of repair in his collection. Early cars included a very rare 1908 Metallurgique tourer, a 1912 Hupmobile, a 1910 Clement Talbot, a 1912 Renault, a 1911 Austin, a 1911 Studebaker and a number of Model T Fords dating between 1910 and 1914. One of his favourites was a 1920 Rover Sport Coupe. A detailed history of Inggs and the many cars that passed through his hands, can be found in the December '14 SAVVA Newsletter which is on the internet.

The Run is entered mainly by members of the Albany Vintage and Classic Motor Club (hosts), the Queenstown Automobile Club, the Border Vintage Car Club and the Eastern Province Veteran Car Club.

Although an officially registered motorsport event, this regularity run rewards driving accuracy rather than speed. Competitors receive route schedules half an hour prior to their departure times (at one minute apart). The schedules indicate numerous required speed changes and times at which certain landmarks must be arrived at along the way, often only seconds apart. Self-timing Controls are dotted along the route and used more often than actual Marshals. Penalty points are given for each second that a competitor is early or late. Speedometers are covered up with tape, and the average speed required never exceeds 90 km/h.

We travelled down to Port Alfred stopping over at Mount Currie Nature Reserve near Kokstad and Morgans Bay, before joining a gathering of our fellow competitors on Friday evening at the Albany Clubhouse for a bring and braai. The Chairman met and introduced us, and we were made to feel very welcome.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, but very windy. We met at the Rosehill Mall where 20 cars were prepared and scrutineered for the run. We headed towards East London, making our way to King William's Town for a pitstop and then down to Kidd's Beach for lunch. Returning to Port Alfred by 16h15, we were able to spend a bit of time relaxing in our quaint and pretty BnB, Coral Cottage, before setting off for dinner at the Ski Boat Club. We had been told it was safe to walk so we did so, enjoying a magnificent sunset on the way and an excellent evening.

The next day began an hour earlier, again at the Rosehill Mall. This time we headed towards Kenton on Sea, with some detailed touring of Boknes and Cannon Rocks. Tea was enjoyed at the Castle Sandbar Floating Restaurant on the Bushman's River, a lovely setting indeed, except that we learnt we had missed a Marshal in a street that was in fact a crescent and we'd entered at the wrong point. We weren't alone in earning a severe penalty!

Lunch and prize giving at the Ski Boat Club was delayed due to 'technological problems' in producing results which eventually had to be processed manually. We had done reasonably well on the first day and poorly on the second day, however we did not get lost or come last!!

That afternoon we set off for Port Elizabeth and the following day travelled to Arniston (Waenhuiskrans) where we spent two nights and then one at Franschoek before reaching Cape Town. One of the reasons for going to Cape Town in the Lancia was to show it to Felix who specialises in Lancia and has a very large assortment of spares at his premises in Woodstock. On our way out of Cape Town we managed to call in at the Crankhandle Club in Plumstead, who were having their monthly meet. Again met by the chairman and made to feel very welcome. Some interesting cars, including a Rover identical to our Clyde's 'Auntie'. We then headed home, spending nights at Prince Albert, Graaff-Reinet and Lady Grey. The car drove like a dream, never missing a beat and did 4 127 km at a fuel consumption of 8.12 to 100 km, not bad for a little 1972 performance car!

Martin Schofield



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ANSWERS

2A PRESIDENT, 5A HORIZON, 6A SUNNY, 7A ARMADA, 8A CHERRY,
11A LAURAL, 12A CUBE, 13A GAZELLE, 14A FIGARO,
1D ATLAS, 2D PULSAR, 3D WINNER, 4D LEOPARD, 9D ROGUE
10D QUEST, 11D LEAP

MARQUES THROUGH THE AGES

CHRYSLER

In 1921 Walter Chrysler bought the Maxwell Motor Corporation. He initially continued to utilise the existing dealer network to sell the Maxwell brand. He bought in three engineers - Owen Skelton, Fred Zeder and Carl Breer. They designed to 70, the first car that was to be branded Chrysler. This model was sold using the Maxwell Motor Corporation and 30 000 cars were sold. In 1923 the Chrysler Corporation was formed. By 1926 there were four models on offer.

The Chrysler Corporation over time introduced new marques intended to compete with different tiers of the automotive market. These included the Imperial, De Soto and Plymouth. It also acquired Dodge with the same goal. This combination along with the Chrysler marque gave the corporation a good competitive edge in the US market.

During the 1930's the company came up with a number of technical innovations including power brakes, the automatic clutch and a rubber mounting for engines called "Floating power". In the later 1930's it came up with independent front suspension and a torque convertor and steering column gear change.

Walter Chrysler passed in 1940. World War II brought change for the company as it did for all other car manufacturers. Production changed to mainly tanks and aircraft fuselages amongst other war materials.

In 1946 car production resumed. To show some development wood trim was added to the models. 1951 bought a new V8 engine followed by a new Power Flight automatic transmission in 1953. A whole new range of models was also released during the 1950's. During the 1960's the company began acquiring car companies as a means of expanding into Europe.

The oil crisis as well as a failed European line had led to a financial crisis in Chrysler. Its response was to rationalize. It sold off its European lines and closed the Imperial brand. It was a partial acquisition in Mitsubishi to recover and by 1982 it was back on track. In 1986 the company collaborated with Maserati to produce a Chrysler engine convertible (turned by Maserati) . This was not a successful partnership however and it was terminated.

In the late 1980's the company acquired Lamborghini as well as AMC. Its goal in buying out AMC acquire the Jeep line. In the late 1980's and early 1990's another rationalization was required. It also introduced the L/H line (Compact cars) which proved to be a success. In 1998 the company merged with Daimler-Benz AG but this did not sit well with the investors and Chrysler was sold and renamed Chrysler LLC in 2007. The automotive crisis of 2008-2010 led to bankruptcy and through a series of bail outs and change of ownerships the company was finally acquired by Fiat in 2014. Fiat has now merged with Chrysler creating FCA US LLC (Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) based in Detroit, USA.

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Gillian

TAILPIECE

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. In block number 3 of the accident reporting form, I put "trying to do the job alone" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following details will be sufficient:

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 500 pounds of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which, fortunately, was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tight to insure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of bricks. You will note, in block number 11 of the accident reporting form, that I weigh 135 pounds.

Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground, and the bottom broke out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately fifty pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in the accident reporting form, block number 11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounted for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of bricks, and fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel six stories above me...I again lost my presence of mind...and let go of the rope!

Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.



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