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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

Spring has arrived. The weather has suddenly warmed up and become quite pleasant.

The AGM has come and gone and there has been a limited change in the committee. We welcome Francois van Niekerk and Suzette O'Brien to the committee. They have taken over the running of the Klink. Let us all give them our support.

We are also in the new financial year and subs are due. If you have not paid, please could you do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure about the details, please contact John Wilsworth. The club banking details are in the newsletter. We will be seeing 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

An Austin Healey Sprite that participated in the Jock Leyden Memorial Run.

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

Some BMW April Fools day releases

Dashboard Tire Pressure Control. (1985)

BMW announced that its Chief development engineer, Herr Brehn, had come up with a solution for the "irksome chore" of maintaining correct tire pressure: dashboard tire pressure control: "Herr Brehn perfected a revolving seal, kept airtight by an ingenious contra-flow of air under very high pressure... Touch a button on the console and a digital display gives pressure... A compressor feeds air into storage units. It then travels to the wheel centre via the revolving seal and through to the tyre. Excess pressure is merely vented into the contra-flow system."

MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions 2015/2016 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	R220 including SAVVA fee
Country Member plus spouse/partner	R270 including SAVVA fees
Associate Member*	R130 excluding SAVVA fee
Associate Member plus spouse/partner	R175 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 *	R45 + R20 SAVVA fees
Life Member (Principal) Newsletter e-mail *	R20 SAVVA fees
Life Member (Principal and Associate – Spouse/Partner) *	R45 + R40 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'

September 4<sup>th</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 25<sup>th</sup>. October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 30<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.

## PAST EVENTS

### August 2015

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** AGM

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

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

### September 2015

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Motorcycles

**10-13<sup>th</sup> September:** *Claudi van Rooyen Memorial RENDEZVOUS TOUR*

**26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September:** *Baynesfield Agricultural Show*

### October 2015

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Italian Cars

We have booked some space at the Baynesfield day for the exhibit of our old cars on both days (26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September). This will serve as our outing for the month. There will not be a convoy from the club. Please make your own way there, and on arrival, advise the officials at the entry gate of your VSCC membership in order to gain free admission.

## **Bonnets up Events 2015**

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <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

## New Members

This month there are 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.

## Club Members Name Badges

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

Members are requested to wear their name badges at club events.

Landline: 033 330 2563

Cell: 082 859 6376

Email: [ron.ruth@telkomsa.net](mailto: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](mailto:mikewestray@gmail.com)

Robin Phipson    033-345 0061

[phipson@wandata.com](mailto:phipson@wandata.com)

Saxon Murray.

Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)

[tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za](mailto:tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za)

Some BMW April Fools day releases

### **BMW Moveable Steering Wheel. (1986)**

BMW announced that its engineer Aap Rilfühl had figured out a way to allow drivers to switch the position of their steering wheel, so that British drivers could move the wheel whenever they crossed the channel from Britain to France: By incorporating a second-unit steering wheel socket and instrument panel into a conventional glove compartment, Dr. Rilfühl was able to provide the basis for a secondary driving position



## THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

### SAVVA Technical Tip 100 - Fuel hoses

On a recent club run one of the participants mentioned he had a strong smell of petrol that wasn't there previously. It didn't take long to find the problem. It was the flexible fuel pipe from the fuel pump to the carburettor. It was past its useful life and was squirting petrol all over the place. The owner of the car was quite horrified at what could have happened to his pride and joy.

It turned out however that the rubber fuel hose he had used wasn't fuel compatible – it was actually air line hosing. I think the lesson here is not to buy look-a-like fuel hosing which could turn out to be air line hosing. One must also be careful when buying fuel hose because the cheaper product cannot handle the petrol we currently use. The same applies to the clear plastic re-enforced hose – it's ok when new but becomes hard, discoloured, inflexible and could leak later in it's life.

The question is, where do we find top quality product? From the quality car dealerships, ie Mercedes, BMW, Toyota, Volvo etc. Quality spares shops usually stock it but be careful as the spares shop assistants often don't know the difference between air and fuel line because they look similar. The fuel line is on the left in this picture.





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OFS VETERAN CAR CLUB**

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**HE 2015 C & F Motor Spares  
Claudi van Rooyen Memorial  
RENDEZVOUS TOUR**

**(FOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE JANUARY 1984)**

*Hosted by the Free State Veteran Car Club from **10 – 13 September 2015**, in the picturesque Eastern Free State area, with accommodation at the Fouriesburg Country Inn in Fouriesburg.*

*As with previous Rendezvous Tours hosted by our Club, the three 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 2015 ([www.fsvcc.co.za](http://www.fsvcc.co.za)).*



For more information, please contact:

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**Baynesfield Estate** in conjunction with the **Natal Vintage Tractor & Machinery Club** present:

## **THE BAYNESFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

26th and 27th September 2015 | Baynesfield | KZN

### **SAT 26th: 9h00 till late**

Vintage and modern tractors tilling the lands  
Vintage tractor arena games & Commercial display stands  
Arena: Ox and Horse drawn carriages & vintage "crawlers, tractors, vehicles, equipment"  
Arena parades of modern farming equipment & vehicles  
See a unique collection of steam driven engines in full steam  
Tractor-trailer (Adult & Kiddies) and double-decker bus rides around the Estate  
Woodcrafters demonstrating their trade with vintage tools  
See resident blacksmith place a steel tyre on a wagon wheel  
Vintage stationary engines driving a variety of interesting items  
Tours through Joseph Baynes Historical Home  
Craft market, jumping castle, live music  
Marquee, very cold beer, big screen with Springboks vs Samoa  
Numerous food stalls and DJ /music till late

### **Sun 27th 9h00 till 17h00**

A Repeat of Saturdays Daytime Program

The **Baynesfield Agricultural Show** is hosting the Bi-Annual National Show of the **South African Federation of Vintage Tractor and Engine Clubs (SAVTEC)**. Vintage equipment will be brought to Baynesfield from all nine provinces in a very rare display seldom seen in KZN. The cream of South Africa's Vintage Equipment will gather at the Baynesfield Estate over this period to be judged in a variety of categories, before being paraded for the pleasure of the public.

**DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS THE BEST IN SOUTH AFRICA!!**

**For more information contact Rob North 083 6550958; Les Maker 082 7715719**



## SERVICES

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

- **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.

Some BMW April Fools day releases

### **BMW Golf Cart.** (2004)

BMW Canada the immediate availability of a BMW 18 Series Golf Cart, featuring "fore-wheel drive," uDrive technology that advised on golf club selection, and a GPS ball-tracking feature that displayed your ball's location on a plasma screen.

### **Magnetic Tow Technology.** (2009)

BMW unveiled "Magnetic Tow Technology." "The unique system, developed in conjunction with NASA, works via a discreet unit located in the front valance that projects an enhanced magnetic beam 20 metres in front of the BMW. Once a suitable target car is located and the BMW is magnetically locked on behind it, the driver is then able to take his foot off the accelerator, turn off the engine and let the car in front do all the work. The towing car will not notice any change in manoeuvrability."

### **BMW Car Coach.** (2012)

BMW debuted a "driverless Running Coach" feature that transformed the car into a fitness coach. Cars fitted with this technology would be able to drive themselves, while following behind the jogging owner. Exterior speakers would play encouraging words to keep the runner motivated, while the "Lock Out Logistics" feature would prevent the jogger from getting into the car until he had completed his full run.

## FOR SALE

- \*\*\*I am re-building my engine again and will be selling a couple of performance engine components for an MGB? There are also a few MGA items too...

I have the following parts for sale:

Distributor converted to electronic conversion.

High Voltage performance ignition Coil.

Piper HR270 cam – 1500km on it.

Piper HR285 cam – Freshly reground, unused. I have also Plasma Nitrided this cam making it harder than the original billet cam.

8.8:1 CR Pistons, balanced – Standard Bore

9.5:1 CR Flat Top Pistons, balanced – Standard Bore

2 x 1.5 SU's – Fully refurbished and modified for performance - with needle set.

K & N Filters for SU's with MG Plate.

Polished Chrome Tappet Cover.

Lightened fly wheel – 8kg

MGA – cylinder head

MGA – rocker Assy

MGB – Rocker Assy

MGA – std cam

Please contact Craig direct should you be interested in any of these parts at

[craig.smith@ramsay.co.za](mailto:craig.smith@ramsay.co.za)

- \*\*\***1979 450SLC Mercedes.** Contact Maxine Smith at [treagvsmith@gmail.com](mailto:treagvsmith@gmail.com) or 033 3433408 or 0725536788.
- \*\*\***1972 MGBGT.** R65 000. Contact Paul on 0824877369.
- \***1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK 230** Kompressor . 47 000km, Excellent condition, Metallic Silver. R130 000. Contact Neville 033 396 4484 or 082 569 2530 or Email [lorvil@telkomsa.net](mailto:lorvil@telkomsa.net).

## MUSEUM

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

The daughter asks her mechanic Dad, "Dad there is something that my boyfriend said to me, that I didn't understand."

"He said that I have a beautiful chassis, lovely airbags and a fantastic bumper and bonnet."

Her Dad said, "You tell your boyfriend that if he opens your bonnet and tries to check your oil with his dipstick, I will tighten his nuts so hard that his headlights will pop out and he will start leaking from his exhaust pipe."



# Bike Chatter



Willem, Paul and Neil Gravett were presented with their 100's Riders badges by Sandy Westwood at the pre-ride meeting on 14 Aug 2015.

## Mid-Month Ride, 16Aug 2015:

The August ride to Pot 'n Kettle, 1000 Hills was hosted by Leon & Elise Boddington. The ride was well attended and the scenic 1000 Hills route as well as the buffet breakfast was enjoyed by all who

attended.

## Bike Display & Blood Drive, 12Sep 2015:

The annual bike display will start from 11am on Saturday while the blood drive will be from 12pm to 3pm. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout and display of both old and new bikes as well as some much needed blood donations for the blood bank.



## Mid-Month Ride, 13 Sep 2015:



Minnesh & Cookie Harichand will host September's ride, which is dedicated to their son Sanveer and to raise awareness against mental depression, anxiety and to break the silence and stigma attached to suicide. Entry for the ride is any sort of pet food for the SPCA. Departure time from Hi Q parking lot is 7am. The ride entails going from PMB to Umhlanga, doing a short walk to the Lighthouse to release balloons in memory of all that have lost their life due to suicide then proceed

to Wilson's Wharf for lunch.

## Training:

Adrian Bloem, committed to the safety of our riders and pillions, held two training rides in August which were both informative and interesting. The aspects of group riding was addressed with the various hand signals clarified, riding in single / staggered formation explained, as well as the duties of the group leader and sweeper. A more formal training day is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> October, provisionally to be held at the Hesketh Track.



Facebook Link:

[www.facebook.com/pages/100s-Riders/339649839471](http://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.***

## AMAZING NEW TYRES...

Radical new tyre design by Michelin. The next generation of tyres. These tyres are made in South Carolina, USA. They had a pair at the Philadelphia car show.



Yes, those are 'spoke' like connections to the inner part of the tyre from the outside tread 'wrap!' The next picture shows how odd it looks in motion...



These tires are airless and are scheduled to be out on the market very soon. The bad news for law enforcement is that spike strips will not work on these. Just think of the impact on existing technology:

- A. No more air valves..
- B. No more air compressors at gas stations...
- C. No more repair kits..
- D. No more flats...

These are actual pictures taken at the South Carolina plant of Michelin.

Some BMW April Fools day releases

**Rain-Deflecting Open Top Car. (1983)**

BMW revealed that one of its engineers, Herr Blöhn, had developed a sunroof that could be kept open even in the rain, thanks to jets of air that blasted the water away from the top of the car. The system worked completely automatically, even in a car wash. Those seeking more information were directed to query "Miss April Wurst" in the BMW marketing department.

**The BMW Badgewash System. (1988)**

BMW announced a new technological innovation that would be incorporated into future versions of its cars—the badgewash system. No longer would BMW drivers have to endure dirt on their enamel bonnet badge: "A tiny sensor mounted in the wiper arm measures the light reflected back from the white sections of the BMW badge... Even if a film of dirt cuts out as little as 5% of that light, the sensor will detect it and start the wiper."

**BMW Self-Cleaning Car. (2004)**

BMW Canada announced that its engineers had developed a system that used "microscopic blowholes" in the surface of the car, blowing away "dust, bugs, water and everything else," and thereby keeping the car constantly clean. BMW owners would never have to wash their car again!

## TAILPIECE



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

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