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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

Xmas time has come again and all the shops are adorned with tinsel.

It is time for the club to take a break, so please note that the club will be closed from after bonnets up in December and will reopen on Bonnets up in January 2016.

We are pleased to announce that the Barry Stead Trophy has made its re-appearance and has been officially presented to the recipient for the year – Hennie Kritzinger. Congratulations to Hennie.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and joyous new year.

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

A Ford F100Pickup on display at Ford day in November.

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

- The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
- When you've seen one shopping center you've seen the mall.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

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’

December 4<sup>th</sup>. January 15<sup>th</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup>. February 5<sup>th</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>. The ‘KLINK’ will be closed for the festive season after Bonnets Up on 12<sup>th</sup> December until Bonnets Up on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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

### November 2015

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** Ford Day

## COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

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

### December 2015

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** **VSCC Christmas Party.** See poster

*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Baynesfield Country Fair.* See notice

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** No theme

### January 2016

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** European Cars

### February 2016

*7<sup>th</sup> to 12 February 2016: The Kalk Bay Run, SAVVA Veteran National and SCOCC pre-show Veteraantoer.* See notice

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016:** **VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day.** American Cars

## **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

We have no new members to introduce

## 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

The first batch of name badges has been received. If you placed an order, please collect yours from Ron, at bonnets up, or later, from the barman at the Klink.

We will be placing another order soon. 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.

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.

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

## 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)

## 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.



(Affiliated to S.A.V.V.A.)

# The Crankhandle Club

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## **The Kalk Bay Run, SAVVA Veteran National & SCOCC pre-show Veteraantoer To be held from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Dear Enthusiast

This year the Crankhandle Club has the pleasure of not only hosting the annual Kalk Bay Veteran Run, but also the SAVVA Veteran National which will start the following day. The dates for these events have been chosen to tie in with the Southern Cape Old Car Club's George show and their usual Veteran run the day before the Show.

The Kalk Bay Run will follow a similar format to the last run, with a welcoming gathering at the Crankhandle Club on Saturday evening and the run on Sunday from the Clubhouse to Simonstown for lunch.

The SAVVA Veteran National will start on Monday and end on Thursday morning. It will be based at the Slanghoek Mountain Resort in the beautiful Slanghoek Valley near Worcester. This wine producing region offers spectacular scenery and good roads with very little traffic.

The SCOCC pre-show Veteraantoer will start from Albertnia on Thursday evening with a Friday run into George for the annual car show on the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup>& 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Please let us know if you are interested in coming on any of these events. Entry forms will be sent out in December.

### **Dates:**

|                        |                                                                |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kalk Bay Run           | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February                                |
| SAVVA Veteran National | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February   |
| SCOCC Veteraantoer     | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February |

Note: The George Motor Show takes place on the 13<sup>th</sup>& 14<sup>th</sup> February

Please contact Harvey or Hilton if you require more details.

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[hmetcalf@telkomsa.net](mailto:hmetcalf@telkomsa.net)

Hilton Franz 083 270

[hilton@diel.co.za](mailto:hilton@diel.co.za)

## 2016 VVC D-J MOTORCYCLE RALLY

The exciting news is that the plans for next year's DJ are progressing well and the Regulations for this will hopefully be available before the end of this month so watch this space!

The event will follow the same format as in previous years but the first big change will be that the 2016 event will be the first DJ to be run using GPS loggers instead of the conventional marshals that we have become so used to. This system has been tested on rallies and we have sufficient confidence in it to run next year's rally using the loggers.

There will be a number of questions about how this will work but we will endeavour to answer all of these to give competitors the comfort that they will require to enjoy the rally to the full.

The first one relates to "how do I get a logger?" The answer to this is simple in that you may either wish to purchase one through your club or you can hire one for the event and hiring will be arranged by individual clubs. To purchase at a subsidised price please contact your club chairman and we strongly suggest that you buy one for future rallies will be on this basis. Each entrant will be required to carry one and we have seen from the experience to date that the system works very well. Should you decide to hire one there will be a deposit which will be refunded upon the return of the item in good condition less of course the hire fee.

In reply to the question "why change?" I can say that there are among other two compelling reasons why this step is necessary.

Firstly it is a matter of costs as not having to place marshals does save the event significant cost. In addition to the cost factor the safety of marshals has become an increasing concern in these times and while we will miss the smiles and waves as we pass them the issue of security falls away.

There are two other reasons too which are accuracy and ease of scoring the event and that makes a big difference in the lives of our hardworking volunteer scorers. All in all we are confident that this development will add to the event and we look forward to a really great and enjoyable DJ next year.

The dates are 11 and 12 March for the Rally with registration and documentation taking place as before on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Oxford Village Shopping Centre. We are delighted that the Centre is happy to have us back there next year as the venue worked very well for the event.

Get those motorcycles sorted and get your entry in early as we plan to restrict these to the first 125 entrants.

Ian Holmes  
Clerk of the Course  
DJ 2016  
083 646 3089



## THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

### **SAVVA Technical Tip 101 – Changing brake fluid**

The experts say we should change brake fluid on an annual or bi-annual basis. However we, or should I say I, tend to ignore this good advice and only work on brake systems when I have to. On my side it's just laziness as brake fluid has to be the cheapest product we use in maintaining our vehicles.

A few months ago I had a feeling the brakes on one of my cars weren't quite what they used to be. At the time I put it down to my legs not working as well as they should – until that is, the front right brake locked up. A bit of forward and backward juggling loosened it up enough to get home. The problem turned out to be that the pistons and washers were so full on gunk that the brake shoe springs couldn't return the shoes properly. Admittedly, ashamedly, I don't recall working on this particular car's brakes for about 10 years – it was a case of leave well alone – in this case not a good policy.

Is this perhaps why the experts keep on telling us to change fluids? – i.e. to change the brake fluid once a year or every couple of years and certainly not every 10 years? Is it because our cars are not used that often, or is it perhaps because our brakes don't generate enough heat to dissipate the water in the system? I don't know. Perhaps some knowledgeable enthusiast could offer advice on the subject.

In the meantime I've had the wheel cylinders and master cylinder re-sleeved and the brass pistons cleaned up as well as fitting new washers etc. All the other cylinders were in a similar condition and required rebuilding. It now takes less pressure to activate them. The result – it's not my legs.

P.S. Looking at the internet I see Castrol in the UK offer a special brake fluid that is not as hydroscopic as standard fluid – somewhere in between brake fluid and silicone - is this perhaps the way we should be going? Does anyone know if it's available in RSA?

### **SAVVA Technical Tips 103 - Points, Plugs & Condensers**

We are advised by the experts to change the points, plugs and condenser on a fairly regular basis. This is true to a point as older cars invariably run a bit on the rich side and the plugs tend to foul-up long before they burn out. These fouled up plugs can be the major cause of hard starting. It's therefore wise to either clean the carbon off them or replace them with nice new shinny ones. The points also can wear out as they are opening and closing at a furious rate.

However, many years ago a wise man, many years in the trade, said we can question replacing the condenser. When examining the points see if they have a metal build up on either side – if they have, replace the points and condenser. If they don't show a build up rather keep the condenser and replace only the points. The

build-up of metal on either of the points indicates the condenser is either over or under capacity. No wear on either side indicates the correct capacity – so why replace it? Good quality condensers like Lucas and Delco last for years but unfortunately are hard to find today. If you have any on the shelf hang on to them. Many of the modern replacements are of questionable quality.

Whilst working on the distributor check if your distributor has a little fly lead that goes to the points. It's a thin very flexible woven lead which enables the advance/retard plate on which the points are mounted to turn freely. If this is in anyway worn - replace it soonest. These leads, which have a limited life, are often hard to find. If you see any at flea markets we suggest you buy a couple and keep them as spares – you could need them one day.

P.S. *I asked Len Ward the auto electrician Guru from Cape Town for his opinion on the above and this was his reply and confirmation.*

“Hello Eric,

The only two times I have had trouble with condensers is when I installed brand new ones. One lasted 2 days and the other a week.

I acquired my '39 Austin 12 in 1958 and during the 11 years I had it I never replaced the condenser. All automotive condensers are (or should be) electrically identical: 0,22 microfarad +/- 10 percent. At 0,5mfd you will have considerable material transfer. In a magneto the advantage is that with every half revolution the polarity is reversed so transfer is virtually eliminated. Automotive condensers are large in physical size in relation to their capacitance because they must be able to withstand about 600 volts in both directions, which is easier to achieve with greater physical size. This is due to the fact that when the points open you get a back and forth surge of about 600 volts through the coil primary winding and condenser at a high radio frequency lasting about a nanosecond which will be received by most radios as an audible "crack" - the spark leads acting as transmission aerials. The biggest car condenser I have ever seen is on my 1928 Austin 16 - it has a volume of about 2 cubic inches. So, the size and shape of a condenser depends on how "safe" manufacturers want to make them, or mounting arrangements.

Therefore, what the old man said about replacing condensers and points is quite correct.

*Len Ward*



## 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
- **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 084 699 8978 or 082 618 2686.



Hennie Kritzinger receiving the Barry Stead Trophy

## FOR SALE

- \*\*\*1972 MGBGT. R65 000. Contact Paul on 0824877369.
- \*Craig Smith is selling his superb M.G.B Roadster which has been restored and extensively improved and modified. If you are interested and have R190 000.00 spare, please contact Craig on [craig.smith@ramsay.co.za](mailto:craig.smith@ramsay.co.za)
- \*2006 Mercedes-Benz E 200 Kompressor. 88 000Km, Excellent condition, Metallic Silver R 120 000 (one hundred and twenty thousand rand) Contact Neville 033 396 4484 or 082 569 2530 or Email [lorvil@telkomsa.net](mailto:lorvil@telkomsa.net)

## WANTED

- \*\*Parts for a **BSA A50 or A65** rebuild, I would be interested in any parts that you may have, at the moment I am urgently looking for a swinging arm or a full frame with the swinging arm. Please call Colin on 0723819877.

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

- 1A DIFFERENTIAL
- 4A LUG NUTS
- 5A TANSMISSION (Yes, spelled wrong)
- 7A BATTERY
- 9A ANTI-FREEZE
- 10A FUSE
- 11A JUNP START
- 12A ALTERNATOR
- 2D FUEL INJECTION
- 3D DIPSTICK
- 6D STARTER
- 8D AIR FILTER
- 9D AXEL

### **Panda in the Dictionary**

A panda walks into a restaurant and orders a sandwich. When he receives the check, he pulls out a gun, fires it several times, then walks out the door. A stunned patron then asks the waiter, "What was that all about?" The waiter responded, "That's just the way pandas are," and walked away. Well, the patron didn't know what a panda was, so at home that night he looks up "panda" in the dictionary and what he finds explained everything: "Panda: A large black-and-white bear-like mammal, native to China; eats shoots and leaves."

## Cars in the Park donation presentations



Guide Dog Association

Hospice



Rencken Centre



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21 October 2015

Dear Hospice supporter.

**Msunduzi Hospice is partnering in a new and exciting venture in fund raising.**

Your support for this new project will be appreciated.

'Litres for Education' ([www.litresforeducation.co.za](http://www.litresforeducation.co.za)) is an initiative that was started by two garage owners in Durban and is now spreading around the country. It is similar to the 'My School' card, but works with certain petrol stations.

This is how it works:

Msunduzi Hospice has signed up with 'Litres for Education' programme. When any of our supporters fill up at one of the nominated petrol stations we will receive 10c per litre for the fuel purchased. A list of the nominated petrol stations is available over the page. All supporters will need to have a sticker on the top right of their car windscreen (this is attached). This sticker has a code on it that must be noted down by the petrol attendant at the nominated petrol station. This is a new venture and the notification of the transaction may not happen automatically as yet. Each month these transactions are collated and payment made to us at the rate of 10c per litre of fuel purchased. It is as simple as that.

Please encourage your friends and family to participate as well. As more petrol stations begin to participate in this programme so we will let you know about them in regular correspondence or on our website ([www.hospicekzn.co.za](http://www.hospicekzn.co.za)).

Your support as always is deeply appreciated. Because you care we are able to care.

With kind regards

Warren Oxford-Huggett  
(CEO)

Please cut and stick on the top right of your car windscreen.



## LIST OF PARTICIPATING PETROL STATIONS

In KwaZulu-Natal:

- BP Moore Road, Glenwood;
- BP Bluff, Pick n Pay Centre;
- BP La Lucia, Umhlanga Rocks Drive;
- EngenBayside, Victoria Embankment (Stalwart Simelane Street);
- BP Richmond Road, Pinetown;
- Engen 45<sup>th</sup>, Woolworths Foodstore, Sherwood;
- BP Hillcrest, Hillcrest;
- BP Raisethorpe, Pietermaritzburg;
- Engen Boshoff Street, Pietermaritzburg;
- Engen BB motors, Pietermaritzburg;
- BP Quarry Road, Hilton;
- BP Sibaya, on M4, Ruth First Highway;
- Engen Mitchell Park, Morningside;
- BP Fairways on Main, Howick;

In Gauteng:

- BP Bedfordview, 73 Van Buuren Road, Bedfordview;
- BP Pick n Pay Express SunnyrockCnr North Reef & Germiston Road, Edenvale;
- BP Edenvale North, 202 Van Riebeeck Avenue, Edenvale;

In Western Cape:

- BP De Kuilen, 35 Van Riebeeck Road, Kuilsriver;

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My wife was in labor with our first child. Things were going pretty well when suddenly she began shouting, "Can't! Don't! Won't! Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't!"

"Doctor, what's wrong with my wife?" I cried.

"It's perfectly normal," he assured me. "She's having contractions."

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My girlfriend texted me: "Your adorable." I replied: "No, YOU'RE adorable."

Now she's crazy about me — and I haven't the heart to tell her that I was just pointing out her typo.

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A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of his office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved away. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

## BMW spoof April Fool's Day adverts

### **Driver's Weight Sensors.** (1989)

BMW unveiled a "significant advance in anti-theft technology" — Driver's Weight Sensors: "DWS stands for Driver's Weight Sensor. A unique system that compares the driver's weight with a pre-programmed value stored in the sensor's computer memory... The sensor weight reading is then compared to the programmed weight in the memory, and provided this falls to within  $\pm 5\%$ , the car will start normally. If, however, the figure exceeds these tolerances, then a discreet gong sounds, and the entire ignition system is shut down." Interested readers were urged to contact Hugh Phelfrett at BMW

### **The Toot and Calm Horn.** (1990s?)

BMW revealed that it had developed a new "Toot and Calm Horn" (T.C.H.) system, which made a noise that actually calmed other drivers on the road rather than aggravating them, thereby lessening the risk of road rage. The name "Toot and Calm Horn" was styled after Tutankhamen. This April Fool ad has been fairly widely reported, but I don't know where or when it ran. The earliest report of it I've found dates to 2006. I'm guessing the ad may have run in the 1990s.

### **Fall Asleep at the Wheel.** (2004)

BMW Canada boasted of the new "Retina-evaluating sensory technology" (R.E.S.T.) technology available as a feature in its new cars. This system scanned the eyes of the driver to detect sleep. When detected, the system took full control of the car, allowing the driver to nap peacefully. "Lose consciousness, not control," the ad declared.

### **Canine Repellent Alloy Protection.** (2008)

BMW unveiled Canine Repellent Alloy Protection: The brainchild of Dr. Hans Zoff, head of automotive security, it prevents any dog from relieving itself on the car by administering an immediate, and relatively painfree, electric shock. But the real surprise is that the 220 volts required for this, come courtesy of our brake energy regeneration system. This converts energy created under braking into an electrical charge known as Rim Impulse Power (R.I.P.) and stores it ready for the next encounter.

### **Cook From Your Car.** (2004)

BMW ran an ad in the Guardian unveiling its new Satellite Hypersensitive Electromagnetic Foodration (SHEF) Technology, which allowed drivers to cook their dinners from their car as they drove home from work. All the dials for the home oven were built into the dashboard of the car and communicated wirelessly with the actual oven at home. Drivers could monitor the progress of their meal via a built-in oven-cam. The ad directed readers to a website that offered recipes such as "chicken a la M42."

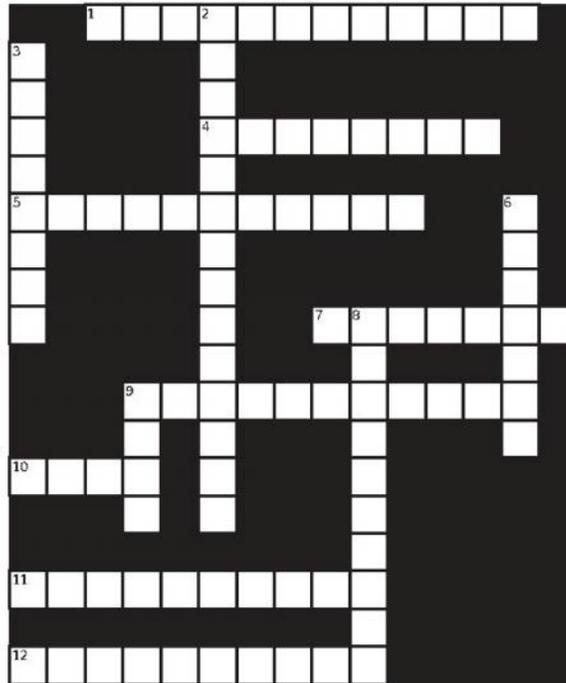
### **Porcelain BMW Statuette.** (circa 2003?)

BMW announced the limited availability of a porcelain statuette of the BMW Z8, created by the "legendary Prussian ceramicist" LoofLirpa. The actual size of the statuette, a note at the bottom of the ad revealed, was 15ft x 5ft

# Michelle's Automotive Crosswords

Author: Michelle McCutcheon

## Basics of Automotive Class



### Across

- 1 a gear system that drives both axels at the same time, but allows them to rotate at different speeds when turning a corner
- 4 a piece of metal turned on a wheel to keep it on the vechicle
- 5 a device that uses gears and torque conversion to change the ratio between the engine RPM and driving wheel RPM
- 7 a device containing one of more cells that produce electricity through electrochemical action
- 9 ethylene glycol of other liquid used in a cooling system
- 10 protective device that interrupts current flow if an overload condition is in a circuit
- 11 a way to start a car with a weak battery with the use of cables
- 12 a generator in which current is changed to direct current

### Down

- 2 a system that sprays gas directly into the cylinders
- 3 a rod used to measure the amount of liquid in a system
- 6 an electric motor which uses a geardrive to crank the engine
- 8 a pleated paper element, used to trap dirt, dust, etc from entering the inside of the engine
- 9 shafts used to transmit driving force to the wheels

## VSCC Christmas Party

The VSCC Christmas party was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015. There was a bumper turnout. The food was exquisite and it can be said that everyone had a great time.

Thank you to all those who contributed towards the organisation of the party. Your work made the party a great success. Here are a couple of pictures of the evening.



## TAILPIECE

**Santa Claus, like all pilots, gets regular visits from the Federal Aviation Administration . . .**

. . . , and the FAA examiner arrived last week for the pre-Christmas flight check.

In preparation, Santa had the elves wash the sled and bathe all the reindeer. Santa got his logbook out and made sure all his paperwork was in order. He knew they would examine all his equipment and truly put his flying skills to the test.

The examiner walked slowly around the sled. He checked the reindeer harnesses, the landing gear, and even Rudolph's nose. He painstakingly reviewed Santa's weight and balance calculations for sled's enormous payload.

Finally, they were ready for the check ride. Santa got in and fastened his seat belt and shoulder harness and checked the compass. Then the examiner hopped in carrying, to Santa's surprise, a shotgun.

"What's that for?!?" asked Santa incredulously.

The examiner winked and said, "I'm not supposed to tell you this ahead of time," as he leaned over to whisper in Santa's ear, "but you're going to lose an engine on takeoff."



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

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