

# **MARCH 2016**



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.

## Office Bearers: 2015/2016

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# **EDITORIAL**

Welcome back. The months seem to be flying by recently. It is approaching Easter again.

If you were not aware, we shelved the monthly breakfast runs for something a little more sustainable as enthusiasm for the runs was waining. It has been decided that we will have a breakfast run once a quarter (Every three months). The first run will be in March and the details will be made known at bonnets up.

It was International Womens day this week and in the spirit of the day I thought I would include some men and women jokes so that we can all remember to laugh at ourselves every now and again.

The February bonnets up sported little in the way of American cars which was the theme but we seemed to land up with a yard full of sports cars. It was an interesting turn of events given that March's theme is sports cars. Now to see what happens this month....

Gillian

**Short** items of interest are always wanted for inclusion in our newsletter (max between one half and two pages) Contact Gillian at <a href="mailto:gillian2@telkomsa.net">gillian2@telkomsa.net</a>

# ON THE COVER

Malcolm Moller's 1972 3 Litre V6 Marcos which was on display at February's bonnets up.

## 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 Vermeulen at FNB Insurance Brokers

Phone - 087 736 2222 Fax - 011 699 0783

E-mail- YVermeulen@fnb.co.za

## 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

#### 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'

March 4th. 18th. April 1st. 15th. 22nd. 29.

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'tforget, tea/coffee, pancakes and/or other goodies are a regularoption. The Library and Spares Department will also be open.

<sup>\*</sup> Applicable to members of another club and awarded at the committee's discretion.

# **PAST EVENTS**

# February 2016

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

Saturday 13th February 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. American Cars

# COMING VSCC AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS

RED BOLD - Depicts VSCC Club EventsITALIC- Depicts other Events

# **March 2016**

Saturday 12th March 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. Sports Cars

11th to 12th March: 2016 DJ Commemorative Rally. See notice

19th to 20th March: OD Inggs Memorial Run. See notice

# **April 2016**

Saturday 9th April 2016: VSCC Bonnets up / Open Day. No theme

# Bonnets up Events 2015

| 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

# **New Members**

We welcome Malcolm Moller from Bulwer.

# 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

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 Robin Phipson

033-345 0061

Saxon Murray.

Tony Psaila (1937 Cadillac)

mikewestray@gmail.com phipson@wandata.com

tonytractor@tpstorage.co.za

# Museum

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



# Albany Vintage & Classic Motor Club

PO Box 2057 Port Alfred 6170 South Africa Tel: 071 675 4570 club@avcmc.co.za www.avcmc.co.za

11<sup>rd</sup> December 2016

#### O D INGGS MEMORIAL RUN

The annual O D Inggs Memorial Run will take place in the Albany district, starting at 0930hr on the 19th March 2016 from the Rosehill Mall, Port Alfred, overnighting in Port Alfred and ending at mid-day on the 20th March 2016. Breakfast facilities are available at the start point.

An evening function and dinner will be held at the Port Alfred Ski Boat Club on Saturday night. The prize giving lunch will also be held there on the Sunday. These functions and lunch on the first day and tea on the second day are covered by the entry fee. A list of popular B&B's is available on request.

Cars and motorcycles manufactured before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1985 are eligible to compete and entry fees are R600.00 per vehicle. Additional passengers will be charged at a rate of R275 each if they require all the meals

All vehicles must have a minimum of Third Party Insurance. If entrants do not have insurance cover, SAVVA Event Insurance is available at a cost of R50 per event. Entrants who do not have insurance must do so timeously and provide proof thereof.

All drivers and navigators must be current members of recognised clubs and hold valid SAVVA indemnities. All entrants must provide proof.

The attention of entrants is drawn to the SAVVA safety requirements.

A mounting bracket to mount the disc numbers on front must be provided.

This event has been popular and well supported in previous years and we hope to have an equally successful event this year.

Please contact Bill Martin (Tel 071 509 0169 or 071 675 4570 or email: club@avcmc.co.za) if any more information is required.

Clerk of the Course BILL MARTIN



# THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

#### SAVVA Technical 106 – Torqueing cylinder heads

This tip is for DIY mechanics like me. i.e no formal training. If you are an experienced mechanic please don't read any further.

#### For us amateur mechanics:

Just when one thinks one knows a little bit about fixing cars something comes along to prove you actually don't – and it's often said that a little knowledge can be dangerous.

I recently had a cylinder head go bang on me and couldn't understand why as it was only a year since I had the head overhauled and a new gasket fitted. I showed the damaged head gasket to the "experts" who all came back with the same question – did you re-torque the head after running the engine in.

#### Answer - No!

I've now fitted a new gasket and promised to re-torque it after the prescribed 1000 kilos or so. However, what I did learn from these "wise men" is how one should retorque a head.

Apparently one should first loosen each bolt in turn, in the prescribed (workshop manual) sequence, and then retighten it to the next required torque figure. In the past I've just moved the torque setting on the torque wrench to the next calibration without first loosening the nut or bolt.

I also recall reading/hearing that one must never use washers under the head nuts or bolts, (which one so often sees) also, they should never be greased - they must go on/in dry.

It would be appreciated it if some of the experienced hobbyists, mechanics, fix-it-upperers could make comment on this please.

Comments to <u>secretary@savva.org.za</u>

Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.

You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going.

## **SERVICES**

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

- PMB Carburettor Centre: Contact Robin on 033-345 0061 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.

Why can't women read maps? Only the male mind can comprehend the concept of one inch equaling a mile.

Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.

# FOR SALE

• \*\*1948 Velocette 350 MAC. Good runner, no registration papers. Asking R 30 000 as is.

Contact Ron Richmond: cell 082 859 6376 / Home 033 330 2563

- \*Vw Beetle 1974. 1600. A beautiful VW Beetle in good condition.
   Original. With red leather upholstery. One owner, a little old lady.
   Reconditioned engine and in daily use. Needs some Tlc from a collector.
   Sold Voetstoets. R35,000 onco. Contact. Cindy Taylor 0723410094
- \*Anyone interested in some Morris 1000 body parts? It's a 2 door. Have a bonnet, boot, front and back fenders and the 2 doors, still in good condition. They are really in my way.

Contact Hans Hartmann at hans@ambulance.co.za

 \*1979 Mercedes 450 SL. R150 000. ONCO. See photo on Clubhouse notice board

Contact Gavin Richmond on 083 5555094

\*1981 MGB GT Rubber Bumper model,(Last year of MGB GT production)
 Pearl white with Rostyle wheels. Very good condition. Asking R 70 000 onco.
 Contact: Clive Dennison on Tel: 033 326 1167, Cell: 082 410 7030,
 Email; dennison2@telkomsa.net.

## WANTED

 \*\*For 1941 Chevrolet. Looking for workshop manual, Centre Chrome Strip for bonnet and Rearview window. Contact Rory Sclanders on 083 4637736 or 033 3432172

The only way to pull off a Sunday afternoon "quickie" with their 8-year-old son in the apartment was to send him out on the balcony with a Popsicle and tell him to report on all the neighbourhood activities...

"There's a car being towed from the parking lot," he shouted. He began his commentary as his parents put their plan into operation.

"An ambulance just drove by!"

"Looks like the Andersons have company," he called out.

"Matt's riding a new bike!"

"Looks like the Sanders are moving!"

"Jason is on his skate board!"

After a few moments he announced... "The Coopers are having sex.

Startled, his mother and dad shot up in bed.

Dad cautiously called out..."How do you know they're having sex?"

"Jimmy Cooper is standing on his balcony with a Popsicle."



# Bike Chatter

Bike News for the Hornblower : February 2016

## January's Mid-Month Ride:

The first mid-month ride, hosted by Stephen and LesleighPeate, was to Umzinkulu River Lodge near Underberg. The ride was dedicated to burn victims with a talk and informative presentation given at the pre-ride social on the work carried out by her team, as well as how we, as individuals could assist these victims. For more information please visit their website – www.burncare.co.za.

In the early hours of Sunday morning the difficult decision was taken to forego the motorbikes for the boring alternative – motor cars, this being due to inclement weather and in consideration of the safety of riders and pillions. A few brave souls attended on their bikes and the weather was comparatively kind in that there was only a small shower and mist along the way. The venue was absolutely stunning with a delicious breakfast being served in the garden overlooking the river. Thanks to all who attended with special thanks to the management and staff of the lodge as well as our hosts for looking after us so well.

#### February's Mid-Month Ride:

Our second ride of 2016 saw three separate groups heading for Intaba View where we all met with our hosts, Klaus and Magda Michels for the next stage of the ride to Siggi's German Restaurant in Salt Rock on the north coast. On arrival at the venue, we were welcomed by our host, Klaus and entertained by Gunther who was tasked with singing the German National Anthem as punishment for not advising the host of his intention to join the ride. A delicious breakfast followed and was enjoyed 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.

# Sunday Tribune - Cars in the Park 2016

Dear Car & Bike Enthusiasts, Exhibitors, Club Members, Traders and Families,

Thank you to all those that participated in last year's event, and to make it the success it was. We hope to see you all again, with all your family and friends. We had a few issues at the new venue but these have all been addressed so it should all run smoothly.

#### Important Notice - Please read carefully

The "Sunday Tribune – 41st Cars in the Park" will be held on Sunday the 15th May 2016 at the Ashburton Training Centre, Pietermaritzburg. With the number of exhibitor's vehicles, and to accommodate everyone in an orderly manner we again ask everyone to register online, which worked very well last year. Bikers who want to display their bikes must also register this year. Registration will open on the 21st February 2016.

#### **Online Registration**

For those that registered last year should remember what to do. We in fact only had a handful of problems so everyone managed exceptionally well.

To recap how the registration works follow the steps below:

- 1. Log onto Cars in the Park Web Page http://www.carsinthepark.net
- 2. There you will get the choice to either, Register your Vehicle or download the site Map. The site map is currently not up to date and as soon as this is done you will be advised accordingly.
- 3. If you were previously registered you can log in with your email and password, alternately go to the page to register, and on this page enter the details required your First Name Last Name Password Email Address Phone Number. If you registered last year you will still be on the system and may just need to get a new password if you have forgotten yours. Keep your password simple 9999 or 1234 something that is easy to remember.
- 4. For new registration, once all this information is entered correctly click on "register". An email will then be sent to you and ask you to activate your account. Click on this and your account will be activated. The email sent should be with you in a few minutes, if it does not arrive within an hour please check that it has not been caught in your spam or junk mail.
- 5. Go back to http://www.carsinthepark.net and log back into the webpage with your email address and password.
- 6. You will be taken to your vehicle entry page and then click on "Add record".
- 7. Add all the required information then click on "save and go back to list"
- 8. As soon as this is done an email is sent to the administrator, who will register your vehicle within a day or two. An email will be sent back to you to confirm that your vehicle has been registered, with an attached PDF file, print this form, which will have your information on it, including the stand number to indicate where you will be situated at the venue on the day.

- 9. This is your identification and registration for the event. Please make sure you have it on your vehicles windscreen when you arrive at the event.
- 10. If you have made a mistake with your information, or you want to change the vehicle that you want to bring, add a new vehicle with the correct information. Then go to your vehicle that you want removed and click on delete, and your vehicle will be deleted. A new registration form will be sent to you for the new vehicle once authorized. Every time a modification is made to the registered vehicles you will be sent an email with the updated information.
- 11. This will save you registering your vehicle at the venue, and assist the Marshall's to direct you to your stand, which will be on your registration form, without any delays. The original registration system, will still be available on the day for those that require it. This will be done at the registration tent near the entrance gates.
- 12. If your club is not loaded, go to clubs and add a record with the relevant information for your club, and the administrator will authorize your club.
- 13. A representative of a club can register all the member's vehicles on behalf of the individuals. The representative needs to be given your details ie: First Name Last Name Email Address Phone No and he will create an account for himself. He will then load your vehicle details with your Name, Email & Phone Number. The registration form is sent to the person whose email is linked to the vehicle registered. If you have no email he will print a registration form for you. Alternately you can register at the venue on the day, which could create some delays. Ideally everyone should register themselves.

Very simple, we trust that it won't cause you any frustration, if you have any problems please give me a call.

#### Venue

The **venue** for this year's event is again the **Ashburton Training Centre**, details are as follows:

Co-ordinates are: 29°38'43.23"S 30°28'8.62"E

Coming from either Durban or Pietermaritzburg turn of at the Ashburton N3 off ramp, and on the road over the highway, Pope Ellis Drive, turn right and follow the road for +- 2km to the Ashburton Training Centre on the left.

#### Entertainment

The day will be a family fun day with a free kid's playground and entertainment area, a flea market for the ladies, food stalls for the hungry, a beer garden for the thirsty, with a live band, radio controlled plane and car display, lucky draws and other prizes, and best of all a full range of vintage cars, sport cars, exotic cars, bikes, tractors, steam engines and a special display, for the men. DO NOT MISS THIS GREAT DAY.

If you have any queries or problems please do not hesitate to give me a call. Visit our Facebook page for more information.

#### LOTS OF PARKING - NO MORE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Thank you so much for your understanding and co-operating, and help us make this a great event.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the event please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards, Carl Habermann 082 447 3355 admin@carsinthepark.net

Clubhouse GPS co-ordinates: 29°38'12.55"S 30°23'40.55"E Web Page: http://www.vscc.co.za/ or http://www.carsinthepark.net

E-mail: admin@carsinthepark.net or citp@satweb.co.za

Facebook

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Q: What's the best way to force a man to do sit-ups?

A: Put the remote control between his toes.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

If it is not Valentine's Day and you see a man in a flower shop, you can probably start up a conversation by asking, 'What did you do?'

The nicest thing about the future is . . . that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Scratch a cat . . . and you will have a permanent job.

No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - like, it could be the right number.

No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.

Be careful about reading the fine print. . . . there's no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

# TAILPIECE

#### **Time**

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man.

He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I did not stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I did not know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I have never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept; I wept; we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I have never seen anything like that before, and I have been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I am still lost...

It is a man thing.

Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.



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