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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

We are in a new club year and we have instituted a few changes.

The Klink is going to be operating on a different calendar as from September. The details have been included in a note later in the newsletter.

Another change is that the newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis. The schedule of the publishing dates have been included in the events section.

Please note that it is the new financial year and it is time to pay up on your subs. If you haven't paid up yet, please can you make payment. Collection of outstanding subscriptions has proven to be problematic. We have kept the subs as low as possible. If you are unsure as to how much you owe or cannot recall if your payment is outstanding, please contact John Wilsworth to find out.

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

Some of Clyde Wyatts model cars that were on display at bonnets up on hobbies day.

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 contact name changes, It is no longer Madeleine Wiese or Yolande Erasmus.)

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

* 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 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.

## NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis. The newsletter will be sent out in the following months:

MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

# EVENTS

## Bonnets up Events

**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.

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| <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**

## Klink

Changes have been made to the operating hours of the Klink. The Klink will no longer be open every Friday night .

The Klink will be open on Friday night after bonnets up and the last Friday night of the month

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.

SEPTEMBER      16<sup>th</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>

OCTOBER        14<sup>th</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup>.

NOVEMBER      18<sup>th</sup>. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the club is closed after bonnets up in December until the new year, so the Klink will not be open on Friday nights in December

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Members

We welcome two new members: Stuart Longmore and Tony Parsons.

## 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

Members wishing to hire the club hall are requested to please fill in and submit the requisite form. Copies of the form are available at the Klink.

## Club Members Name Badges

If you previously placed an order, please collect your badge from the barman at the Klink.

The latest order has not yet been received from the supplier.

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  
Saxon Murray.

## 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 SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN & VINTAGE ASSOCIATION

### SAVVA Technical 110 – home made tools

Most enthusiasts have at some time or the other “manufactured” a tool to suit their special needs.

Many years ago I had a set of sockets that had a particular tool in it which I used quite frequently. Unfortunately, the entire socket set disappeared one evening to what I believe is called “nocturnal shopping”.

Fortunately I was able to replace the set with a similar set of Gedore sockets – but without the particular tool that I used so often, which incidentally, was part of the original set. Unfortunately, they have discontinued this particular tool so I decided to make my own using an extension bar and bending the end at right angles.

As will be seen in the illustration, the bottom one is what is currently available. It has a receptacle at one end for an extension bar and a square at the other to take a socket – very handy, but every now and again I also need a bar that takes a socket at both ends like the top one in the picture.

I was fortunate to find an extension at a flea market that could take a socket at both ends, heated it up and bent the end 90 degrees.



## SAVVA Technical Tip 111 - Flasher units

A club member had a brilliant idea and that was to fit LED indicator bulbs to his older car. This is a very good idea as they are bright, run much cooler, and rarely burn out like bulbs can - except in his case they didn't work. He didn't realise LED's use a totally different type of flasher unit.

If you change over to LED's you must also fit an **electronic flasher** unit. These flasher units don't require the filaments of the bulbs to operate a "hot" wire like the early flasher units do.

### Older thermal flasher units

Many of our older cars are fitted with flasher units that have a thermal wire to operate them. These early systems often use 2 x 20 watt bulbs in series with a thermal wire in the flasher unit. When operating, the bulbs go on, the thermal wire gets hot, stretches, opens the points and the bulbs go out, the wire cools, the points close, and so on. If one uses bulbs of the incorrect wattage the bulbs will either flash too quickly or too slowly.

### Newer electronic flasher units

The electronic units open and close regardless of the wattage of the bulbs therefore one can use LED's that draw very little current. Two things to remember – firstly, they only operate on 12 volt. (I'm sure 6 volt are available but will have to be imported from specialist suppliers). Secondly, if you connect the + and – incorrectly you have an ex-flasher unit on your hands. The components will blow instantaneously.

Most spares shops still have the old type 12 volt units in stock but it's unlikely that they will have 6 volt. If your car is six volt it may pay to visit flea markets as they often they turn up there. Regardless of whether your car is 6 or 12 volts and you are still using bulbs and old type thermal flashers it may pay to keep a spare.



New electronic on left and older thermal type on right



## SAVVA Technical Tip 112 - Tyre inflators

Some of us may have faith in the tyre inflators and pressure gauges used by garage forecourts but a few of us wise old men certainly do not.

Many of our collectable vehicles, especially motorcycles with beaded edge tyres, have critical tyre pressures and it can be risky leaving it to the garage attendants to determine what pressure is **actually** in the tyres.

Have a look at the condition of the inflators the average garage use on their forecourts and the big question is - when were they last sent in for service and/or calibration. Usually they only go for service when they don't work anymore.

What's the solution – the solution is to keep your own pressure gauge and check the tyre pressures after the garage has had a go at them.

In the photo the PCL gauge is typical of those used in garage forecourts. The little one, which is known to be accurate, is kept in the car.



I decided to stop calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

I changed my car horn to the sound of gunshots. People get out of the way much faster now.

## SERVICES

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

- **Silicon Brake Fluid** available at **Motorcycle Centre**, 265 Berg St. 033-394 6941 and **Race Spares Africa** 084 396 0285 Roger Veitch
- **Waterflow Plumbing cc** For general plumbing services, clearing blocked drains etc. Contact Clinton Hart on 076 194 4185 or 033 - 396 6953
- **New Parts.** Ford ignition coils 1937-41, 1952 ford stop/tail light lenses, Zephyr 1936- 39 rear light lenses, 1951-54 Ford V8 tail light lenses, 1959 Ford parking light lenses, Chrome tail light housing 1951/52 Zephyr & Consul.  
Flywheels – A30, Morris Minor, Taunus, Prefect, Anglia, Zephyr.  
Period wheel trims – Simca, Taunus and others. Rings, Fanbelts 1950's Chrysler.  
**Jansen's Motor Spares (Klerksdorp) 018 462 9121.**
- **Good weld** – Specialised welding; TIG & MIG, Aluminium, Magnesium, Titanium, Stainless, Cast Iron, Pewter, Etc. Turning, Spline cutting, General engineering. Run by enthusiasts. 4 Roger de Klerk Place, Mkondeni. Phone, 033 346 1207
- **Bearings & Seals** – 424 Greyling St. (Also 'O' rings, belts, roller chain etc.) Contact Dennis on 033-345 7739 or 082 656 4864, who will do his best to locate items needed, if not in stock.
- **Professional bead blasting** with proper glass beads, professional chassis clean, professional repairs and vacuum pulling/pumping of BMC hydroelastic suspension units. Contact Robin on 033-3450061, or visit 23 West Street.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Coles Panelbeaters & Spraypainters**, For all your panelbeating & spraypainting requirements. 72 Greyling Street, Pietermaritzburg. Ken Cole 083 580 8315
- **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 084 699 8978 or 082 618 2686.

When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

I don't have grey hair; I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

## FOR SALE

- **Latest Mike's 'A' fordable** parts catalogue. Contact Mike Leisegang cell 082 857 8733, E-mail [mike.leisegang@gmail.com](mailto:mike.leisegang@gmail.com)
- **1920 Willys Overland Tourer** 4 Cylinder. Magneto SV. Wooden spoked wheels. Seats good. Four door. Needs spare wheel and new canopy. Offers on R120 000. Phone Robin inggs on 072 202 6598
- Overriders for Front Bumper for Mk3 Triumph Spitfire. Call Frank on 072 143 2572.

## WANTED

- 1)Renault Gordini spares wanted.  
2)1934 Ford Pickup spares wanted.  
Contact Phillip on 0837828788 ,e-mail address :degraafpj@telkomsa.net

## AGM

The AGM was held at bonnets up in August. There were few changes to the committee. The Klink portfolio has been left vacant otherwise all other positions have remained as before

The position of Patron for the club has remained vacant for a while. Fred Rasher has agreed to accept the position of Patron for the club.

Trophies were presented for contributions to the club. The Barry Stead Trophy was presented to John Wilsworth for his contribution as Treasurer and our new trophy for enthusiast of the year was presented to Carl Habermann.for his work on Cars in the Park.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

## **BIKE NEWS : 100'S RIDERS**

### **April Awards and Social Evening:**

The award and social was fairly well attended with the hosts of the 2015 mid-month rides being presented with certificates of appreciation for their hard work. The Sanveer Harichand Floating Trophy for the most dedicated 100's Rider/s was presented to our stalwarts, Klaus and Magda Michels who join us regularly from Ballito and for their efforts in promoting slower, safer riding on the Dolphin Coast.



Thanks to Rita Aylward for arranging the décor and providing the props and background for the photo-booth which proved popular and a lot of fun! Thanks also to all the 100's ladies and gents who assisted with the setup of the hall and provided salads and puddings.

### **Africa Bike Week:**



The little town of Margate was once again the venue for Harley Davidson's Africa Bike week held from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May. The event was attended by a number of 100's Riders both for the duration of the festivities as well as those brave-hearts who participated in the day ride on Saturday.

Harley Davidson provides a variation of entertainment for the duration of the event both during the day and well into the nights with the main bands playing on Saturday night. The mass ride is held on Sunday morning with bikers meeting on the rooftop of the Shelley Centre, riding to Port Shepstone then back to Margate.

### **Out-On-A-Limb Blanket Ride:**

This charity event was held by Out-on-a-Limb motorcycle club on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and was attended by bikers from various clubs. A total of 150 blankets were collected and donated to the Greytown Children's Home with the Greytown Country Club providing a delicious breakfast for the hungry participants. Thanks to all who attended and gave so generously.

### **June Mid-Month Ride:**

The ride was hosted by Stewart and Rita Aylward on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and was to their farm in the Umlaas Road area via Thornville / Camperdown. A hearty and absolutely delicious breakfast was provided and while our food was settling the wind direction was being carefully monitored. The ride theme was "It's all about the height" with a micro-light available for four lucky winners of the raffle. As the wind direction was not conducive to safe flying from the farm, we all relocated to Lite Flite in Cato Ridge and once the raffle winners had enjoyed their flights, a number of brave souls paid a nominal fee for a quick spin. A memorable and enjoyable day.



### **July Mid-Month Ride:**

July's mid-month ride was to The Waves, Umkomaas and hosted by Leijn & Guibin Tissink. The day of the ride was cloudy with a promise of rain; this did not deter the majority of the group who luckily only had to brave a small section of the journey in wet conditions. The Waves is situated on the beach, offers delicious meals at affordable prices as well as the possibility of seeing dolphins. For those of you who like to live on the wild side, shark diving is available (shark cage optional).

### Dragon Rally – Boyz Weekend:

Our 100's boys saddled up their iron ponies and headed to Ifafa Beach for the 2016 Dragon Rally dedicated to Arnie Haywood. They say that 'a picture says a thousand words' and judging by the numerous photographs, a good time was had by all who attended – brace yourselves boys because next year you'll definitely have "baggage"!



### August Mid-Month Ride:

August's mid-month ride, hosted by Stephen and Lesleigh Peate was to Umzimkulu River Lodge near Underberg. Another truly beautiful part of KZN where the lodge overlooks the river and adjoining countryside. There was a minor incident at the venue, fortunately both riders were unhurt. Good food and great friends always make for an enjoyable ride.



### FUTURE EVENTS:

10/09/2016  
18/09/2016  
16/10/2016  
Westwood  
Nov 2016  
(confirmed)  
27/11/2016

Bonnets-up – Motorcycle Display  
Mid-month Ride – Host: Leon Jooste  
Mid-month Ride – Hosts: Wayne & Sandy

100's Riders Christmas Party / Social (Date to be

National Toy Run, Amanzimtoti

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

TAILPIECE



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Drive Carefully! See You at the Club.

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