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NEWSLETTER – February 2013

Chairman's Chat

Can you believe it is already 2013? Just the other day we were looking forward to the FIFA 2010 World Cup and now all we have left is memories, better infrastructure and world class stadiums across the country. Yes time flies and it seems to just go quicker and quicker all the time.

Next year's national gathering will be in Kwazulu Natal and it will be a long drive to get there and back. There are a couple of options to get there and the quickest I guess is up the N1 via Bloemfontein. Another route will be via East London and the Transkei. Both ways will be about 1400 to 1600 kilometres one way. The cost for fuel at this stage calculated at about R1.20 per kilometre is about R4000 per vehicle. That excludes stop overs and meals, etc.

The Cape Town committee has decided to assist the people financially that would like to attend the event and have started fund raisers to generate funds to make it more affordable for members to attend the event. We would like to get your assistance with these because we cannot do it on our own. We are not expecting to get all the money from our club members, but from friends, businesses and sponsorships. Please let us have your ideas and support as we have a long way to go.

One of the ideas is to have door prizes at our noggins, where we sell raffle tickets and draw the winner every time. We would also like to if possible get the prizes donated, so put your thinking caps on and contact your friends in business and help us to generate the required prizes and funds to assist. We have to start somewhere, so please help us as we still have about 15 months to go.

I am sure that you have heard that Andre Bredenkamp will be talking to us about his mountaineering expeditions at our February Saturday noggin and we are looking forward to this. Please attend and invite your friends and family as well, so please let's fill up the hall and support us.

The normal regional Springbok series classic races at Killarney have been cancelled, but there is racing on 16 February and we will be attending in our Triumphs. Meet on the day at the Jaguar Clubhouse for a day of motor racing and fun.

That's it for now enjoy the summer weather and topless driving in your Triumph.

Triumphant Regards,

Gerhard

Editor's desk

First of all, welcome to the February!! Although this is not a National gathering year, there is plenty to keep everyone occupied and the committee is ensuring that brand Triumph will be kept in the top echelon of single marque car clubs.

It is that time of year when 2 wheeled vehicles are to be found on the road and put the blood pressure up of those driving 4 wheeled ones. We have already had Burry Stander, who finished 5th in the Olympics, killed by a taxi in KZN and 2 cyclists have been killed last month whilst training. Please remember that a cyclist has absolutely no protection from a car and yes, they can be a pain, but putting someone in hospital or worse is not too good for one's conscience or future lifestyle!

I wish there was some good news about my TR4, when Geoff Coombes sent me the problems he had registering Alistair's car I thought that was bad. I have done all things I have been asked to do but it seems that somewhere in the system the register number issued by Cape Town doesn't match the one the SAPS think it ought to be so it has gone to Pretoria to be sorted out. The fact is no one seems to accept any responsibility at all and just blames someone else! The positive is that we were able to stamp the VIN number on the chassis rather than the bodywork is at least a positive! Maybe at some time in my lifetime the number will emerge from the black hole of information called police clearance! The fact that the police asked if I had the import papers from 1964 was a form of black humour that even they thought was stupid! We wait in hope!

Forthcoming Events – Please diarise!

Sunday 10th February, Brunch at Harold Porter Nature Reserve

A gentle lead in to this year's events, and hopefully a gentle introduction if I can get my TR4 through the beaurocratic jungle in time! This venue is a real delight and their breakfasts worth travelling over one of the world's great scenic drives to get there!

Meet at the N2 Engen at 9.30 for a 10.00 am departure via Gordon's Bay and Clarens Drive. Please ring me on 084 220 0082 by Saturday morning so I can confirm numbers with the restaurant.

Saturday 23rd Feb, Noggin at clubhouse 10.30 am. A talk by Andre Bredenkamp

This is not a car talk but a talk by one of our members on his climbing experiences throughout the world. Andre is a world class climber and has offered to give a talk so we snapped up the chance. This would also appeal to nonmembers and members of other clubs so if you can let us know how many extras you are bringing we will make sure Anne's legendary bacon butties are in plentiful supply!

Sunday 3rd March Run organised by Neil Cameron

This run has been brought forward by one week to avoid clashing with the Argus Cycle Tour which naturally has priority (particularly in my life)! Neil is organising the run and we will send the details by SMS to let you know where and when to meet.

Sunday March 24th British Sports Car Tour

This year will be the 10th year that the tour has taken place and we have pulled out all the stops to make sure it will be a memorable one. The destination will be La Vierge restaurant in the Hemel – en – Aarde valley near Hermanus. This has one of the most spectacular views down the valley and we have organised a lunch menu that will appeal to all tastes. The route will be via Gordon's Bay and Clarens drive and then turning right to get to Hermanus. Just before the town we turn left to go up the valley past several well-known vineyards and the sort of road to appeal to our sporting natures! The restaurant is at the top of the hill that should give all aspiring hill climbers a good time as well!

Because we felt the previous financial arrangements left a bit to be desired, we have opened a new bank account and until the money is received into the account, no booking will be confirmed. We felt walking round a truck stop car park with over R10 000 in our tin box was becoming a health hazard!

Bookings will close on Sunday 17th March and will be limited to the first 100 bookings, we have had nearly 20 so far so don't delay!

The account to put your money in is Standard Bank Pinelands, TSCC Market link branch, code 036306 and account number 044945552, please put your name and BSCT so we can identify who has booked!

Subscriptions for 2013

If you are reading this and not paid your subs for 2013, then they are now **overdue**. Even a short delay now will mean you will not receive the March edition of Sabrina. Please get on the case now make the payment but should you not wish to renew your membership the please drop Tom a line at the address below.

If possible avoid the use of cheques as they incur high bank charges. **Please use your name as a reference for electronic transfers.**

SUBS for **current members** are as follows:

SINGLE R300 (early bird discount R270 if paid before 31 December 2012)

COUPLE R330 (early bird discount R300 if paid before 31 December 2012)

SUBS for **new members** are as follows:

SINGLE R325 (R300 plus R25 joining fee) less R30 if paid by 31 December 2012

COUPLE R355 (R330 plus R25 joining fee) less R30 if paid by 31 December 2012

DIRECT DEPOSITS to the following account:

TSCC of SA

Standard Bank, Pinelands

Bank Code 036309

Account 078226929

CHEQUES should be sent to TSCC of SA, PO Box 12197, N1 City 7463

Contact Tom on 072 913 2392 or tom.dougan10@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Club bank accounts

A note to let you know that we have opened a second club bank account with Standard Bank which offers a better rate of interest. This will run alongside our present account so there will be no change for members unless you are specifically asked to make a deposit into the new account. For example, entry fees for the British Sports Car Tour are to be paid into the new Market Link account. This will avoid clutter in our main account and make a few more pennies in interest.

Details are:

Main A/c: TSCC of SA, Branch Code 036309, A/c No. 078226929

New A/c: TSCC Market Link, Branch Code 036309, A/c No. 044945442

Report Backs

Trip to Paarl with Sasha Matineningo

This was one of those events that just happened but was a huge boost for the profile of the club. Not being in the listener profile group of Sasha's audience and not being a great one for twittering etc., I am not sure of all the details other than Caltex had organised a trip from Johannesburg to Cape Town via points east and west using their fuel in a car that had been nominated in a poll by the listeners. I certainly remember that a Mazda MX5 was one of the cars offered, but a Triumph TR3A was selected as being the listener's choice and was shipped up to Jo'burg to be prepared for the journey back.



The journey down went via Bloemfontein, Graaff Reinet, Oudtshoorn and George before heading to Hermanus for an overnight stop. There was a bit of a delay in Swellendam due to a starter motor issue, but I was able to meet them on the outskirts of Hermanus and escort them to their guest house. Saturday morning dawned somewhat cloudy and I was joined by Nic Joubert to escort Sasha and his crew over the Franschoek pass to Paarl. The weather really closed in on the back road to Villiersdorp and I think Sasha found the handling of the 3A somewhat different over the pass to the Ferrari he had driven over it 2 weeks earlier! After a short stop in Franschoek to check all was well with Nic's car which had disappeared in a cloud of smoke at the

top of the pass we pressed on. Seemingly the rocker cover gasket had gone which allowed oil onto the exhaust on sharp left hand turns!! After a wrong slot at another Caltex garage in the main road who knew nothing about us, chairman Gerhard arrived and escorted us to the right one! Here there were all sorts of refreshments and music and we met up with the rest of the club whilst Sasha went away and did his PR thing.



After filling the inner man and having a chinwag with those present, it was time to get underway to a Caltex garage near the airport. The convoy snaked its way through Paarl, I estimated 19 cars and made its way onto the N1. All was going well until a young traffic cop decided someone hadn't indicated to pass a slower car so pulled the whole convoy off for a better look. His senior officer was very pleasant about the whole thing and told us to get on our way but we had to avoid the young officer's car where





he had badly parked it and get back onto the freeway all in one go which was a bit hairy, no wonder we have accidents!! All went well from there on, enlivened by a blast from young Dreher's TR6 to clean his engine out before allowing us to pass him again on the R300. We duly arrived at the Caltex garage which had just opened on Borchard's Quarry road where we were well looked after and Sasha again did his thing before being whisked away away by the PR agency for his flight back to the big smoke!

For a very impromptu event all went very well and our thanks to Kisha van Vuuren and the Tin Can agency for letting us join them and to her assistant Kirby for communications along the way.

Timour Hall 20th January



Once again this annual event took place in great summer weather and its usual efficiency. We again had pride of place in the top courtyard and had some 19 cars on show. Looking around the show I really was pleased we have got this spot as some areas were very hot, dry and dusty!

Looking at the cars on show, one wonders whether we have become a sidescreen and TR6 club as there was only one Michelotti car on show, hopefully by next year there will be 4! There were a couple of TR7's on

show as well as Mike Napoli's Devin on what will be its last appearance before it gets shipped to Canada. A shame but they recognized its value and were prepared to pay to ship it over. Eddie Hughes had some regalia for sale and Ronan shared the gazebo with him showing off some wonderful models of triumphs he had collected. A lot of partners had come along and it was really great to be able to chat with everyone that made the day a success.



Overall there were some really great cars on display, there were several Triumphs stuck in odd corners that we will try to encourage to join the club. I car that I really enjoyed was Malcolm Uitenbogaardt's Sunbeam Alpine that has grown up into a superlative Tiger! The quality of workmanship and finish was outstanding, well done Malcolm! I was also really impressed with the display of Rolls Royce's and Bentleys, particularly the special with a Merlin engine, whilst there were some fascinating cars from the

Crankhandle Club which caught my eye. I also managed to find a couple of items in the auto jumble and met lots of old friends so long may the event continue to flourish.

Committee for 2013

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Noggins and Runs for 2013

10 th February	Sunday	Run to Betty's Bay – Jamie and Jenny Hart
23 rd February	Saturday Noggin 1030am	Presentation by Andre Bredenkamp
3rd March	Run	Neil Cameron – destination TBC
24 th March	Sunday	British Sports Car Tour
27 th April	Saturday 1030am Noggin	TBC
4/5th May	Knysna Motor Show	Gerhard Vorster
25 th May	Saturday 1030am Noggin	TBC
9 th June	Sunday run	Birds Paradise, Robertson Eddie Hughes

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

9/10 February George Classic Motor Show
17-20 May Knysna Hill Climb

Please note: The Springbok classic event is not taking place at Killarney this year.

Name Badges

Your committee has started a drive (pardon the pun) to encourage the wearing of name badges at noggins and events which will not only assist the forgetful but more importantly help new members. All new members will now be given a name badge on joining in this sample style.



It comes with a pin or magnetic clip and is available to current members at R40 each. If you wish to order one, please contact Tom on 072 913 2392 or tom.dougan10@gmail.com indicating the style AND how you wish your name to be shown. Meantime, feel free to wear any design of badge, so long as it bears your name.

Regalia survey

If you haven't done so already please will you let Eddie Hughes know of your sizes and requirements.

Triads

Triumph TR3 1957



This true British classic sports car is in great all round condition and comes complete with all of the desirable extras including wire wheels and overdrive. Interior is all perfect, paintwork sound and mechanically excellent. The rugged engine and front disc brakes enable the owner of a



TR3 to compete happily with modern traffic. This fast appreciating classic is offered at only R150 000 because minor body repairs would improve it. Get a bargain now to enjoy the Cape Town summer. Geoff Bowers 0836587195 or email : geoff@schippersteel.co.za

TR3's for rebuild

Enough bits to build 2 cars – located in Mthatha

3 Engine/gearboxes complete (one with overdrive)

3 chassis

body parts for two and a half cars.

boxes and boxes of parts including all latches, hinges, badges brakes, alternators, hooters etc.

Many new parts including, a set of spoked rims, two new floorboards, two new side rails, one new instrument panel and more

I only have one set of seats.

I am looking for R80,000.00 for the lot.

Contact Alan Paul, 083 256 3939 or email : alan@mrbread.co.za

TR7's for sale

Have run out of time and my TR6 is suffering so am offering these to someone who can finish the project.

2 x TR7s For sale

TR7 Coupe complete but not running.

TR7 soft top completely stripped down bodywork nearly ready for spraying lots of body panels and spares.

Body stands so in can be turned upside down

1 x V8 rover engine

Offers on the whole lot to John Markland 082 374 8620 or johnsts@iafrica.com.

Spitfire parts

Differential unit R900

Carburettors R600

Removable hard top R500

Gregory Carlse : cell no 0720808053 preferably after 4pm.

Or email : gregcarlse@live.com

Stag for sale

This Stag is up for sale again. Price reduced to R 45K. Has papers, hardtop, softop. New diff. Ford V6 motor with S/S down pipes.

Body not modified. If anyone is looking for a Stag, paintjob aside, the V6 motor is a great every day option.

I have his contact details below. The car is in Klerksdorp. He seems urgent to sell. Maybe some can get a bargain.

Commision number LD35663

Paint job looks of good quality.

Both bumpers will need straightening and re-chroming.

Front overriders missing.

Holes in fenders for indicators and Stag badges have been closed.

Soft top is available but not fitted to the car, rear window yellowed badly.

All wiring will have to be re-done.

Engine has performance cam (rough idle).

5 speed toyota gearbox.

Needs new steering wheel and door rubbers.

Contact via Beyers Vermaak at beyersvermaak@gmail.com

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