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Chairman's Chat

We hope to see many of our members at both the George show and the Passion for Speed meeting at Killarney. Please make an extra effort to join the Jaguar club as Rodger Robeck, a long standing Triumph club member and former chairman, has invited us to join in the fun. The last time was most enjoyable and the beers very nice and cold.

The George show, will as I understand, be amazing and rumour has it that they are expecting more cars than last year. It promises to be awesome event as always.

We welcome Frits De Klerk to our club, he has a Triumph Spitfire in off white and seems very eager to spend time with us on our outings. Welcome Frits

For all the noggins and runs see our schedule and please contact the committee should they clash with other functions. We have not yet received any fixtures or timetables from other clubs or institutions so there may well be some overlapping. Once we have some clarity we will be able to organise more events. We are putting effort into getting the British Sports Car tour organised which will be at the end of March

For now I wish you all well and happy Triumphanting till next time.

Regards Frank

Editor's desk

Well the year has started and it promises to be a very eventful one. It seems strange not to see some of the older faces at the committee meetings but I must thank them all for a job well done and the new committee seems to be pulling together very well. There are several important areas that need attention, probably most important of all being our website and I think this is going to take a fair amount of team effort for this year.

Just as my training efforts for the Argus are not going well with little mileage in the legs, so some of the jobs on my TR4 leave me a little fearful of the long trip up to Durban for the National gathering and I have decided it is a bridge too far in case of trouble. I do appreciate that if we are awarded the 2016 Nationals then many people from afar may have the same views about coming down to the Cape, wherever these are to be held it is still a long way. With the escalating price of petrol, in 2004 it was R4.30 a litre so it is over 3 times more expensive today, hopefully the BGM will give some thought to an idea of more regional gatherings if this is at all possible. I have certainly enjoyed the interaction with the members of Border and PE at our informal gatherings and although I would not want to exclude members from other centres, I feel a lot more comfortable with a 600 km trip than I do with a 1600 km trip. I realise this column is hardly read by many people but I would love some feedback on what other members feel on this issue.

Upcoming events

Passion for Speed, Killarney racetrack 7th and 8th February

This should be a wonderful event and there are some really good classic cars to be raced on the 2 days. Please note the 8th is a Saturday not Sunday as in previous years as racing is no longer allowed on Sundays. The Jaguar club have made us welcome at their clubhouse which offers great views of the racing and cold beers are available at good rates. Ashley Ellis and Mike Napoli will be amongst the club members racing so please make every effort to support them!

Breakfast run to Kleinmond, Sunday 16th February

We have organised a run to Kleinmond on the Sunday for a late breakfast. Please meet at the N2 Engen for a 9.00 am start and run along Clarens Drive which still has to be one of the best runs on the planet!

Please let Jamie know on 084 220 0082 before noon on Friday so he can confirm numbers.

Noggin at clubhouse, 10 am Saturday 22nd

Frank is busy confirming a really god speaker for the noggin so please make every effort to attend

British Sports Car Tour, Sunday 23rd March

John Parker has taken over the organization of this multi club even that will be going to the "Under the Oaks" restaurant in Paarl. We have been there before and it is a really good venue with a wonderful menu to suit all pockets and tastes. Planning the route is in the early stages so there will be more details of meeting places and times in the March newsletter.

Report Backs

Brunch at Franschoek, Sunday 12th January

With nothing in the club diary and blue skies predicted for the coming Sunday Tom and Anne decided to arrange an impromptu run to clear away the festive cobwebs. A quick call to our chairman and the green light was given.



We were joined at the BP Services in Somerset West by Ashlie and Maggie Ellis, Eddie and Lynne Hughes, Graham and Aurelia Goetze and last but not least, Mike Napoli. The plan was simple, drive to

the Station Bar and Grill in Franschhoek by way of Grabouw and the Franschhoek Pass, have brunch and continue through Pniel, Hellshoogte Pass and home.



About 10k's through Grabouw the gremlins struck the Goetze TR3A and it overheated badly. In spite of expert attention by Graham and Danie they had to turn back, got as far as Grabouw and had to call for a tow. Preliminary diagnosis was head gasket failure.

Meantime the route was akin to Mad Sunday at the Isle of Man TT Races. Packs of bikes moving very fast through the twisties and we saw the obligatory Sunday accident where a bend was not taken. Despite the action we had a very enjoyable run with favourable weather for open tops, the scenery was stunning, and, with all the rains, still green.

The Macau Spitfire on the Franschhoek pass

[Timour Hall Car Show, Sunday 19th January](#)

I really have to admit that this year's show was one of the best for many years. There seemed to be many more people around than last year and I must admit that I thought our stand worked really well,



Members discussing cars, what else?

not too many cars so everyone was had a bit of space but a lot of variety with Ronan's model car display and the regalia stand adding plenty of variety to the cars on show. The weather played its part and although my major disappointment was the auto jumble wasn't up to its normal standards, everything else seemed to work well and there were some marvellous cars on display.

It was also great to be able to present the Chris Schultz trophy to Dennis Cook for all his efforts for the club over the years which Frank was able to do in the morning.



Eddie Hughes setting up the regalia table





Dennis Cook (left) with the Chris Schultz trophy



Ronan and Keegan Sanderson with the model display



Saturday Noggin 25th January

There were a good selection of cars for this noggin including new member Alan Herbert with his white Spitfire Mk 2 which is subject to a running restoration. The bacon roll team were not quite up to Anne Dougan's standards but John did a pretty good job as substitute, thank you! We managed to sort out most of the runs until the end of June to give members a good idea of what we will be up to but we are always looking out for new subject for a noggin and places for Sunday runs. Theo Brand was present to say goodbye and it was proposed that we make him an honorary member in view of all the work he has put in over the years and everyone was happy to go with the proposal.'



Noggins and Runs for 2014

February 16th	Run	Kleinmond	Jamie Hart
February 22nd	Noggin	Clubhouse	Frank Dreher
March 16th	Run	Eden on the Bay	Ronan Sanderson
March 23rd	Run	British Sports Car Tour	John Parker
March 29th	Noggin	Visit to Jack Cramp	Frank Dreher
April 13th	Run	TBC	
April 26th	Noggin	Clubhouse	Frank Dreher
May 11th	Run	Knysna Car Show	Jamie Hart
May 31st	Noggin	TBC	Frank Dreher
June 14th	Run	Ceres	Eddie Hughes
June 27th	Noggin	Clubhouse	Frank Dreher

Please note that the February and March runs are later than usual. In February our stalwarts are off to the George show and the March date coincides with the Argus cycle race so no one is going anywhere that date!!

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[Regalia matters from Eddie Hughes](#)

Sales were good at Timour Hall. We sold R1221.50 - more than double last year's figure - and strangely most of this was to members.

When I reordered this stock I was surprised at how much everything is going up. If anyone is thinking of purchasing Regalia I strongly advise that you do it soon while I still have some of last years' stock available.

[Technical Tip](#)

A useful tip for anybody wanting a seal kit for a GT6 brake master cylinder—also applies to all vehicles fitted with a 0.7" Girling single line brake master cylinder.

The Toyota Yaris-Verso seals are a perfect fit and are available from Ferobrake stockists under part # RK 4.17.50.

Price is a somewhat reasonable R30.00

[Heard around Town](#)

I spoke at length with Barrie Downes at Timour Hall about his restoration of the ex Neil Cameron TR5. This was going to be a "running restoration" but as I suspected with his insistence on maintaining high standard for his cars, is turning into a full body off restoration. His workshop is not the largest of places and to complicate matter just a little he already has a body and chassis from his TR4A restoration occupying most of it! Some of the common parts from his 4A will be used to replace non standard parts such as the rear bumper and over rider assembly but he is also trying to source some trim parts such as the fender side strip which are a little like hens teeth! I am real looking forward to seeing the final product rolling out of the Downes' workshop!

As you might have read Graham Goetze has a problem with overheating on his TR3A, hopefully the problem is well under resolution by now

Brandon Rijs of Kermit fame) has been offered a job as a flying instructor in Gaberone so work on his rebuild come to an end and will only start on his less than frequent trips back to the Mother city. Hope the job goes really well and we look forward to catching up with you when you are down.

I had a really great run back from the show in my TR4 which is starting to go really nicely now. On my return I noticed an oil slick under my back tyre that has come from the rear axle. Hopefully it is only the breather that is blocked otherwise it is an oil seal which is a bit of a mission on the 3s and 4s. I supposed it is to be expected on an axle and seals that haven't really done any mileage for at least 15 years but I must admit it certainly is a lovely car to drive and seems to get admiring glances everywhere!

Triads

Spitfire Mk I 1964

My mom has a 1964 Triumph complete with soft and hard top, which she would like to sell. It is in running condition, but does need some work. I have not yet advertised, please contact me should any of your members be interested.

Regards, Melody 0847899498.

Spitfire Mk 3 1970

We spoke about my Triumph quite a while ago and eventually I have some pictures to show you.

It's a 1970 Triumph Spitfire MK3 and is presently registered in my name, valid until Aug 2014. The car is totally original and needs some body work attention. I also have the boot clip-on luggage carrier.



My asking price is R30 000 or nearest cash offer.

Could you enquire amongst your members if anyone is interested in buying the car? I do not have enough time to give her enough attention and so would like her to go to someone who would restore her to her former glory.

Thanks

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