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NEWSLETTER – February 2018

Chairman's Chat

I put my feet up in the middle of December as far as club matters were concerned and thinking about my own projects which have been taking a bit of a back seat. Well, that gap didn't seem to last long as before I knew it we were back into club events.

We had Tom's breakfast in Pringle Bay which was socially a success and very enjoyable – apart from the fact that it actually *rained!* – remember that stuff? I chickened out from using the TR as it was sparkling and ready for our concours at Timour Hall. I'm sure you all know what 1mm of rain can do to create enough mud on the road to put you back to square one! Hats off to the three members who did turn up in their TR's – Derick Coetzee (TR4A), Tim Kent (TR7) and a special mention of Nick and Elizabeth Joubert who came from Struisbaai in their TR3. A good turnout of about 20 people enjoyed an excellent breakfast.

Two weeks later we displayed some of our finest at Timour Hall – see report elsewhere. We will be hosting the British Sports Car Run on 18th March and I hope to see a good contingent of Triumphs then.

Graham

Editor's desk

I hope you all had a great festive season and are looking forward to some runs with your cars before the winter catches up with us. At this stage all of us have our fingers, toes, eyes and anything else crossed as we face the prospect of having to queue for water sometime in April if the water situation doesn't improve so we are all hoping for a very wet winter!

On the Triumph front, the first 2 events have been very successful and we look forward to events such as the British Sports Car tour mid- March which has been running for a long time and brings much kudos to the club. We are always looking for ways to improve the club's offering to members so all ideas will be gratefully received.

On this subject, when I took over the editorship at the AGM I reverted to the format of the old newsletters because that was on my laptop and it was easy to update. This letter appears in the same format but probably the time has come for a change in format. This format has been around for at least 20 years since I joined the club, what do members feel on the subject. One of the possibilities is to use the Triumph Whale tail emblem that was developed for the Hermanus Nationals in 2006 and appears on our club T shirts and other regalia. This emblem is

unique to our branch so should we put it on a newsletter heading and what should we call the newsletter. I agree with Barrie that it is very bland but what would identify Triumph and Cape Town branch in a unique way? All replies will be given an airing, promise!!

Look forward to seeing you all soon,

Jamie

[Breakfast run to Fishhoek, February 11th](#)

We are going to the Gallerie on the Fishhoek beachfront for breakfast, the skottel braai at Steenbras became a bit of a mission so hence the change of venue.

Please meet at the Engen, Constantia Village at 9.00 for a 9.30 departure.

[British Sports Car Tour March 18th](#)

This year's run will be going to a brand new destination, the Aphrodisiac Smoke Shack, which is next to Villiersdorp alongside what used to be Theewaterskloof dam. The start point will be the Engen eastbound on the N2 at 10.00 for a 10.30 departure and the route is via Stellenbosch, Helshoogte Pass, and the Franschoek Pass to the venue.

The price is R200 for the driver including draught beer from the local micro brewery and R175 for the passenger for lunch. Please deposit your money into the Triumph account, by the 10th March so we can confirm numbers with the venue. Those who have eaten there say the food is excellent plus there is plenty of parking.

[Century Classic Car run](#)



As many of you will know the proceeds from the run in November were donated to the Red Cross Children's Hospital. They sent us a wonderful thank you letter which was in the December issue, but we have got their final donor's report for all the improvements that your donations and others went to.

It is a large document and very comprehensive so I have asked Dennis to put it onto the website for you to read. Just seeing what this hospital achieves is heart warming and really makes our efforts on this run and the British Sports car tour worthwhile!

Tom's breakfast run

Tom and Anne Dougan organized one of their post New Year special breakfast runs on the first Sunday in January. The destination was to be La Gallerie in Pringle Bay as Tom and Anne knew the owners when they lived in Somerset West. The run via Clarens Drive to Pringle Bay is one of my absolute favourites when the weather is good, the big trouble is that it decided to rain. Not enough to make any difference to the drought but long enough and hard enough to dirty cars and reduce visibility to almost nothing!



Dereck's TR4A and Tim Kent's TR7



Having got to Pringle Bay, I have to admit that all was worth it. We had a good choice of breakfast with eggs or a health breakfast which was served promptly and lots of coffee and tea. Abie Fullard who is a PB resident joined us and admitted this was a great find for him as well. Conversation was excellent and we went back there a few days later and had an equally good meal. Well done to Dereck Coetzee and Tim Kent for making the run from Cape Town in their TR's , and especially to Nic and Denise Joubert in a TR3 for making it all the way from Struisbaai in those conditions. Triumphant over adversity!! A very big thank you to Tom and Anne for the organization.

The intrepid Joubert's on the way back to Struisbaai



Timour Hall Car Show 21st January

Once again many thanks to Tom and Anne for organising cars for the vent. We had a couple of no shows but were able to fill up our customary pace in the quadrangle very nicely and a very big thank you to Eddie and his band of helpers for selling regalia and old magazines to swell the club coffers. We ran a tops up concours event simultaneously with the show which was organised by Barrie Downes with many having their arms twisted to act as judges. Here is Barrie's report on events.

I did make some adjustments on the day in order to get consistency and hopefully a little more accuracy as some aspects were overlooked. EG. I marked my car down because of scratches on the passenger window which were not considered.

However, I did not check on all aspects, for example, I am sure that jack, tools and handbook was a gap and ALL cars were lacking here, some cars even did not have spare wheels which some judges missed. It was great that it happened, however, but the results are not a D'Elegance because underbody was not included.



Barrie's TR5



TR6's and a TR3A



Gert Vlok's Roadster and Stag



The Regalia team!

Clearly, some participants did not take it seriously and therefore the deliverable of helping to guide the owner to obvious improvements may not have been fully achieved, regardless, some positives can be taken from the results. I also have to add that the results are not really a true

reflection of the individual car's status and are possibly overstated, but this will be reflected when judged nationally by critical judges if these cars are entered.

I will get the scoring sheets to Eddie so that they can be distributed to the car owners but the results are as follows,

Graham Goetze - TR6 - 97% - Gold
Barrie Downes - TR5 - 97% - Gold
Danie Barkhuizen - TR3 - 96% - Gold
Brian McKirdy - TR3A - 95.7% - Gold

Frank Dreher - Spitfire - 90.3% - Silver
Derick Coetzee - TR6 - 89% Silver
Mike Billington - Spitfire - 84% - Silver

Frank Dreher - Chicane - 80.3% - Bronze

Dale Jacobs - TR4 - 71.3%
Greg Bjorkman - Spitfire - 67.7%
Gert Vlok - Roadster - 64.7%
Gert Vlok - Stag - 60%
Peter Lloyd - 42.7%

Many thanks indeed to all those who showed their cars and participated in the concours to make it a truly TRemendous day!!

Heard around Town

We were really pleased to see Dereck Coetzee on Tom's breakfast run in his newly acquired TR4A that looked immaculate from the top. Dereck found the steering very vague so took it down to his local mechanic to get the alignment checked who took one look at the condition of the suspension and forbade him to drive it until it was repaired! This was a car bought from a reputable dealer on the Garden route for top dollar and had come with a valid roadworthy certificate! Be very, very careful about roadworthy certificates, sometimes they are not worth the paper they are written on!

Great to see Colin Maggs has joined the club and taken over Brian's collection. We wish him well and hope that he will also finish some of his late father's restoration projects which would be fantastic to see on the road again!

It is also great to see Chris Cockett from Somerset West rejoin the club with his Spitfire. Hopefully he will find his membership worthwhile when his fuel problem is sorted out.