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Chairman's Chat

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This will my last chat as Chairman for this year- the AGM and year end function will be held at the Clubhouse on 26 November. Your club has had a good year and our finances are in good shape, as John will tell you at the AGM. We have therefore decided to share some of this with our members and have arranged a slap-up spitbraai at the Clubhouse to be enjoyed after the Prizegiving and AGM. The cost is R140 per head but members attending will only be asked to pay R70 per head and, in addition, beer and wine will be provided by the Club to make this a festive occasion.

The finances are in good shape so the club will sponsor some of the costs of the AGM catering.

Although the Committee's term will end at that time, we have hated the fact that there used to be no December events, so this year we have organised to take part in the Stanford Village

Festival to be held on 11 December. Take the opportunity to motor over the Overberg to this charming Heritage Village and enjoy a day out in the country, where there will be a village market with lots of interesting attractions. By the way, this is the home of the Birkenhead brewery for those who enjoy a pint or two of good stuff.

Thinking ahead to the AGM; I noted in the latest edition of the mag of the MG car club that their Chairman asks :

"I do have a question of the members. In the past two years, the attendance on the various runs has steadily declined, despite having roughly the same number of club members. Is the kind of run being organised not of interest to the members? If so, what kind of run would appeal more? Has cost become a factor in driving and maintaining your MG? Are we organising too many events? We need to find out what the problem is, to keep the Club relevant to the needs of its members."

In his final report as Chairman, Eric Fletcher of the Pretoria Centre blames the declining attendance of his Club on the fact that Pretoria hardly organise any events but participates in events of other clubs. The PE Centre appears to have the same problem.

Your Committee has ensured that there is an interesting noggin with a speaker as well as a run each month, despite having to organise 2 major events this year. Additionally, we have focussed on affordable venues, yet attendance has been disappointing, so please join us at the AGM to voice your opinion and give us input as to what you want from your Club.

**JOIN US AT THE AGM TO
VOICE YOUR OPINION OF
OUR CALENDER OF EVENTS!**

The recent Crossley and Webb Century Classic car run proved a great success and we managed to raise the sum of R18,590 which has been donated to the Club's designated charity, the Red Cross Children's hospital. Our Marque was well represented with 18 Triumphs participating. If Barrie had come in a Triumph, John and James cars had not been sick, Tom and John Jones had not taken sick it could have been 23 !

Just a thought- I was replacing a crankshaft oil seal on my TR4A- a simple job made tedious by having to take off most the front end of the car apart first, I reflected that doing this every day and becoming a mechanic, because you like cars, is a bit like becoming a gynaecologist because you like women; must take all of the fun out of it.

Cheers, Dennis



Editorial



Letters to the Editor:

Triumph Wedding Car.

We have received a request from a fellow Triumph owner from Scotland to drive him from the Waterfront to get married on the Tigger Too on 31 January in a Triumph:

"My name is Andy. I'm a member of the Stag club in Scotland and I've had my Stag for 26 years. I'm a mechanic for a husband and wife team (Elstrop Racing) racing a 1965 TVR. They also race a Spitfire and GT6. In January we're taking part in a race at Zwartkops/Pretoria, and then Killarney near Cape Town. In between the two races (31st January) my fiancée Stefanie and I are getting married on the Tigger Too in the Harbour at Cape Town. I was wondering if it would be possible for a club member to drive us from our accommodation (Waterfront) to the boat on the day of our wedding? The day of the wedding is 31st of January and the boat is in the harbour in Cape Town. I would be happy to bribe with alcohol, I mean pay any costs, to anybody that could help. If you can help contact :

Andy phillips andyphillips2@hotmail.com

✚ *I received an email with the following article, but only on 15th October so it missed the October edition of The Globe. Pity because it really does explain why concours is important to all car owners regardless of the owners considered condition of the car. It is not just about winning recognition with a trophy, read it and regret you did not participate.*

Why you should enter your car in Concours

By Dennis Cook



The Club's annual Concours will be held in Table View on Saturday 29 October. Typically we have the same few members bringing their cars to be judged each year, but I would like to encourage more of you to enter your cars. Concours d' Elegance is said to have begun in the late 1800's as an event for the social elite, showing off their motoring pride and joy and dressing to suit. Today most motor clubs hold annual shows with cars being judged on condition and cleanliness. Some, such as the famous Pebble Beach Concours in California, are contested internationally with cars reflecting the best in the world. Many people may look at those who participate in Concours d' Elegance events as being "fanatical, perfectionistic, cleaning nuts.", probably thinking "he really ought to get a life!", or, "No, it really can't be that he is scrubbing inside of the engine compartment with a toothbrush?" For those who have never entered Concours because their car is not "perfect" enough, or can't compete against the recently rebuilt cars, I encourage you to take part this year. Here are some good reasons to do so:

Firstly, the cars of those who enter Concours are given a complete and thorough clean and spruce up once a year. In the process entrants will identify parts that may be rusting or deteriorating and bring them up to standard. You will be maintaining and enhancing the value of your Triumph by taking care of it. While cleaning every aspect of your car you will find things that need maintenance or repair and take care of them before they become a serious problem, possibly obviating a breakdown at some stage. A thorough wax of the bodywork will reveal blemishes and blobs that can be restored instead of being glossed over with a wash and wax. This is why I always wash my own Triumphs, even if I allow my helper to wash my daily transport. Cleaning under your car will eliminate the accumulation of grease, oil or grime that will, in time, become a rust trap.

During Concours d'Elegance the judges will check the mechanical and electrical operation of your car. Everything must work properly in order to get a top score. By preparing for Concours you will be giving your car a mini roadworthy test as you ensure that indicators, light, brake lights, hooters, steering etc. are all functioning properly. As an entrant in Concours you will be ensuring at least once a year that all parts of your car are functioning correctly and safely and that has to be good for these cars, the newest of which is more than 30 years old.

Competing in Concours gives you the opportunity to examine at close hand the cars of other Club members giving you the opportunity, not just to compare, but to learn from others who may have more experience and improve your car. Judges may help you by pointing out problems that are about to arise. You will find yourself liking your car even more as you discuss the merits of each model with others in the Club.



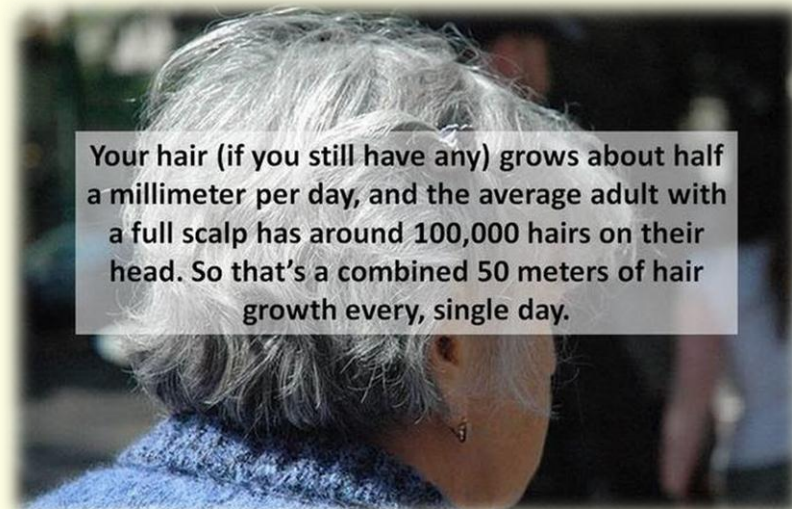
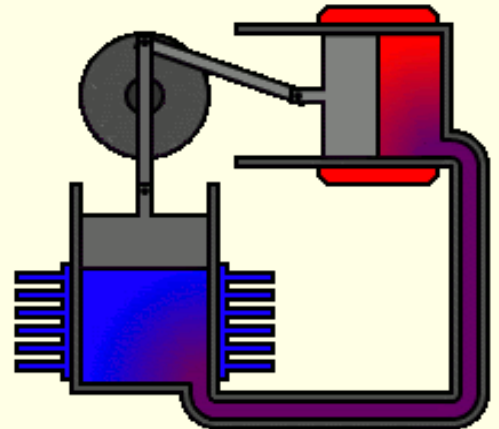
It is a great feeling to finish preparation for show of your car and then stand back and admire the sheer beauty of your Triumph - that is why you are a collector, is it not? The pleasure of driving one of these collectible beauties is so much greater when it is sparkling clean inside and out- and think of those admiring hoots from other motorists who envy you.

We are aiming this year to have more than 1 trophy for those who enter their car for the first time or don't usually meet the Concours Medal standard, to make it easier to win against those who usually top the lists, so get the bucket and sponge (even the toothbrush) out.

Technical

The importance of routine maintenance

No4 of the series and the benefits of doing routine preventative maintenance, rather than breakdown maintenance.



Your hair (if you still have any) grows about half a millimeter per day, and the average adult with a full scalp has around 100,000 hairs on their head. So that's a combined 50 meters of hair growth every, single day.

M posed for which picture?



One Way to Set you timing correctly.

Don Lenschow drtrite@aol.com

I have heard a lot of discussion about how to get the timing set correctly, particularly on a Healey because they only have one mark on the crankshaft pulley. You could take the crank pulley off and mark it in degrees if necessary, but this info. could apply to any make.

The photos below show a timing light sold by Sears that can make the job easy and fast. I am sure there are other brands that have the dial on the light to assure correct advance in degrees.

*To use the light I have, you simply hook up the power lead clamps and clip the pick up over your number one spark plug wire. If you want 15 degrees BTDC just turn the knob on the rear of the light to 15 and adjust the distributor to make the mark on the crank pulley and the indicator finger on the engine line up. Snug the clamp bolt (**do not crush or tighten to much**) on the distributor*

and you have your timing set. If you want to check the maximum advance as per specs. in manual, just set the dial on maximum advance for your car and rev engine to see if the crank mark and finger line up.

Note: When you are setting your timing and you see the mark on the pulley jump around, chances are you have a worn distributor shaft or the plate is not running true. This must be corrected to maintain proper timing.



Sears timing light with power and pick up leads plugged in.

Dial with 15 degrees shown by indicator knob.

Sears Model # 161.2194. This is an older light so they may have a new model number now.



8.2MILLION PEOPLE

The number of people interested in historic vehicles in Britain



1,039,950

Registered
Historic
Vehicles



Registered for
road use

34,900

The number of people
employed in the
historic vehicle
industry in Britain

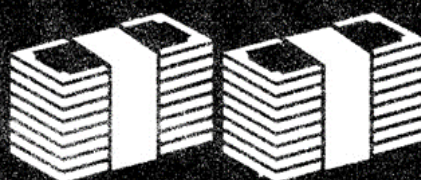


1,124

MILES
PER
ANNUM



The average distance travelled by each historic vehicle in Britain



c500K



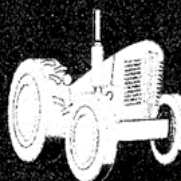
owners of
historic vehicles
in Britain

£5.5bn

Annual spending on historic vehicle related activity

£17.8bn

The estimated value of all
historic vehicles in Britain



23 MILLION PEOPLE

See historic vehicles as an
important part of Britain's heritage



The proportion of employers that
expect their historic vehicle
business to grow in the future

£662M



Annual spend by international historic vehicle owners

Welcome to New Members

- ✓ Derick Coetzee is the owner of a very nice TR6 with which he participated in the C&W Century Classic car run. He will have his car at the Killarney Motor Festival.
- ✓ Alasdair Mc Robbie is the owner of the Tulbagh Hotel. He has recently imported, from the UK, a TR4A which he has owned for the last 37 years. It is coming to the end of a minor renovation project in Cape Town. He does not spend all his time in SA, but hopes when the TR is up and running to persuade us to visit his pretty town.



Year Calendar – Events, Noggins, and Outings 2016

	6th The Cape Auto Festival @ Killarney - Committee		26th AGM and Annual Prize giving - MMC - Committee
It is the month for giving.		11th The Stanford Street festival - committee	

Your Club Activities and Events

November

6th Cape Auto Festival @ Killarney

The bi-annual Cape Classic Car show previously held at Parow has morphed in a new and innovative format and will be held at Killarney this year on Sunday 6 November. There are some 1000 Vintage, Veterans and Classic expected as well as New Vehicles and 4x4's. The TSCC has booked and paid for 20 show spots - but there are a few spots left but you must let us know if you want to enter.

Entry to the Killarney festival is via the Container Road entrance (on the northern side of the Killarney complex). To get to Container Road, travelling along Koeberg Road from the Milnerton side, go past Killarney Main entrance and at the next traffic light, at the end of Killarney Raceway, with the skidpan on the left and just before the bridge going straight - TURN LEFT into Container Road (do not go over the bridge). Entrance to the Killarney Raceway is approximately 200m down the road on the left. Once into Killarney Raceway, make your way to the main straight (inside the gate, turn right and then left onto the main straight at the entrance gate next to the grand stand). The Triumph parking is on the right, just before the new pit complex. Cars are to be parked by 9h00 and may not leave before 16h00.

Wednesday 16 November :Jag Club Vets run

This second Vets run, to which the TSCC is invited, will be to SANCCOB Penguin Sanctuary after which lunch at Doodles on Bloubergstrand. Lunch may be ordered off their Pensioner's menu (+-R50) There will be a photo opportunity with Table Mountain as a backdrop. Meet Constantia Village 09:30 or Milnerton Lighthouse 11:00

Booking is required before 11 November with Heilie Keet; Home Phone:0215544943; Cell:083 230 2015 email keet@telkomsa.net

Saturday 26 November: Prize giving, AGM and Year end function

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Menu:

*Whole Lamb spit roasted
Roast Chicken Thighs
Fresh Garlic Bread
Coleslaw, Greek Salad & Dressing
Malva Pudding & custard*

Caterer will provide:

Plates, Knives & Forks, Pudding Bowls & Spoons



Pleasant memories



October

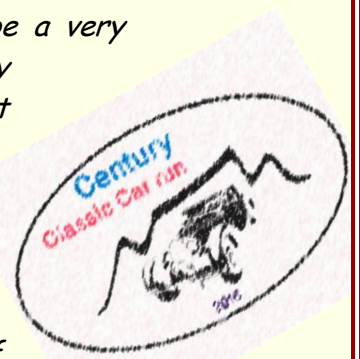


Crossley & Webb Century Classic Car Run



This CTTSCC organized annual event proved again to be a very popular event with the classic car enthusiasts mainly because it is a charity event. We managed to collect R18590 for the Red Cross Children's Hospital, a fantastic effort where everybody put their hands in their pockets. The theme is all about 100 and an event which is not limited just to car club members.

We actually had 92 entrants participate on the day, unfortunately some people were sick and did not arrive. There were 29 different makes of beautiful vehicles, with 18 Triumphs being the largest representation of marque.



Annual Club Concours

We had a total of 6 cars for the annual concours, the results to be announced at the AGM and Annual prize giving on 26th November.

Club News and Feedback

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Your Stories/Have Your Say

Perhaps you will have some constructive comments at the AGM on the 26th November at the MMC

The importance of having an occupation after retirement.

Submitted by Dennis

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither.

Harold Schlumberg is such a person:

THIS IS QUOTED FROM HAROLD:

"I've often been asked, 'What do you do now that you're retired?' Well, ...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and spirits into urine. It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."

Harold should be an inspiration to us all.

Sales/Wanted

Sales


🚗 *Club Spares. The Club has a selection of used Spitfire and TR3 parts, but we have not been able to get a Spares Manager. So if you are looking for some spares for these cars please make an offer for the lot.*

🚗 *TR7v8 convertible, fully restored in 2003, and in regular use. Bodywork, interior all good condition and motor recently overhauled. Asking R80,000 or very near offer. Fast and fun; ideal for the summer. Contact Gerhard Vorster 0762365414*





Wanted

🚗 *Does anyone have an alternator for my TR4A rebuild, preferably with the fitting kit, but this is not critical, 45amp or 60 amp. Regards, Barrie
Contact me by email bdownes.inct@gmail.com*





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Other Pic's

The only one I have from C&W Century Classic Car run, what a 'beauty' !!!!!!!

