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## NEWSLETTER – November 2014

### Chairman's Chat

Yes, the end of another year rears its head and finally the weather has turned for the better.

It has been a nightmare trying to set up all our events but we have again had to re assess our standings so please check our schedule in this letter.

The AGM is coming up and please we need nominations for our committee members. WEBMASTER and CLUB SECRETARY are vitally important functions in the club so please nominate your committee members early so that we can do a reshuffle.

I would like to know what happened to all the support we had in the club till last year. I have found that for the last two years members just don't support our outings and runs as they used to, as well as not having any feedback of what you actually want the club to do.

The Langebaan run is also a case in point only 4 cars are going. It is a poor show especially that we have a strong membership and awesome cars to be proud of.

Please take the AGM seriously and nominate available members for our committee. We have set up a great event with music at hand for all to PPAARRRTTTY!!!!

See you at the AGM

Triumphant Regards  
Frank

### Editor's desk

I am not too sure what is happening to our postal system at present, but one of the problems is that the last issue of Sabrina has been delivered to the Post Office well over 6 weeks ago and as of the present no one has seen any sign of it emerging from the mess. I know the amount of work that Eric Fletcher puts into each edition and can really understand the sheer frustration that Sabrina's none appearance must give him. I also know that the issue regarding the conversion into an electronic format has been discussed at recent BGMs so I am also not going to tread on that particular area without a major degree of caution. I know that the magazine of the TR Register, TRAction, have had a similar exercise recently and have decided to continue with a print format. The one difference is that the UK's postal service seems to work very well although a tad expensive.

A part I needed on a recent trip was posted in London in the afternoon and received at my mother's house some 300 miles away mid morning the following day! Certainly this newsletter only goes out in electronic format these days and the few copies needed for snail mail are then derived from it to send onto those members with no internet access. It has also save this club's finances as we used to spend an awful lot of money on printing and distribution of the newsletter and as a result the yearly

subscriptions have been kept to well under the inflation rate. The SA Post Office seems unlikely to get better at any time soon so maybe now is the time for a possible review of how Sabrina comes out.

I think it is a fairly well known fact that the club is going through a difficult period in its existence at the moment, most organisations go through these periods at some time and the reasons are many and varied. We have a very proud history as a club and in the past have been the envy of many similar organisations. A club really is only as good as its members and whilst we have lost many really good and loyal members due to death and disability, it is up to us to make sure that the club regroups to face the future, this club really does need **YOU** to ensure its future!!

On that note, however, this will probably be the last issue I will edit. Hooray some members may say as it would appear that some of my views on concours, particularly d'etat, upsets some of the more senior members of the club! Living as I do in the platteland is starting to make attendance at events more problematic so I feel it is time to hand over to someone possibly less controversial and more capable of reporting events. It seems ages ago since I took over as Editor and even longer since I came on to the committee so I will miss matters Triumph but hope to be able to organise some events and write articles for future editions. Thank you to everyone over the years for a truly wonderful experience.

## Upcoming events

### Concours and AGM 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Clubhouse

Our Concours and AGM was scheduled for 8th November at Hazendal Wine Estate with the planned year end function on the 29th at the Clubhouse. Hazendal has now advised that they are unable to accommodate us on that date due to a large wedding and requested that we change the date to 15 November. Your Committee has considered this and rejected the change as it will result in 2 functions being held in close proximity.

Other factors considered are cost of food and fuel and disappointing response from our members to the planned functions.

It has now been decided that the AGM and Concours will be held at the Clubhouse on **Saturday 29 November**; our usual noggin day, to be followed by a catered spit braai at 1 pm, thus constituting your Club year end function at the same time.

The cost of the spitbraai, as previously advised, is **R130 per head**.

You will enjoy Lamb on the spit with roast potatoes and onions, Greek salad, green beans, mixed grilled veggies & garlic bread and dessert - homemade cheese cake.

Vegetarian Lasagne is available on request but please Dennis know a.s.a.p if you require this.

**Please pay this amount into the club account as soon as possible, with your name and YE as reference as we have to pay the caterer a deposit of 50% to secure the spitbraai.**

Those who have paid for both functions may request a refund of the money paid for the Hazendal function or let it be accrued to your 2015 subs which will soon be due, just let our Treasurer John Parker know.

Our Prize giving and awards will now be held at the MM Clubhouse on **Saturday 31 January** (our usual noggin date) at 10:00 followed by a braai.

Please note: Noggins will in future start at 10 am rather than 10:30

Whilst we apologise for the change of plans, we hope that having the single function in November will encourage greater participation by our members; come and enjoy this last event of 2014.

## Timour Hall Classic Car Show, Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2015

Advance notice for this very popular event organized by the Police Association and the Crankhandle club. The club will have its usual place in the courtyard and you need to be there by 9.00 am, contact Dennis Cook if you will be going.

## Prize giving and awards, Clubhouse, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10 am

This event was due to happen with the year end function but as that has had to be changed due to the non availability of our booked function place it was decided to make the first noggin of 2015 the place where awards were handed out and to have a good Cape Town braai afterwards!

## Run to the Plaaskombuis, Hermanus 8<sup>th</sup> February

This run is to a delightful farm kitchen up the Hemel en Aarde valley in Hermanus. They serve delightful farm food including a stunning bobotie! There are also lots of thing to buy including fresh vegetables and a lovely nursery at hand so all tastes will be catered for.

There is a fantastic drive along Clarens Drive to get there so we will meet at the BP Wild Bean in Somerset West at 10.00 am and probably have a cup of coffee somewhere en route.

Please let Jamie know if you are coming on 084 220 0082 or [Jamie.hart@kingsley.co.za](mailto:Jamie.hart@kingsley.co.za) by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February please.

## Report Backs

## Whales and Wheels 4 October by Dennis Cook

This year's was the 23rd Annual Whale Festival in Hermanus; said to be a popular and enjoyable event with food stalls, arts and crafts, markets, beer tents and music as well as an opportunity to sight whales from the cliffs around the harbour. Thousands of visitors do indeed fill the market square and enjoy the festive atmosphere.



MATES



TRIUMPH DISPLAY

Getting there from Cape Town, let alone the southern peninsula, where we live, means getting up very early to meet at the Engen on the N2 at 07:30 in order to arrive at the Hermanus primary school by 09:00. Perhaps this is why we had only 4 Triumphs and Ashley in his TVR on the run. Fortunately the



traffic into Hermanus was not too bad and we made the start time. Nick and Denise Joubert joined us from further down south in their TR3.

There seemed to be a fair turnout of most of the popular marques, but the field was by no means full. A parade of the classic cars through the town was due for 10 am, with the aim of drumming up support by the public to pay to see the cars on show. Either the organisers were not persuasive enough, or those who came from afar were more intent on getting breakfast, but it was a rather sad and depleted parade, with only 3 Triumphs fielded and most cars remaining on the sports field. The aim of the Whales and Wheels show is to raise money for the school and it is to be regretted that there seemed to be so little enthusiasm to support this aim from the classic car clubs.



The organisers had aimed to surpass last year's show that "was acclaimed by many visitors as one of the best country shows they have attended". I don't know what the gate takings were, but it was a lacklustre event and all but over by lunchtime. The usual model car display and sale did not materialise because (apparently) the show was not seen as worthwhile to travel all that way by the exhibitors to display their wares. There was not much more than the odd pancake and hamburger to be had to eat and few unusual cars on display. Even the promised beer tent that would showcase local breweries products did not materialise and one had to pay

an entrance fee to a hospitality tent with the usual SAB products and ear splitting music in order to get a thirst quencher.

This has always been a much anticipated event in the classic car calendar, but I wonder if those who came from Cape Town and afar will be keen to drive all that way next year for so little return? The organisers might want to think of ways to make the show more attractive to both the public and participants, but next year at this time, I shall have my bacon and eggs locally.

## [Visit to Executive Coachworks, Killarney Gardens 11<sup>th</sup> October](#)

Many thanks to Eddie Hughes who organised a visit to the company that made such a wonderful job on the re-spray of his TR7. It took a little while to assemble everyone as the instructions to get to the factory were from gate 1 to the estate which was firmly closed! Gate 2 was open but then everyone seemed to go on their own tour of the estate before finding the right roads!

Once everyone had made it, we were introduced to Johan, the owner, his wife Shirley and his right hand man Stefan. Johan outlined what went on at the shop, their main business is obviously to fix fender benders and the like on the mundane plastics we see in everyday use. He has always had a passion, however, for finding old classic cars, particularly American ones, on his trips through the Karoo and then bringing them back to life, either as a fully restored version or sometimes as the basis for a hot rod, depending on the condition and or rarity of the vehicle. He had some really stunning vehicles in his workshops including Porsches and spends a lot of time getting them just right! I was interested to see Fred Phillips racing Austin Healey undergoing some panel beating, not sure whether that was after an altercation on the track, but the result looked first class!





**Stefan and Johann**



**Gregor's TR3 under scrutiny**



**Eddie's pride and joy**



**Fred Phillips Healey**



**From this**



**to this!!!!**

I was particularly impressed by the care and dedication to getting the details right and also by the sheer quality of the paintwork on the cars being worked on. As Eddie mentioned, they aren't the cheapest in





town but you certainly get value for money! It was interesting to see the TR3 brought along by Gregor Loetter who has a classic hire car business in town. This was an early TR3 with the Lockheed braking system and drum front brakes and I suspect the car was the one sold by Nick Joubert when he brought Arturo Pastorini's car some years ago. It certainly looked in excellent condition. It was also great to see Andre Bredenkamp in his TR6 who we haven't seen in a long time. The morning ended with snack and cool drink, all in all an excellent visit, thanks to all concerned.

## Noggins and Runs for 2014

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Concours and AGM	Clubhouse	Dennis Cook
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Timour Hall Show	Timour Hall	Dennis Cook
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Prize giving and awards	Clubhouse	Dennis Cook
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Club run	Plaaskombuis Hermanus	Jamie Hart
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Noggin	Clubhouse	

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## Regalia matters from Eddie Hughes

.Not too much to report but Eddie will be taking the regalia to the Langebaan event and items will be on sale at the AGM and Timour Hall show

## Rebuilder's diaries

### **Barry Downs' TR5**

I popped in to see Barrie the other day and see how he was doing. The car looks fine but he has hit a major problem with his fuel injection system. Initially there was no fuel at all at the injectors but after sorting out the fuel pump and getting the correct delivery pressure, the fuel sprays out continually from the injector indicating that it is by passing the shuttle in the metering unit. Barrie then ordered new seals for the metering unit but as at the time of writing the problem is still persisting so there is much head scratching in the Downes' garage at present.

Being the perfectionist that he is I am sure there will be a solution before too long, in the meantime the brakes have been sorted out and a curious electrical gremlin is present, the left hand indicators work but not the right. Put it down to the Prince of Darkness, Mr Lucas!

### **Dennis Cook's TR4A**

Dennis has been working on Geoff Davies' old car and it is back from the spray painters and on axle stands in his workshop. He has had a few problems with the fuel tank which is back at the supplier being re done and has also found that modern fuel is a very good chassis paint stripper but apart from all these niggles the car is looking good and he hopes to have it ready for the Timour Hall day in January.



### **Gordon Waring's TR6**

This rebuild was necessitated by Gordon and Denise's encounter with a kudu on the way back from Ladismith which has made international news in the Triumph world. The initial cost estimates were horrific, but thanks to a local panel beater who is skilled in the art of panel beating rather than panel replacement the car is taking shape pretty fast and we will be going up to the farm fairly shortly to see how progress is going and help out with some of the less available parts.

## Heard around Town

If you have been to Riebeek Kasteel recently you can't fail to have seen the landmark pink Fiat 600 outside a Guest house as you enter the town; the guest house is owned by former motor racing champion and classic car enthusiast, Dave Kopke & his wife Petro.



It is rumoured that Dave has bought the Ed's Diner property so watch out for the re-opening.

It is a sad task to report on the deaths of 2 Port Elizabeth stalwarts, Godfrey Gericke and Johann Hartman. We would like to extend our condolences to their families and members of the centre.

Pretoria centre Chairman and club Registrar Nols Pienaar suffered a heart attack whilst visiting friends and relatives in Holland. He was due to undergo surgery to place a stent in his system and we wish he and Cathy God speed and a quick recovery to full health.

I am glad that Theo Brand seems to be coming along well and we look forward to seeing him at the AGM

My spies tell me that the blue TR5 featured in last month's Classic and Performance Car has left the Eastern Cape and is on its way to the Mother City. Looking at the prices paid overseas where a TR5 in concours condition sold for GBP 42 000 (SAR 750 000) recently, it would sadly appear that this lovely car may be on its way back to the land of its manufacture!

## Triads

### **GT 6 Mk 3 1973**

I am selling my 1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII for the cash price of R85000. Since buying it I have spent more than R35k on brakes, engine, gearbox and overdrive.

I am selling due to relocating to Cape Town next year where I will not have under cover parking. My selling price is least R10k below my total cost. Full details of the work done are available and can be e-mailed to any interested person.

The car has been well maintained and has won silver at a National Concours. The overhaul included 10thou oversize main bearings, standard big end bearings standard size new rings, cylinder head overhaul which included fitting of hardened exhaust valve seats, new oil pump, new clutch and pressure plate, total gearbox and overdrive overhaul. Front discs have stainless hydraulic pistons and brakes also overhauled.

Interior is very original and upholstery is leather and in excellent condition as are instruments. Exhaust system is dual stainless steel - it sounds really very good !!

The car has done just over 100000 miles and goes exceptional well. The body is in good condition but there are a few minor aspects which need attention.

Please contact Ivor Carlson on 083 3845490 or [ivorcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:ivorcarlson@gmail.com)





## **Triumph 2.5 litre long engine**

I have a loosely assembled 2.5 Chicane “parts” engine that is taking up space in my garage. It is a “long” engine – block, pistons, rods, cylinder head, rockers etc loosely assembled, plus flywheel – no carbs or manifolds, but I do have a starter motor.

ZAR R1,000 ex works J-Bay (ie it needs to be collected) – at a push, I could deliver to PE.

If there is no interest, I will sell it as scrap. Any takers? Going, going.....

Kind Regards Peter Leyland Tel- [+27\(0\)41-4039162](tel:+27(0)41-4039162) Cell: 0835013081 Fax: 041-4032912

And finally a plastic!

No, we are not going into advertising non Triumph cars but remember the last Triumph ever made was a Honda! Just doing a favour for a friend in the knowledge I can't be fired! (Ed)

## **HONDA ACCORD 2.4 EXECUTIVE AUTO**

This car was first registered in December 2005. We have owned this car from new and it has now covered 82,000 miles (132,000k's approx.). It is accident free and has a complete service history, the last service done in October 2014. Two Continental tyres were also fitted within the last month. The car is finished in Arctic Blue with a beige leather interior which is in excellent condition. It benefits from climate control, a sunroof and an integrated 6 CD multichanger. Everything in the car works as it should.

We are asking R80 000 for this car. No offers please, it is worth every penny and ready to enjoy.

Contact Tom Dougan for more information on 072 913 2392 or e-mail [tom.dougan10@gmail.com](mailto:tom.dougan10@gmail.com)

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