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NEWSLETTER – March 2010

Chairman's Chat

First of all let me welcome the new members to the club, Frank Dreher, Phillip and Barbara Potgieter, Robert and Brenda Langford and Malcolm Uytenbogaardt. Guys, you have joined in the busy season and I hope we shall see you at events and noggins and that you enjoy our company.

Things have been happening in the last month. Classic racing at Killarney saw a decent turn out of Triumphs, good racing and once more the use of the great facilities at the Jaguar clubhouse. That man Ronan Sanderson again worked hard to organise our attendance at this event and we owe him our thanks for his efforts.



Triumphs on display at Killarney

This was followed in the middle of the month by a trip to the George show where we met up with the Port Elizabeth members. This was and will be next year, a great trip, a good test for cars (and drivers) but not too far and is a good social weekend. Think about it for next year. As you read this, some of us will have been to the Franschoek Motor Museum at the end of February where there was a classic time trial and concours event being staged. This is a first and our very own newish members Fred Phillips and Malcolm Uitenbogaardt were seen taking part.

The Nationals are now very firmly on the horizon taking place in the northern Drakensberg during the last week in April. If anyone is interested please contact a committee member soonest as some accommodation may still be available. So far, Dennis Cook, Gerhard Vorster and Fred Phillips making this trip (I think all with their ladies).

The club is in good financial health and your committee have been discussing ways of improving club displays. At the moment we are looking at buying a gazebo and also display mounts for the storyboards. I think I repeat myself but the display at the Cape Classic show was excellent and we would like to develop this. Anyone with contacts for a gazebo or printing logos please let me know.

We also took our thoughts on Concours and Pride of Ownership a stage further and have decided to stage this on the last weekend in November with our Christmas lunch. This is entirely in keeping with the blend of Concours and a social event, some fun and a little bit of goodwill! We can use the clubhouse for part or the whole event or find a different venue completely. Work is in progress.

Last but not least, the British Sports Car Tour is on Sunday, 28th March. There has been strong initial interest from clubs in this event and I suggest this is an event well worth attending. For details see the item in this newsletter.

Given that we expect 100+ people to attend it is an opportunity to do some good so we are running a raffle in aid of the Red Cross Children's Hospital. Jamie and Jenny Hart are once more organising the run which keeps them working at capacity so we are looking for volunteers to run this on the day. Please contact me or Jamie if you can do this.

Best foot forward.
Tom

Editor's desk

Now we are in the same time zone as the rest of the country, life has settled down and things Triumph are starting to happen. This month's newsletter will probably have a lot more pictures than normal, so I am having to twist a few arms to get articles for future month's editions!

Our Chairman has written a very good article for Sabrina regarding concours, I believe he has understood the situation very well and I really hope we get some good feedback from it. The reason I am treading on somewhat hallowed ground is to put the concours win of Nick Joubert at Killarney in to some perspective. This TR3 used to belong to Arturo Pastorino who I am sure will bask in the reflected glory, but I really believe that this car is exactly what a really good d'etat car is all about. It has been really well restored, probably better in the panel fit and mechanical department than the day it left Coventry, but is exactly as it should be in terms of overall condition! It drives very well and I think does our marque incredibly proud – well done!! The fact that it was up against virtually brand new cars make the achievement even more remarkable.



Tom Dougan & Jenny Hart having collected the TR3 from Nick Joubert in Struisbaai

Report back

Killarney Historic races - 7 February

This annual event, held on 7 February, was another cracker organised by the Western Province Motor Club. First of all, a big thank you to Ronan Sanderson for organising our run there. The rules were tightened, quite rightly, on entry which along with an invitation to display in Concours gave him more work than expected.

There was a super day's racing involving no less than 6 club members – Mike and Nerina Napoli, Bruce Valentine, Fred Phillips, Ashley Ellis and Malcolm Uytendogaardt. Unfortunately Nerina couldn't race as she broke down on the day and Fred had crashed on the Saturday. He thankfully was OK but the car felt pain! Given the level of participation by our members, this also is an event well worth supporting next year.



The Killarney concourse winning TR3

For the first time, we were invited to participate in a Concours event run by WPMC. There was a bit of a club effort here to produce the winner, that lovely maroon TR3 until recently owned by Arturo Pastorino. He restored the car and sold it to Nick Joubert in January who began the preparation. As Nick couldn't attend the event, the car was collected by Tom and Jamie. Tom finished the preparation of the car which was then driven on the day by Gerhard. And it won!!

All in all an excellent outing for the TSCC Cape Town.



Gerhard leading the lunchtime Killarney classic parade with the concourse winning TR3



A racing Dolomite Sprint seen at the racing, unfortunately the motor had problems and due to a lack of spares will be going back to the UK

George Motor show - 13 February

A small and disparate band of members set off along the Garden Route for the George show which took place over the weekend of 13th/14th February. Triumphs were very short in supply due to sickness but complemented by other marques. Anne and Tom in their TR6 met up with Neil Cameron, Bernie and friends who were in Neil's two Belletts. Gordon Waring later joined the group in his USA TR6. Danie Barkhuisen travelled independently in his Morris Minor but not without incident, his ignition coil packed up.



We joined the Port Elizabeth members at the show on the Saturday and the Triumph display, organised by Heinz Konckie was excellent (including our banner made by Peter Du Sautoy). An interesting factoid is that three chairmen were present at this event, Nols Pienaar, Deon de Kock and yours truly.

This show is worth a visit for several reasons. The show itself is good and well organised, we meet (and party) with the P.E. members and the drive there is excellent. Far enough but not a marathon! I can recommend this event for a weekend away next year.

Franschhoek Time Trial and Concourse- 28 February

Having been a bit skeptical about what to expect, and knowing that Peter Inskip had booked for the Saturday event, I contacted Peter on the Saturday evening to get some details on the event. Peter was in his element about who he had met and what he had seen. Having got Peter's insight into the event, I rushed out to Canal Walk, who are open until 21h00 on a Saturday, to buy a ticket.

The first contingent of members, which were heading to the inaugural Franschhoek Motor Museum Time Trial and Concourse, met at the Engen 1-Stop on the N1 for an 8h30 departure. Members that were in attendance were Tom Dougan in his TR6, Tim Cruise and Cheryl Bewley in the honorary 'Triumph' Z3 and Ronan Sanderson in his TR7.

On arrival we were shown to a parking spot in one of the many horse paddocks and were then transported to the motor museums main parking area by bus. The main parking area had been transformed into a make shift pit area

for the more than 50 entrants for the time trial and was a hive of activity. We initially walked through the pit area to view the vehicles being prepared before making our way to the stand at the Start / Finish point.

The event appears to be based on the Goodwood Festival of Speed, however the Franschoek setting with its 3.2km track (1.6 km each way), many tight bends, short straights and daunting chicanes makes for a much better setting. Some of the vehicles seen included Porsches, Maseratis, Bugattis, Aston Martins and numerous others from days gone by. Many of the vehicles entered belonged to the museum themselves, though there were many others that were entered by outside competitors as well. Some of our own newer members competed in the time trial, namely Fred Phillips, Malcolm Uitenbogaardt and his son Mark.



Mark Uitenbogaardt in the Ford Anglia



Malcolm Uitenbogaardt in the Ford Galaxie

Some of the highlights of the event on the Sunday included Ian Scheckter (South African Formula Atlantic Champion 1975-1979) driving the 1978 South African championship winning Formula Atlantic March 78B and the Tyrrell 007/1, in its original Tyrrell / Elf livery, which was used exclusively by Jody Scheckter for the first part of the 1974 Formula 1 season with notable results including wins at the Swedish and South African Grand Prix. The car was subsequently sold to the Rembrandt Group who ran Lexington Racing where the car was driven by Ian Scheckter, Jody's brother.



Ian Scheckter with the March 78B



Ian Scheckter with the Tyrrell 007/1

Some of the other cars that were shown on the day included a 2010 Porsche 911 Turbo driven by Toby Venter (CEO of Porsche SA) that set a record 1:51 for the course, a Ferrari F430 Scuderia driven by Sean Summer (former director of Pick n Pay) with a time of 1:57, and the owner of the motor museum himself, Johan Rupert, riding the Mercedes DTM AMG CLK (2:05). It was also the last run for the Basil Green Ford Capri Perana driven by Peter Lindenberg, before being pensioned off to the Lazarus car museum in Gauteng. Other cars seen included Jaguar D-type, GSM Dart, Lotus 7 replica, MGA, Mazda Rotary and Shelby Ford Mustang, amongst others.

Initially many (including myself) felt that the R200 entry was a little high, however given that one had free access to all the cars on display in the various halls, access to all vehicles and drivers in the pit area and that one could watch all the time trial events, my view was soon changed and was well worth amount charged. The absolute highlight of the whole day was when the very friendly Peter Lindenberg arranged a photo which captured 58 years

of South African motoring championship history of Sarel van der Merwe, Peter Lindenberg, Peter Gough, Serge Damseaux, Ian & Jackie Schecketer.

The good news, especially for those that missed the event, is that it appears that Johan Rupert and Franschoek Motor Museum plan to make this an annual event and rumour has it that the entry fee may even be halved next year. Rumours have also been heard that they intend to widen the track and improve cornering by building banked corners.

Here's looking forward to a better event next year!!



The alternative breakfast run - 28 February

The second contingent of drivers also met at the Engen on the N1 but this time left for a breakfast run through the Winelands.

3 TR 6's left for the run, myself in a blue 6, new members Phillip and Barbara Potgeiter in their red 6 and Mike Jacobowski with his son Jan, over from Poland on his yearly visit, in his green 6.

There was a lot of activity on the roads with bickers and other car clubs presumably heading for the Franschoek event, but we had a smooth run from the Klipheuwel turn off. We went through the town centre, past some of the university buildings and past the old town before heading out past Distell and ending up at the Vredenheim Wine Estate for breakfast. Here we met up with Anne Dougan and a short while later Jamie and Jenny Hart arrived in their red 6.



I must acknowledge, that with several years in tourism, I thought the food was excellent.

We went for a short walk through the gardens and admired the superb views of the Simonsberg mountains, before returning to the cars and making our own ways home.

Forthcoming Events - Please diarise!

Wednesday 17th March - Rod Mitchell to talk on fuel injection, 7.30 at the clubhouse

Those with the Triumph fuel injected engines will have probably heard of Rod by now. Tom Dougan located him under our noses in Somerset West to do work on his injection system, before long he was working on all sorts of Triumph bits. Rod is a very long standing member of the Alfa club and runs a very good workshop in Somerset West. His speciality is fuel injectors and he will talk on the development work he has been doing on a few of our cars, and where he is going in the future.

This will be an excellent talk, make sure you are there even if you don't have an injection model!!

Sunday 28th March - British Sports Car Tour

All is now organised for the tour, hopefully March will be the preferred date in the future to avoid clashing with car shows. The starting point will be the Engen garage on the N2 with registration at the truck area starting from 9.00 am and closing at 10.30. The route is then via the Clarens Drive (the coast road) via Kleinmond and Houw Hoek pass end up at the Elgin Country Club in Grabouw for a buffet lunch at 12.30 pm. Early birds can go slowly and stop for breakfast and coffee on route, there are some lovely spots and we will be happy to advise where to go on the day. Special parking has been arranged on the cricket oval for all participants. Cost is R100 per head CASH on the day please! Drinks are for your own account.

Space is limited so please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Thanks to 2 sponsors, Classically British (Peter Flower) and Classic Car Africa (Fred Phillips) there will be a 2010 version of the famous green baggy cap on sale at the start. Numbers are limited and WILL become a collector's item!

Contact Jamie Hart on 084 2200082 or jamie.hart@kingsley.co.za to confirm your attendance. Thanks in advance!

Saturday 17th April - Noggin at Dennis Cook's place in Noordhoek

Dennis is organising a garage noggin at his guest house in Noordhoek to sort out the weather equipment on his TR3A that he is taking up to Nationals. The noggin will start at 9.30 am and breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants, all of you who are side screen owner are asked to come and help and hopefully learn if needed.

Noggins and runs for 2010

Please note that from April until the end of September the noggins move to the last Saturday in the month and the run will be on the 2nd Sunday!!

17 March	Wednesday 7.30pm	Noggin – Rod Mitchell, Fuel Injection Bring your own refreshments and snacks
28 March	Sunday	Run – British Sports Car Tour
11 April	Sunday	Run – Neil Cameron
24 April	Saturday 10am	Noggin (Nationals) – Man and Car, Peter Du Sautoy
9 May	Sunday	Run – Gerhard Vorster
29 May	Saturday 10am	Noggin
13 June	Sunday	Run
26 June	Saturday 10am	Noggin
11 July	Sunday	Run
31 July	Saturday 10am	Noggin
8 August	Sunday	Run
28 August	Saturday 10am	Noggin
12 September	Sunday	Run
25 September (Holiday W/end)	Saturday 10am	Wheels and Whales
20 October	Wednesday 7.30pm	Noggin
31 October	Sunday	Run
17 November	Wednesday 7.30pm	AGM
27 November	Saturday	Year-end event with Pride of Ownership & Concours

Your Committee would like to hear your views and ideas at any time. Please feel free to contact us.

News from the desert by Neil Draycott

The highlight of my stay in Dubai was a visit to the Dubai International Motor Show - WOW is the only way to describe it, imagine 5 halls the size of the CTICC filled with vehicles from almost all of the world's car manufacturers.

It was the showcase for the Rich & Famous, who were to be seen brandishing their cheque books at the Rolls, Bentley and Maybach stands, haggling about the price of these 2 Million Dollar models, (cars that is) the stunningly groomed two legged ones who graced these vehicles come at a much higher price (ask Tiger !)

I began at my affordable favourite (depending on which model) the BMW stand, their show stopper being the Concept Sports Car plus ECO models in the 3, 5 and 6 series and of the X3, & X5 SUVs , Z4 sports & Z6 coupe. As the Bentleys and the Maybach were totally out of my bracket, I moved on to the Renault Stand their exhibit comprised of a number of Meganas but I focused on the little Alpine Rally car, one of the very few classics on the show, what a little beauty, why, you may ask a "Reno"? well I am a Qualified Renault Mechanic and have owned +/- 15 of the marque, even rallied a Dauphine in club events, Hill climbs, Economy events etc and the only car I have ever rolled, is, wait for it - was a Triumph Herald!

Peugeot displayed their Concept Car alongside the Le Mans winning Peugeot TDI Endurance car, close by was the Yas Marina Formula 1 race track stand sporting the Track Marshals vehicles, Doctors Car and a full size F1 Grand Prix Car, with young Arab drivers in racing overalls advertising the track, answering questions and handing out booklets of postcards of scenes of the November race. Next was Volkswagen, showing the new Scirocco and a Golf Rally car, well I have never been a Volkswagen fan but that Scirocco could just change my mindset, it is beautiful, and we all know its pedigree. Even Ginie de Villiers' rally Touareg was on display.

We did not see any Triumphs buzzing around on the highways but were often passed by young Arabs in their form of Hot Hatches, not Golfs but large shiny Chev or Ford bakkies the size of the old F250 with dual rear wheels and souped up V8 motors to go with the package.

We visited the Formula 1 Yas Marina Race Track at Abu Dhabi, it looked stunning and the facilities are top class. Unfortunately the track was closed and we were not permitted to put the Ford Explorer through its paces. We had New Year's Lunch at a hotel next to the track and could peruse it from there too. The Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world was opened whilst we were in Dubai, maybe you saw the opening on TV, the dancing fountains and fireworks made it a spectacular event. We have been watching the building with interest over the past 4 years and it was great to be there at the completion. Colleen says she will definitely not be going to the top in one of the 52 lifts, I however, fancy the ride!

The Metro Monorail is now in operation and we decided to try it out. Everything is spotlessly clean, air-conditioned and strict fines are enforced for anyone breaking the rules. What a boon it is for folk who do not have transport and it also solves the problem of parking and road congestion delays. It is cheap, on time and one only has to wait 6 minutes for the next one going your way.

All in all, an enjoyable visit to the desert next to Dennis!

Neil.

Rebuilder's diaries

Hopefully this page will become a regular item, but plenty of news both local and international, well New Zealand really!!

- A good friend of mine, Chris Stiebel, who now lives in the land of the long white cloud has bought himself a Spitfire Mk 3 and is busy doing a complete rebuild on it. I showed you a few pictures last month of the high standard of the body and chassis, a couple of days ago I got the picture of the engine and gearbox installed in the chassis. From the kit of parts in his garage he has made a wonderful job of the power unit

and enclosed are a couple of photos to prove it. At the moment one idea is to ship it to the US and join his brother in law for the drive across the States. We have an invite!!



- Gerhard Vorster has been having some major frustrations recently with no shows from his tame panel beater / spray person. Problem solved, the other evening we loaded the car and took it to a new panel shop in the Strand Industrial area for a professional finish. The quality of what we saw was great, I hope this works out as my TR4 shell is the next in line!!

In the meantime the engine bottom half is back from the re builders and Gerhard is sourcing a new clutch plate to suite the ex Chicane gearbox.



HEARD AROUND TOWN

Lots to report back on this month.

- We had a lovely letter in from Margaret Young, she is recovering well from her operation and thanks all who sent her good wishes, especially Brian and Sheila Maggs. She was hoping to come to a few of the events at the beginning of the year but is finding it is taking her longer than expected to get back into full running order. Nic Paxinos is also coming on well, hope to see both of you at the club soon.
- Margaret mentioned that a former member, Clive Oosthuizen, who owns a lovely TR7, had had a heart attack just before Christmas. This was a very serious one and he has been in intensive care at the Vincent Pallotti hospital for some time. Our best wishes to Clive and Heletia, get well soon and love to see you at the club in the near future!
- Hearty congratulations to Neil and Colleen Draycott who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!!
- Paul Mitchell is busy training for his first marathon at the age of 40, in London, noga! He is doing it in aid of the Red Cross and any one wanting to sponsor him can do it at www.justgiving.com/PM2010 Great news, Paul, hasn't any one told you about bicycles, much easier, but at least London is relatively flat, if somewhat cold!
- Dennis Cook's TR6 has been booked into the Noordhoek hospital for work on the engine, fundamentally it is the same problem as Peter du Sautoy's car, the thrust washers are worn and the crankshaft moves backwards and forwards when the clutch is used. Fortunately Dennis seems to have found the problem early enough to stop the piston rings disintegrating and causing major damage

- Another former member, Gian Mani, has been out and about in Tenerife whilst on leave. He found a lovely Peugeot 203 so we thought a couple of pictures would prove we are not totally biased in favour of the Canley product! Glad to see things are going better for you and would love to see you in the club again, there are some lovely cars out there for you to buy!!



Triads

- I have just had an e mail from a company specialising in soda blasting. I wished that I had known about them earlier, the process is certainly better than sand blasting!

"My name is David Pennington, I own a company called S.A. Soda Blasting and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our company to your members.

Soda Blasting is a method of cleaning/paint stripping of metals, stone, woods etc without causing any damage to the underlying surface, we can strip the paint from any vehicle in just a matter of a few hours and leave the surface ready for re-coating immediately without any of the scouring that is caused by sand blasting or grinding.

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- There is a TR3 for sale, with a Toyota twin cam engine, it has an original removable hard top and needs restoration, the asking price is R120, 000 ono. Contact Adrian Treyvellan at atreyvellan@vodamail.co.za



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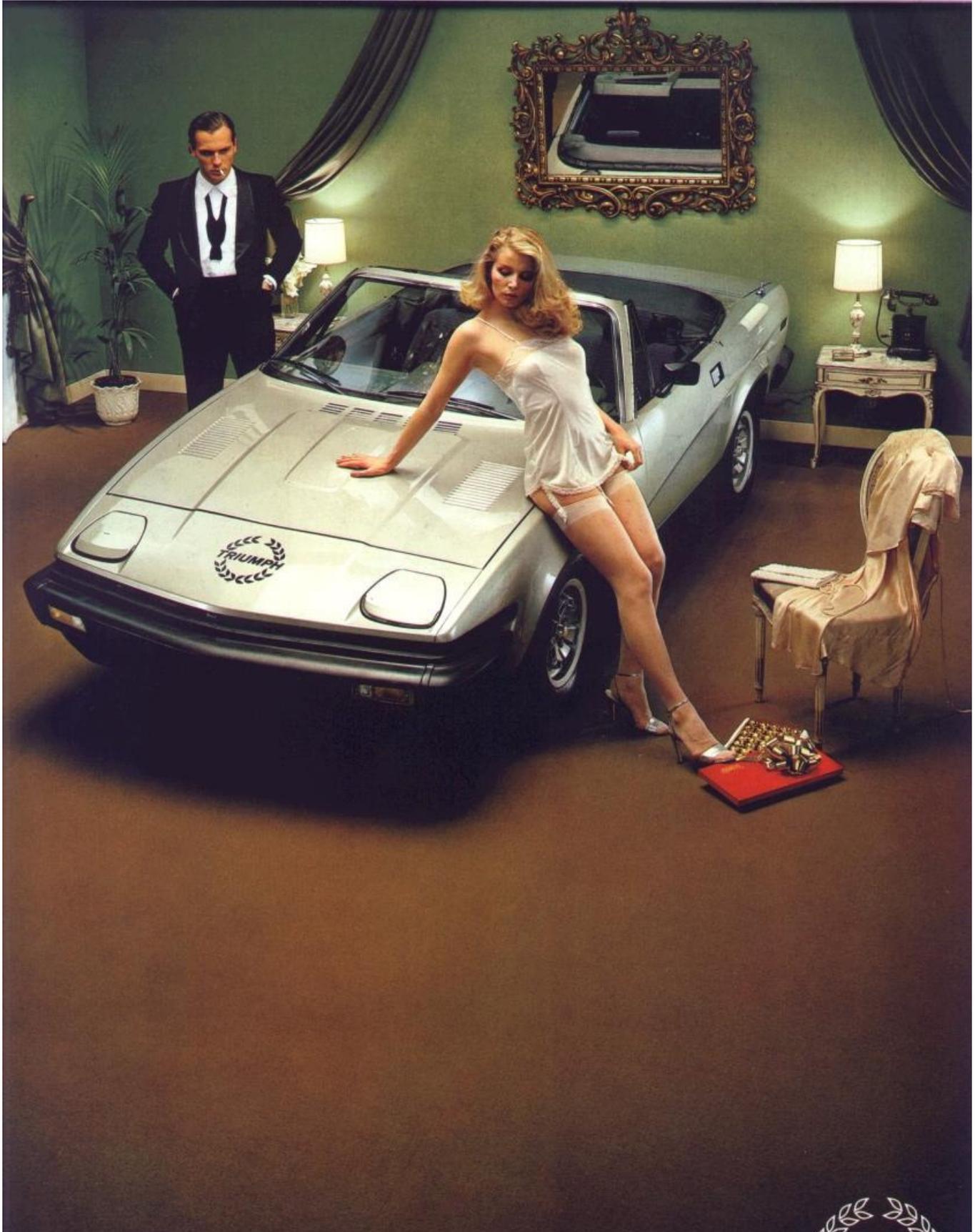
The sale continues into the New Year with a 20% discount on ALL items. There will be no new stock available for some time so if you want something, buy now!

Remember it is not just golf shirts, jackets and caps. There is a wider range including beer mugs, insulated mugs, thermos flasks, caps and key rings. Buy or order at the next noggin or contact Gidion (snymangidion@xsnet.co.za) or 076 427 6854.

CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHS

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