



# ***The Globe***

*News, updates and articles from the Cape Town Triumph Sports Car Club (CTTSCC)*

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***Chairman's Chat***

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*Someone once told me that when you get landed with a job for which you have no experience and very little knowledge thereof, you learn pretty quickly. Well I guess I'm now going to find out as I had no idea that I would land myself in this current position.*

*Many of us knew that Dennis wanted to move to Sedgfield but as human nature works, nobody expected this to happen soon so we just coasted along happy to have a good Chairman. I found out about his move and my current promotion in the space of minutes. To my embarrassment you now have a chairman without a mobile Triumph! One thing that I will remember clearly about Dennis is that he never missed an opportunity to remind me about the 3A languishing in my*

*garage. Yesterday I removed the dust cover to start its convalescence! It's the first time that I've used the vacuum cleaner on the outside of a car.*

*While on the subject of Dennis, we missed him at the last Noggin which was held chiefly to wish him and Jo well and au revoir. We can thank him for the great job that he's done over the past few years. I've no doubt that he'll be winking out Triumph owners (and cars) in the Garden Route area.*

*In preparation for taking over from Dennis I did take the precaution of sitting in at his last committee meeting and was pleased to see that the club was in good shape and looked after by a very capable group which obviously gave me a lot more confidence.*

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*Looking ahead, the rest of the year is pretty well planned but there's always room to squeeze in another event or two that one of our members might come up with. Remember the old adage, 'It's not what the club can do for you, it's what you can do for the club'.*

*Although I wasn't there, I believe the British Sports Car Run was very - Eddie or John will report on that - but as I write this John has forwarded a letter of thanks from The Children's Hospital Trust acknowledging receipt of our donation of just over R4000. Well done Eddie, John and team. Eddie has organised a lunch run for the 9<sup>th</sup> April. Normally everyone hopes for good weather but perhaps this time, if it rains cats and dogs, we'll probably enjoy the experience. On that hopeful note and until next time, enjoy your Triumph.*

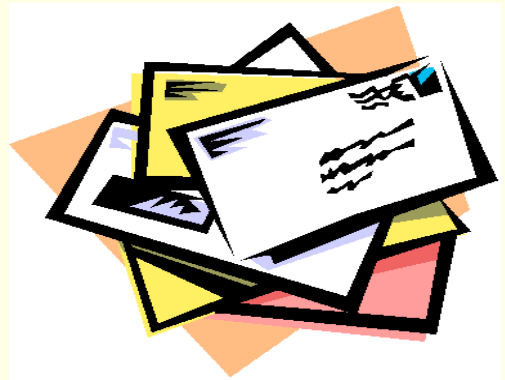
*Cheers,  
Graham*

## ***Editorial***

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### ***Letters to the Editor:***

- ✚ *We received the email from Peter the organiser for the Knysna motor show, which is self explanatory. I hope that those of you who had planned to attend have entered and also confirmed with Heinz Koncki that you will be available for the Regional Gathering.*



The response to the Knysna motor show (KMS) has been overwhelming with some awesome cars and motorcycles registered for participation on April 30. We have now reached the capacity that we can accommodate in the display areas.

**In line with this I regret to advise that we are unable to accept any further registrations for participation at the Knysna motor show.**

I will continue to keep you updated of developments and will encourage you to diarise the event for possible participation in 2018.

You may want to encourage your members to a visit the KMS on April 30 . The standard will be exceptionally high and they will not be disappointed.

Kind regards,

- ✚ *Thanks Mike for your letter and highlighting some of the pitfalls of restorations.*

### **SU Carburetors: A cautionary tale.**

*I am hopefully nearing the end of a Spitfire renovation -a task that that I undertook rather reluctantly and only after much persuasion--how that came to be is a story for another day. The car had been standing immobile for the last 20 years and was quite badly neglected. However, it was complete, there was very little rust to speak of and all the body panels were nice and straight.*

*Amongst many other things the carbs were badly worn and with Jack Cramp no longer being with us it was decided to entrust the rebuilding of the carbs to an SU "expert" operating out of Parden Eiland. **Mistake #1***

*After more than 3 months of having my chain jerked by the same old "waiting for spares—it's on back order" excuse, the day eventually arrived when enough was enough and I went and claimed the carbs back.*

*A strip down revealed that the spindles—as was to be expected—were well worn, the plastic pipes which are part and parcel of the main jet and which connect the main jet to the fuel bowl had become brittle after 20 years of disuse and had cracked, one butterfly was badly burred and one of the needles was actually bent!!*

*Part numbers were sourced via a Rimmers catalogue, an order was placed with Peter Flowers of Classically British fame and in less than 10 days all parts arrived at my doorstep—so much for the 3 month "back order" delay on SU spares.*

*Re-building the carbs was pretty straightforward although at the end I had to rely on Ashley Ellis for some assistance in centering the jets and correctly fitting one of the new butterflies. I had no idea that there was a correct and incorrect way to fit butterflies. ☹ **Mistake #2.***

*I then rather stupidly thought that the engine bay could do with a bit of bling and so decided to have the dashpots chromed.*

*The work was entrusted to a leading plating business—one which the TSCC has visited on a few occasions-- and who, up to this point, had already done a pretty nifty job on re-chroming bumpers, hinges etc on this Spitfire.*

*The dashpots were collected when ready and looked great. And then the drama started—during the chroming process it seems clear to me that residual deposits (pretty much like overspray when spraying a car) had found their way into the inside of the dashpots which then rendered them useless as the piston could no longer fit inside the dashpot-- never mind slide freely once in!!*

**Mistake #3**



*Fortunately for me (and the owner of the car) I have a small collection of stripped SU's and so was able to find a matching pair of dashpots and pistons to replace the originals. Somebody else suffering the same fate might not be so fortunate.*

*So be warned—even the so called experts get it wrong, best to think twice*

*before entrusting your work to anyone, and when you do be very specific about your wants and needs.*

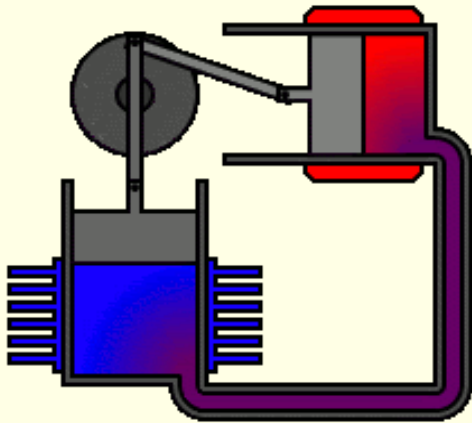
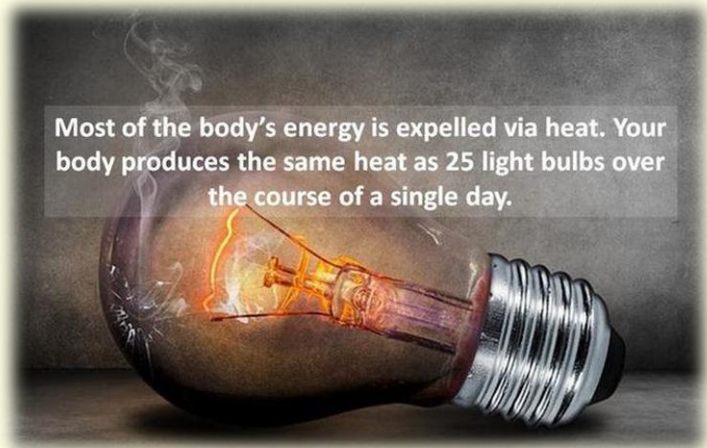
*By the way, anybody wanting two chromed ornamental SU dashpots?*

*Mike Napoli*

## *Technical Info*

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*Continue with that all important preventative maintenance approach, reactive can work but sometimes with serious consequences.*



### *Registration of Vehicles with no papers.*

*Hazel Walton provides a complete and efficient service to classic car enthusiasts with unregistered cars, cars with no papers and those with licences heavily in arrears. You can contact Hazel at :*

*[starstruckautos@gmail.com](mailto:starstruckautos@gmail.com) or cell : 0846031584*

*Hazel send this warning to those restoring cars: To date I have successfully assisted approximately 40-50 vintage & classic vehicles with zero paperwork and not on the eNatis system, to become legal on our roads.*

*BUT one of the issues that is surfacing is that not all owners who are restoring or creating built ups are aware that it is totally **ILLEGAL** to remove (& then replace) the metal plate with the VIN & Engine numbers under any circumstance. Not even when there is a colour change and the owner wishes to paint behind the plate to match the new colour.*

*The **ONLY** acceptable time is when the body behind the plate is so rusted that major repairs need to be undertaken. But **PHOTOS OF THE PLATE IN SITU** is then vital **BEFORE** the plate is removed. Photos will then also be required of the build up/restoration process as well as receipts for the parts bought for the vehicle. An affidavit stating all the reasons for the removal will also be required.*

*Without following the proper procedures the vehicle can legally be confiscated and scheduled to be crushed!!!*

*I have successfully assisted with a number of these minefield vehicles but it is far preferable for owners to be aware of this from the get go. A lot less stressful for them after spending a mini fortune on their vehicles and a lot less time consuming for both them and myself. Anyone who wishes any further info please don't hesitate in contacting me.*

*Thanks so much Hazel, 0846031584*

*Welcome to New Members*



*We have a negative net membership now that Dennis has relocated, he has not resigned but we also don't have any new memberships.*

*Enjoy every moment of your life, it is too short to waste on grudges. Laugh when you can, apologise when you should, let go of what you can't change and buy that car if you want it!*

*Year Calendar – Events, Noggins, and Outings 2017*

	<p><i>8<sup>th</sup> New year Breakfast run - Tom Dougan</i></p>	<p><i>22<sup>nd</sup> Classic Car and Bike show - Timour Hall - Tom Dougan</i></p>	<p><i>28<sup>th</sup> Noggin at the MMC, Danie's car &amp; bring and braai</i></p>
	<p><i>12<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day Picnic run to Bellingham - John Parker</i></p>		<p><i>25<sup>th</sup> Noggin - Introduce new caretaker Chairman, &amp; Viv Jones Morgan</i></p>
		<p><i>19<sup>th</sup> Lunch Run - Classically British sports car tour of Peninsula - John Parker</i></p>	<p><i>25<sup>th</sup> Noggin - Dennis farewell event and SGM</i></p>
	<p><i>9<sup>th</sup> Lunch run - to The Gecko Lounge Wellington, Eddie</i></p>	<p><i>30<sup>th</sup> Knysna Car Show and regional event</i></p>	
	<p><i>1<sup>st</sup> Knysna Car Show and Regional Gathering - Garden Route</i></p>	<p><i>21<sup>st</sup> Run to Shunting Shed with Sunbeam Car Club, Barrie</i></p>	<p><i>27<sup>th</sup> Noggin - Andre Bredenkamp travel exploits</i></p>

		<p>25<sup>th</sup> Run to Stellenbosch with Sunbeam Club for Poitjie lunch, Barrie</p>	
 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">shutterstock - 122403874</p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> Lunch Run - Christmas in July Lunch to Spiros Hout Bay - Dennis Cook</p>		<p>29<sup>th</sup> Noggin - inter Club Quiz, Graham</p>
		<p>13<sup>th</sup> Run - Skottle breakfast, Jamie</p>	<p>26<sup>th</sup> Noggin - Andre Bredenkamp travel exploits</p>
	<p>10<sup>th</sup> Lunch Run - Combined Clubs run - committee</p>	<p>30<sup>th</sup> Noggin - Viv Jones presentation, Trip to South Pole, Graham</p>	
	<p>15<sup>th</sup> The annual Cape Classic Car Show at Killarney - &amp; Club Concours - Committee</p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> Noggin -</p>	
	<p>19<sup>th</sup> The annual Crossley &amp; Webb Century Classic Car Run</p>		<p>25<sup>th</sup> AGM and Annual Prize giving - MMC - Committee</p>

***Your Club Activities and Events***

**Don't miss these events!!!!**

**April**

**Run on 9th April is to the Gecko Lounge in Wellington (41 Main Road) .**

*We will meet at the Pot Belly Farmstall in Klapmuts at 10am. ( Take the Klapmuts off ramp from the N1. Turn towards Stellenbosch. Pot Belly is about 3kms on the right.) We can have coffee and browse in the Farmstall before we depart for Wellington at 10.30am.*

*We will arrive in Wellington around 12 noon*

*The Gecko Manager is providing us with private secure parking at the rear of the Restaurant. Depending on the weather we will either be seated at tables on the patio or in the Restaurant. The Menu offers a very comprehensive selection at reasonable prices. Billing will be done per table. Hope to see everyone there!*

*Please let me know by 3d April if you are joining us ; 082 555 0256 or [eddiehughes@telkomsa.net](mailto:eddiehughes@telkomsa.net)*



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Regional Gathering,  
Garden Route 28  
-30 April

*Heinz Koncki has organised a get together of those from the Club who plan to attend the Knysna Show on 30 April (Sunday).*

**Thursday 27 April** is a public holiday, thus ideal for traveling.

*It would be convenient (but not mandatory) if those attending could book accommodation in Pine Lake Marina, which offers good chalets at reasonable rates.*

**Friday 28 April** : Visit to Eight Bells Mountain Inn ( <http://www.eightbells.co.za/> ) , a nice spot up the road to the Robinson pass for breakfast and then from there over the backroads further on to George.

*There everybody can shop for the social braai and kak prat at Pine Lake on Friday night, where we will have a bring and braai.*

**Saturday 29 April** : Depart for the Sedgfield farmers market to enjoy breakfast and shopping, then on to Knysna to visit the awesome Brian Bruce's car collection in Gasoline Alley, next to Frost Brothers.

*Car cleaning time in the afternoon.*

*At the evening we hit the Pili Pili beach restaurant in Sedgfield where one sits on the sand and enjoys a great seafood meal or Pizza.*

**Sunday 30 April**: Knysna Motor Show. (Please register your car on the website - <http://www.grmc.co.za/show.html>)

*A bit of driving involved but not too much and all on tarred roads.*

*Please let Heinz know if you would like to participate. [h.koncki@gmail.com](mailto:h.koncki@gmail.com) or cell 079 625 0240*



*Pleasant memories*

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*14<sup>th</sup> British Sports Car Tour, Sun 19 March 2017*

*By John Parker*

*The Tour gathered at Maidens Cove, Camps Bay with perfect sunny warm weather set amongst a beautiful backdrop of the 12 Apostles .*

*Although a number of British sports cars were in abeyance this year we were enthusiastically supported by the Morris Minor club who had at least 12 cars on the tour.*

*Thank you Gerda for rallying your members.*

*The remainder of the cars were a Healey 3000 John & Veronice Taylor who turn up every year, a Morgan, TVR, and few MGs. three TR3s, TR7, and last but not least Margaret in her Triumph Herald.*

*Unfortunately the Jags could not attend due to their AGM.*

*All 35 cars set off at approx. 10.45 despite 8 of the Morrisies getting lost trying to find Maidens Cove, I believe this is due to their members not being familiar with the area due to living behind the Borervors curtain.*

*The route was via Hout Bay, where we made donations for the fire disaster which occurred earlier in the week.*

*Then on to Constantia Nek going via Spanschemat Rd., over Oue Kaapse Weg, through Kommetjie and down to Cape Point and ending at the Golf Club at Simonstown.*

*The route was not affected by the Simonstown Navy Day as we avoided the main rd. but despite the blocked roads on the other side of the mountain the route was a great drive, although leaving after the lunch was a slow process getting home.*

*Due to the Argus cycle tour the week before, then Navy day, I now know why this was the first tour of the Peninsula for the BSCT because there always seems to be something going on at the weekends.*

*The table was a three course set menu for R100 inc. tip and I must say was good old fashioned country cooking , spicy soup followed by a choice of chicken and Beef. veg with Malva pud. and cream for desert.*

*During desert we had the raffle which was conducted by Dennis and donations were given from the other clubs.*

*Various prizes were won, and a collection of R4088 was received which we donated to the Children's Red Cross Hospital.*

*Thank you to all those clubs for the Donations to the raffle.*

*The 14th Tour despite the numbers being a bit down was a success and everyone really enjoyed the day.*

*A special thanks to Gerda Muller for the MMOC support.*

*See you next year.*

## Interesting News and Club Feedback

### Note from Jamie. Cape Town Club Registrar

*If you know that some of your details have changed, or you have bought or sold a car, please contact Jamie.*

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7130  
FAO: Mr John Parker

28 March 2017

Dear John

Thank you for the kind and generous donations of **R4,088.00** from Triumph Sports Car Club to the Children's Hospital Trust, in aid of the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. This kind gift has been allocated towards the purchase of equipment in the new Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at the Red Cross Children's Hospital.

The PICU project is a monumental, yet necessary project which seeks to increase the Red Cross Children's Hospital's capacity to accommodate more paediatric ICU beds, as well as having high-care facilities for neonates, isolation units to curb cross-infections and better facilities for staff and parents. Such a world class facility needs world class equipment like the portable patient monitoring system. This piece of equipment monitors a wide range of vital signs in the ICU or at the bedside, and allows for patient information like ECG and heart rate readings to be taken even when the patient is not at the bedside. This monitoring system can give summarised clinical data at one glance, making it easier for doctors and nurses to make quick diagnoses. Your donation will enable this and other pieces of equipment to be purchased and used in our PICU.

We are most grateful to you for the unwavering support.

Thank you once again.

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*This used to be Tom's car.*

