



WHALE TALES

THE CAPE TOWN TRIUMPH NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Just a couple of days before we enter a new decade – 2020. Feels like the other day when everyone feared the dreaded Y2K.... New beginnings – and some of us make New Year's resolutions, but it doesn't normally last too long before we go back to normal.

We had our "tops only" concours and Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 30 November 2019 and I want to thank every member that took the time to attend it. We only had 4 cars entered into the concours, which to me was very disappointing. Thank you to Alan Harris, Eddie Hughes, Danie Barkhuisen and me for taking the trouble to clean our cars and enter the competition. Also a huge thank you to Barrie Downes that took care of the arrangements and management of the concours. There were 16 members present at our AGM which meant that the meeting was properly constituted and was conducted.

The current committee members was re-elected as follows: Chairman – Gerhard Vorster, Treasurer – Andre Bredenkamp, Secretary – Vacant, Editor- Jamie Hart, Events coordinator – Eddie Hughes, Club house manager and Multi Motor Club representative – Danie Barkhuisen & committee member – Peter Lloyd. Thank you to the committee members for your hard work and dedication during the past year and looking forward to working with you in future to build our club back to its former glory.

The next national gathering will be held next year at the Golden Gate resort in the Free State. Please book your places as soon as possible to ensure that you are registered and will be able to attend such a great event. If you have not been to a national gathering yet, then please consider attending. It is great fun to meet like-minded members from across the country and see other cars and how their owners attend to the detailing, cleaning and usage of their beloved TRIUMPHS.

My wish for our centre for next year is that you as our members, the backbone of one of the greatest classic car clubs in the Western Cape, participate and become active in our club events and have fun with us.

Please drive carefully, spend time with your families and loved ones, rest well and enjoy the festive season and may I take this opportunity of wishing you a very blessed Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful New Year filled with love, health and happiness.

God Bless,

Triumphant Regards,

Gerhard Vorster

THE EDITOR'S DESK

I look back on the past year for the club with a mixture of sadness and hope for the club's future. Sadness as we went through a very difficult time and we lost several long standing members, both to emigration, sale of their cars and unfortunately, in some cases, their demise. The hope comes from the way we finished the year and the positive attitude that was shown at the AGM and talking to people generally. The club started the decade in a pretty strong position but due to all sorts of factors finished it distinctly weaker but importantly still intact!

The committee have rallied behind Gerhard and next year's programme looks really good with a mixture of runs and interesting noggins. The important factor is the interest shown by members and we have a number of prospective members in the wings who we look forward to welcoming to the club and I am sure they will make a significant contribution.

This is somewhat of a bumper edition with the January programme included as the run to Jakes in Noordhoek is very early in the New Year and there will not be a January newsletter. It is also a bit later than usual so I can include festivities at the year end function and who won what. I have also held a couple of really good articles over so that we can get the New Year off to a cracking start. I am always looking for items that I can include in the newsletter, don't worry if the English is not too good as I will always edit them and I have a really good better half who corrects my English anyway!

In closing, Glyn and I hope you will all have a very happy festive season and we look forward to the new decade with a great deal of hope

RUN TO WELLINGTON 10TH NOVEMBER

At shortly before 10:00 on Sunday morning 10 November, members of the TSCC started arriving at Pot Belly Restaurant, our frequent starting point. Gerhard Vorster and Peter Lloyd were the first (and nearest) to arrive, shortly thereafter joined by Danie and Lynn and Eddie - four Triumphs - a TR3, a TR3A, a TR7 and a Spitfire, joined shortly thereafter by Alan Harris, wife and daughter.

At about 10:50 we eventually managed to get off to our meeting with our historic guide (!), or should I say our guide for the historic tour of Wellington, Ronald Lloyd Ronald, however, did have a 1957 TR3, which he sold in 1966, due to the imminent arrival of his eldest son, to a friend of Alan's (Harris), namely one Clive Tamlin. To this day the Lloyd family still have a signed letter by Clive acknowledging any responsibility for any damages prior to the car being registered in his name!



On meeting Ronald (and wife Cynthia) we were given a relatively brief introductory talk on the history of Wellington, and then proceeded on to various buildings associated with the remarkable Andrew Murray who did so much for tertiary education, and especially the upliftment of women in the 1800s, in yet another period



of South Africa's patriarchal history. Murray, and another Scot, Andrew Geddes Bain, who were contemporaries, more than any other persons of their time, irrevocably re-directed the course of events that were to determine the future of the town we now know as Wellington and indeed SA. The educational, social (involving The Great Trek), linguistic, and agricultural influence that the town had on South Africa's future was immense, and unlike many Boland towns is reflected by the great

many architectural styles in the village, in contrast with those elsewhere in the Boland.

After an inadvertent double trip around Wellington's "Horseshoe", of especial agricultural historic interest, we visited the local tourism office, adjacent to the historic Wellington NG church, where Murray's grave and those of many of his fellow educators from overseas (and many of his family members) now rest in peace.

We then proceeded to Eddie's favourite eating-house in Wellington- namely the Gecko Lounge. I don't think any member who attended was disappointed (a) by the quality, or (b) by the quantity, as is the norm. Once again, thank you to Ronald, to Eddie for his suggestion, to Brandon (Gecko Lounge) for the lovely food, and to all those who attended.

Peter Lloyd

NOGGIN 20TH NOVEMBER AT THE CLUBHOUSE

This was a talk by Jamie Hart on the restoration of his TR4 from scrap condition. The main emphasis of the talk was the philosophy behind the rebuild and the reasons for going certain routes rather than others. He highlighted the vast differences between England of the 1960's and South Africa of the 2010's which meant that whilst the car



is essentially what it would have looked like when built in 1964, underneath the bonnet it has been suitably modified to suit local conditions. He also paid emphasis on the importance of being in a club so that information and technical assistance



could be shared.

This was the first Wednesday evening meeting for some time and it was great to welcome some members that we do not normally see too often. To celebrate we had wine and snacks after the talk which went down well and there was much fellowship after the meeting.

CONCOURS 30TH NOVEMBER

The concours was organized by Barrie Downes at the clubhouse and took the form of tops only, i.e. no need to clean the chassis. The entry was somewhat disappointing with only 4 cars entered, but in my view the quality of the cars far outweighed the lack of numbers and a festive time seemed to be had by all participants and spectators.



The results were as follows,

Concours Tops only

Eddie Hughes	TR7	96.5%
Danie Barkhuisen	TR3A	95.5%
Gerhard Vorster	TR3A	82.5%
Alan Harris	Herald	79.5%

Cleanliness only

Eddie Hughes	TR7	39
Danie Barkhuisen	TR3A	38
Alan Harris	Herald	33.5
Gerhard Vorster	TR3A	33

Well done to all participants, the standard was really high and Eddie keeps on raising the bar!

AGM 30th NOVEMBER

The AGM was held immediately after the concours and was well attended. The minutes will come out in a different format but there was a good discussion as to where the club is going and how it should get there. Gerhard was at pains to point out that events like the century run need input from all members as those who had organized it in the past are no longer members of the club so we need lots of input



from everyone. Gerhard has already mentioned the new committee in his chat but briefly they are the same members as took over in the middle of the year. The AGM was then followed by a braai where a lot of positive input from members was put in as to the best way to raise the profile of the club to where it used to be.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PRIZE GIVING 8TH DECEMBER

This wonderful event was organised at the Somerbosch wine farm near Stellenbosch by Peter and Pam Lloyd. It was really well attended and we had a really tasty meal under the shade of the trees, just as well as it was baking in Stellenbosch!!

The trophy winners for the last year were,

Roger Robeck Trophy (TR3A & TR4) - for the most improved Triumph over the year **Alan Harris**

Chris Schultz Founders Trophy (TR4): To the person who did the most for the Club over the year. Nominations were Gerhard Vorster for taking over the chairman's position and helping out, Andre Bredenkamp for doing a great job as treasurer and

the winner **for his continued support** and making the best hamburgers and boerewors rolls and always being there in the wings and helping wherever it is required is **Frank Dreyer**.

Des Rudolph Shield Awarded to the most supportive member for being the rock star when it is attendance, help, making fires, club house manager and also Multi Motor club meetings and issues is **Danie Barkhuizen**.

Dennis Cook Concours Trophy: The highest score in Concours: **Eddie Hughes**

Meguair's Trophy: Awarded in the spirit of Meguair's to the car scoring the highest for cleanliness in Interior and Exterior categories. **Eddie Hughes**

Jack Cramp Trophy: Awarded annually to the Concours entrant whose car just misses Bronze medal. Stays with Peter Lloyd.

Dipstick Trophy: For finding an extra spare tyre in his car after owning it for 40 years - **Alan Harris**



ALAN HARRIS RECEIVING HIS DIPSTICK!



THE CONOURS KING, EDDIE HUGHES



PETER LLOYD RECEIVING THE JACK CRAMP TROPHY



MR FIXIT, DANIE BARKHUISEN



FRANK DREYER WITH THE CHRIS SCHULTZ TROPHY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RUN TO JAKES NOORDHOEK 5TH JANUARY

Ashley has very kindly offered to organise the traditional New Year's run and this will take the form of a breakfast run to Jakes in Noordhoek. Please meet at the Constantia Village car park at 9.00 am for a 9.15 departure via a scenic route.

Enclosed is the menu, you can order and pay on the day. Please let Eddie



BREAKFAST SET MENU

Includes 10% gratuity, glass of fresh apple or OJ, a cappuccino or tea
R140, 00 per person

OMELETTE

Cheese, bacon, mushrooms, tomato & onion marmalade
or

FULL BREKKIE

Eggs, bacon, tomato, mushrooms, Porkie
or

EGGS BENEDICT

Poached eggs, English muffin, hollandaise and bacon
or

HEALTH PLATE

Bulgarian yoghurt, Fresh fruit and muesli

TIMOUR HALL 19TH JANUARY

This is our classic event to start the year off. We have a really great position in the courtyard so please make sure you support the club. Gerhard will be the organiser so let him know as soon as possible that you are able to make it

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 2020

JANUARY	5th	RUN	Run to Jakes Noordhoek	Ashley Ellis
	19th		Timour Hall car show	Gerhard Vorster
FEBRUARY	9th	RUN	To Riebeck Kasteel for a farm braai	Tim Kent
	29th	NOGGIN	Andre Bredenkamp on his USA trip	Andre Bredenkamp
MARCH	15th	RUN	Peninsula run to Simon's Town golf club	Eddie Hughes
	28th	NOGGIN	Maintaining your Triumph	Frank Dreyer
APRIL	12th	RUN	British Sports Car Tour	Jamie Hart
	26th		National gathering or Knysna show	
MAY	10th	RUN		Frank Dreyer
	30th	NOGGIN	My motor racing career	Ashley Ellis
JUNE	14th	RUN	Somerset West venue	Gerhard Vorster
	27th	NOGGIN	I Scratch- Body repairs done at home	Andre Smart
JULY	12th	RUN	Christmas in July	Eddie Hughes
	25th	NOGGIN	Motoring Quiz	Tim Kent
AUGUST	9th	RUN	To Be Arranged	
	29th	NOGGIN	Andre's Mountaineering trips	Andre Bredenkamp
SEPTEMBER	13th	RUN	Darling Wild Flower Show	Daanie Barkhuisen
	26th	NOGGIN	To be arranged	
OCTOBER	11th	RUN		Jamie Hart
	25th		Killarney Motor Show	Gerhard Vorster
NOVEMBER	8th	RUN		Peter Lloyd
	21st	NOGGIN	Concours, AGM and Braai	
DECEMBER	12th		Year end function and prize giving	

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just to remind every one that subscriptions are due from the 1st January. The good news is that in this age of inflation we have reduced the yearly rate to R300. This is due to the cost to the National body having dropped as "Sabrina" is now distributed electronically rather than by our non-existent postal service. Some good news, albeit small!!

THE ORIGIN OF THE “SURREY TOP” BY MIKE NAPOLI

At a recent noggin Jamie was presenting a slideshow on the rebuild of his TR4 with its “surrey top”

As Jamie correctly pointed out during his presentation the term surrey top only refers to the removable/folding vinyl centre piece connecting the front windscreen to the backlight (rear windscreen surround).

This in turn prompted the question “why is it called a surrey top?” Clearly no one had a definitive answer with one wag even jokingly suggesting that they were built in Surrey.

It would now appear that this off the cuff comment was actually fairly close to the truth.

So what then is a Surrey? Wiki has this to say:

*A surrey is a door less, four-wheeled carriage popular in the United States during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Usually two-seated and holding for four passengers, surreys had a variety of **tops** that included a rigid, fringed canopy, parasol, and extension. Before the advent of automobiles, these were horse-drawn carriages.*

*The name is short for "Surrey cart", **named after** Surrey in **England, where they were first made.*** (My emphasis).

The surrey was initially popularised in the 1940's with the Broadway musical Oklahoma which included the popular song “Surrey with the fringe on top”. When the musical was made into a blockbuster film in 1955 the song reached a much wider audience which increased its popularity.

It is my guess that in the absence of any other term the Triumph guys resurrected the surrey top moniker—bearing in mind that the car is not a convertible in the true sense of the word and that the term “Targa Top” had yet to be invented.

In closing—in 1904 did the Americans pip their English automotive counterparts by being the first to officially use the surrey term to aptly describe a motorised Surrey? I refer of course to the 1904 Knox Surrey (see attachment), let the debate begin 😊

DISCLAIMER: This article is the result of some amateur research and does not claim to be the definitive answer to the original question posed.

TRIADS

Ian Hauptfleisch's uncle in Pretoria is looking to sell his father's TR7. It has done around 164 000 km and he is looking for around R80 000. He is also an Ian and can be contacted on 072 023 4239



TAIL PIECE



1904 KNOX SURREY