

Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa

Johannesburg Centre

News Flyer - January 2009

A little late, but a short flyer reminding all members of the next few events.

Hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and a restful, enjoyable holiday!!

Tuesday 20th January – Club Noggin’.

As usual, the Noggin will be held at Shanahan Park, address: 4 Adjutant Road Elma Park, Edenvale. Be there at 19h00 for 19h30 – supper will be served for R20.00 per person.

To those of you who ordered wine at the recent wine tasting; please bring your money along as hopefully the wine will be delivered on the night.

**Please remember to bring your subs to the noggin’
R230.00 per member and R260.00 per member plus family member.**

For those of you who are new to the club or have not been to our new venue **Shanahan Park** in Edenvale the directions are as follows: -

Take the R24 highway from Eastgate to the airport – take the Edenvale off-ramp and go towards Edenvale. Turn left at the second traffic light into Horward Street and then left again at the second traffic light into Adjutant Avenue. There you will go through the booms and immediately thereafter you go right into the parking lot and the Ambience Function venue.

From the N3 it’s just as easy – take the Linksfield off-ramp and go towards Edenvale. Pass the Excel garage on the LHS and then a few streets later you turn right into 4th Avenue, which later becomes Adjutant Avenue. Cross over Horwood Street, and then you’ll go through the control booms. See above for further details.

Sunday 25th January – Visit to mine and Gilroy’s pub

Jean Coppens and Cliff Turnbull have arranged a visit to the Kromdraai Mine which was opened in 1881 and ceased production in 1914. It is a privately owned mine and Gavin Whatley takes school children and visitors on a tour and gives a talk on the mining and other matters. It will be an interesting diversion from the usual and then it has been arranged that we go on to Gilroy’s Country Brewery for lunch and Gilroy’s Beer.

The cost to tour the mine is R40 per person but the club will probably sponsor all or most of this. The tour takes about 45 minutes and he will probably break us up into two groups to make it easier and then we will all join up for his talk at the end. It will take us about 30 minutes to get there from the meeting point and the visit should last about an hour.

Gilroy’s restaurant has a fairly wide range of meals on offer with salads from R25-00 to other meals in the R50’s. Live music in one form or another is provided from 12 or 12.30.

We meet at the usual place: - Total Garage - cnr Malibongwe Drive and Witkoppen Road

Leave 9.30am,

Reach mine at 10am,

Tour until 11.00am

Arrive Gilroy’s by 11.30am

Then it is up to those present how as to how long they want to spend; no time constraints.

Valentine's Run – Sunday 15th February

This year's Valentine's Run will take place from Johannesburg to Pretoria where we will first visit the Botanical Gardens and then have a great 3-course lunch there.

Costs are R110.00 per person for the lunch and R15.00 per person for a walk through the Botanical Gardens which is optional.

We meet at the usual place: – Total Garage cnr Malibongwe Drive and Witkoppen Road

Meet 9.30am

Leave 10.00am SHARP.

There'll be an easy drive to Pretoria, arriving just before 11h00 where we will meet up with our Pretoria brethren.

Those who want to can go for a walk through the gardens either before or after lunch. Lunch will be served from 12.00pm and will be a full 3-course meal.

A cash bar is available for drinks. The Valentine's Runs have always been great and well-attended so be sure not to miss this one.

Week-end away: 13th – 15th March 2009

It is suggested that this takes place over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of March to coincide with the *Cosmos* run which is held in Memel at the same time. It is proposed that one leaves Johannesburg on Friday afternoon 13th March and take a comfortable run through to Memel - a trip of about two to two and a half hours.

<http://www.memelgetaways.co.za/newsFlash.htm>

Jean suggests a braai on his farm in the evening before going off to the Bed and Breakfast known as 'Mahem' run by his friend Jimmy. The accommodation is modern and costs R230-00 per person sharing with breakfast at R60 and dinner at R80 per head. (Check it out – looks fantastic)

<http://www.wheretostay.co.za/mahem/>

While many may not be interested in the 25km run on the Saturday morning (except Jean) the little town will be in a festive mood. There will be fairs and the art gallery will be open. Visitors may amuse themselves in the morning and in the afternoon we could go to the renowned Seekoeivlei nature reserve where hippos have been re-introduced and if we are lucky rare birds such as Botha's lark may be seen.

Jean and some of the local farmers are able to organize 4x4 vehicles to use for this purpose.

<http://www.environment.gov.za/soer/nsoer/resource/wetland/seekoeivlei.htm>

On Sunday morning we could arrange to be taken in 4x4 vehicles to Kranskop, close to Jean's farm, where he will drive us three quarters of the way up the mountain.

We then climb to the top of the beautiful flat top mountain offering great views of the countryside.

Wild deer are likely to be seen on the mountain which really is a fantastic experience and after lunch leave for a relaxed drive home.

Some people may only want to go down on the Saturday and that is fine too.

Jimmy's Bed and Breakfast comprises 10 rooms but if the interest is there then other accommodation may be arranged but we need to know numbers soon.

Please book your place IMMEDIATELY if you want to go

Phone Cliff Turnbull on 083-265 5987

See you all soon!!