

Hello Steve,

Firstly, let me introduce myself.

My name is Judy Harris and I am the National Secretary/Treasurer for the Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa.

I have been forwarded your web page details by my sister in law who, with the rest of her family, met several of your members on your recent "Autumn Leaves Run" on Sunday 5th October at Chatsworth House and Park.

My husband David and I have owned our Persian Aqua TR7 for several years now and are keen members of the Triumph Club with our local branch being Pretoria Centre.

I thought you and your members may be interested in the goings on etc of our Triumphs in South Africa and accordingly I am sending you a few pictures of our recent Benoni Treasure Hunt held on 28th September.



As you can see we also have a variety of tr's taking part and for this event we also invited members from Johannesburg Triumph Club. I thought that you may like to post the details on your web page. I can also arrange for you to receive a copy of our National Newsletter "Sabrina". which is published every quarter, again if you are interested. Please let me know.



Another photo from our Treasure Hunt

We hold our monthly get-togethers the 3rd Wednesday of the month and usually a different House organises the food and evening (talks, quizzes etc). The Spitfires, Tr2's & Tr3's, Tr7's & 8's and Tr4's, 5's & 6's all have their different "Houses". The last Sunday of each month we go on a Sunday Run, visiting different places, stopping for lunch etc just as your club does. The weather up here on the Highveld around Johannesburg and Pretoria is normally always sunny and quite warm even in the winter so it is never a problem for us going out.



Some of our members at the prize giving

My husband David, managed to get quite a bit of sponsorship for our event with the prizes including free tyres, battery, wheel balancing and alignment, chocolates, biscuits, car cleaning sets etc etc. We awarded trophies and medals as well as the prizes.

Our next Sunday Run is to Pretoria on 19th October to see the Jacaranda trees which are out at this time of the year. Pretoria is famous for the amount of both purple and the rarer white Jacaranda trees in the city. I was so pleased that my family was able to view the Triumph's as they had only seen pictures of ours. They now know that although our car is nearly 28 years old, it is not as bad as it sounds!! We have a Ford V6 motor in our TR7 although David does want to put the original Triumph engine back into it at some stage. We bought both engines when we got the car. As a guideline our car cost R20,000 with the 2 motors, a couple of years ago - about 1,250 British Pounds - I don't know how that compares to prices in the UK. Of course rust is not a problem over here unless you buy a car that that been kept at the coast (Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth etc).

We recently held our bi-annual National Gathering and had over 200 members there.

Anyway a small amount of information about our cars in South Africa. Please let me know if you would like me to forward your club any further details and I will do so. Also if anyone is ever visiting South Africa we can put them in touch with other members of the Triumph Club, whatever part of the country your members may be staying in.



Best Regards  
Judy