

TSCC DECEMBER 2008



FERGIE - Triumph Karretjies Talk

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CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

I apologise to all, but the delay is my fault, only getting my chirp to Bob on Sunday the 7th. (You see government officials are only really busy in December, because its bonus month).

The prize giving went off well, I heard no complaints. And as usual, I slipped up, forgetting to thank everyone to make this event a success. So here are the thanks: Yvonne for decorating the tables, directing the food orders while her food were getting cold, settling of the account & tips, handing out the Christmas cards, Bob for his excellent MC qualities, Frikkie for making after dinner sweets, the TSCC for the sherrie & champagne, the German club for letting us have the venue free, and the bar ladies and kitchen staff. And to all attending, without you it would not be a success.

On Friday (5th) I received a mail (and forwarded to all) regarding the cancellation of the "Wheels 08". What a shame! **Question: Is Continental or a sponsor really necessary?** Ever since I joined the PE centre in 1996, I cannot remember that a sponsor was necessary to man a gate and collect money, to run a beer tent and food stalls. And renting space to dealers displaying their goods. (It was only later that Terry Moss and others starting to get involved) I fail to see why such a prestige event is cancelled because of "Continental withdrawing their sponsorship money".

To me it seems that the Round Table was not doing their research before hand, or left it too late?

The LHD issue. According to SAMCA reports, the *import* of LHD vehicles is out, but not confirmed. But according to Leon, in Fridays Cape Argus, the article around this topic state that the AA report that the legislation will not pass, and it look like the whole issue will be scrapped? Let's wait and see.

The annual George shows date has been confirmed as the 31st January, who's interested?

Nice to see the new unrated, much improved issue of Classic Car Africa. Also nice to see they covered the MG indaba, and mentioned the TSCC ,and Frikkie, for organising an impressive driving test.

From me, to the rich going East, enjoy, to the poor staying home, enjoy, have a great time together over the festive season, and drive safely.

Hope to see you all the 2nd February 2009

Deon

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCRIBE

The November edition of *Fergie Karretjie Talk* was filled with Club matters....minutes of the AGM and a review of the Club in 2008. We trust that members will keep the hard copies sent to them with this edition so that minutes of the AGM in 2009, (so neatly and efficiently) prepared by Yvonne, will not have to be sent out again. They will also have a reminder for bed time reading of what happened in 2008 for resolutions for the New Year. There was also a History of Triumphs. An additional reason was that members could see the format in which the hard copy was

distributed, after being printed by Deon.

In this copy it was felt that we must get some news of a technical nature and focus on the Triumphs. (i.e. *More karretjie Talk*) Included are two explanations for the Triumph often not starting when it ran perfectly the day before ...and an account by Jamie Hart for those oil pools under the TR.

The included proposed programme for 2009 has also included the latest dates made available to the scribe.

Finally the Fea(s)tive Season is upon us. May I take the liberty of utilizing Fergie to extend Dorita and my Festive Greetings to all the *Fergie* readers and trust that they enjoy and appreciate a Blessed

and quality time spent with loved ones, family and friends.

Hou matigheid voor oe

The Scribe

OFFICIAL OUTING NOVEMBER 2008 – AWARDS EVENING

The club must be most appreciative to Deon and Yvonne for taking on the onerous task of once again arranging the Awards evening this year at the German Club. It is an event that marks the end of the year and has replaced the old Christmas party. Much organisation is required in booking the venue, determining the menu and the contacting and following up with interested members to [place their orders from the enticing German menu. Well done to Deon and Yvonne on an event well organised and enjoyed by all.

The aim of this event is to give recognition to the achievement of members and their respective Triumphs. and triumphs; show appreciation to those who have gone the extra kilometre to promote the marque and support the club and to provide a pre-silly

Season event preparing them for the Fea(s)tive Season of Peace and Goodwill with family and friends. In 2007 the event was scheduled a Formal Dress occasion. This year it was scaled down to a Semi Formal Dress event. One is pleased to note that Lesley endorsed the importance of the occasion by wearing a smart jacket and tie which augmented the MC's attire of a jacket during proceedings.

Deon opened proceedings by welcoming all present. A special welcome was extended to Terry and Lynn Estment, chairman of the local MG Club and Vice Chairman of the Combined MG Clubs of South Africa. It is always great to have a man at the head of one of the prestigious motoring Clubs in our midst. It was also appreciated that Heinz and Paula had travelled all the way from George to attend.

The following awards were made:

- CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Deon

Yvonne

Godfrey

- D'ETAT
David
Mike
Lorinda
Bob
- MOST IMPROVED CAR
Heinz
- CAR OF THE DAY
Heinz
- LADIES ENTHUSIASTIC AWARD
and
GODFREY'S LADIES AWARD - *Godfrey*
announced
Carol van Loggenberg as this year's
winner
- CHAIRMAN'S AWARD – Service to the Club-
Bob and Frikkie
- BRUCE PUTTERGILL TROPHY --- Jon
Rademan
- CLUBMAN LADIES - Yvonne and Daria
- CLUBMAN –MEN'S - Bob

At the conclusion of the Awards, a special presentation was made to Terry and Lynn of the MG Club in a show of appreciation for the camaraderie and fellowship that the two clubs has enjoyed and shared during the course of the year. In his reply ,Terry endorsed these sentiments and responded that the driving test that the TSCC-PE had arranged for the International Indaba received much favourable comment from MG members from as far afield as UK, Switzerland and KZN.

With glasses charged with pink champagne (*nogal*) and

members were upstanding as a toast was proposed to TSCC SA and all those who on local and national level had served in the interests of the marque and its members.

After an appropriate GRACE ...
For Food, fellowship and
Friends, and Triumphs We
Thank you
O LORD
May we always be mindful of
the needs of Others. AMEN.

With Yvonne in the role of the well versed and experienced *maitred'de house* , supper was served, with each member receiving their pre-ordered

massive delicious German flavoured meal. This was followed by a sweet desert make by Frikkie and Carolyn.

In conclusion once again Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to all those who supported this event to make this another memorable occasion in the annals of our club.

MINUTES OF NOGGIN HELD ON THE 1ST OF DECEMBER 2008. AT THE EPVCC IN PORT ELIZABETH. By Yvonne de Kock

PRESENT:

Bob Pretorius – Secretary in the Chair

Jon Rademan – Vice Chairman

Additional Members:

Co ordinator : Frikkie Viljoen

Scorer Club/ Daria Sheard

Members:

Lesley Rudman

Carl Butlion

Mike Butlion

Oppie Opperman

Dave Patten

Rob Elliot

Leon van Loggernberg

Carol van Loggernberg

Dorita Pretorius

Jimmy Sheard

Carolyn Viljoen

Yvonne de Kock

APOLOGIES:

Deon de Kock – Chairman

WELCOME: *Bob welcomed everyone*

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Christmas party/prize giving

Outing on the 16th of December

George show

MG Calendar
Outing brunch
Trophies

CHRISTMAS PARTY/PRIZE GIVING

Thanks were given to the German Club for the well-organized service etc.

Bob thanked Deon and Yvonne for their contribution and organizing the event. Frikkie and Carolyn were thanked for their part in the after-meal sweets etc.

Bob thanked Terry and Lynn from the MG Club for joining us.

OUTING ON THE 16TH OF DECEMBER (now cancelled)

It has been decided that this outing to Wheels 2008 at Eben de Vos' Museum on the 16th December and will be an official outing.

Cars are to be parked by 9am and can only be removed between 3pm and 3.30 pm.

The Triumph Club has been given the same area as in 2006 to park the cars.

Frikkie would like an indication of how many members and cars will be attending this well organized yearly event.

GEORGE SHOW

The George show will take place on the 31ST January 2009, and Deon has made an appeal to members to please try and attend this event, their will be accommodation available at the school hostel, please liaise either with Frikkie or Deon.

MG TRAVELLING SUPPER

Bob has sent our yearly program to the MG Club and we the Triumph Club have been invited to join the MG Club on some of their outings. Further details will be in the newsletter.

OUTING - BRUNCH

Our outing on the 26th of April will be joined by the MG Club, need to discuss the venue for this.

TROPHIES

All **engraved** trophies are to be brought back to the club, to be placed in our show case. in February.

Meeting closed

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

MG Club Port Elizabeth

- At the next MG AGM there maybe a change of office bearers. Chairman Terry after 3 years in the chair has decided to stand down. He has been elected as National Vice president of the MGC of SA. Garth and Sue Todd have resigned as committee members. Paul Degoumois will fill the post as Treasurer.
- At the November Noggin Bob Pretorius gave a

presentation on the History of the Triumphs and the TSCCSA....People and the Car.

- A wonderful September outing was enjoyed at the Miniature Railway in Londt Park as was the Travelling Brunch in November.
- Dates for the first 4 months events of the MG Club have been fixed and included in the 2009 programme.

ANECDOTES FROM THE GARAGE

Two problems that I have experienced in getting the TR3 in the Sunshine Project might be explained by the following two anecdotes.

NON STARTING PROBLEM

The TR3 was perfectly tuned with valves reset, carbs tuned in and the distributor sorted out by Frikkie . The engine kicked over first time on pressing of the starter button and then purred. A few more starts, and switched off and we celebrated. The next morning all ready and rearing to go for a spin –alas no friendly persuasion could get the motor to up and running.

After much consultation and expert opinions, the head was re-machined, new valve springs and pushrods fitted and new plugs inserted . Still no *LIFE* until new plugs were fitted.. ..and additional litres of fuel added to the tank. Then it started and was retuned. Then again we had the same problem recurring. On testing the plugs and found one new plug absolutely dead. Not a spark. This time I fitted only new plugs and *Trrrriuuumppphhh* and we were A for away and added petrol. Only to experience the problem again a few weeks later.

What could have caused the problem ? Maybe it was a

combination of all these factors already mentioned.

Then in the November issue of Car Magazine (p148-Technimail) I came across an article by S Johnson entitled *Evil Spirits*. He writes; As a small garage owner he encountered a spate of cars refusing to start after a cold engine had been running for a few minutes and then switched off. New plugs were fitted and the problem persisted a few weeks later. For example the car would start in the garage and then pull out and switched off. Five minutes later it would not start again. The problem pointed at a temporary fuel problem.

The explanation was given by a fuel expert. The information states that the high aromatic content of ULP is most likely the culprit. When a cold engine is started and switched off again before it has had a chance to heat up to operating temperature , some of the aromatics vaporise on the spark plugs, leaving a thin coating of carbon on the central electrodes. This attracts sufficient water vapour to stop the plugs from firing. There is a good chance that if you leave the engine running until it reaches normal temperature that this will not happen again.

It should be noted that the slight variation in aromatic

content is outside the control of the normal refinery process. This explains why this phenomenon does not occur all the time. So petrol station may just have received a batch of poor supply of ULP fuel from the supplier.

This was just my luck...and that of Leon.

OIL LEAK CURES! BY JAMIE HART

(from the November Cape Town TSCC Newsletter)

If at first you don't succeed.....!!!

Ever since my TR3 was rebuilt, there has been an annoying oil leak at the back of the engine. Normal for a TR one might say!

When I rebuilt the engine, I was given an oil seal off a Land Rover which was supposed to solve this problem and make an "oil tight" rear end as per all the books on the subject. Problem was it DIDN'T and after your editor complained about the oil smell when she followed us one day, the engine was taken out to sort out the problem.

In fact the engine was taken out about 7 times, the sump gasket replaced as often and still the leak persisted. In fact it got worse. All would be fine the first time the engine was fired up, but the next time there would be a leak that would have the oil sheiks

rubbing their hands with glee! All sorts of remedies were tried, the car was nearly cut up with an angle grinder in frustration, and in desperation I asked that well known TR man, Alan Grant. Alan remembered an article in the TR Technicalities about the oil seal conversion not always having good results, and following his advice I got hold of another UK company who had a good reputation for doing this particular conversion.

Said kit was purchased, sent out a great expense by courier and installed over the winter and the whole engine rebuilt once again. What was obvious on looking at the two aluminium housings that the one supplied initially did not sit exactly parallel to the engine block, whereas the fitting instructions and the new housing fitted perfectly parallel. The first one was out of level by about 0.5mm but appeared to close the seal when the rear bearing cap was bolted in position.

To cut a long story short, the engine was eventually fitted back into the car and after an even longer time sorting out electrics and other problems, the car was finally fired up this morning with our National chairman in attendance and lots of crossed fingers. Result, even after the 3rd and 4th restart of the engine there was no trace of oil leaking out of

the engine!! A couple of frosties later the car was restarted and still no leak so I am really hoping the problem has been cured! The fingers are still crossed but I can now start bolting things back to the car in the hope they won't have to come off again and hopefully all will be ready for a few test runs before Timor hall in January.

What have I learnt from this exercise? Well first there are some very good guys in this movement of ours and a huge thank you to Gerhard for his help and Alan Grant for being a mine of information as well as to some of the guys from

UK who offered components that are offered from suppliers overseas. In hindsight it appears that the major spares supplier (whose name begins with M) have a number of component suppliers whose quality can be suspect and although the holes in the first seal housing were only marginally out, it would appear this was enough to cause the problem.

Never assume that a component is going to be correct, it is the ass between u and me that is sometimes the problem!!

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

- 17 DECEMBER – Colin Skinner
- 23 December - Leon van Loggenberg
- 30 DECEMBER – Lee Ann Illenberger

OFFICIAL OUTING DECEMBER 2008 – cancelled

CLUBMAN AND CLUBWOMAN POINTS

TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB - PE CENTRE - CLUBMANS TROPHY					
	POINTS			POINTS	
	01/12/08			01/12/08	
DEON DE KOCK	7		YVONNE DE KOCK	9	
FRIKKIE VILJOEN	7		CAROLYN VILJOEN	6	
BOB PRETORIUS	6		CAROL V LOGGERENBERG	6	
JON RADEMAN	6		DORITA PRETORIUS	6	
CARL BUTLION	6		JACKI GERICKE	4	
LES RUDMAN	6		DARIA SHEARD	3	
ROB ELLIOTT	6		BARBARA BUTLION	3	
DAVE PATTEN	6		JANET RADEMAN	3	
LEON V LOGGERENBERG	6		PAULA KONCKI	3	
MICHAEL KOCK	4		LORINDA KOCK	3	
HEINZ KONCKI	4		SUE PATTON	3	
JIMMY SHEARD	3		LEE-ANN ELLENBEGER	3	

GODFREY GERICKE	3	ANITA O' DONOGHUE	0
OPPIE OPPERMAN	3	ELSA OPPERMAN	0
MIKE BUTLION	3	GAIL DU PREEZ	0
KARL ELLENBERGER	3	DELPHINE LEYLAND	0
MIKE O'DONOGHUE	0	YVETTE NEL	0
PIETER LEYLAND	0	JULIE HARTMAN	0
ALWYN DU PREEZ	0		
KEITH MARSH	0		
COLLIN SKINNER	0		
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	28	Sun			<i>GP France</i>
July	6		Noggin		
	12				<i>GP German</i>
	19	Sun	DRIVING TEST		
	26	Sun			<i>GP Budapest</i>
Aug	3	Mon	Noggin		
	9	Sun			<i>GP Turkish</i>
	16	Sun	Tops only Drive through Concours		
	23	Sun			<i>GP European Valencia</i>
	30	Sun			<i>GP Belgium</i>
SEPT	7	Mon	Noggin		
	13	Sun			<i>GP Italian</i>
	20	Sun	Travelling Lunch		
	27	Sun		24-27 Sept\ Cape Centres At Port Alfred	<i>GP Singapore</i>
OCT	4	Sun			EPVCC AGM
Oct	5	Mon	Noggin		
	11	Sun			<i>GP Japan</i>
	17	Sun			<i>GP Chinese</i>
	16 or 24	Sat	ABSA Currie Cup		
Nov	1	Sun			<i>GP Brazil</i>
	2	Mon	Noggin - AGM		
	15	Sun			<i>GP Abu Dhabi</i>
	21	Sat	Awards Evening		
Dec	7	Mon	Noggin		