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FERGIE - Triumph Karretjies Talk

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CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP

What a good turnout we had with our Concourse. Eleven cars, three up from last year, which is great. And another two on display, totalling 13 Triumphs. It really was nice to see a lot of people walking and enquiring regarding the make, model, costs etc. I think it was a good advertisement for our club.

Also a big compliment from Rodger Sutton's dad, visiting from the UK, confirming that he is very impressed with the high standards and quality of the cars on display, comparing with some of the shows he has been to in the UK.

Also great to have Terry, Ronnie and spouses (MG) joining afterwards with the social in the beer garden. Congratulations to all of those that did the effort to show their cars, and thanks to everyone, for organising, counting score sheets, judging or just being there, making it a successful day.

The Plett weekend away is finalised, and people need to confirm and commit, so that bookings etc can be done well in advance. (More details in this issue)

To everyone wanting to go to our 2010 Nationals in the Drakensberg, wake up and book. Before I even laid my hands on the March edition of *Sabrina*, the 2 sleeper chalets were fully booked out!

I really apologise for missing 2 successive Noggins, but as I still have a job, and getting paid, I sometimes do not have a choice to do work when it suits me. Pushing to go out Tuesday nearly materialised but sadly not. Hopefully after the elections things will be back to normal.

Thanks to Bob and Jon for doing the important things on the 6th April.
Deon

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCRIBE

Well, Chairman Deon comments about ***Letters to the Editor*** and members not reading and digesting the contents of the newsletter has brought some results. The Scribe must admit that it is frustrating when members inquire about events that have already appeared in detail in the newsletter. This may prove that they have not read the newsletter or Alzheimer's is setting in.! Lets hope its not the latter. In this edition I have included e-mails received from members.

At the noggin we made a spot check with members present regarding their e-mail addresses. It appears that some electronic mail goes astray and is never received. We are now aware that some commercial and government concerns block our newsletter in the so called firewall. Other members forget to inform the scribe of change of address. So if you have not received the monthly electronic newsletter within a week (*7days after the noggin*) you are requested to make contact with either the scribe or the chairman.

Recently we have felt the effects of many changes as we go about our daily lives....and I am not thinking of the economic meltdown and pending political changes. In Port Elizabeth our Climate

Change have been marked. One does not know if it is age or just a part of one's metabolic change, but this first quarter of 2009 was hotter than previous years. In particular the *discomfort factor* is immense, i.e when the humidity exceeds the body temperature perspiration evaporation rate. This is when the body does not experience the cooling effects of perspiration evaporating and we may experience some discomfort. UV radiation has also increased and one must be careful of sunburn. The medical profession advises that one applies plenty of block out and keep yourself and the Triumph out of the sun between 10am and 3 pm. Note that that wind in you hair while driving top down can also lead to excessive sunburn. So take care and take note of what Al Gore had to say about climate change.

If the latest observations by scientists in the Antarctic are correct, we may soon have ice bergs breaking off the Antarctic shelf and blocking the entrance to the new Coega harbour.

Thank goodness autumn has arrived.

Take Care and safe driving this Easter.

The Scribe

WHAT A WONERFUL DAY - CONCOURS DAY - 21 March 2009

It can truly be said : *"There is never a event or outing organised by the TSCC-PE Centre that members can say that they have not felt proud of the Triumphs on display".* The cars are always really well cared for, both mechanical and in appearance. Triumphs in Madiba Bay are always ready to show off their best vintage and wares!.

Once again proof was evident on Concours Day, which was held at the German Club in Loraine. No less than 11 triumphs lined up to be scrutinized by the eagle eyes of the teams of judges. Judges were armed with National approved score sheets, to judge the condition and cleanliness of engines, exteriors, interiors, mechanical and chassis' in the D "Elegance and D' Etat Categories. There was no room to hide imperfections, as all aspects were highly illuminated by the brilliant last of the summer scorching African sunshine. and the Triumphs stood up well to the inspection...while swallows started swarming perhaps heralding the start of the pending autumn.

While judges judged, Lesley ensured that completed score sheets reached recorders Paula and Daria, who laboured with mental arithmetic (*and often checking totals with the aid of a calculator.*). Yvonne and Bob were ensconced in the Club house and did the final behind the scene calculations to determine the final results.

After 3 hours judges, recorders, scorers, participants, family, friends and visitors (*including Terry and Lyn and Ronnie and Desire of the MG Club*) adjourned to the lapa, appropriately decorated in a Black Forest scene, to socialize with more *Triumph Karretjie Talk...(.and the Scribe assures you there was much Karretjie Talk amongst the odd 50 + folk present.)*

Deon made use of the opportunity to welcome all present and then handed over the Bob to announce the order of merit, whilst Yvonne handed back the score sheets, accompanied with an appropriate reward.

The awards were as follows

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

GOLD

Heinz Koncki	TR4A	96.7 %
Yvonne de Kock ...	TR4...	94.2 %
Deon de Kock ...	TR2.....	93.9 %

SILVER

Jimmy Sheard	TR7...	91.8 %
CM Bob Pretorius...	TR3 ...	90.8 %

BRONZE

Godfrey Gericke ..	Spitfire..	79 %
Beyers Vermaak ..	Spitfire . .	78.5%

CONCOURS D'ETAT

GOLD

David Patten...	TR2.....	99%
C M Bob Pretorius	Spitfire Mark IV...	98 %
Stefaan Koch	Spitfire Mark 3 ...	96.1 %
Mike Koch	TR6	94.2 %

The evening was concluded with a Bring and Braai and salads and garlic bread supplied by the German Club...and plenty more *karretjie talk* over the glowing coals. ...all fuelled with refreshments served by friendly frauleins.

The compliment of the day came from Roger Sutton Senior, who in his many years in the United Kingdom, having been involved in the motor trade and attended many motor shows in the British Isles

commented that the standard of the cars on show were comparable , if not better than, at shows which he attended in the UK.

Well done to all the participants and their Triumphs.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS ON CONCOURS

- Thanks must be expressed to the **German Club** for the use of the facilities and refreshments
- The Club appreciates the organising done by the following in running the event :

Deon booking and preparing the venue

Yvonne organising the menu, scoring and presenting the score sheets.

Daria and Paula recording the score sheets.

Lesley collecting and running between scorers and the completing the indemnity register.

Yvonne and Bob determining the final results.

Bob and Yvonne announcing the results.

Deon and Frikkie lighting the fires.

...and let us not forget the judges sweltering under the fierce Madiba bay sun....

It certainly was a team effort with everyone doing their bit.

• THE SOCIAL COLUMN

Seen in Triumph regalia :

Godfrey and Jackie Gericke _- Jackie arrive late to have a Candle lite dinner with Godfrey. Thanks for helping Jimmy Godfrey.

Mike Koch and Lorinda and Stefaan Koch enjoyed a family supper ,

Beyers, Mile and son Johan Vermaak - once again appreciated Dad Beyers being a maestro braai-er over the glowing coals. (the latter matched Beyer's red Ferrari shirt),

Carl, Barbara and Amy Butlion ; - Congratulations Amy on your 16th. On your 18th Dad Carl will let you have the Spittie as a run about as the TR6 will be complete.

Rob Elliott; Always there providing much appreciated support at club events. We are waiting for those 2 Triumphs to make an appearance all the way from Seaview.

Frikkie and Carolyn Viljoen ; *Frikkie arrived in time to judge the TR6 for originality Frikkie s looking GOOD after recent ailments.Thanks Frikkie.*

Jimmy and Daria Sheard ;
The red Assegaai is really

Jon and Janet Rademan;
We still want to know why you parked the white TR7 in the shade ?

Lesley Rudman; *The Club is entering you in the next Olympics. You are the greatest runner of score sheets between judges, recorders and scorers.*

ThANKS A TON LES.... ,

Bob and Dorita Pretorius;
Why is Bob's body so sore ?

Chairman **Deon and Yvonne de Kock**; *It is rumoured that they are now running a Triumph B&B, Triumph*

storage facilities (after parties) and serving morning scones and jam on departures and collection respectively. Refer to Heinz and Bob for further recommendations

Heinz and Paula Koncki;
Great that you chaps came all the way from George. We all appreciate your support. Good luck and best wishes with the TR6

Nice to see the MG Lads and lasses there taking notes : **Terry, Lyn, Ronnie and Desiree**....Hope you chaps got some ideas.

Great to have you there to share the event with us.

Roger Sutton and his father, Roger senior , also Roger, appeared in a MGB GT.

David Patten
The BRG TR2 still looks great. We need it at Nationals

STOP INTERNATIONAL PRESS TRIUMPH WORLD

Last year **Tony Mills** approached some members whilst researching *Triumphs in the Eastern Cape*. Tony and his wife came to the Concours in 2008 and took many pictures of our Triumphs.

Well at last it has happened . An article will soon appear in **Triumph World** featuring info and pix's of David Patten (TR2), Deon De Kock (TR4

and Deon nogal)), Jon Rademan (TR7 Spider), Rod Smith (Super ten), Bob Pretorius (Spitfire Mark 4)and Mike Jones (Morgan) Triumphs.

The article makes interesting reading. Thanks to Tony for giving our TSCC Club in the Eastern Cape some international global exposure

REACTION TO CHAIRMAN'S MARCH CHIRP

The following e-mails have reached the scribe:

Hi Bob,

Many thanks as always for sending me a copy of your PE Newsletter. On reading Deon's opening few sentences I would like to let you know that both David and myself read your newsletter from cover to cover and I have also heard from the Webmaster of the Red Rose TR Club in the UK to whom I send a copy for their web page, that he and many of the members also enjoy reading what you write - especially the "in the garage" section. You do a great job.

Best Regards
Judy
Secretary : TSCCSA

HEINZ HAS A PROBLEM

Hi Bob

I got it as PDF today from Deon. All fine and readable on my Apple Mac.

Thanks for the compliments attending the Inter-club Braai, I pass it on to my car. It's running great, despite I cannot get rid of a nasty "clonck" in my diff.

So, If any of you guys has a spare one lying around (3,7:1 ratio, from a TR4A/5/6), please let me know.

Allow me small correction of the newsletter. I have done over 1000 (meanwhile over 1400) miles not km and this since the end of November, when I serviced and re-set my Odometer. We do get around!

I hope to see a good number of you in June in our area together with the East London bunch.

Heinz

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PETER OFFERS HEINZ SOME ADVICE

Hi Heinrich

You could try Guy Houwens in Charlo PE - he had a diff that he thought was a Stag diff, but I suspect it might be a TR or Triumph saloon diff

(Stag diffs are pretty rare in SA!).

I seem to recall that John Dobbins in Jo'burg may also have a second hand diff.

Before you go that route, though , I have two thoughts:

1. Are you absolutely sure that the clonk comes from the diff? If your car has wire wheels, hub spline to wheel spline wear is much more likely. Prop shaft or Drive shaft (half shaft) spline wear is also a more common occurrence than differential backlash. A VERY common cause of drive train "clonks" in TR's is the diff "sub-frame" carrier bolts on the chassis working loose - Moss even supply a repair kit for this! I reinforced both mine when I refurbished the chassis. To fix this without loosening the body from the chassis required cutting two holes in the rear floor!
2. A diff clonk without an associated bad whine at 60 - 120 kph is unlikely to be caused by a worn crown wheel and pinion or worn pinion / carrier bearings - more likely excessive backlash, which is relatively easily and cheaply fixed - just needs quite a lot of labour time and effort. Why not try and fix your diff?

Bottom line - a word to the wise - make 100% sure of your diagnosis before ordering expensive parts and doing major repairs!

Kind Regards

Peter Leyland
OTD Project Manager

RESIGNATION

Alwyn du Preez has tendered his resignation because of commitments. Alwyn has moved his Jaguar to his new home to commence the restoration process.

NEW MEMBER

NEW MEMBER Rodney Lightly from George with his spanking red TR3 acquired from Frost Bros has joined the Club. Welcome Rodney.

IN THE GARAGE
Questions and Comments
With the Scribe hoping for some REACTION

JON : Jon, take those TR7's out the shade....? We need that V8 in one of the TR7's

DEON: When will the *Fergie* , our newsletter, get the advert for the TRIUMPH B&B and Triumph parking facilities in Lorraine Manor ? Apparently home made scones and jam together with coffee or tea is served on collection. Further services such as car wash and engine cleaning together with full valet services are under consideration.

BOB : There's still so much I wish to do on the TR2,now it is back to the relays,.....But.....

JIMMY : What's that *Beep-beep* when strangers get into the TR7 ?

LEON : The TR4 was missed on Concours Day. Hope you are not hibernating with the Triumph

CARL: Where did Amy fit in to the Spittie on Concours day ?

DAVID: What's next? The overdrive ?

BEYERS: You must now really get together with Yvonne for regalia.

OPPIE: Waar was jy op Concours Dag ? In die Triumph Waenhuis ? Pas jy nog die verkoeler doppie ? Wie moet ons na April bel en jy antwoord nie die TOWRITE oproep nie. ?

FRED: we now want to see that Spittie and its respray and gearbox.

Replies to questions can be forwarded to the Scribe

NEWS FROM OTHER MOTOR CLUBS

MG CLUB IN PORT ELIZABETH

At the MG Club AGM the following office bearers were elected :

CHAIRMAN : Mark Filmer
 VICE CHAIRMAN: Robin Dunstan
 SECRETARY : Glenys Morris
 TREASURER : Paul Degoumis

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Terry Estment; Lyn Estment (Regalia) Alan Emslie (Events)

The TSCC – PE wishes them well for their term of office.

CHIT CHAT Hamper Winner

Did you wonder who Mr X, winner of the hamper raffle, was in the photo featured in the last edition of Fergie- Karretjie talk ?

Well Terry Estment of the MG Club , a conscientious reader

of the newsletter, identified the winner.

The winner of the Triumph hamper raffled at the EPVCC Interclub Day ...alias Mr X has been identified as John Bental, , who was a member of the MG Club until 2005

(Mystery man identified by Terry Estment of the MG Club)

TRIUMPH SOUTHERN CAPE TOUR

Gavin Turner has stated that the Triumph Southern Cape weekend outing to Plettenberg Bay and the Southern Cape is definitely on.

The dates are changed to the weekend of 12 – 16 June 2009.

The proposed programme for the weekend is as follows:

Thursday 11 June: East Londoners will arrive in PE .
PE centre to organise entertainment for Thursday evening.
PE members are requested to offer accommodation for the evening.

THURSDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The Skittle Alley at the German Club has been booked for a Border vs PE skittles championship. Supper will be available at the German Club of the AI A Carte menu.

Friday 12 June : We will depart in the morning in convoy.
A route schedule will be given for a scenic ...questionnaire route finding trip to Plett.

- **Friday Night** - Communal spit braai,(price to be advised.)
- **Saturday** - Route scheduled run to Knysna.
- Lunch in Knysna.

- Boat trip to Heads.
- **Sunday** - Driving test set by PE Centre (possible at Plett Airport)
- Afternoon Free.
- **Monday** - Morning trip to Mitchell's Brewery in Knysna .
- Afternoon Free.
- **Tuesday** - Depart

Accommodation prices for 3 bedroom units for 4 nights, will be reasonable
The above is what is planned but may change slightly.

Gavin Turner. Border Centre

IMPORTANT

Member MUST indicate their intentions asap.

NOGGIN NOTES

Once again our Chairman Deon was required elsewhere and Bob was requested to take the chair, with a glass of red.

- Welcome: All present were welcomed (Bob, Frikkie, Carolyn, Yvonne, Carol, Jimmy and Daria, Lesley, Oppie, Jon , David, Mike Butlion , Mike Koch, Beyers and Mile), and apologies received from Deon, Dorita, Carl (flu), Leon and Rob (in Cape Town).
- The **Plett Weekend** was discussed .
- Thursday night for the East London couples **accommodation** in PE was offered by Frikkie, Deon, Bob and Jimmy (4)
- A survey indicated that the following were **committed** to attending : Deon and Yvonne, Jimmy and Daria, Bob and Dorita; Jon and Janet and Lesley ; Oppie and Elsa; Beyers and Mile . (6) .
- If any other members wish to attend , they are requested to make contact with either Deon, Yvonne or Bob asap. Gavin needs info to arrange accommodation.
- Attendance at the next **2010 Nationals** in the Drakensberg was discussed. Members were encouraged to book accommodation pronto. Five members indicated

that they were attending (i.e Deon ,Bob, Godfrey,Jon, Carl.)

- **Subscriptions.** Godfrey indicated that 80% were paid up. A paid up membership list will be forwarded to the secretary for publication.
- **The April outing** to paradise Beach was discussed. (see details in the in the newsletter.)
- It was requested that all **trophies** be returned to the Chairman.
- The e-mail addresses of all present were recorded, so that the contact list could be checked.
- The meeting closed with an invitation from Beyers inviting all present for a refreshment to celebrate his 60th
- Thanks to David for attending to the refreshment counter.

The Noggin continued in the refreshment area with much Karretjie Talk.

NEXT OFFICIAL OUTING - 26 APRIL
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EVENT: BRING AND BRAAI / BRUNCH AT PARADISE BEACH

DATE : Sunday 26 April 2009

DEPARTURE: 9:30 SHARP from Macro on – ramp on the N2

**ROUTE : N2 to Jeffries Bay ..and then PARADISE BEACH
(Home of Peter and Delphine
Leyland)**

**REQUIREMENTS: Bring utensils comestibles, refreshments
and sustenance.
Also Skottels, chairs , utensils and
umbrellas .**

**Members can depart to view the Formula 1 back in PE
Or**

**Viewing facilities will b available at the home of Peter and
Delphine.**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6TH OF APRIL - BEYERS /////already celebrated

16TH OF APRIL - LESLIE RUDMAN

17TH OF APRIL - FRED KELLER

20TH APRIL - DEON DE KOCK

21ST APRIL - ELSA OPPERMAN

22ND APRIL - KEITH AND DAVID PATTEN

25TH APRIL - COLIN MURPHY

28TH APRIL - JULIE HARTMAN

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Enjoy Easter in your TRIUMPH



The Scribe

April	5				<i>GP Malaysia</i>
	6	Mon	Noggin		
	19	Sun			<i>GP Chinese</i>
	26	Sun	Brunch Run to _Pazradise Beach	MG Joining TSCC	GP Bahrain
MAY	2	SAT			KNYSNA Motor Show
May	4	Mon	Noggin		AutoPavilion/ EPVCC CLASSIC CAR TOUR 3-8 MAY
	10	Sun			<i>GP Spanish</i>
	24	Sun	Historical PE Run F1 @ MTN BIG SCREEN		GP Monaco
June	1	Mon	Noggin		
	7	Sun			<i>GP Turkish</i>
	12- 16	Fri- Tues	Triumph Plett outing		
	8-11	Mon			Milligan Vintage Trial - PE
	21				<i>GP British</i>
July	6		Noggin		
	12				<i>GP German</i>
	19 Or 18	Sun Or Sat	DRIVING TEST Or FUN Gymkhana		
	26	Sun			<i>GP Budapest</i>
Aug	3	Mon	Noggin		
	16	Sun	Tops only Drive through Concours		
	23	Sun			<i>GP European</i>