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FERGIE - Triumph Karretjies Talk

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CHAIRMAN'S CHIRP A CHIRPING GRAND DAD

CONGRATULATIONS to Chairman Deon and Yvonne on becoming grandparents for the second time in 2009 with the arrival of new grandson Caleb Rhodes in December. We trust that he will soon be signed by as a member of the Triumph Club.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCRIBE

The fe(a)stive season has come and gone with 2009 something of the past ..and some of the New Year Resolutions (i.e. Good Intentions) are already broken, the Scribe trusts that all Fergie readers have had a GOOD start to 2010 and that things will continue to improve and become even better as 2010 progresses.

It was felt that an extra edition of Fergie is needed to orientate members to the new year Triumph-wise and keep the Triumph flag flying Triumphantly. Most of us have received calendars for 2010 and some conscientious individuals have already filled important dates (i.e birthdays and anniversaries etc)... least they forget. Well please don't forget the dates on the proposed 2010 calendar

included on the last page of this edition of Fergie. We envisage a bumper year.

Most important of these dates are the **Nationals in the Drakensberg**. The Scribe in a vacant hour while surfing the internet raided the TSCC Cape Town website and found an interesting article relating to the nationals which has been included. We trust that those going to Nationals have settled their registration accounts with Dot Gibbons.

The first official outing in the new Triumph Year, namely The GO **BIG SUMMER CAR SHOW** at Hobie Beach, has attracted some controversial opinions. Both pro' and con's. Read the account and express your views!

Beyers our *Sabrina* reporter, must also be congratulated on his first contribution to *Sabrina*, on behalf of the Club. He obviously has a flare for writing as he submitted not only the quarterly report, but also stirred the pot (*as only he can!*) in a letter to the editor. Well done Beyers.

Eric Fletcher missed some pix's and info in the last edition of the **Sabrina**. His explanation is included in letters to the Scribe.

As the visitors depart the shores of Madiba Bay return to their home towns, towing their *ventertjies*, with stacked roof racks on their 4x4's, and taking to the highway..... it is *au revoir* from the desk of the Scribe until the first Noggin on Monday 1 February 2010.

The Scribe

OFFICIAL DECEMBER OUTING GO BIG SUMMER CAR SHOW
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One can always review, evaluate and debate the worthiness of an official outing. In a debate there will always be two sides of the coin...heads (pro's, positives) or tails (con's and negatives. When reflecting on the GO BIG SUMMER SEASON CAR SHOW, the views expressed will lead to interesting conclusions.

This static Car Show was staged on the rolling manicured yellowing drought stricken-lawns, which roll from the traffic gridlocked Marine Drive to the gentle surf caressing the sandy shores of Hobie Beach, by the GO BIG Events Organisation. (*sponsored at a astronomical prices by the Nelson Mandela Municipality, utilizing rate payers finances, nogal !*).To conclude the picture....The

weather and the setting was magnificent. The golden beaches were covered with colourful umbrellas and many bared celestial bodies, which was pleasing to the eyes of connoisseurs' beach strollers or *strandloper's* eye. The Indian Ocean painted a brilliant spill of white and blue surf and the gentle south easterly provided just sufficient cooling so as not to hinder one with the excessive output of the UV rays. The weather was doing better job than a beautician's sun-bed....and to add to the Wonders of Nature a large Whale entertained the observant crowds by frolicking in the distant ocean. waving its large tail as it disappeared in the depths ... just to rise again for the Encore.

Eight Triumphs and their respective family members, all of the local Triumph Clan had gathered at Neapolis (Bob's Place) and proceeded in convey to this ideal summer place location to select the ideal (dustless) spot on the scenic beachfront. The Triumphs were prominently displayed in the prime spot. (A most impressive array of British made vehicles). Jon planted the flag pole and hoisted the Triumph emblem, which immediately proudly spread its exquisite colours, in all its glory, for all to admire. Beyers proved to be most ingenious. With a wave of his

magic wand he extracted a bag of tricks from the boot of the minute Spittie to retrieve a ingenious shade-providing zig-zag gazebo. This was sheer magic. One merely pulled and pushed, connected pipes and the frame work was up, stable and erected. The shade cloth was spread over the top, blotting out the scorching rays of the sun. Next he returned to the minute boot of his Spittie. What next? ...Was Beyer's going to bring out the proverbial rabbit or release the peace doves to GO BIG and commemorate Our Rainbow Nations Reconciliation Day? . No, he is most definitely angling for another Smartie Award of the Year. Folding Camp Chairs- for- all materialized. Members of the Triumph Clan soon gathered , and were comfortably seated in the shade, relaxing and waiting (*in keen anticipation*) for the rest of the Madiba Bay motoring fraternity to arrive....afterall this was to be the GO BIG SUMMER SEASON CAR SHOW !

It would have been a long wait...if we had waited!. Only three clubs other arrived to exhibit their marques (ie. The Northern Suburbs modified and brilliantly Overhauling-designed- sprayed Ford Capri's; The Tri Bike Club, complete with their magnificent machines fitted hi-fi blaring -3-wheelers, which would have competed with the creations of Orange County

Bike Builders (Discovery Channel) and on lonely DKW from the EPVCC.

This brings one to the ultimate question which has been debated at many a Noggin in recent times. Are Static Motor Shows worth the spit and polish which go into the preparation of these events ?

There are those in favour, who will raise their hands. The Triumphs on this occasion received much attention and the sunbathers flocked to admire the exhibits. Motoring enthusiasts armed with a plethora of camera accessories has a field day pointing their lenses at the finer details of the marque. Other Triumph clan spouses and family, after looking at the limited car display, utilised the occasion of finding an ideal parking spot on the sea shore, to disappeared and enjoyed the surf and sand and having fun in the sun. Others remained in the shade to control the maddening crowds admiring the Triumphs...and enjoying the ONE cold Coke generously sponsored by the Organisers....or they watched the Whales, at play, in the Bay ,which saved them travelling all the way to Hermanus – the Whale Mecca of South Africa.

Interesting note that one previously disadvantaged South African citizen even made use of the occasion of Reconciliation to occupy *Ole Yella's* driving seat, gripping the sparkling beech wood steering wheel and smiling at the candid digital camera had this memory recorded for prosperity. It made her day.

Maybe next year, when the organisers of the GO BIG Summer Season Car Show, approaches the Club to exhibit our cars, we should accept the invitation with the aim enjoying the preferential prime spot, adjacent to Hobie Beach, with its populated celestial bodies sun-worshippers, erect Beyer's gazebo, relax in the shade, on the folding camp chairs, pitch the children's camp tents (*in anticipation of the GO BIG Fireworks Display*) and enjoy some Fun in the sun, surf and sand....enjoying tasty comestibles and sipping camouflaged refreshments and perhaps the Whale will come back frolicking in the Bay. The Club could even charge an appearance fee... raising much needed funds for the Club.

POSTSCRIPT SABRINA - December issue
From Eric Fletcher

Greetings, well the December edition of Sabrina is at last in the post. Why is it late? Simply because I ignored my own request to you all, to not pre-format & embed photos. I did just that & while everything was alright on both my & the printers computer the printing machine did not recognise a different format setting. Thus when all 280 copies were ready to put into the envelopes I discovered that some photo's were missing from pages 55,56,57 & 58 and in there place a cryptic message. I have managed to retrieve the photo's from page 58. These were most important as they are for the Xmas quiz. Page 58 has been reprinted & inserted as a loose leaf. As to the others, well hopefully I can sort them out for the March issue.

Please apologise to your members, for me, in your next newsletter & ask them not to lose the loose page 58.

So with that tale of woe & maybe a warning about all the fancy formats that are now in use, let me wish you all of the best for 2010.

Best Regards

Eric Fletcher

LETTERS TO THE SCRIBE from TSCC SA Secretary

Hi Bob,

On behalf of David and myself I just wanted to say a very big "Thank You" for forwarding a copy of your monthly newsletter to us. We really appreciate it. We know how much effort it takes to produce each issue.

It is a super newsletter, very easy to read (including the bigger print!), always very informative and newsworthy. We both read it cover to cover.

We wish you and all the members of Port Elizabeth Centre a wonderful Festive Season and much happiness and good health in 2010.

Next year promises to be an exciting one, not least with the World Cup in June but also, of course, our National Gathering in the Drakensburg. We sincerely hope by then that all the road

improvements? around Gauteng will be finished and we can take our TR7 out in the knowledge that it will not disappear down one of the many potholes that South African roads seem to have these days.

We shall both look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in April.

Best Regards

Judy

Fan Letter from Beyers

Hi Bob,

I totally agree with them, ditto, ditto.....!

I just love your writing style and wit and also cannot wait for Fergie to arrive.

Keep up the good work!

Kind Regards,

Beyers

THE 2010 TRIUMPH NATIONAL GATHERING
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(An extract from the Cape Town Triumph Club website).

There's something about the sound of that - National Gathering 2010 - it rolls off the tongue so easily. Obviously initiated by our bigger brother - World Cup 2010. But this is the year that the Johannesburg centre will organise and host the next Triumph National Gathering . At least our venue will be finished by then!

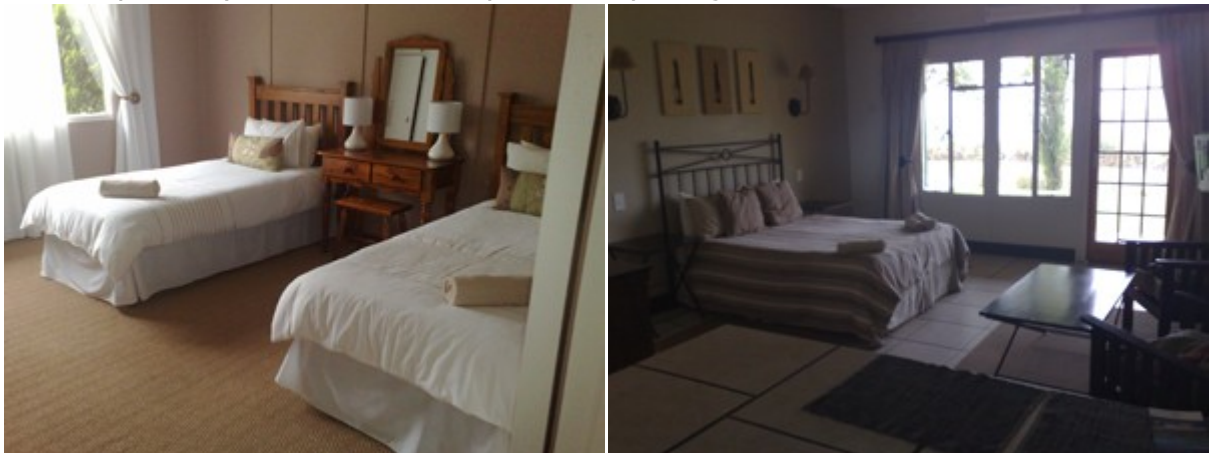
We have searched a number of venues and have chosen the best one given the present circumstances. Size of venue, cost of accommodation, places of interest, and the general economic situation we find ourselves in have led us to the choice we made. I'm happy to see that the price of petroleum is falling dramatically and I hope this holds out until 2010, but at the moment, travel is still expensive. All-in-all I think our centre has chosen the best venue for the Nationals - which is Drakensville Resort in the Drakensburg.

For those of you scurrying around to find it on a map, you'll find it at the foot of the

Oliviershoek Pass on the road between Harrismith and Bergville in Natal. Distances from Durban and Johannesburg/Pretoria are not too great - about 300 km, and from Border/PE about twice that. The Cape Town members will have to unfortunately travel a far distance - about 1250km, but that's the price they pay for living in the best part of South Africa.

Accommodation is plentiful and reasonably priced - we give the following as an indication of what it may cost as no-one can confirm accommodation costs for 18 months' time -

- 2- sleeper chalets - R 580 per chalet per night
- 6- sleeper chalets - R 1 050 per chalet per night
- 6- sleeper luxury chalets - R 1 280 per chalet per night



Some 2-sleepers have a double bed while others have two single beds. The 6-sleeper has three bedrooms with one double bed in one and single beds in the other two. Only one bathroom though. We have to book for 4 night. The units are all self-catering and there is a restaurant and shop at the resort.



The dates for the Nationals will be from Friday 23rd April to Tuesday 27th April 2010. This is a long week-end but you will have to take the Friday off work in order to travel to the venue. The welcoming braai will take place on Friday evening. The

dinner-dance will happen on Monday evening 26th April, which will give you the public holiday on Tuesday 27th April to travel back home.

That then is about as far as we got. From here on the hard work starts. We have a great committee committed to making a great event of it. We will post updated details as they become available and also include booking forms so those wishing to attend can book on line.

OFFER OF ACCOMMODATION AT NATIONALS

Geoff Kriel and John Williams have booked a 3 room chalet at Nationals. Hans has cancelled. So one room is available at the conference centre.
If anyone is interested in sharing with Geoff and John then please contact John Williams at 083 320 521 8.

EWS FROM OTHER MOTORING CLUBS

TSCC CAPE TOWN

- Once again one must congratulate Jamie hart on producing and excellent informative and colourful monthly newsletter. Jamie is presently vacationing in New Zealand and Australia.
- Congratulations alos to Cape town's new Chairman, Tom Dougan, who takes over from Jamie. We wish him well in running the Cape Town Centre.
- Gerhard Vorster is progressing with his TR3 rebuild and will be submitting articles on the process.
- Tom is organising the Cape Town contingent to visit the George Show. (*It would be a good idea for Heinz and beyers to make contact with him to co-ordinate the Triumph Stand at the George Show*).

THE VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR OWNERS IN MAURITIUS.

Part of my festive season reading included the ***Vintage and Classic Car Owners Revue in Mauritius.*** The Revue was forwarded to me by Cedric Malivel, the editor and founder member of this Vintage and Classic Car Club in Mauritius.

One must admire this young Club , in the middle of the Indian Ocean, on the island of Mauritius, for the progress it has made in only 3 years. The membership has grown to over 30 members and the register of vehicles has increased to 87. Most vehicles are of British, French and American origin, reflecting Mauritian colonial history.

The Club has regular outings and receives support from local industry and commerce. Interesting to note that Ministry of Commerce and Development has taken an keen interest in the Club and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism together with local Rotary Clubs have also extended invitations for the Club to participate in included prominent events. All events are prominently advertised by means of colourful posters which are displayed all over the island. These initiatives have all made the locals conscious of the existence of the Classic and Vintage Cars.

It is interesting to note that the local motor trade is making inroads into the restoration of vintage and classic cars. The latest edition of the Revue features an article "les Artisans Mauritiens de la Restorations " highlighting bodyshops, upholsterers, and mechanics specialising in doing restoration work on vehicles.

Each issue of Revue to date included a portfolio of members and their cars, as well as cars that have been recovered from cane fields sugar estates and farmyards. It appears that a concerted attempt is being made to restore these cars to their former glory. In travelling the island as a tourist I have seen wrecks and vintages that are eligible to become members of this Club.

It is noted that at present there are 4 triumphs. i.e 2x TR3A. 1- TR4 and 1xTR6 on the Mauritian Register.

In conclusion one must commend Cedric and his club members for their efforts to bring all of the Old Classic Car fraternity together under one umbrella association in Mauritius and sharing their Classic passion with the inhabitants of the island.

We salute you and your efforts

GEORGE MOTOR SHOW 13 and 14 February 2010

Beyers needs information. Members are requested to make contact with Beyers indicating the following:

Names of those intending to attend :
 No of persons requiring accommodation:
 When departing Port Elizabeth :
 Which Triumph car will be displayed;

Please contact Beyers at 072 413 2246

INVITATION FROM EPVCC

The **first official outing of 2010** will be the combined **Inter Club Bring and Braai** at the EPVCC Club house on Sunday 28 February 2010.

Triumphs should be on display at 10 : 00

Confirm attendance at first Noggin on 1 February 2010

PROPOSED 2010 CALENDER

MONTH DATE DAY	EVENT DETAILS	OTHER	G PRIX
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
Monday 1 Feb	Noggin		
Sat-Sun 13 -14 Feb	George Old Car Show		
Sunday 28 Feb	INTERCLUB @ EPVCC		
MARCH			
Monday 1 March	Noggin		
Saturday 13 March	CONCOURSE AND BRAAI		
APRIL			
Monday 12 April	Noggin		
25 – 27 April	NATIONAL TSCC GATHERING in Drakensberg		
MAY			

Monday 3 May	Noggin			
Sunday 23 May (or 30)	SKOTTELS BRUNCH AT SKOENIES			
JUNE				
Monday 7 June	Noggin			
Saturday 19 June (or 26)	FUN GYMKHANA TRIUMPH CLUB VS MGC			
JULY				
Monday 5 July	Noggin			
Sunday 18 July	BACK TO BACK DRIVING TEST			
AUGUST				
Monday 2 August	Noggin			
Sunday 29 August	SMARTIES RUN			
SEPTEMBER				
Monday 6 September	Noggin			
Sunday 19 September	TRAVELLING LUNCH			
OCTOBER				
Monday 4 October	Noggin			
Saturday 23 or 30 October	ABSA CURRIE CUP RUN			
NOVEMBER				
Monday 1 November	Noggin			
Saturday 20 November	AWARDS DINNER			
DECEMBER				
Monday 6 December	Noggin			
Thursday 16 December	WHEELS 2010			

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ENJOY YOUR TRIUMPH ...the Summer is here and petrol is affordable

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NEEDED....WANTED

The above shown Spittie...Ole Yella only wishes to go forward.....

Reverse gear is giving head aches...and at times difficult to find

Can anyone HELP with ...sound advice ...or spare parts ...or substitutes...or additives.....

It may need a gearbox transplant.....

If anyone assist or help.....

Contact BOB at 082 950 302 8

