

TSSC NOV 09



FERGIE - Triumph Karretjies Talk

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TSSC- PORT ELIZABETH 2009 REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

It is important for any organisation or club to exist or to progress, to review the clubs activities of the past year.

MEMBERSHIP

The official membership at the end of 2008 was 28. Alwyn resigned. Beyers Vermaak and Rod Light (George) joined during 2009, thus bringing the number to 29. One up from last year. Andrew bought the ex Des Rudolf Spitfire, and confirmed that he is going to join us in 2010.

Attempts have been made to encourage new owners of Triumphs to join, but to no avail. Here it is suggested that we need a dedicated member to perform a recruiting function. *(Phoning when an advertisement appears in a newspaper or spotting a car)*

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The committee, with Godfrey's guidance, decided that membership fees for 2010 would stay the same. A request from two country members regarding a discount on their fees has been received. It was decided to reduce their fees with R30 per year to R220.00. The normal fees being R250.00 per year.

NOGGINS

These have taken place on the first Monday of each month at the EPVCC Clubhouse. Attendance has been consistent with an average attendance of 19-23 members on each occasion. This indicates an increase from last year.

Decisions taken at the noggin meetings are published in the monthly club newsletter, which keeps all members fully informed.

A special vote of ***thanks*** must be extended to Dave Patten for manning the pub, and opening and closing of the clubhouse. Thanks also to Jon Rademan for sponsoring (charcoal and wood) at every braai at noggins, and Lesley for ensuring that the fires are ready. Lesley has also set out the table and chairs for the noggin meetings.

OFFICIAL TRIUMPH CLUB OUTINGS

The club has experienced well supported events this year.

In view of the above mentioned the annual programme offered a variety of events this year to suit all tastes. Events have included: the Annual Conours; the Annual Interclub Meeting at EPVCC; A Port Elizabeth Smarties - Historical Mystery Run, an official Triumph / MG run to Aston Bay, A Fun Drive- Thru Concourse; A Travelling Supper (with a Night Drive included); ABSA Currie Cup Final Breweries Run (last *Saturday*) and the forthcoming annual Awards Evening and Dinner on the same day as the historic racing at Scribante.

The highlight of the year must have been the outing organised by the Border Centre to Plettenberg Bay to celebrate their 30th Anniversary. If I can remember correctly, 5 members from Border, 5 members from PE and 5 members from Cape Town joined the weekend outing, together with 3 TSCC members Southern Cape.

Thanks go to everyone for helping, or being involved to put outings on the calendar, i.e. to Peter Leyland for making his house available

for one of the outings, Bob for organising the Smarties Run, Michael for the MTN venue and facilities, but to Frikkie, our events organiser, for his dedication and effort in staging a couple of unforgettable outings, even if he is Triumph-less.

The club is grateful to all the organisers and helpers that assisted these members with these events

NEWSLETTER *FERGIE*

I got a scare when Bob phoned me one weekend and wanted to discuss the future of the newsletter, mainly due to Bob fading eye sight, (***This I can confirm now, has improved a lot, and is still improving***). Bob was convinced to keep on, assisted by Dorita, Yvonne and myself, in order to be able to keep it going. This we did for a couple of months. (Members ***all should noticed that the quality was not really the same then***). Here I have to ***thank*** Bob for an excellent job. Our newsletter compares well to other clubs, even without a hard copy. (What ***about a new name?***) At this stage the newsletter is only costing us postage, and the Scribe's dedication.

The newsletter is forwarded by e-mail to most of our local members, Triumph Contacts in various parts of the country and overseas, the National Committee and to most of the local motoring clubs. E-Mailing Fergie has proved cost effective and saves on expensive postage. Some rural members still receive hard copies via *snail-mail*. We normally print and bind 13-15 copies for posting.

We are especially grateful to the Triumph Clubs in Cape Town and Pretoria for so regularly exchanging newsletters with us.

It is requested that members continue to made contributions to the Scribe for inclusion in the newsletter.

SABRINA

It is a relief to inform members that Beyers Vermaak accepted the responsibility to take over as the reporter from Port Elizabeth to *Sabrina*. I have done this for 3 years. Members are urged to give him their support in this venture. ***Thank you Beyers!***

TROPHIES

Keeping track of Trophies is difficult. Godfrey volunteered to, in future, be the custodian of these, and keeps record of what trophy

is actually going where. We don't want the same scenario, as happened last year, with one of our trophies, which actually got forgotten / lost, and was returned 4 years later, after the last winner discovered this.

It was a committee decision, taken at least 3 years ago, concerning all the floating trophy's (***that were all donated***), that these should be handed out at the awards evening, engraved at own cost by the recipient, and returned for display purposes to our trophy cabinet at the EPVCC clubhouse. The trophies should be returned not later than the 3rd noggin of the new year.

CLUBMANS TROPHY/ attendance register

The Club must ***thank*** the husband and wife team, Daria & Jimmy for their efforts in updating the points list at outings and noggins, and e-mailing the results to Bob the very next morning. They the attendance register updated. They are doing a great job.

THE TSCC PE WEBSITE

Mike Koch, our webmaster, is keeping the web site updated on a monthly basis. It is surprising how many hits this site experiences in a month. The club appreciates his efforts, and encourage members to forward material to him to expand the site.

All members have got a story to tell. The world would like to read about it. Members are requested to share news in it with us. I want to encourage all members to try and find sponsors for the site, as Oppie is out on pension, and only Lorinda sponsoring the site, costing about R700 per year. Any member with a business contact should attempt to get a sponsor. If the should get 3 more willing to advertise, it should only be less than R200 per year per advertiser. This cannot be so difficult. Members are requested to please give it some thought. ***Thanks***, Mike and Lorinda for the stern effort to promote our club.

INTERCLUB EVENTS

The Club has attempted to establish and maintain close contacts with other clubs in the local motoring fraternity.

We are especially grateful for the invitations and support of members of the EPVCC (Jeff Nel) and the MG Club with Mark Filmer at the helm.

The Club utilises its newsletter and website to communicate events taking place in the other clubs. This allows members to support forthcoming events on an interclub basis

Members have on a voluntary basis supported events organised by other clubs.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

The Spitfire of Beyers, the TR3A of Rod, the TR6 of Heinz and the Spitfire of Oppie are the only new cars that made their appearance in the club during 2009. It is actually not bad to have 2 local cars added.

- Couple of cars that's in the process of completion of a rebuilt. i.e. Peter with the TR6, Carl with TR6 and pensioner Oppie with the TR3A.
- Then we lost a couple as well. I sold the Spitfire Mark4, the car will stay in PE, maybe with new members as well, Rob sold the TR2 to CT, but the positive aspect is that this will ensure another car at outings, with Rob's TR7 now being repaired.
- The other big loss is Bob's TR3, sold to an overseas buyer.

CLUB HOUSE

I want to thank the EPVCC's committee, headed by Jeff Nel, for the use of the clubhouse. The contact is in the 3rd year without an increase in fees. I attended their AGM, and they need to advertise /rent out the Clubhouse as much as possible. The success of renting out the facilities will determine our yearly fee. If members know of an instance or person requiring rent a venue, then please contact Koos Schoeman.

Jeff also confirmed that this is also **our** club. Members are requested to bring photos of their cars and he will find a place for them on the wall. Members are also encouraged to support the club on Fridays, even if they you are not a member of the EPVCC.

ISSUES OF A GENERAL NATURE

- The legislation relating to **LHD vehicles** has been finalised, and should not be an issue anymore.
- Inter **club communication and co-ordination** remains imperative.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to thank Gerhard Vorster and the National Committee for looking after our national interests. In reviewing the local scene all remains sound, and I want to thank the support of the committee, Jon as vice chairman and Godfrey for keeping our finances in the black. I am also very thankful to all the active members, together with their spouses and families, who have supported the club throughout the year and remained committed to keep the TSCC - PE on the map.

Lastly also to Yvonne for sending birthday greetings and assisting me with my Sabrina contribution for the last time.

Thank you.

Chairman Deon

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCRIBE

After reading and digesting Chairman Deon's review, this edition of *Fergie* is going to be a lengthy edition of Fergie, which will take members some time to complete all the reading matter gathered during the course of the month.

Included are the Noggin notes which covered the topics discussed under general at the AGM Meeting. This was indeed a lengthy session. This was followed by the crisp proceedings of the AGM itself. Beyers has also submitted an article of the Motor Industry in Madiba Bay which makes interesting reading.....and the Scribe needs to give his chirp with the usual. Thoughts for the Day So read on

There comes a time in one's Life when Decisions have to be made - DECISIONS, DECISIONS. For the Scribe It was a difficult personal decision to make. As the decades march on one the question remains: ***What to do with your cherished Triumphs in Old age?*** One must measure up all the pro's and cons. Then, when vision problems started impairing my vision and impairing my driving ability, early in my 70th year, and Dorita was unhappy about driving the vintage and restored Triumphs, a decision regarding the revision of my Triumphs and the BUCKET LIST had to be made . (before *I kicked the proverbial bucket..... in 2030*). After much consideration and facing reality, the Neapolis Triumph Garage, at the Scribe's home, saw the departure of one restored yellow retirement Sunshine project -TR2/3 to Norman Frost and (subsequently *container- TEU-ered* to Austria).

The decision was to then acquire a plastic sports model in which Dorita would be comfortable driving and parking, a vehicle which was reliable, and which could be repaired without searching for a Triumph guru to assist in repairs. (*To find a guru who is prepared to assist, repair, maintain or service a vintage vehicle in Madiba Bay is a problem – They are a dying generation.*) This latter factor was an over-riding consideration, as many of us of the *older toppies* are finding it difficult to execute repairs and worming our way under the vintages. After much research, looking, testing vehicles, and consulting the so called experts, and Auto Trader and the Internet on modern day plastic sports models (i.e. TF, Mazda X5 and the BMW Z3) an exquisite BMW Z3 took our fancy in a showroom in George ...and with the TR3 on its way to Austria, and the cheque in the bank, the silver Z3 has taken occupancy of the vacant space in the horsepower stable. ...and What's Joy to drive at my age...with all the mod consand then BMW retains the Triumph marquee logo and trade name.

In a recent e-mail received by the Scribe, our **Fergie was compared** to the Pretoria - TSCC *Triumph Herald* and the Cape Town TSCC *Newsletter*..... It is agreed, with its simple format and layout Fergie, apparently came out Arse-end Charlie. It was remembered that **Our Fergie** has never competed with the national Triumph publication – *Sabrina*. Fergie has had the prime objective of supplying its target audience – local Triumph Members - with local news, adverts and information. This has been done in hard copy for the *snail mail* readers and for the *more with it yuppie toppies IT oakes* in e-mail *snelpos* format...(*as a cost saving edition*).

Recent trips over the width and breadth of South Africa, have taken the Scribe along the **national and auxiliary roads**. This has sown the seeds of concern regarding the state of our roads which are all showing distinct signs of deterioration (*i.e. potholes and crumbling edges...not to mention the construction of the new RTS.*) What is even more disturbing is the fact that the road authorities have indicated that there are no national funds available to repair or build new roads. Over R80 billion is required. So other than increases in Eskom tariffs, power outages, yo-yoing fuel prices, water shortages (and maintenance of water supply lines) it seems as though the authorities are investigating of opening more Tollgates and toll roads along major routes. So motoring and travelling will become more expensive. So keep this in mind when budgeting for the future...and drive that Triumph while there are still drivable tracks.

Little or no news is said to be GOOD news. Little has been said about the 2010 **National Gathering** in the Drakensberg. (re Sabina) . One can only deduce that all the planning is running satisfactorily. Members are reminded that December is the deadline to register and pay up front. Our Club has a record 8 members going to nationals. Well done.

Some consolation this month for petrol headed Triumph drivers is that the petrol prices will remain stable, but diesel will increase...

So enjoy your Triumph

The Scribe

IN THE TRIUMPH GARAGE

DEON is grateful that he spent a weekend prior to the Patensie outing repairing the TR4's windscreen wipers. This is proof of our Chairman's wisdom.....*Don't procrastinate*...repair faults as they occur.....It rained on the return trip to Lorraine Manor.

BOB : *Ole Yella* has had a new battery replacement in preparation for Nationals . The oil change is pending the removal of the sump plug to drain the oil. The garage is also being cleared as part of the Spring Cleaning process, clearing the ruminants of the TR3 restoration. Much been distributed....Hoorah....NOW there is space other odds and ends.

BEYERS is having nightmares when it comes to deciding which car to take on outings.

....MGB GT or Triumph Spittie. Confucius provided the solution...Take both on the outing to Patensie.

It goes to prove that the Noddy, the Spitfire 4, and Beyers are really resilient customers. The Triumph Spittie driven by Beyers returned to PE from Jeffrey's with only 3 cylinders firing. Seems as though plug No2 was mis-functioning and after a compression test and replacement, Little Noddy is running smoothly again. Well Done Beyers !

PETER from PARADISE Beach has been very slow in reporting progress on the restoration of the TR6. What's up Peter ?

ANDREW Maclean showed his red Spitfire mark 4 at the start of the ABSA Run. He

acquired it in Johannesburg. It is in super original condition.

<p>OUTING WITH THE MG CLUB TO PATENSIE – 24 October 2009</p>

It was a GREAT outing with the MG Club to the Ripple Hill Hotel and the surrounds of the quaint rural village of Patensie, nestling in the picturesque Gamtoos Valley. The Hotel which was in a poor state of repair when last our Club staged an event in Patensie is now under new ownership and in the process of restoration. What a difference .. a complete revamp... and the catering was most delicious and catered for everyone's tastes. (*Compliments to the chefs*) . Our sincere thanks must be extended to Ronnie van Eck and Gert de Witt of the MG Club for organising and co-ordinating the outing....at a discount price.

The squadron of 8 MG's (including our Club Members -Mile and Leon in MGB GT's) ..., 2 Triumphs (Deon's TR4 and Beyer's Spittie), Bob's BMW Z3 and a couple of plastics set out from the Makro off ramp.

On arrival at the Ripple Hill Hotel / Lodge participants were welcomed, allocated to their respective accommodation and issued with a special welcome Pub Lunch Menu to suit all tastes and fancies.

The afternoon saw the cars taking a scenic drive through the citrus orchards and the newly established B & B and self catering establishments at the entrance of the now popular Baviaans Kloof Nature Reserve.. The bougainvillea's and roses gardens flanking the road were in full flush and most colourful. It is only in an open topped sports car that one can really appreciate the various farmyard, flora and fauna fragrances.

The braai, in the evening, on the front bar-patio under a large palm tree, facilitated much socialising, mingling and *Karretjie-Talk* ..and quenching of thirst prior to the meal being served. Once again the serving table was laden with a wide array of delicious and mouth watering comestibles.

Late on Sunday morning, after a good nights rest, all assembled at the TOLBOS Restaurant to enjoy sustaining Gamtoos Breakfast before departing on the homeward journey.

Once again congratulation to Alet Gerber . the new owner of Ripple Hill Hotel and the great creativity she is and her

children John and Henre' are displaying in restoring this old watering hole and Restaurant in Patensie. The accommodation and ambiance on completion will be well worth a visit. Already they have been awarded a 3 star rating by the Tourist Board (with Pub , Restaurant, Take-aways, air conditioned suites, BBQ, Conference and function facilities) and with their pleasant and accommodating hospitality personality, one is certain that this venture will grow from strength to

strength. (Contact 083 233 7713 or ripple@tekomsa.net).

POSTSCRIPT

It was quite interesting while sitting enjoying an early breakfast at Tolbos to see the variety of new upmarket VW's ,Merc's and 4X4's attending the church service. It must have been a GOOD citrus, veg and tobacco year....and then keeping up with the Jones or is it Ferreira's ?

ABSA SA BREWERIES CURRIE CUP FINAL RUN

What an Occasion this turned out to be! Not only was the running Rugby on the BIG screen exciting and the food prepared by the EPVCC ladies delicious, but something else spelt a new chapter in the history of our small club. Normally it is the TR7's (Jimmy, Jon, Mike , Godfrey et al) that outnumber all the other makes of Triumphs on outings. At the latest outing the Spitfires came to the fore, numbering 5 cars. Well done to the Spittie owners – Bob, Carl, Beyers, Andrew and Godfrey in the GT6 .

Deon and David arrived in their TR2's, Mike in the TR6 and Jon and Jimmy in their TR7's.

Compared to previous years the number of participants in the run decreased. We are grateful that 4 MG and 3 EPVCC vintages joined the 70 kms run along the country roads on the western extremes of Madiba Bay. It is a pity that some navigators seem to disappear en route . Nevertheless the route plotted by Frikkie afforded all, on the deserted rural roads, to on occasion put *Voet in die hoek* and made for some interesting driving.

A scrumptious hamburgers and crisp slap-chips together with the donated frosties from SAB preceded the screening of the Currie Cup final. This incentive increased the numbers who

arrived just to watch the match and enjoy the company of like minded petrol heads. Most of the audience , supporting the Cheetahs, were disappointed at the end result, but nevertheless enjoyed the match and the opportunity to exchange some *Karretjie Talk*.

In appreciation to Jeff and Desiree Nel of the EPVCC for their Crankcase and Culinary services, the TSCC presented them with a gift hamper.

Other Awards included :

- CAR OF THE DAY went to Deon de Kock and the BRG TR2
- SA Breweries Hamper was won by Carl Butlion
- The Raffle was won by Jimmy Sheard

The TSCC is appreciative for the sponsorship received from SA Breweries, Dunlop and the EPVCC who put their facilities at our disposal. This certainly contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion.

NOGGIN NOTES and AGM

Monday, 2 November 2009, was scheduled as a Noggin and the AGM at the EPVCC. The format of the meeting was to get all the items pertaining to general off the board first , and then to conclude with a crisp AGM meeting, electing the Office Bearers for the ensuing Year.

- Chairman Deon welcomed all present
- Present: 24 members signed the register.
- Apologies: Oppie
- The following Items were placed on the Agenda and discussed :

- ❖ The **ABSA Currie Cup Breweries Run Event** was poorly supported compared to previous years. The event needed to be reviewed in future for inclusion in the calendar. Carl and Jimmy were congratulated on winning the hampers and Deon on winning the trophy for Car of the Day.

Letters of appreciation would be forwarded to the sponsors by Chairman Deon.

Frikkie was thanked for organising the event.

Appreciation was expressed to the EPVCC for the delicious hamburgers and the use of the facilities.

❖ The **Awards and Dinner evening** will take place on 21 December 2008 at the German Club. (*see details elsewhere in Fergie*).

❖ The **MG Outing to Patensie** was greatly appreciated by all who attended. The Club was certain to support this outing in future. Thanks were expressed to the MG Club.

❖ **NATIONALS 2010**

Eight members have confirmed their attendance, Deon, Bob, Jon, Carl, Heinz, Godfrey, Beyers, Peter.
Registration and accommodations fees are due in December.

❖ **NATIONALS 2012**

It was agreed that a combine EL –PE Centre organising committee will be formed. The committee will meet in Port Alfred late in January 2010.

The Port Elizabeth representatives to serve on the organising committee will be appointed at the next Noggin in December.

❖ **Andrew Mckenzie** has indicated that he wishes to join the club.

❖ Godfrey announced that he would sponsor the **PE Web site** with a donation of R700. This generous offer is greatly appreciated.

❖ Beyers proposed the establishment of a local **Spares for Triumphs register**. Such a register could be extended to include a National Triumph Register. His offer to establish the register on a local basis (in PE) was accepted and members will inform him of spares which they have available for sale or distribution.

❖ It was agreed that a **TRIAD** colon would be included in Fergie

❖ The **Calendar for 2010** was discussed . The following decisions for official outings were made:

January:	No events
28 February:	Inter Club gathering at the EPVCC
March :	Concours at the German Club
April :	Nationals in the Drakensberg

Beyers agreed to organise a weekend away at the George Old Car Show on 3-4 February 2010.

- ❖ It was imperative that a Chairman's **meeting of the local motoring fraternity** be convened to co-ordinate the 2010 calendar in Madiba Bay.
(*Chairman to follow up*).

- ❖ **FUNDRAISING RAFFLES**

It was suggested that all members approach their contacts to collect items to be included in the hampers to be raffled in February 2010.

- ❖ Jimmy, Leon and Jon would convene a meeting to decide on the **Most Improved Car in 2009**. members were requested to make contact with them in order to enter their cars.

- ❖ The **national TSCC Website** needed to be updated.
(Chairman to follow -up)

The General Business being concluded it was time for the AGM and election of Office bearer to be conducted.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TRIUMPH SPORT CAR CLUB OF PORT ELIZABETH CENTRE

Welcome:

Notice of the AGM: Was read by the Secretary

Present : 22 members

Apologies: Godfrey and Jackie Gericke, Oppie Opperman

Chairman's Report; Deon read his report (See Chairman's Chirp)

The report was accepted.

Financials: These would be made available later in the year.

Election of Office Bearers:

Executive

- CHAIRMAN: DEON de KOCK
- VICE CHAIRMAN: JON RADEMAN
- SECRETARY : C.M."BOB"PRETORIUS
- TREASURER: GODFREY GERICKE

Co opted members

- SCORERS: JIMMY AND DARIA SHEARD
- SABRINA SCRIBE: BEYERS VERMAAK
- EVENTS ORGANISER: FRIKKIE VILJOEN
- GEORGE WEEKEND: BEYERS VERMAAK
- WEBMASTER : MICHAEL KOCH
- NATIONALS 2012 COMM: (To be elected)
- SPARES CO ORDINATOR : BEYERS VERMAAK
- CLUB LIASION: FRIKKIE VILJOEN

Next outing - AWARDS EVENING 21 November 2009

DATE: Saturday 21 November 2009

VENUE: The German Club in Loraine

TIME : 18:30 for 19:00

DRESS: SMART CASUAL

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

PROGRAMME and MENU:

18:30 ArriveSherry

19:00 PRESENTATION

The following awards will made:

- CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
- CONCOURS D'ETAT
- MOST IMPROVED CAR
- CAR OF THE DAY
- LADIES ENTHUSIASTIC AWARD

and

GODFREY'S LADIES AWARD - DRIVING TEST

- CHAIRMAN'S AWARD - Service to the Club-

- BRUCE PUTTERGILL TROPHY --- (Border TSCC turn in 2009)

- CLUBMAN LADIES -

- CLUBMAN -MEN'S -

19:30 Supper will be served.

MENU:

The menu will be forwarded to members by e-mail prior to the event. It will be the same as the Skittle Evening menu. Approximate cost will R75.(To be confirmed).

RSVP and BOOKINGS and ORDERS:

These must be placed with Deon before Wednesday 18 November 2009.

LETTERS TO THE SCRIBE

SPITFIRE PARTS WEBSITE

15-09-2009

Dear Bob

I cannot remember if I sent you this e-mail.

There is a website that makes interesting reading for substitute parts for Spitfires.

The web address is <http://www.triumphspitfire.com/substitute.html>

Thanks

Cheers, JON

WHAT'S IN AN ADVERT

Hi Bob

Not sure if you are home or away and just wondering if you saw the advertisement in the Swops this weekend in the WEEKEND POST.

The yellow 2500 was mine before I sold it in 1999 to Clarence Logie (not Rogie) as in the paper. They seem to get many things wrong. So he had the car for 10 years not 17. When he bought the car from me it had more than 37,000km on the clock so it must have clocked over 100,000km, as the speedometer only went up to 99,000km.

I had the seats covered in black leather, I re-carpeted the car and refurbished all the wood trimmings. I also replaced some parts UJ. on the drive shafts, rear wheel bearings and re-built the starter motor.

Enjoy

Mike O'Donoghue

FOR SALE

I have the following up for grabs. *Doesn't seem to make it into the newsletter.*

*Triumph Spitfire MKIV or GT6 MKIII Windscreen (Brand New, non-tinted) **R1600.00** onco*

*Crownwheel & Pinion (Stag) Ratios 3.45:1 and 3.7:1 **R2500.00** onco*

Kind regards

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BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER 2009

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday this month go to:

20 November 2009 : Carol van Loggenberg

30 November 2009 : Roy Nel

ARTICLE FROM BEYERS

SOUTH AFRICAN AUTOMOTIVE WEEK 2009

Hi Everyone,

Don't know how many of you made the effort to attend the motoring exhibition. Many thanks to Mike Koch, supplying us with the info to obtain free entry! What an exhibition,

never been seen by myself and my friend Hannes Groenewald, which some of you met on a previous Patensie run, in his self-built kit car, a red Razzo. This is not to report on the exhibition, so if you did not make the effort to attend,

you've snoozed and loosed!

But, I must admit, the new Perana designed by Zagato and built in Greenbushes is beautiful and breath-taking! Specifications: 6.2L V8, 330KW(442hp) , 583Nm (430lb-ft) torque, 0-100km/h under 4 seconds! WOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Then we got to the award winning electric car, the Joule, energy source of the future, what a farce! As my friend Hannes remarked, " Eskom cannot supply power to our geysers for 24 hours, let alone a few thousand electric cars on charge at night in PE!

What I found very interesting and want to share with you is some very interesting car facts and history of the motor industry in the EC as published in The Times newsletter of the South African Automotive Week.

CAR FACTS

- 1 - Harrods was one of the first Morgan dealers (did you know that Godfrey?)
- 2 - Chrysler launched its 1934 Airflow Sedan after deciding that most cars were more aerodynamically efficient when travelling backwards!

(Incidentally one of the first cars to be tested in a wind tunnel)

3 - Mini creator Sir Alec Issigonos failed maths three times.

4 - The AA originated from the Brighton Motor Road Patrol which kept watch on the Brighton Road to warn motorists of speed traps!

5 - There are 200 million cars in the US, 40% of the worlds total!

6 - There were only 107 models of the Ford GT40 made of which only 7 were road cars.

7 - A Mini Marcos was the only British car to finish the 1966 Le Mans but soon afterwards it was stolen!

8 - The worlds longest traffic jam was 110 miles long, between Paris and Lyon on the French Autoroute in 1980.

9 - The first known automobile was built in 1668, it was a two foot long steam powered model constructed by Ferdinand Verbiest, a Belgian Jesuit priest.

10 - The fastest time for removing a car engine, and replacing it is 42 seconds for a Ford Escort, on 21 November 1985!

11 - Adolf Hitler had a false floor fitted into his Mercedes 770K , making him look taller, when he stood up in the car!

MOTOR INDUSTRY HISTORY IN THE EASTERN CAPE

1 - PE and surrounding areas earned the name, the "Detroit of South Africa."

2 - An old wool packing shed in PE was converted in 1924 to assemble the Ford model T.

3 - General Motors established a plant in PE in 1926 and moved to Kempston Road in 1929 and extended to Aloes in 1965 and Struandale in 1994.

4 - The Firestone Tyre and Rubber company, being the first, was established in 1936 in PE.

5 - The Goodyear Tyre and Rubber company was established in 1945 in Uitenhage.

6 - General Tyre and Rubber Company, now Continental Tyres, was established in 1947 by the Williams Hunt Group in SA and General Tyres International in Akron, Ohio.

7 - Biggest and lasting investment was signed in 1946 between SAMAD in Uitenhage and Studebaker Export Corporation for the local assembly of Studebaker cars.

In 1951 a historic agreement was signed between Volkswagenwerk and SAMAD for the local assembly of Volkswagen cars. In 1956 the controlling interest in SAMAD was taken over by Volkswagenwerk, now known as VWSA.

8 - In 1985, a bad year for motor industry in PE, General Motors withdrew from SA, political pressure, and Ford Motor Company moved to Pretoria. Delta Motor Corporation was established two years later with GM reinvesting in Delta during 2002.

Although the motor industry is in a crisis again, which I'm not going into, I trust you to have enjoyed the above interesting information, as much as I did.

Kind regards,

Beyers

CLUB MAN /LADIES POINTS

TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB - PE CENTRE - CLUBMANS TROPHY				
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	02/11/2009		02/11/2009	
BOB PRETORIUS	91	YVONNE DE KOCK	71	
DEON DE KOCK	86	DARIA SHEARD	66	
JIMMY SHEARD	85	CAROLYN VILJOEN	59	
CARL BUTLION	81	JACKI GERICKE	41	
JON RADEMAN	72	DORITA PRETORIUS	38	
FRIKKIE VILJOEN	70	CAROL V LOGGERENBERG	37	
GODFREY GERICKE	67	MILE VERMAAK	32	
DAVE PATTEN	63	BARBARA BUTLION	29	
ROB ELLIOTT	61	JANET RADEMAN	20	
BEYERS VERMAAK	61	PAULA KONCKI	19	
LES RUDMAN	57	LORINDA KOCK	12	
LEON V LOGGERENBERG	45	DELPHINE LEYLAND	9	
OPPIE OPPERMAN	36	ANITA O' DONOGHUE	9	
MICHAEL KOCK	32	LEE-ANN ELLENBERGER	6	
MIKE BUTLION	31	ELSA OPPERMAN	6	
HEINZ KONCKI	28	SUE PATTON	3	
MIKE O'DONOGHUE	27	YVETTE NEL	3	
PIETER LEYLAND	26	JULIE HARTMAN	0	
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KARL ELLENBERGER	14			
COLLIN SKINNER	9			
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