



TRIUMPH SPORTS CAR CLUB



**OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

**JOHANNESBURG CENTRE
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EDITORIAL

We come to that time of the year when everyone is winding down for the festive season and this is the last newsletter of 2008.

Thinking back, 2008 has been jam packed with interesting events and gatherings and to crown it all the National gathering for me was a highlight, particularly as it was my first.

This issue is lengthy as we have included the minutes of the AGM and a few other articles which we hope are of some interest to members.

It is nice to know that the club is also about doing good for the community and I believe that the children that were part of the outing to the ice rink at Northgate will remember the occasion for many years to come.

Thank you to all those that supported me with articles during the year – it is very much appreciated – please don't stop in 2009.

Coral and I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a great 2009.

Cliff



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The year has come and gone and we are hopefully left with a sense of satisfaction with the happenings of the past year. I can say that regarding club matters, I am. We have all done our little bit – some more than others – and we can sit back and pat each other on the back with the results we got. This is a great motorcar club with great members.

Our AGM was held in October and a report back is in this newsletter. I thank the committee members who did sterling work for us this past year and to those who volunteered to continue next year. Quentin asked to be relieved of his portfolio and the next day I got a phone call from Beverly Moranduzzo who volunteered to take his place as treasurer. I was very grateful to her and immediately accepted her offer. Although Bev was not voted in at the AGM I have no problem with it. If anyone objects please let me know. Thanks Bev!

A few weeks ago John Dobbins initiated a drive to help the St Vincent School for the Deaf with their end-of-year outing. It was simply a morning at the skating rink. When you don't have the means of getting 50 children there it can become quite a problem. We are very grateful to Ian Carmichael who arranged for a bus and driver and to all the club members who collected close to a thousand rand to go towards some snacks and drinks for them. John tells the storey in this newsletter but I left the place with a great sense of satisfaction at having helped those kids in a very small way. Perhaps next year I would like to aim some of our events at some charity in order to help others. How many kids have had the opportunity of riding in an open-top sports car? It surely cannot be too much effort for us to give them that special occasion.

We have just had our year-end do, which this year was a Sunday Lunch - a lot better than a dinner. The food was very good and the company divine! Chris Ferreira and his friends in his band kept us well entertained with 'our brand' of music. Thanks Chris – it really made a difference. We must do it again. My congratulations to all the trophy winners this year – they were all well-deserved. Cliff tells more about that too, but I wish to thank all members for their efforts they have made this year. The second half of this year shows particular growth in participation in events. It bodes well for next year and we must continue with this momentum - it makes our club and events more enjoyable.

Next year we have a lot of hard work ahead in organising the Nationals for 2010. Now that we have confirmed our venue in the Drakensburg we can get down with the hard work required – all in our spare time of course.



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And so I must wish you all a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable festivities. Have a good and well-deserved break and come back safely in the New Year. God bless you all!

Gino

MEMBERSHIP

Birthday Greetings

We are sure that you will all join us in congratulating the following members who, during December and January, celebrate/celebrated their birthdays. To those whose birthdays have passed we trust that you had a ball, and those who have not yet had your celebration let your hair down and enjoy.

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
09	John Fletterman	01	Mike Gilchrist
23	Quentin Mildren	12	Ian Lawson
		12	Craig Turnbull
		16	Norman Bull
		17	Gino Casieri
		18	Nick Jones
		23	Rene De Villiers

Attendance at a Noggin (irrespective of whether you are in a Triumph or not) – 10 points.

Attendance at any advertised event in a Triumph – 20 points

Attendance at any advertised event in a non-Triumph – 10 points

For any articles submitted for use in the Sabrina or our bi-monthly newsletter – 20 points.

The following table sets out the standings as at end of November 2008. As can be seen this was hotly contested

John Dobbins	410	Coral Turnbull	410
Eddie Steele	390	Elaine Castlemaines	390
Harry Fairley	390	Ada Liebhoff	280
Cliff Turnbull	380	Dot Gibbons	270
John Craig	270	Tina Haydon	230
Chris Gibbons	270	Liz Roeder	200
Gino Casieri	270		
Mike Haydon	270		



Members News

John Dobbins brought an appeal to the club to come to the assistance of St Vincent School for the deaf to fund an outing for the schools end of year function. Certain club members were able to assist in various ways and a collection was taken to cover eats and refreshments.

Below is a letter received from the school which is self explanatory.

St VINCENT SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



On Monday the 25th November high school learners from St. Vincent School for the Deaf were treated to an end of year outing at the Northgate ice rink.

This was a new and exciting event for the learners and was anticipated with much enthusiasm. Imagine the disappointment when due to transport problems the outing had to be changed to something more manageable and not half as appealing.

The day was saved by the Triumph Sports Car Club Johannesburg Centre and MAN South Africa in conjunction with Gauteng Coaches. Our thanks and appreciations go to Ian Carmichael of MAN S.A., Gino Casieri Chairman of Triumph Sports Car Club Johannesburg Centre and John Dobbins of CJ Classic Cars for their involvement in making this special outing possible. The Triumph Club also sponsored refreshments in the form of a burger, chips and coke and Wimpy kindly organized a discount.

As many of our learners come from very disadvantaged circumstances this was truly a wonderful memory making experience for them. Thank you for the kindness and generosity of everyone involved in making this dream a reality - it is greatly appreciated by all St Vincent Learners and Staff.





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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21
OCTOBER 2008 IN EDENVALE

1. WELCOMING

The Chairman noted that the notice of the meeting had been circulated in good time, that at least 25% of members were present, and that the meeting was thus duly constituted.

2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER/APOLOGIES.

Members present were requested to sign the attendance register.

Apologies had been received from Jon Lewis, John Roets and Quentin Mildren.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were taken as read.

Proposed by Chris Gibbons and seconded by Mike Haydon the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

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4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SPARES REPORT

In the absence of Quentin Mildren, the Chairman tabled the Club's financial statements for the year ending 20 September 2008 and touched on some of the highlights.

It was noted that Alan Grant would contact the Historic Racing Car Register in an attempt to recover the unpaid rental relating to the period when the Club sub-let clubhouse premises in Greenside.

René de Villiers tabled the financial reports of the Spares Fund. It was noted that the Spares Fund would in future report to the Club at National level as had been decided at the National Gathering at Maselspoort. Imported spares would continue to be supplied to members on a demand/consignment basis with no mark-up as a service to members.

Adoption of the financial statements and the spares fund financial report were proposed by John Dobbins, seconded by Cliff Turnbull and the vote was carried by all present.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read out his report for the year (copy attached) and thanked all members, office bearers and contributors to events and publications for their continued support.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairman noted that the Committee as a whole had made itself available to serve another year and proposed that the Committee be re-elected en masse. The proposal was seconded by John Dobbins.

The proposal was accepted without any vote of dissent.

It was noted that Quentin Mildren had requested that a replacement for himself be found in the coming months as he was no longer able to perform the duties of Treasurer.

7. GENERAL

7.1. Letter from National President

The Chairman read out a letter received from National President Gerhard Vorster in which he thanked the Centre for its contribution to the Triumph movement and for its willingness to undertake the hosting of the 2010 National Gathering.



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7.2 Future of the Club.

Ian Carmichael stated that he had a few points he wished to raise in the spirit of constructive criticism. He noted that the average age of Club members was now over 60, and that in his experience the Club as such was not all that popular in the greater car movement. He had met more Triumph car owners outside the Club than inside it. He suggested that younger people be drawn into the Club by establishing an electronic communication channel (such as an sms system) and that the Club co-ordinate its events with other one-make clubs. Last named would hopefully result in joint activities with other clubs taking place. Lastly he suggested that a recruitment drive for younger members be undertaken. The Chairman confirmed that the suggestions put forward would be taken up in committee and requested that Ian compose a report for publication in Sabrina in which the points made would be highlighted.

7.3 National Gathering 2010

The Chairman presented facts and figures on three possible venues for the event, namely Mount Amanzi (near Pretoria), and Alpine Heath and Drakensville on the Natal side of the Drakensberg. The merits and demerits of each venue were debated and the meeting agreed to proceed with booking accommodation at Drakensville, which would thus be the venue for the 2010 National Gathering, to be held at the end of April 2010.

8. CLOSURE

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Signed..... Date.....



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Other Income		R 14,886	R 16,518
Events			R 830
Donations		R 73	R 1,840
Interest received		R 257	R 153
Membership subscriptions		R 14,556	R 13,695
Expenses		R 11,294	R 15,323
Bank charges		R 178	R 424
Events, trophies and prizes		R 1,492	R 4,470
Insurance			R 309
Sabrina, Indemnities and SAMCA contributions		R 6,460	R 6,495
Print, postage and stationery		R 3,164	R 3,625
Surplus Income over Expense for the Year		R 3,592	R 1,195





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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

<u>Notes</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Funds Employed		
	R	R
	72,794	85,990
	R	R
	3,592	1,195
	R -	R -
	25,177	14,391
3	R	R
	51,209	72,794
Employment of Funds		
	R	R
	51,209	72,794
3		R
		50,675
4	R	
	35,000	
5	R	R
	5,621	5,190
	R	R
	12,680	16,491
	R	R
	438	438
	R	R
	53,739	72,794
6	R -	
	2,530	

NB : The Balance Sheet has been prepared on the basis of the two resolutions as detailed in the Notes to the Financial Statements were approved.





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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

1. Subscriptions

Subscriptions are accounted for on a cash received basis.

2. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are charged to income as acquired.

3. Spares Loan Account

The Spares loan was created when stock was transferred from the Club to the Spares

Division. Original value of the loan account	R 65,066
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A resolution was passed at the AGM during September 2007 to reduce the Loan by

an amount to equal the value of the spares as 30 September 2007.	R 14,391
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Spares Loan account balance as at 30 September 2007	R 50,675
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A proposal was accepted that a Half price sale must be held to move and reduce the stock.

Value of stock prior to Half price sale :	R 50675
Balance of stock after Half price sale :	<u>R23574</u>
Full stock value of spares sold during half price sale :	<u>R27101</u>

A resolution must be passed to reduce the full stock value of spares sold during the half price sale (R27101) by 50%.

50% of R27101 to be repaid to the Club :	R13550
Add sales of spares at full price due to the Club :	R5948
Add proceeds of raffle on spares at the National Gathering :	<u>R6000</u>
Amount to be repaid to the Club by Spares division :	<u>R25498</u>

Amount refunded by the Spares Division to the Club in August 2008	R 25,498
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Balance of Spares Loan Account	R <u>25,177</u>
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A resolution must be passed to write off the balance of the Spares Loan Account (after the above transactions R25177) against Accumulated Funds.

The Financial Statements have been prepared based on the resolutions being passed.

4. Investment with Nedbank

Surplus funds was transferred from the Club current account into a Nedbank Park IT 30 day call account earning 11.5% interest.

5. Accounts receivable

HRCR rent recovery	R
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	4,029
	R
Chubb refund	515
	R
S A Scouts rent deposit refund due	303
	R
Advertising in Newsletter	774
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	R
	4,847
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6. Short term creditor

	R
Gino Casieri - refund due for payment of newsletter and event costs	2,529

7. Regalia and Door Prize

Income will only be reflected in the Club accounts when money is deposited into the our current banking account. A summary of transactions for the current year:

Regalia :

	R
Purchases during the year	420
	R
Stock on hand at 30 September 2008	1,810
	R
Income for the year	825

Door prize :

	R
Purchases during the year	2,735
	R
Stock on hand at 30 September 2008	890
	R
Income for the year	1,456

Cash on hand at 30 September 2008: R285

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21 OCTOBER 2008

Chairman's Report

As always, the years go by quicker than before, and work gets more and more. The nett result is that there always seems to be less time for our private lives and for the things we enjoy most. So it was this past year for me at least where too little time was spent on club matters. Nevertheless, I think we managed to keep the ball rolling – in fact my overall impression is that club affairs have been well managed and events well attended this past year.

Looking back on our events, I think we had a pretty balanced variety of events, ranging from breakfast runs to picnics and lunches. In keeping with our aims, these



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events have been arranged by various members in order to share the load and to bring a greater sense of participation in the members. It also makes for different events at different venues to those we have always been used to. The usual route-finds have also made up the year and I am happy to say we did pretty well in these. Sharing the events with the Pretoria Centre has continued for the past year and in most if not all cases, we have smartly outnumbered them.

We have also had a National Gathering this year, hosted by the Pretoria Centre, and those who went will attest that it was very enjoyable – as they all are. I suppose we could have been more members from Joburg, and I suppose we could have done better at the events, but, what the heck – we enjoyed ourselves anyway.

If our events have been satisfying, the noggins even more so. We've enjoyed good attendance at most noggins and they have continued to be enjoyable too. Those of you who have been at the last three noggins in particular would know what I am talking about – such a pity to spoil it by having to hold an AGM! Our membership at the end of last year stood at 81 and is currently standing at 88.

I am happy to report that the club finances are being properly managed by Quentin Mildren with the help of Eddie Steele who regularly feeds him with membership information and subs. We have spent a bit of money on the club events thereby reducing costs to members – and this is what it is there for. On the spares front, the change over from Gary Blake to the management of Rene de Villiers and John Roets has not been easy as we were unfortunately not provided with adequate records of what occurred prior to the change-over. Nevertheless, Rene has endeavoured to make sense of the information he had and managed to turn around a difficult situation.

During the previous financial year, three important decisions were made regarding the spares – 1) That the club would find avenues of ridding itself of the stock of spares it held, and 2) The spares would be acquired on behalf of members and others on consignment only, and 3) at the National Gathering the spares portfolio would return to be a National portfolio. In terms of this decision therefore, this will be the last report that Rene would report to the Jo'burg Centre, and would in future report to the National Committee at the National Gatherings. I would like to thank Rene and John Roets for their work they have done and for bravely volunteering to manage this important service our club can offer. Rene reports on this further so I'll leave it to him.

We have gained a number of members via the web site so this has proven to be a good asset to have in our club nationwide. I would like to have a volunteer who knows how to manage a web site to keep it up-dated.

So - all in all – I have nothing to complain about and am very happy to be associated with all of you. My big thanks go to the committee meeting who have done sterling



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work in their portfolios, and especially to Chris Gibbons who has been a close help to me and filled in whenever – and I do mean whenever – I had a few problems.

Looking to the future – it is well known that we will be hosting the next National Gathering and we have already started working on this. At the end of the AGM we will present our proposals for the venue and then make our recommendations accordingly. We ask for volunteers to fill some of the portfolios – please line up for this. We will want to show the country what we can do.

And for next year – if we can keep to the pattern of this past year, continuing to have enjoyable events and noggins, while showing growth in membership, then I cannot ask for more. Keep this up – it is our club and we all enjoy it.

Gino Casieri

NOGGINS

Noggin on the 21st October 2008 at Shanahan Park

It was good to see Ian Lawson, Ian Carmichael and Kim Kitchen again and as this was also the Annual General Meeting of the Johannesburg Centre the 30 people that arrived easily made up the quorum necessary to make things legal and above board. The minutes of the meeting and financials appear elsewhere in the newsletter

The door prize draw organized by Mike Gilchrist as usual was drawn by Ann Nicolaus and Vernon Roeder was lucky enough to get the fire extinguisher while John Crowther now has the “head lamp” so that he can get under the Austin Healey and shed a little light on his cracked sump problem!

Noggin on the 18^h November 2008 at Shanahan Park

With a turnout of 34 people I believe that one can classify the evening as a success! Martin Worth, Ivor Carlson and Ivan Medak were welcome faces amongst the regulars and after a really good meal, we were kept entertained by a most interesting slide presentation of Alan and Jenny Grant’s trip to the Spa Francorchamps motor racing circuit in Belgium where their son Stuart was invited to form part of the MG Motorsport team contesting the famous Spa 6 hour endurance race.

The written account of this event was covered in the October newsletter and now we were treated to the whole experience in colour!



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As per usual, Alan did a fine job of sifting through a huge number of digital images to come up with a most interesting account of their trip in such a way as to keep the ladies happy as well as the whole show was not focussed only on cars for the petrol heads amongst us.

Thank you to the Grants for sharing their experiences with us – it was great to see what they got up to while away from our shores.

The door prizes were drawn by Liz Roeder who took the fold up chair and Chris Gibbons received the fire extinguisher.

CLUB OUTINGS

Sunday 26th October 2008 –

Just after nine thirty on a beautiful clear morning two convoys of Triumphs headed for the hills of Magaliesburg towards Wickers Riverside Estate which was our destination for a brunch. In the convoys were a TR2, two of each of TR3As, TR4As, and TR7s three TR6s, a TR8, an E Type Jag and a Panhard. It was a special welcome to Marius Labuschagne the lone member from the Pretoria centre who joined us.

After the recent rains, the countryside had been transformed and the route that we followed was very interesting and picturesque. We really are blessed to live in an area so beautiful and so close to our doorstep.

The hosts were definitely expecting us because they had a long banquet style table arrangement out under the large shade trees on the banks of the river. We decided that was far too formal and soon set about rearranging the tables in clusters and settling down to a hearty breakfast. This venue is in a really lovely setting and the food was enjoyable as were the beers afterwards.

Thank you Chris Gibbons for the organisation and selection of a great outing venue.

Sunday 23rd November 2008 –

The outing to the National War Museum was something that I was really looking forward to as this is a venue that I have been threatening to visit since I arrived in Gauteng in 1991. I was not disappointed and I must say that the exhibits are in good condition and one can see that a lot of care and work goes into keeping them in this manner.

In addition to our cars being on display, a children's party was in full swing with some guy in army garb arranging tug-of-war contests, water pistol fights and getting the little
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ones to march around the grounds. They seemed to be having a real ball and to me this seemed to be an ideal place for a kid's party. The tanks became a natural jungle gym and the youngsters banter and laughter for me helped to make this a most pleasant outing. Thanks Harry for organising the day, for setting up the fires and for keeping the peace when some over protective mummies were getting nappy rash as we were driving across the area where the little ones were active – have you ever seen a Triumph member acting irresponsibly – come on!

The attendance was good with 26 people from our club, 10 from Pretoria Centre and 2 visitors. There were 6 X side screens, a TR4A, a TR6, 4 X TR7's, a TR8, a GT6, and a Stag and a Dolomite represented. In addition, 2 X Austin Healeys, a Porsche, a Jag E Type and a Panhard formed part of the cars on display.

Dave and Patty Ball's beautifully restored Austin Healey was seen for the first time by club members – Eddie Steele has done a superb job in getting this car into tip top shape. I just marvel at how talented our members are – take a bow Eddie!

Also present was Paul Smirkowitz's beautifully restored TR2. This black beauty was lovingly restored by Chris Ferreira for Paul – a project that took some three years to complete. Great job Chris!

Members enjoyed a picnic and braai in the shade of the hangers – my only regret was that all my pictures of the day were lost as something went wrong with the memory stick in my camera – what a pity.

Sunday 7th December 2008 – Annual Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving

The band of Chris Ferreira (vocals), Georg Farber (guitar), Hans van der Westhuizen (keyboard) and Darryl Seager (trumpet), entertained us with some very good music during the Christmas function which was well attended. In all there were 43 people present and it was great seeing John and Jenny Calnan after a long absence. John has been taking strain with his back which he hurt and one can see that he is still struggling – we hope that you will soon be over your troubles John.

Lynton Lomas and his lovely wife Karen arrived in their beautiful Porsche 356 and a few others also pitched up in their Triumphs and other sports cars. Alan, Harry and Cliff arrived in their side screens, Eddie arrived in his TR4A, John Calnan brought the TR6 out and John and Mark brought along an Austin Healey and Panhard respectively. Gary and Joan brought along their son's very nice mini – I still love that shape I must confess! Not even the afternoon thunderstorm was able to dampen any spirits - I believe it was a great occasion.



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The food was superb with all the Christmas trim and plenty of it. The tables were nicely decorated and of course the most important element was the people who attended. A real festive mood was created by the band and having Chris moving amongst the tables singing was very special – you have great talents Chris and you are not only a “pretty face”!

After lunch, the annual prize giving took place and we congratulate all the winners of the trophies for 2008.

Best restored Vehicle

Paul Smirkowitz for his black TR2 which was restored by Chris Ferreira

Ambassador Trophy

John Dobbins

Competition Trophy

Gino Casieri

Chairman’s Trophy

Chris Gibbons

Victor Ludorum

John Dobbins

Victrix Ludorum

Coral Turnbull

Overall I think that this was a fitting end to a jam packed year of activities. I think that the strategy of getting a number of different people involved in arranging outings has been a success and I am sure we all look forward to what is to come next year.



Chairman’s Trophy Presentation



The Band in full swing



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 11th January 2009 - The Vaal Run

Starting from behind East Gate Mall – 9:00 driving at your own pace to the Vaal where lunch is served. Supported with over 300 cars of all makes

Tuesday 20th January 2009

Noggin will be held at Shanahan Park. Address 4 Adjutant Road Elma Park, Edenvale.

Sunday 25th January 2009 - Krugersdorp Area/Gillroys Brewery

An interesting outing is being organised by Jean Coppens but details still have to be firmed up. There will be a visit to some site of interest in the Krugersdorp area and then we will proceed to Gillroy's Brewery which has been built into a great venue with live music, a variety of reasonably price meals on offer, and of course the highly entertaining Steve Gillroy

Tuesday 17th February 2009

Noggin will be held at Shanahan Park. Address 4 Adjutant Road Elma Park, Edenvale.

For those of you who are new to the club or have not been to our new venue **Shanahan Park** in Edenvale the directions are as follows: -

Take the R24 highway from Eastgate to the airport – take the Edenvale off-ramp and go towards Edenvale. Turn left at the second traffic light into Horward Street and then left again at the second traffic light into Adjutant Avenue. There you will go through the booms and immediately thereafter you go right into the parking lot and the Ambience Function venue.

From the N3 it's just as easy – take the Linksfield off-ramp and go towards Edenvale. Pass the Excel garage on the LHS and then a few streets later you turn right into 4th Avenue, which later becomes Adjutant Avenue. Cross over Horwood Street, and then you'll go through the control booms. See above for further details.



WANTED AND FOR SALE

Wanted

Dave Sawyer, cell 0827791606 office 0114671535 fax 0114654987 is looking for a TR3A. If anyone has such a vehicle or knows of one for sale please contact Dave – he would love to hear from you.

For Sale

1974 Triumph Dolomite Sprint 175bhp, twin 45 side draft Webbers, close ratio gearbox with overdrive, fully adjustable suspension, resprayed. R42, 000-00. Please phone Jean Coppens 0836017243 or 011 8022696.

Set of 4 Mag Rims 13 inch by 5.5 inch. Suitable for Toyota Tazz/Corolla and Volkswagen Golf/Citi R600.00. Rene de Villiers 011 680 3124, 083 317 4339.

3.45 Crown Wheel and pinion bearing set – new (fits all models). Contact Chris Gibbons 082 553 1229.

Set of 5 original steel rims and hubcaps for TR3A available from Cliff Turnbull. Make me an offer – 083 265 5987.

TECHNICAL

Oil Pan Gasket Replacement by Tony Robinson, tonyr@dz.com

Some of the most common problems with a leaky oil pan gasket stem from not using sufficient care when re-attaching the pan and replacing the gasket. When an oil pan is over tightened, it causes the holes to bend upward toward the block. A gasket will seldom fill in the "new" gaps so it leaks.

Sealants will work and fill in these new spaces, but we are all guilty of being in too much of a hurry so we don't allow them to cure properly and when you put oil or any kind of pressure behind it, it blows out the sealants ability to seal.

Two gaskets of the "rubberized" material variety may help by providing the cushion necessary to fill the uneven surface created by over tightening.

I have used everything from a 1x4 board to a 500 lb. anvil to straighten out oil pan holes. If you use a 1x4, place the even sawed, smooth end under the lip (outside



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bottom) of the pan and with a hammer, lightly tap the area of each oil pan hole until it is visibly even with the rest of the sealing surface of the pan.

Spread a thin bead of sealant on the sealing surface of the pan, and apply the gasket, pressing down all the way around the pan and sort of wiggling the gasket a bit to spread the sealant. Turn the pan over and place it on a smooth even surface and press down in the centre of the pan lightly and let it SIT OVERNIGHT.

When you are ready to put the pan back on, clean each bolt hole in the bottom of the block with a good parts cleaner such as carburettor cleaner. Run a bead of sealant on top of yesterday's gasket and smear it as evenly as possible. Hold the pan close enough to the block to get the bolts started without actually touching the pan to the block until you have several bolts in to hold the pan up. Apply some sealant to the bolts before you thread them in. (This is why you cleaned the holes in the block)

Once all the bolts are in place finger tight, snug them down in a criss - cross fashion until they are all just snug. When they are all snug, go back and torque them in the same criss-cross fashion to I would guess 7-10 ft.lbs. No more or you'll bend the holes out of shape again.

Now, let it sit overnight again to let the sealant cure. Hopefully, we have stopped your leaky pan.

I have found that LBCs are not too expensive to maintain, they just take a lot of TLC.

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ON THE LITE SIDE

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked 'Is someone in your house?'

He said 'No.'

Then they said 'All patrols were busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available.'

George said, 'Okay.' He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.



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'Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them.' and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, 'I thought you said that you'd shot them!' George said, 'I thought you said there was nobody available!'

(True Story) I LOVE IT! Don't mess with old people

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SNIPPETS FROM SAMCA as reported by Wendy Hay

SAMCA was established 30years ago and the past year was probably the most eventful year of its establishment.

After the split with MSA... the SAMCA portfolio was looked at again, and a more positive image has been strived for, I know that this split has caused considerable concern amongst member clubs, but SAMCA believes the changes were necessary and will ultimately, be best for all member clubs.



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One of the aims and objectives in the constitution is to **promote and encourage the enjoyment** of all members and their vehicles within the different clubs, **without** having to negotiate a minefield of regulations and red tape that constantly changes

Another benefit is that SAMCA has been able to **reduce the membership fees**, and introduce a specific Indemnity Document. It has been great to see how well the clubs have adapted to the new system, and I would like to congratulate the organisers of RUNS such as Dave and Judy Harris with their East Rand Run for getting every aspect correct. Shows it is not so complicated.

Making SAMCA more visible they entered an informal association with Classic Car Africa Magazine. This relationship affords all SAMCA clubs the opportunity to publicise future events and report on past events. The benefit of this is that members of the public become aware of what the classic car movements are doing and hopefully help increase membership. An affordable advertising rate has been negotiated for clubs wishing to advertise in Classic Car/ Classic & Performance Car Africa. Contact person Stuart Grant stuart@carsinaction.co.za with articles and news.

The SAMCA public liability insurance scheme continues to provide cover for clubs organizing events, and is reviewed on a frequent basis. Alexander Forbes has also been invited to quote on SAMCA public liability and motor vehicle insurance.

SAMCA makes its presence felt in areas such as the **South African Heritage Resources Association**. Who are tasked with “protecting the heritage of S.A”. by preventing the export of Goods and Artefacts that may have some historical significance? *Fortunately* they have realized their knowledge of what constitutes as historically significant in motor vehicle is lacking and they have turned to SAMCA /SAVVA for guidance in this area.

HAPPY NEW YEAR MAY IT BE A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS 2009

Best Regards,
Wendy Hay
SAMCA REPRESENTATIVE



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PRESS RELEASE

**ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION:
AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Automobile Association of South Africa has issued a media statement in which it has moved to allay fears about left-hand drive (LHD) vehicles. These vehicles have been a source of controversy in recent weeks, with numerous stories circulating that they were going to be banned.

“We believe the confusion has arisen from an incomplete reading of the proposed amendments to the regulations which were published in the Government Gazette in November,” said AASA Head of Public Affairs, Rob Handfield – Jones. “We have read the proposals very thoroughly alongside the existing regulations they are intended to modify and supplement, and we are confident they do not prejudice owners of LHD vehicles,” he added.

He said that three main changes had been made which were relevant to owners of LHD vehicles. The first change, to Regulation 5, adds a new paragraph, 5 (l), which brings that regulation into line with Regulation 200, by including a cut-off date for the first registration of LHD vehicles in South Africa.

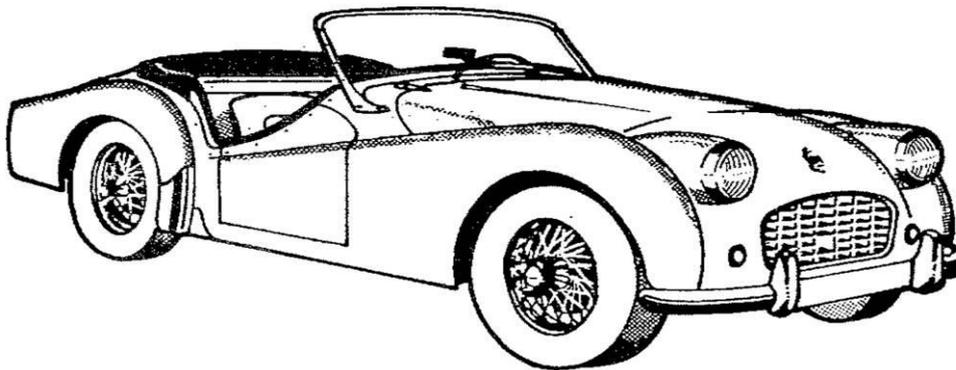
The second change, to Regulation 200.2 (b), changes the cut-off date for first registration from 1 January 2000, to 23 July 2004, the same date as in the new paragraph 5 (l). The final change is the addition of a new Regulation, 200 (e), which specifically permits the owner of a LHD vehicle registered in accordance with the Act to dispose of or transfer ownership of the vehicle.

“Anyone who is not familiar with the regulations and reads the wording of the proposed new paragraph 5 (l) in isolation may well gain the impression that it bans the use of LHD vehicles,” said Handfield – Jones. “However, when all three changes are read alongside the original regulations they are intended to modify or supplement, the intent becomes clear,” he added. “We have consulted with DoT legislators on this issue and the AA’s opinion is that the amendment poses no threat to the ability of owners of LHD vehicles to use, sell or license their vehicles,” he concluded.



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