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Chairman's Chat

A beautiful sunny day welcomed the start of our first event of 2017 at the Glenburn Lodge. A pleasant day was had by all (Jhbg + Pta)—18 Triumphs present with members enjoying the braai and wonderful manicured surroundings.

Our Valentine run has been changed to the 19th February due to the unrealistic prices charged for the 12th February (Valentine Sunday).

Our breakfast run on the 19th will be to Ludwigs Rose Farm, just north of Pretoria—a special treat for the ladies.....more about this outing to follow.

Attached find our events calendar for 2017...pencil in your diaries.

Norman

Editorial

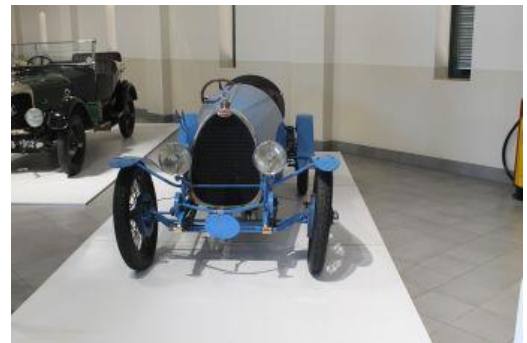
Having just returned from a road trip to Cape Town and back via the Garden Route it does not surprise me that the death toll on our roads is so high as I saw some of the worst driving I have ever seen - road rules mean nothing to taxis, large trucks, SUVs and pedestrians who do not even look when crossing a highway!

From a motoring point of view the highlight was the visit to the Franschhoek Motor Museum as never before have I seen so many rare and immaculate cars in one place ranging from Model T Fords through Bugattis to the latest Ferraris, WELL WORTH A VISIT.

Our Sunday picnic was a huge success so once again thanks to the organisers and it was great to see our friends from Pretoria turn out in such good numbers

Safe motoring,

John Dobbins



| MONTH | DAY/DATE | EVENT | HOST | STATUS |
|-----------|-----------|--|--------------|----------|
| February | Sun 19 | Post Valentine ---Ludwig Roses | Jhbg | official |
| | Tue 21 | Noggin | | |
| March | Sat 18-21 | Nelspruit Weekend | Jhbg | official |
| | Sun 19 | Piston Ring Swop Meeting | | |
| | Tue 21 | Noggin | | |
| April | Sun 2 | Angela's Picnic | SAMCA | official |
| | Tue 18 | Noggin | | |
| May | Sun 01 | Dam Busters | Sunbeam Club | official |
| | Tue 16 | Noggin | | |
| | Sun 21 | Cars in Park-Scottburgh | | optional |
| | Sun 28 | Spitfire Run | Pta | official |
| June | Sat 3 | Mampoer Rally | POMC | optional |
| | Tue 20 | Noggin | | |
| | Sun 25 | Uncle Tim's Market - Benoni??? | | official |
| July | Tue 18 | Noggin | | |
| | Sun 16 | Scottburgh Classic Car Show | | optional |
| | Sun 30 | | | |
| August | Sun 6 | Cars in Park-Zwartkops | POMC | optional |
| | Sun 13 | 4 th Ave-Parkhurst Car Show | VVC | optional |
| | Tue 15 | Noggin | | |
| | Sun 27 | Concourse/show day | | official |
| September | Sun 03 | Wheels at the Vaal | | optional |
| | Sat 03 | CANSA RUN | | optional |
| | Sun 17 | Piston Ring Swop Meeting | | |
| | Tue 19 | Noggin | | |
| | Sat 23-25 | Battlefields-KZN??? | | |
| October | Sun 15-22 | Jacaranda Run | MG club | optional |
| | Tue 17 | Noggin/AGM | | |
| | Sun 22 | | | |
| November | Tue 21 | Noggin | | |
| | Sun 26 | Parys Festival??? | | |
| December | Sun 3 | Year-end Function | | |

Dates and events subject to change

Outing to Glenburn Lodge & Spar on Sunday 22nd January

John Crowther

What a day this turned out to be! Cars and members really turned out in force and when we joined up with the Pretoria guys we had one of the best attendances for ages.

We avoided the usual picnic place on the grassy river bank by the waterfall on the advice of Bill who told us that the grass was still damp from the earlier rain but more seriously that the roar from the waterfall would necessitate yelling and screaming to make oneself heard!

So we settled at a nearby huge thatched lapa which of course had a smooth, hard and level floor, out of direct sunshine and with a double braai close by. It suited everyone beautifully. Having arrived just after 10 o'clock, we were still there till after 2p.m., well pleased with run. I think in the future we should choose this picnic area every time.

A thoroughly splendid day out with no small thanks to Gino for his 'magical' phone call to the management!





Marcello Gandini – designer extraordinaire

John Dobbins

We know a fair amount about the talents of Triumph designers Michellotti, Karmann and Harris Mann.

Let's have a brief look at another designer in this issue and perhaps more in the months to come.

Let's face it the Italians are at the forefront of beautiful designs; think of the masterful pen stroke of our very own Gino Cassieri.

Marcello Gandini (b 1938) is a Turin based freelance designer who worked for Nuccio Bertone, preferring however, to work freelance even to this day. Initial designs are sketched at his desk, drawing boards used for larger details; paper rather than computers. It is said that there is a bitter rivalry between him and fellow designer, Giugiaro.

As to be expected, Gandini's interests reach far beyond car design and for want of a better career name, industrial designer seems more apt.

He does not have a collection of exotic cars in his stable, rather owning and driving a modern mundane saloon. He declined an offer of the last Countach ever made.

Here are just some of his designs. I wonder if anyone can match this.

Lamborghini Miura and Countach, Fiat X1/9, Lancia Stratos, Alfa Montreal, original BMW 5 Series, Renault 5 Mk 2, Bugatti EB110, Citroen BX, Ferrari Dino.



Alfa Montreal



Ferrari 308 Dino



Fiat X1/9



Lamborghini Countach



Lamborghini Miura




















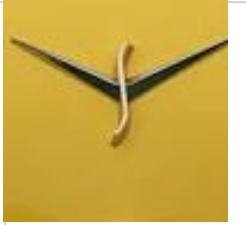


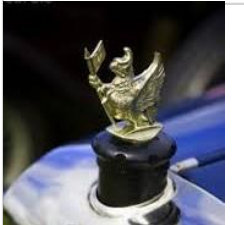











Thanks to Mike.

Super Quiz

Kindly submitted by a New Zealand enthusiast

Solutions to last month's quiz.

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|---|--|--|---|--|
|  | WINTER WOOLLIES WANDER 2016 IDENTIFY THE VEHICLES: THERE IS ONE FOR EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET | | |  |
|  |  |  |  | Austin  |
| Borgward  | Chevrolet  | Daimler  | Edsel  | Ford  |
| Graham-Paige  | Hudson  | Imperial '55-75, '81-83  | Jaguar  | Kaiser  |
| Lada  | Maserati  | Nash  | Opel  | Pontiac  |
| Queen 1904  | Rover  | Studebaker  | Tesla  | Unimog  |
| Vauxhall  | Wolseley  | XR8 (Aus Ford Falcon)  | Yugo (Serbian Fiat 127)  | ZIL - Russian  |

Tail End Giggle

The Year's Best Headlines

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Iraqi Head Seeks Arms

Prostitutes Appeal to Pope

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Teacher Strikes Idle Kids

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

And the winner is....

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead