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Ok chaps. I've found the leak

Keep looking. It's here somewhere



Aha! Our new treasurer?



**From the picture archive
National Gathering, Drakensberg - April 2010**

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News Flash

Dave Sawyer has been the main sponsor of our door prizes through Cash Converters, Fourways. We will now be giving a *R300.00 Cash Converters gift voucher* for our first prize which gives the winner the option of buying something that is really needed with either no cost or a good discount. The voucher can also be given to a third party as a gift.

We will still muster a 2nd prize from end of line stuff etc. The value of the prizes has always exceeded the money collected for the club and with this even bigger difference we have decided to up the ticket price to R10.00 per ticket.(most people took more than one ticket anyway).

So, thanks again to Dave, Cash Converters, and the other members who have given us prizes.

Check it out at the next noggin.

John Craig

Editorial

Well we are well into 2017 as February has gone but the rain is still around thank goodness as the Vaal dam is now full for the first time in a number of years so water restrictions will no longer be with us so we can wash our cars with a hosepipe in the near future. The only downside of the rain is the damage it has done to the roads and last week I lost a tyre and few days later bent a rim thanks to the potholes but luckily not on my Triumph!

Don't forget this month is the Piston Ring swap meet on the 19th where you might find that missing part for your car at a bargain price.

Safe Motoring.

John Dobbins

Chairman's Chat

The week before our post valentine breakfast run to Ludwig's Rose Farm, I was very doubtful over the weather, as it was a period of abundant rain.

However, the Sunday morning we awoke to a cloudless sky and a top down drive to the rose farm.

A hearty breakfast surrounded by beautiful roses was had by all....as well as something special for the ladies. A good turnout of 48 members from Jo'burg and Pretoria.

The combined long weekend away for March has been put on hold due to my poor planning. I did not realise that long weekend bookings are reserved some 6-12 months aheadby Gautengers (the working class)....better planning for next time.

I, being a pensioner, plan out-of-season away trips....my error.

Norman

If Only . .

"In my next life I want to live my life backwards. You start out dead and get that out of the way. Then you wake up in an old people's home feeling better every day. You get kicked out for being too healthy, go collect your pension, and then when you start work, you get a gold watch and a party on your first day. You work for 40 years until you're young enough to enjoy your retirement. You party, drink alcohol, and are generally promiscuous, then you are ready for high school. You then go to primary school, you become a kid, and you play. You have no responsibilities, you become a baby until you are born. And then you spend your last 9 months floating in luxurious spa-like conditions with central heating and room service on tap, larger quarters every day and then Voila! You finish off as an orgasm!"

– Woody Allen.

Events Calendar

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	4th 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			

For Sale

1978 Triumph 2500

4 speed with overdrive

Pristine interior for year

Bodywork solid

Drives like new.

RWC can be supplied.

Comes with many additional spares.

Most superior overall condition for year.

First to view will buy.

Price: R42 500

Contact: Max, on 082 924 8693 or 011 672 0716



GT6 Mark 3

If the Spitfire was fun with a four cylinder, reasoned enthusiasts, it should be dynamite with a six cylinder. Oddly, Triumph resisted the idea, straining as it was to meet Spitfire demand. But the little roadster had evolved from the Herald saloon, which had a six-cylinder version called the Vitesse. So Triumph finally answered its public's pleas with a "big-inch" Spitfire, the GT6.



Take a Spitfire, add a fastback roof and install a six-cylinder engine and the result is the Triumph GT6.

It arrived in 1966 as essentially a six-cylinder Spitfire with a fixed fastback roof that made some people think "junior Jaguar E-type." The hard-top transformation was handled by consultant Giovanni Michelotti but was patterned after the factory Spitfire GT fastbacks that raced in 1963 and '64. Triumph's 2.0-litre straight-six fitted easily beneath the Spitfire bonnet and mated to a new all-synchro gearbox. Suspension was firmed up to handle 95bhp, and the cockpit was spruced up from that of the concurrent Spitfire Mark 2.

Though the GT6 shared the Spit's quirky swing-axle rear end, it was far less prone to oversteer, perhaps because it had some extra weight at the back. And starting at just over \$3,000, it was a good value. *Road & Track* judged it a fine effort overall, "smooth, with good torque, low noise level, and agility as well as stability in its handling . . . [The GT6] has no parallel and it's worth the money."

For 1968, came a GT6 Mark 2 -- GT6+ in America -- with a raised "bone-in-mouth" front bumper, revamped dash, flow-through ventilation, and a rear suspension cleverly reworked to provide double-wishbone geometry for no-sweat cornering behaviour. Power was unchanged for the United States but rose to 104bhp elsewhere via a new cylinder head and freer-breathing exhaust.

A Mark 3 arrived for all markets in 1971, bearing crisp new Michelotti tail styling à la the contemporary Spitfire Mark IV, plus various detail updates. Unfortunately, strangling emissions standards reduced U.S. horsepower to 90bhp, which then slumped to just 79bhp.



The GT6 engine was Triumph's own 2.0-litre and fitted as well in the Spitfire chassis as it did in the company's Herald saloon, which formed the basis for the Spitfire.

But sales were falling, too and with the first energy crisis providing an excuse for euthanasia, production of the GT6 ceased after 1973, yet it remained eminently likeable right to the end. As *R&T* noted in 1969: "Where else can you get a . . . 100+ mph coupé with a proper chassis, good finish and jazzy looks for \$3000?"

Happily, that's still the going rate for even the nicest GT6s. Sports-car bargain-hunters, take note.

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Mike Gilchrist found this fascinating classic photo taken at Brands Hatch in 1966. Spot the Triumph, anyone?

The front row is dominated by Fords, Cortinas, Mustangs, Galaxies and two Falcons. Also Minis, Anglias, Hillman Imps, an Alfa.

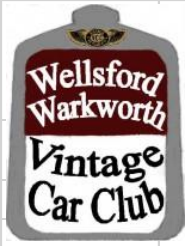
Notice the consecutive registration numbers of the leading Lotus Cortinas.

It appears to be inclement weather, judging by the wipers.



Super Quiz

Kindly submitted by a New Zealand enthusiast



WINTER WOOLLIES WANDER 2016

NAME THE CARS ADVERTISED WITH THESE SLOGANS

- 27 Ask the man who owns one
- 28 When better automobiles are built Xxxxx will build them
- 29 Oh, what a feeling!
- 30 The toughest four letter word on wheels
- 31 The ultimate driving machine
- 32 Grace Space Pace
- 33 Zoom Zoom Zoom
- 34 Built for the Human Race
- 35 The Power of Dreams
- 36 Xxxxxxx There is no substitute
- 37 Xxxx Xxxxx Beauty is not enough
- 38 Grab life by the horns



WORDWHEEL

USE THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH CAR'S NAME TO
MAKE A NINE LETTER WORD. ONE POINT FOR EACH
CAR IDENTIFIED AND THREE FOR THE WORD.

POINTS 39 - 50



Answers next month

Tail End Giggle

Cautionary Tales

BEWARE: Sledge may develop high speed under certain snow conditions - on a toboggan
DO not eat toner - on a laser-printer cartridge
CAUTION: knives are sharp - on a knife sharpener
SHIN guards cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover - on shin pads for cyclists
CAUTION: hot beverages are hot - on a takeaway coffee cup
DO not use for drying pets - on a microwave oven
CAUTION: remove infant before storing chair - on a pushchair
SEAT must be facing forward for take-off and landing - on the back of the pilot's seat in a Nato aircraft
DO not open here - on the bottom of a cola bottle
THIS broom does not actually fly - on a Harry Potter wizard's broom
DO not take if allergic to aspirin - on a box of aspirin
REMOVE clothing before distributing in washing machine - on bottle of laundry detergent
REMOVE wrapper, open mouth, insert muffin, eat - on a muffin packet
THE appliance is switched on by setting the on/off switch to the "on" position - on a kettle
INSTRUCTIONS: put on food - on a ketchup bottle
OPEN bottle before drinking - on a bottle of rum

Out and About

DON'T take a chance on ruining your vacation - come to us and be sure - travel office in Nova Scotia
IN case of flood, proceed uphill. In case of flash flood, proceed uphill quickly - emergency safety procedures at a US summer camp
ENTRANCE Only. Do Not Enter - car park sign
BEWARE of People - sign in Hong Kong street
BEWARE! To touch these wires is instant death. Anyone found doing so will be prosecuted - at a railway station in the USA
DO not expect on floor. Resident is forbidden to ride on steppes. Do not make speech with man make tram go. Person without ticket will be persecuted - Rules in a tram in Prague
TAKE care: new non-slip surface - sign on newly-renovated ramp entrance, USA

Pointless Warnings

FOR use by trained personnel only - on a can of air freshener
KEEP away from children - on a bottle of baby lotion
DO not wash - on a pair of socks bought in Egypt
SOME assembly required - on a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle box
MAY irritate eyes - on a can of pepper spray used for self-defence
WARNING: may contain small parts - on a Frisbee
IN order to get out of car, open door, get out, lock doors, and then close doors - car handbook
WARNING: This product may contain residue of nuts - on a packet of cashew nut pieces